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~ NEW MEMBER COFFEE ~

LEARN ABOUT THE LEAGUE AND MEET OTHER MEMBERS!

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME!

Saturday, August 14, 2010

10 am – 12 noon

Home of LWWNO President Lea Young

1548 Steeple Chase Lane, Algiers

RSVP and Directions

Call Lea at 504.362.9603

Please welcome our newest Members!

**Carol Billings, Aimee Bussells, Rebecca Fenton,
Shelley Midura and Jill Sandars**



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Letter from the President

Well here I am again as your president for the fifth time and it is an honor and pleasure for me once again. Little did I know when I joined the League in 1975 that it would become such an intrinsic part of my life. As I accepted various chairs and board positions, my life became more enriched. Knowing bright and concerned members like all of you, representing the League, its positions and values, taking on roles I had never considered has been a true learning experience. The biggest challenge was writing and recording the PSAs on WGSO & WQUE for three years on behalf of the League. I then went on to hosting a radio talk show where I met newly elected Civil Sheriff Paul R. Valteau Jr. who later asked me to join his team as Public Information Director. Now 26 years later I am newly retired from that office and I bring to you the skills I learned over those years to make our League bigger and better. We have a great board of talented women who met to craft a great year of interesting programs which I hope you will involve yourself in and attend. Our efforts are only as good as the involvement of our members to make this a meaningful experience for you and a credit to our community.

Lea Young



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Just a reminder that the LWWNO website has election and candidate information at:

www.lwwno.org/

Meeting Schedule

All members are invited to participate in the planning of these programs. Contact a board member to join a planning group.

CALENDAR:

August: EDUCATION FORUM: "Options for School System Governance" Series:

Thursday, August 5, 2010, 6 pm – 8 pm

Gulf States RAND Policy Institute

Location: Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities

Thursday, August 12, 2010, 6 pm – 8 pm

"Research on Reforms"

Location: Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities

Thursday, August 19, 2010, 6 pm – 8 pm

"Recovery School District"

Location: Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities

September: DEBATE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE CANDIDATES

October: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

November: VOTER SERVICE AND DEBATES; "*IRON-JAWED ANGELS*" (movie night)

December: HOLIDAY PARTY / 90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

January: ACADEMIC PANEL ON GOING FORWARD: WOMEN'S ROLES IN THE NEXT 90 YEARS

February: MARDI GRAS

March: PLANNING FOR ANNUAL MEETING IN JUNE

April: LWVLA CONVENTION (April 1-3 in New Orleans)

May: FIELD TRIP TO PORT FOURCHON

June: ANNUAL MEETING

Members who would like to be part of the study committee on the Spring election schedule contact [Linda Walker](#) at 638-8114 or walker3201@bellsouth.net.

The committee will begin work in September.

Election Season is in Full Swing

By Rosalind Blanco Cook

Election season kicks into top gear with fast-approaching voting dates of August 28, October 2 and November 2. As candidates try to draw voters' attention, the L WVNO Voter Service committee strives to assure that non-partisan candidates' information is readily available to the public. The *L WVNO Internet Election Guide* contains the unedited candidates' biographical information and their answers to specific League-crafted questions. The Voters Service Committee drafted relevant questions for each office. The League has reached out to all candidates, and after data submission, the public can view the Guide on www.lwvno.org/. Links to the candidate information for the August 28 election will be available on August 9 and the release date for the October 2 election is September 7. The Voters' Guide provides a valuable service, reaching tens of thousands of voters each election. In the fall of 2008, the site was accessed over 81,000 times during the campaign period.

The L WVNO website is a wealth of election information. Composed by Linda Walker and posted by Ann Pettit, the site provides citizens with accurate, detailed information including early voting places, facts about voter registration, and a careful description of who can vote in which elections. Voter Service is currently seeking volunteers — a voter registration coordinator to guide voter registration outreach, and a volunteer to train for copying and pasting candidate information into the website. We thank both Patty Andrews who previously chaired voter registration and Stacy LaFleur, who helped with posting. Also, workers are needed to collect poll results on election nights. Anyone interested in volunteering, please call **Rosalind** at **283-5211**.

Internet Election Guide provides candidate information:
www.lwvno.org/