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The *Voter* is issued the last Friday of the month to provide members advance notice of activities. **The April Voter deadline is March 21.**

March 2026

Lean In

On February 14, the League celebrated 106 years! Our national president, Dianna Wynn, released her 2026 State of the League Address, If you have not already watched it, I urge you to take 10 minutes to be uplifted and inspired to keep up the fight for democracy by listening to her message here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D8lsqf1_gzM

With inspiration from the State of the League message, consider what you can do to empower voters and defend democracy with the League. Whether it is registering voters with our Voter Registration committee, attending or watching Voter Services candidate forums with friends, bringing a friend to learn about current issues at one of our Education programs, advocating for League priorities with our Advocacy committee, discussing engaging and thought-provoking books with the Book Group, or meeting with other members at one of our Making Connections events or monthly coffees, do what you can do. Read this month's Voter to see what is happening and lean in.

We have made the decision to cancel the March Legislative forum, so our February forum will be the final one of this year. The March forum we had scheduled conflicts with the March 28 No Kings event in Iowa City. This would impact participation at the forum, so we made the decision to cancel. This does not mean our Voter Services team will be any less busy this spring. With primary elections in Iowa on June 2 this year (early voting starts May 13), they will be hard at work scheduling candidate forums for the competitive races. This is also the year that the Johnson County Board of Supervisors changes to districts for each seat and all five seats will be on the ballot, so we will have some work to do to help voters understand what this change means for them.

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We can start by checking out the information on the new Supervisor Districts here:

<https://johnsoncountyiowa.gov/supervisor-districts>

Please mark your calendar for our Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 19 at 5:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Society in Coralville. We will have more information on this in next month's Voter.

I am proud to be a member of this organization of such smart, engaged, and passionate advocates serving the promise of democracy in this time of such historic challenges. I am confident we are up to the challenge. Thank you all for your dedication to Empowering Voters and Defending Democracy!

Vicki Aden
LWVJC President

Correction: Our apologies-in the last newsletter Jeanne Bancroft was incorrectly cited as the chair of Making Connections. Gaylen Wobeter is the chair.



MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 168 members. I would like to welcome our League's newest members. Please reach out and welcome Kristy Ballard, Jennifer Terry and Jeanie Wade-Nagle into our League as you meet them at various League events throughout the coming year.

I would also like to thank all our members who are renewing their memberships. In these perilous and changing times, your membership helps support the work of our League.

New Member Spotlight-Jennifer Terry

Jennifer Terry is a native Iowan--raised on a dairy farm in Hardin County. She returned to college when her two daughters were also in college, graduating with a J.D. with distinction from the University of Iowa College of Law in 2013.

Since law school, she has been an environmental policy advocate, with more than a decade of experience in environmental law and policy in Iowa.

She has held senior leadership roles at the Iowa Environmental Council and Des Moines Water Works, where she led legislative strategy, policy development, public engagement, and strategic communications on issues affecting land, air, and water quality. Prior to joining the Hubbell Environmental Law Initiative at Iowa Law in September, 2025, she served as project lead of the Central Iowa Source Water Assessment (CISWA) in Polk County, Iowa, managing a major scientific initiative to improve water quality in Iowa's largest watersheds.

She also holds a B.A. with highest distinction in Communication Studies from the University of Iowa. She and her husband, Dimitri, and their puppy Juniper, moved back to Iowa City in 2024 from Des Moines.

Casual Coffee

All members are always invited to attend our Casual Coffees on the second Wednesday of each month. It's a good way to enjoy a beverage and get to know other League members. Members meet at 10 a.m. at Poindexter's Coffee in the Graduate Hotel.

Membership Renewal Reminder

This is a reminder to all members your membership renew date is the month in which you joined the League. Therefore, for any member who joined in February or March, 2025, please renew as soon as possible. All members should be receiving renewal reminders from the National League of Women Voters membership team with the heading of "Renew Your League of Women Voters Membership." For those whose membership has lapsed you should be receiving renewal reminders from our League's membership email:

lwvjcmembership@gmail.com. If anyone ever has questions about their membership, please contact me at lwvjcmembership@gmail.com

How to Renew and Pay Dues

☐ Renewing can be online by going to our Leagues' website <https://my.lwv.org/iowa/johnson-county>. Under "Get Involved" click the "Join or Renew" link then click the "Fill out online membership form here" link.

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If renewing with a credit or debit card you will see 3 separate dues charges, one each for national, state, and local dues payments.

□ Members can also renew online with a check by ACH (an electronic payment using the numbers on the bottom of a check). This method lowers fees for the League so more of your dues go directly to funding League work.

□ If you send your dues renewal check to our League's PO Box, PO Box 5452, Coralville, IA 52241, please make the check out to either the LWVUS or LWV. Do not make the check out to LWV Johnson County.

*Diane Duncan-Goldsmith
Membership Chair*



VOTER SERVICES

The second Legislative forum will be held on Saturday, February 28 at the Coralville City Hall from 9:30-11:30 AM. If you missed it look at the League's website for the recording. All Johnson County legislators were invited. The focus topic for this one is Environment/Water Quality. Unfortunately bills specifically targeting the water quality issues in Iowa did not pass through funnel week so will not be considered in this session. There are several bills that could have an environmental impact so watch for the Advocacy Alerts so you can act as the session proceeds.

We have decided to cancel the third legislative forum as it conflicts with the No Kings event. The Iowa City event is from 10-12 on March 28. Several legislators will be speaking at the event. For more information on the area events, <https://www.mobilize.us/nokings/>

*Jeanne Bancroft
Voter Services chair*



ADVOCACY

There are many new resources to elevate your Advocacy! Stay informed and empowered.

LWV Johnson County:

Join the LWVJC Advocacy Team to receive e-mail Advocacy Action Alerts. E-mail jclwvoters@gmail.com with the Subject line: Advocacy Action Alerts.

Check out the new Advocacy links on our JCLWV webpage:

<https://my.lwv.org/iowa/johnson-county/inform-empower-and-advocate>

LWV Iowa:

Follow LWVIA Lobbyist Amy Campbell's Policy Blog updated weekly at: <https://lwvia.org/news/>

Join Amy Campbell's legislative briefings as she discusses bills affecting LWVIA priorities. Sign up to receive her Zoom meeting link at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84481111111>

Thursdays
6:30-7:00 PM.
March 12th and 26th
April 9th and 23rd

LWV US:

Use the Advocacy Link on our JCLWV website to stay updated on federal Action Alerts: <https://my.lwv.org/iowa/johnson-county/action-alerts>

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Johnson County Subscribed Action Alerts

Tell Congress Not to Make Voting Harder!

Submitted by [the LWVUS](#) in February 2026.



Action Alerts
The House is set to vote on the SAVE America Act this week, which is the new and expanded version of the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act that passed the House last year. It adds a requirement that individuals present documentary proof of citizenship (DPOC) to vote in federal elections, on top of the existing requirements in last year's SAVE Act that require DPOC in person when registering to vote. [Contact Congress Now!](#)

[Read more](#)

Tell Congress Federal Immigration Enforcement Has Gone Too Far

Respond to our federal elected officials and federal departments using the links within the alert, "Read More" and "Contact Congress Now".

All these resources make it easy to share your voice on the issues that matter. Help us advocate for Iowa. We do more together!

*Kathy Wandro
Advocacy Chair*

"Activism is my rent for living on the planet."
Alice Walker



VOTER REGISTRATION

The Voter Registration Committee is gearing up for a busy election season. As a reminder the primary elections are June 2, 2026, and the general elections are November 3, 2026.

Our first registration event is the Black-History Pop-Up Market at Dream City, Saturday February 28, from 11 AM to 5 PM. We are partnering with the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority on this event.

I sent out sign-up genius emails to those on the voter registration committee. If any LWVJC member would like to join the voter registration committee, please contact Kathy Clark at mkathyclark@gmail.com. Our next event is March 14, 2026, at the North Liberty Optimist Club.

*Kathy Clark
Voter Registration Chair*



DEBORAH TURNER BOOKGROUP

Our next meeting is Monday, March 23 at 5:30 PM at the Coralville Public Library. Our book for March is "Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation" by Kristin Kobes Du Mez. The author's argument is that white evangelicalism in America has become a culture-driven movement defined by militant masculinity, patriarchal authority and nationalism rather than core Christian theology. This will lead to a lively conversation. Please join us!

*Deanne Mirr (dmirr@me.com)
Jeanne Bancroft (jnn.bancroft@gmail.com)
Book Group Co-chairs*



Please join us!
March 23, 2026
5:30
Coralville Public Library



Book
Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation
by Kristin Kobes Du Mez.



EDUCATION

Child Care: Iowa's Patchwork Approach

Presented by the League of Women Voters of Johnson County



Jana Garrelts,
Neighborhood
Centers of Johnson
County



Rachael Bonefas,
Community
Action of Eastern
Iowa



Allison Bettine,
4Cs of Johnson
County

Tuesday, March 10, 2026
Iowa City Public Library
Meeting Room A, 6:30pm

Live stream on ICPL's YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/thelibrarychannel>



MAKING CONNECTIONS



Making Connections

Why Education is Under Attack & How to Defend It
Syndy Conger, member LWVJC

APRIL 7, 2026, 2:30PM
2902 EASTWOOD DR
IOWA CITY
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF JOHNSON COUNTY, IOWA

*** UPCOMING EVENTS ***

JOIN US FOR THE FEBRUARY LEGISLATIVE FORUM



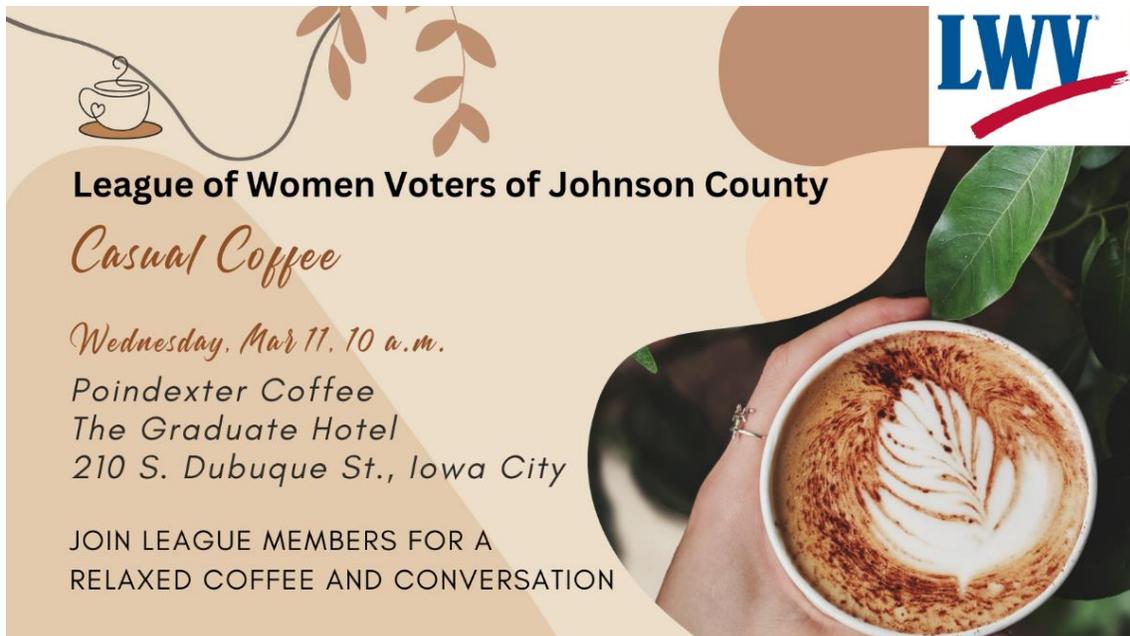
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026

9:30 - 11:30 AM

FOCUS ON ENVIRONMENT & WATER QUALITY

CORALVILLE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1512 7TH ST., CORALVILLE

In-person and live streamed to LWVJC Facebook page

A flyer for a "Casual Coffee" event. The background is a light beige color with decorative elements: a line-art coffee cup on the left, a branch with leaves at the top, and a hand holding a coffee cup with latte art on the right. The LWV logo is in the top right corner. The text is as follows:

League of Women Voters of Johnson County
Casual Coffee
Wednesday, Mar 11, 10 a.m.
Poindexter Coffee
The Graduate Hotel
210 S. Dubuque St., Iowa City

JOIN LEAGUE MEMBERS FOR A
RELAXED COFFEE AND CONVERSATION



NO KINGS
MARCH 28, 2026
10a.m.-Noon



Please Join Us for
Our May Membership Meeting
Tuesday, May 19, 2026
Unitarian Universalist Society
2355 Oakdale Rd, Coralville
5:30-7:30 pm

SAVE THE DATE
Stay tuned for program developments



★ VOTING

Promote equal access to voting and ensure all votes are counted. Adopt automatic voter registration. Pass a constitutional amendment allowing Iowans with felony convictions to vote after time served. Promote open primary elections. Join the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.

🏛️ TRANSPARENCY & CITIZENSHIP

Demand government accountability and transparency by requiring all amendments and bills discussed in committee to be available to the public prior to a vote. Demand timely processing of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. Encourage direct citizen participation by requiring virtual committees and subcommittees.

🎓 EDUCATION

Provide oversight and track public funds being used for non-public schools. Require any non-public school receiving public funds to meet the same standards as public schools. Fully fund public schools. Continue to expand access to affordable childcare. Restore statewide special education and disability services.

👩‍⚕️ REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

Guarantee access to the full range of women's reproductive health services. Repeal the six-week abortion ban. Make contraception available without prescription and promote programs that help prevent unplanned pregnancies. Ensure Medicaid services are comprehensive and accessible. Set policies that attract maternal health professionals and address the state's OB/GYN deserts.

👤 HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Increase state funding for victim services; develop strategies to prevent human trafficking, domestic violence, and sexual assault; and enact "Safe Harbor" legislation to protect victims from criminal prosecution.

💧 WATER

Prioritizing, protecting and improving Iowa water quality and ensuring its sustainable management. Enact policies that safeguard clean water and address challenges of health risks, pollution, overuse and climate change.

🔫 GUN SAFETY

Ban assault rifles and military-grade weapons for civilian use. Enact background checks on all gun sales, close gun show loopholes, require gun safety locks, repeal Iowa's "stand your ground" law, and oppose laws that allow carrying guns on school grounds.



League of Women Voters of Johnson County

OUR MISSION: *Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.*

OUR VISION: We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge and the confidence to participate.

OUR VALUE: We believe in the power of women and men to create a more perfect democracy.

Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Location	Program
Saturday, February 28	9:30 a.m.	Coralville City Council Chambers, 1512 7th Street, Coralville	Legislative Forum - Focus on Water Quality & the Environment
Saturday, February 28	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Dream City, 611 Southgate, Iowa City	Voter Registration at the Black History Pop-Up Market with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
Monday, March 9	7 p.m.	Zoom	Monthly LWVJC Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 10	6:30 - 8 p.m.	Iowa City Public Library, Meeting Room A, 123 S Linn St, Iowa City	<i>Child Care: Iowa's Patchwork Approach;</i> Education Program
Wednesday, March 11	10 a.m.	Poindexter Coffee, 210 S Dubuque St, Iowa City	Monthly Casual Coffee
Monday, March 23	5:30 p.m.	Coralville Public Library, 1401 5th St, Coralville	Deborah Turner Book Club
Tuesday, April 7	2:30 p.m.	2902 Eastwood Dr, Iowa City	Making Connections
Wednesday, April 8	10 a.m.	Poindexter Coffee, 210 S Dubuque St, Iowa City	Monthly Casual Coffee
Monday, April 13	7 p.m.	Zoom	Monthly LWVJC Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 14	6:30 - 8 p.m.	Iowa City Public Library, Meeting Room A, 123 S Linn St, Iowa City	<i>Who Rules? Home Rule in Iowa: Then and Now;</i> Education Program
Tuesday, April 28	6:30 - 8 p.m.	Iowa City Public Library, Meeting Room A, 123 S Linn St, Iowa City	<i>Iowa's Water: It Doesn't Have to be This Way;</i> Education Program
Tuesday, May 19	5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Unitarian Universalist Society, 2355 Oakdale Rd, Coralville	LWVJC Annual Meeting