

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS **NEWSLETTER**

Mansfield, Connecticut

October 2009

Come for Lunch ...and a presentation on housing.

League member Kathy Dorgan will offer a presentation on affordable housing design at our noon meeting on Thursday, November 19th at Angelinos (in the Big Y plaza).

Kathy is principal of Dorgan Architecture & Planning in Storrs. In *The Harvard RED (Real Estate Design)* Kathy is described as follows: “a distinguished practitioner of comprehensive community development. Trained as both an architect (BS and B.Arch. Rensselaer) and an urban planner (MS Pratt), she has contributed to the development of incremental strategies for neighborhood renewal and community building. Her projects are featured in Good Neighbors: Affordable Family Housing, The Design Advisor and Design Matters. Past president of the Association for Community Design, her areas of expertise include participatory design, affordable housing, public funding, homeownership, not for profit organizations, and historic preservation.”

Kathy’s presentation is a beginning to the study of “regional proposals for ending homelessness in Windham and area towns,” which was adopted at our annual meeting last May. This promises to be a very informative event.

Please let Carol McMillan (423-3773) or Gloria Bent (gsbent@earthlink.net) know if you will be attending.

Thanks to Our Fall Speakers

About 30 league members gathered on September 24th at the Mansfield Senior Center for the annual fall pot-luck dinner and an *Update on Mansfield*. Special thanks go to league members Matt Hart, Betsy Paterson and Sandy Baxter who donned their official caps as Town Manager, Mayor and School Readiness Coordinator respectively to provide us with current information on town projects. Among other things, they brought us up to date on Mansfield’s 2020 plan, the Four Corners water and sewage project, Mansfield’s Plan for Young Children, the status of town/university efforts to work with neighborhoods, landlords and UCONN students who rent in family neighborhoods, and the work of the committee exploring options to address the renovation needs of the elementary and middle schools.

KNOW YOUR TOWNS FAIR ANNUAL REPORT

Carol McMillan

On Saturday, September 12 the 23rd annual Know Your Towns Fair was held from 11:00am – 2:00pm at the Mansfield Community Center as one of the events taking place during Celebrate Mansfield Week-end.

There was no official chairperson of the fair but Lisa Peterson-Blinn and Carol McMillan coordinated planning efforts with the help of Gloria Bent, Becky Lehmann and Anne Smith.

Anne and Nancy Rucker decorated a display case at the Mansfield Community Center and Becky, with the help of her husband Scott placed the large signs at strategic areas to advertise the event. A Celebrate Mansfield Week-end brochure, created jointly by the Downtown Partnership, the Town of Mansfield and the League of Women Voters listed all of the week-end events and was widely distributed by each organization. On the Thursday before the event, Gloria Bent joined Mayor Betsy Paterson, town Recreation Director Curt Vincente, UCONN representative Trudy Nichols and Cynthia Van Zelm from the Downtown Partnership in an appearance on WILI's *Wayne Norman Show*. Karen Greer provided other publicity via press releases and flyers were distributed throughout the area by board members.

Anne Smith arranged for entertainment in the lounge area of the Community Center by "The Electric Train" and a string quartet of E.O. Smith students.

There were a total of 71 exhibitors taking part. Fifteen were Mansfield Town Hall organizations arranged for by Curt Vincente and Kevin Grunwald. Curt was also instrumental (with staff help) in preparing the gym and lounge areas and in the clean up following the event.

Thirteen UCONN organizations participated through arrangements made by Trudy Nichols, Cathy Downs and Jim Hintz, all of whom had previous experience with KYTF. Jim also provided help from intra-fraternity students to set up and remove tables.

During the fair Gloria Bent, Careen Jennings, Anne Smith and Lisa Peterson-Blinn provided information and sold league calendars at the league table and circulated the event with Jean McCarthy, Karen Greer, Becky Lehmann and Carol McMillan.

Boy Scout Troop 56 grilled and sold hamburgers and hot dogs and the Mansfield Fire Department had two trucks and some staff available to visit. Many of the exhibitors provided treats for all to enjoy as well as some visual and hands on activities (such as hearing screening, taking blood pressures, dental exams and soil sample tests).

We are very thankful for participation by the exhibitors most of whom come each year. There were a few who chose to only attend the Festival on the Green, rather than the fair but we also had some new groups participating and are always open to adding to our list of exhibitors.

The organizers as well as all those who attended are due many thanks.

An evaluation was distributed by Becky with about 2/3 returns from the exhibitors which provided good feedback for reflection.

Please join us for the 2009 Mansfield Candidates Night!

When: Tuesday, October 27, 7:00-9:00pm

Where: Audrey Beck Municipal Building, Town Council Chambers

Come and discuss local issues with your neighbors who are running for:

- Town Council
- Planning and Zoning Commission
- Board of Education (K-8)
- Region 19 Board of Education

Find out what the candidates think about plans for consolidating elementary schools, future growth and sustainability, sidewalks, UCONN students living in neighborhoods... just to name a few issues!

For more information on the candidates:

Democrats: www.mansfieldctdemocrats.org

Republicans: mansfieldrepublicans-ct.com

Independent Donald Curtis: www.donaldwcurtis.com or email to donaldwcurtis@gmail.com

Serving refreshments following Candidates night has been well received so we hope to again provide “finger food” and beverages. Please consider helping by contributing cookies, fruit, veggies etc to serve. Contact Carol McMillan 423-3774 to indicate what you will provide. Your help is greatly appreciated and needed.

Greening the Newsletter

Many thanks to those who have agreed to receive the newsletter via email. That number however represents but a small portion of 166 possible on line recipients! Moving to online distribution is not only a cost saving measure in difficult economic times; it is an environmentally friendly decision. We will continue to mail newsletters to those without email access but move toward electronic distribution for those we have email addresses for. **If you have email but prefer a paper copy** of the newsletter, please let Anne Smith know (anneksmith@charter.net). For smooth electronic distribution it will be necessary for us to have current email addresses. Please keep us informed of any changes.

D R A F T
Mansfield League of Women Voters Board
Documents Collection
Proposed by Becky Lehmann
Sept. 28, 2009

BASIC DOCUMENTS

- 1) League Basics (LWVUS, 2008)
- 2) MLWV Bylaws (May 1993)
- 3) MLWV Board Job Descriptions (no date)
- 4) MLWV Statement of Policies (1999?), with revised Non-Partisanship Policy (9/22/08)

ANNUAL DOCUMENTS

- 1) MLWV Board List (usually available at Aug. Board meeting)
- 2) MLWV Membership List (usually printed early in every calendar year)
- 3) MLWV Brochure (revised from time to time)
- 4) MLWV Local Programs (available in each year's Annual Report)
- 5) MLWV Budget (available in each year's Annual Report)

MONTHLY (or approximately monthly) DOCUMENTS

- 1) Newsletters
- 2) Minutes of Board Meetings
- 3) Treasurer's Reports
- 4) Reports of Committees

SUGGESTED NEW DOCUMENTS

- 1) List of programs for the current year (available when most are set)
- 2) List of Board meetings and Newsletter deadlines (if known in advance)

MEMBERSHIP

Thank you for all those colorful envelopes that are still coming to our mailbox! But I do need to receive the next 50%!

We are delighted to welcome two new members and one returning member (Joan Terry):

Denise Keane, 96 /Atwoodville Road, Mansfield Center, 486-8147, B: 450-7130,
dljkeane@gmail.com

Joan Terry, 4 D Sycamore Drive, Storrs, 860-338-1175, joanxterry@gmail.com
Arline Rosenberg, Asheville, NC, has rejoined the Mansfield League in memory of Iris Kinnard.

E-address change: for Peter Millman: peter@petermillman.com

We have been asked to tell you that there will be a memorial service, Sunday, October 25, 1:00 pm at the Storrs Friends Meeting House, Hunting Lodge Road, for Cay Parrish, a long-time member of the Mansfield League and former president (1953-5).

Anne Smith
429-0529
anneksmith@charter.net

Bulb Sale

Bulbs ordered from Doorn Bosch Bros. last spring are arriving and being distributed for planting this fall. The sale of bulbs has traditionally been a source of income for our League but is dependent upon members and friends interest in continuing to purchase them. A decision will need to be made over the next few months as to whether continuation of this project is desired by enough people to make it worth while. The total amount realized after expenses this year will be over \$400.00.

Carol McMillan

Lost

Someone who attended the September 24 pot luck meal and meeting left behind a salad dressing container. Please claim it from Carol McMillan at 423-3774 or it will go to the exchange area at the Mansfield dump.

Please notice the repeat dues form. If you have already paid, again, thank; you may want to share this form with a new neighbor.

Annual membership dues 2nd notice to be paid by October 31, 2009

- Full Paying Membership** Annual dues are \$45, which include membership in the national League (\$28) and the state League (\$16.50).
- Household Membership** This is available to a second person living at the same address for \$22.50 annually. One set of publications will be sent to each household.
- Reduced Rate** Any person with a limited income (including students) is eligible for membership at \$22.50 annually.

Please Note: Our bylaws require that names of members whose dues have not been received by December 1 of each year shall be dropped from the membership rolls. This is necessary to avoid making payments to the national and state Leagues for someone who has not paid local dues.

Contributions

Member contributions make it possible to expand programs and services. Please consider making a donation to help fund local League programs and publications. (Contributions and dues are **NOT** tax deductible.) Please fill out this section and the Interest Survey on the reverse side and return this sheet with your payment. Make your check payable to the Mansfield LWV and mail to:

Anne Smith
156 Hillyndale Road
Storrs, CT 06268

Name _____ Home Phone _____
Address _____ Business Phone _____
E-mail * _____

[] Check here if any of this information has changed since last year.

Do you currently serve as an elected or appointed member of a board or commission (local, state or national)? If yes, please indicate _____

* E-mail is a wonderfully efficient way to remind our members of upcoming meetings, as well as for the State and National leagues to keep us up-to-date and inform us of "Action Alerts" (but not too often). Please indicate if you want to place any restrictions on its use or publication. (We publish e-mail addresses in the January roster.)

Dues \$ _____
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Thank You!



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CALENDAR

- October 27, 2009 (Tue) 7:00 – 9:00p.m., Candidate Night at Town Council Chambers, Audrey Beck Municipal Bldg.
- November 19, 2009 (Thu) Noon Meeting, Kathy Dorgan will offer a presentation on affordable housing design, Angelinos (in Big Y plaza).
- January 30, 2009 (Sat) 9:00a.m., Legislative Breakfast, First Church, Mansfield Center.

The League of Women Voters of Mansfield web page address is
<http://www.lwvct.org/lwvmansfield>

Communications to the **Mansfield** LWV can be emailed to
lwvmansfield@lwvct.org



For more information about items in this newsletter or about membership in the LWV, please contact President Gloria Bent (423-8208; e-mail: gsbent@earthlink.net), or Membership Chair Anne Smith (429-0529; e-mail: anneksmith@charter.net). Membership is open to both men and women. Dues are \$45 per year and should be sent to Anne Smith, 156 Hillyndale Road, Storrs, CT 06268. Lisa Peterson-Blinn, Newsletter Editor (377-6132), e-mail: lisajpb@gmail.com).

Mansfield League of Women Voters
Board Members
2009-2010

President	Gloria Bent	PO Box 486, Mansfield Center	423-8208
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	Kathy Ward	51 Chatham Drive, Storrs	456-8258
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