

# League of Women Voters of New Jersey June 2006 Annual Report Form

The outgoing local League board should fill out this form and mail it to LWVNJ.

Please return by June 30 if at all possible, along with

- Your 2006-07 list of BOARD members,
- Your approved BUDGET for 2006-07 and
- Any BYLAWS AMENDMENTS approved by your membership

If your information is part of your annual meeting report to your members, you may send a copy of what was submitted to your members.

LOCAL LEAGUE \_\_Lawrence\_\_\_\_\_

2006-2007 Co-Presidents \_\_Karen Siracusa & Adele Vexler\_\_\_\_\_

2006-2007 Treasurer \_\_Diane Armington\_\_\_\_\_

## MEMBERSHIP

Annual dues: Individual \_\_\$50\_\_\_\_\_ Household \_\_\$70\_\_\_\_\_ Student \_\_\$20\_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any membership drives or special activities to attract new members.

The Membership Chair watches the Letters to the Editor columns in the Trenton Times and the Lawrence Ledger for names of articulate women living in Lawrence and sends them stuff. A couple have joined.

Please describe any special activities to retain members:

We held a "Listening Campaign chaired by Nicole Plett." The "Listeners" received training from a member of the Central Jersey Regional Equity Coalition and then scheduled one-on-one interviews with the other members. Many interviewees told us they were glad to know that the League is interested in *all* its members. As a result of the campaign, we have grown closer and become more motivated to work together. A report on the campaign is attached.

## VOTER SERVICE

Did your League register voters? YES  NO

Approximate number of voters registered: \_\_Lots\_\_\_\_\_

Sites you found especially productive \_\_Capital Health System (both campuses), M.C.C.C (both campuses), Back-to-school nights at Lawrence Schools, Eggerts Crossing Village

Did you register voters with another League or organization? Y  NO

If yes, please name \_\_\_\_\_

Did your League set up a voter registration table at a local corporation/business? YES

If yes, please name \_\_Capital Health Systems and supplied forms to ETS

Please describe any new or particularly exciting registration activities We provided thousands of Voter Registration Forms and Absentee Ballot applications to Rider, College of NJ, and both MCCC Student Activities Offices to insert into their orientation packages.

Did your League conduct Candidates Forums? YES  N

If yes, how many, and how good was the attendance? \_\_\_\_\_

Town Council One forum – excellent attendance  
School Board (We usually do, but there was no race this year)  
Freeholders  
Sheriff  
Assembly/Senate  
Other:

Please describe any successes and difficulties encountered. Linda Mather was a wonderful moderator at our Town Council Forum.

Did your League use TV in any way for candidate forums? Y  NO  (we did with our Immigration Forum addressed later in this document)

If yes, what media outlet did you work with: \_\_\_\_\_

Did your League publish a Voter Guide? Y  NO  If yes, please attach a copy.

Did your League work with a local High School on any voter service activities? YES  N

If yes, how? We had a table at Lawrence High during lunch periods to register 18 year olds.

Did your League work with a local College or University on any voter service activities? YES  N

If yes, please name Table at MCCC, with the help of their student organization. The kids were great at rounding up un-registered students. We provided forms to four local colleges as mentioned above.

Did your League pursue any other Voter Service projects? If so, please list:

Besides the sites mentioned above we did voter registration at Trenton Area Soup Kitchen, Homefront, Isles, Lawrence Community Day and The Lawrenceville Main Street Jubilee. We stocked branches of the Mercer County Library and Trenton Public Library with forms and voter guides. (Loved the leftover 2005 New Jersey Citizens' Guides that the State LWV office gave us. People really like those and they answer a lot of the questions we get asked!)

**Public Service Announcements (PSAs):**

Submitted your own to radio, newspaper, TV etc. YES  N

Letters to the editor? YES  N  How Many? 3 or 4 letters. We had letters about Wal-Mart and Affordable Housing. Had an op-ed column for Women's History Month printed in the Trenton Times – a copy is attached.

**Voteline: 1-800-792 Vote**

Are you aware of the League's VOTeline? Y  NO

Did you promote VOTeline in your voters' service activities? Y  NO   
If yes, please describe how you promoted the VOTeline:

## Voters Guide/Candidate Sheets

Did you publish one? YES  N

If yes, please attach a copy and describe where and how it was distributed and whether you feel satisfied with the results. [Metta Cahill created sheets for Corzine vs. Forrester and sheets explaining the Public Questions. They were published in the Trenton Times and The Lawrence Ledger. Copies are attached.](#)

## Moderators

Did your League provide moderators to other Leagues or organizations? YES  N

Did you charge other organizations? YES  N

Would your League like moderator training? YES  N

If yes, how many people would be interested? [Maybe three or four. Doris Weisberg handles moderators for us \(and for Southern NJ\).](#)

Did your League use a moderator from another League? YES  N

If yes, whom did you use, and from what League? [Linda Mather – she was great! From the Princeton League.](#)

## COMMUNICATIONS

How many issues of your newsletter did you publish? [Four](#)

Number of copies per issue: [About 80 printed copies, but we Email copies to our members who have Email and to a large list of "friends." Ann Koopman posts our newsletter on the LWVNJ/Lawrence web site.](#)

Do you distribute your newsletter beyond your membership? YES  N

If so, to what categories of people/organizations other than members of your league?

[State Officials, County Freeholders, Township Officials, Lawrence Schools Superintendent, Principals and staff, Rider University and TCNJ, Local Churches and Synagogues, other NJ Leagues, LWVNJ, Editors and Reporters for The Trenton Times and Lawrence Ledger, Hall Institute, Eggerts Crossing Village, Homeless Organizations, Planned Parenthood, Million Moms March, Coalition for Peace Action.](#)

Did you develop any new publications during 2005-06? YES If so, please attach a copy (if you have not already sent it to the state office) [2005-2006 Program Guide and Membership Directory. Copy attached.](#)

Does your League have a Web site? YES What is the URL [LWVNJ.org/Lawrence](#)

How do you use your Web site? [We post an up-to-date calendar of events, our bulletins and a membership form.](#)

How do you keep it current? [We send changes to Ann Koopman and she puts them right up!](#)

## PUBLIC RELATIONS/PUBLICITY

Did any media cover your League's events? YES Which events? [We got publicity for the "Wetback" film presentation, the ESL fundraiser held at the Village Bakery, the immigration forum that we hosted as well as publicity for the one we co-hosted with TCNJ, and for the ESL classes that we coordinated for Slackwood School](#)

Did your League send letters to the editor or write opinion columns? YES Were they published? [See answers above under PSA's.](#)

Was your League on television or radio (other than candidate forums)? **YES**

If so, please describe: **Our Immigration Forum was on Channel 19.**

### **FINANCE**

Did your League conduct a finance drive or have a fund raising activity? **YES**  **N**

If yes, please describe: **A cooking demo to raise money for ESL classes, a theater party to raise money for High School Scholarships and a yard sale. (Flyers attached)**

How much was raised? **Cooking Demo \$467, Theater Party \$1225, Yard Sale \$529. We raised \$1635 for the Callathon so \$80 came to us.**

Did your League receive any grants? **NO**

What was the project supported by the grant? \_\_\_\_\_

### **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

How many general membership meetings did your League hold in 2005-06? **Nine**

Describe your most successful general meeting in 2005-06: Include attendance, involvement of members and the public, and your publicity

**Arguably it was our December Meeting where the Eggerts Crossing Civic League and representatives from Isles gave an overview of their plans for affordable housing on a nine-acre vacant lot in the Eggerts Crossing neighborhood. Flyers (attached) and notices in the Lawrence Ledger and Trenton Times brought out a large turnout of area residents, both pro and con. There was MUCH discussion.**

Are there any speakers you would like to recommend to other Leagues? If so, please give names/addresses/topic: **No**

### **LEAGUE PROGRAM**

Did your League complete a local study this year? **YES** Title **"Environmental Impact of Wal-Mart's Spruce Street Development."** **We were assisted by the Sierra Club. Our League's resolution to the Lawrence Township Council and their reply are attached.**

Did your League take action this year on Positions?

Local: **\_\_YES\_\_** State: **\_\_YES\_\_** National: **\_\_YES\_\_**

How would you describe the frequency of your League's responses to call-for-action from LWWNJ and LWWUS. always\_\_\_\_usually **YES** sometime\_\_\_\_ rarely\_\_\_\_never\_\_\_\_

Please describe your most effective action during the past year. **Immigration! We held a showing of the movie "Wetback" to an audience of about 120 people. Then had a Forum on Immigration with panelists from four different viewpoints. This brought out about 100 listeners (and questioners). Flyers from both events are attached. We then co-hosted, with TCNJ, a roundtable discussion on immigration. We supplied moderators for this event. A newspaper article is attached.**

Does your League have an observer Corps? **NO.** Which governmental bodies do you observe? \_\_\_\_\_

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**LWVNJ**

Did you have contact with the state board or the state office during 2005-06? [Absolutely!](#)

Did your League attend any LWVNJ activities in 2005-06? [YES](#) If so, please list:

[Members attended:](#)

[NJ Gubernatorial Succession Presentation in September.](#)

[LWVNJ Workshop on Charter Schools in October](#)

Do you have suggestions for improvement for (1) NJVoter : \_\_\_\_\_

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(2) State Board Report mailings: \_\_\_\_\_

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(3) Local League Liaison System: \_\_\_\_\_

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(4) Callathon: \_\_\_\_\_

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(5) LWVNJ web site ([www.lwvnj.org](http://www.lwvnj.org)): [Give webmaster training to local leagues so we don't have to bother Ann Koopman with updates to our websites.](#)

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**

[Lawrence LWV is a sponsor of the Central Jersey Regional Equity Council. Member Nicole Plett is on their board and many of our members assist in their programs. Two articles on CJREC are attached.](#)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ASSISTANCE!**

**Please return as soon as possible to LWVNJ, 204 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608  
or fax to (609) 599-3993**

**You may also respond online by taking the word document from the members' area online, filling it out using word, and emailing your response to [contact@lwvnj.org](mailto:contact@lwvnj.org).**