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## League of Women Voters of Greater Omaha

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## 2009 SHRIMP FEED

Monday, August 17

4:30-8:30 p.m.

(Rain Date - August 24)

At The Surfside Club

4 Miles north of the Mormon Bridge on North River Road

Meal includes boiled shrimp, fritters, salads and dessert!

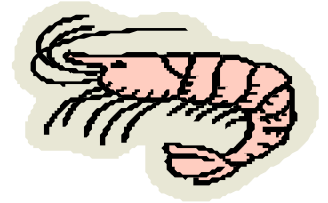
Cash bar

**TICKETS: \$12.00**

(Kids 10 & under half price)

For advance tickets, call the League of Women Voters' office at

344-3701 and leave a message.



Proceeds support voter service, citizen information,  
candidate debates, and nonpartisan Voters' Guide.

### SOCIAL POLICY COMMITTEE

The Social Policy Committee met and reviewed the status of the Public Safety Auditor--reviewed concept paper prepared by City Council staff for Dan Welch. The committee decided to continue to monitor this issue. A new mayor and council members will probably be looking at the issue and making a decision. Welch's concept paper is going backwards--looking at a civilian review board. The Committee decided that the LWVGO should not change its position on this issue at this time.

The Committee decided to review what is happening with the Learning Communities board and follow this process. The Committee also decided that with President Obama's determination to provide health care for all--this would be an issue to follow.

Any members interested in working on these two issues 1) the Learning Communities/Bright Futures and 2) Universal Health Care should contact Jonah Deppe (630-6318). Evening meetings will be held in the future and sources of information will be invited to the Social Policy Committee to assist in the discussion.

The Committee will not be meeting during the months of June, July and August.

### CALENDAR

Saturday, May 30, 10:00 a.m.: Board orientation. Location TBA.

Saturday, June 13, 12:00 noon CDT: LWVUS Virtual Council meeting via web from Washington DC.

Monday, August 17, 4:30 - 8:30 p.m., Surfside Club: Annual Shrimp Feed. Rain date August 24.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Congratulations to Barbara Rennard, winner of the 2009 Make a Difference award! She received the award on April 25 at our annual meeting. At that time I listed a number of reasons the committee chose her for the award. Here are just a few: Secretary of LWVGO for two terms; President from 2003 to 2005; Leader of the LWVNE Education Update Study; co-chair of the Membership Recruitment Initiative; current debate chair. She continues to be active, enthusiastic, and positive.

Raise your hand if you'd like to be our next meeting coordinator! It's a great job for a person who knows a bit about Omaha but not a lot about League. You'll be working with Deb Suttle, Omaha's soon to be first lady and Vice President - Program. Let me know if you're interested.

Even though it's a half summer away it's time to be thinking about the annual Shrimp Feed once again. If you've never been here's what to expect:

\*All you can peel and eat boiled shrimp (we don't advertise it's all you can eat, but really, it's a lot; you might want to bring a zip lock bag for your leftovers).

\*Surfside Club ambience, which we hope will include mild weather.

\*Surfside Club fritters and other delicious sides, plus homemade desserts made by League members.

\*And if we're lucky, corn on the cob and watermelon again, donated by a neighboring farmer.

Thank you to all who've agreed to serve on the board of directors this year. We have an excellent team put together and I'm looking forward to the next several months.

Linda Duckworth

## **IMMIGRATION/EMIGRATION SUMMIT**

The 2009 Annual Immigration/Emigration Summit will take place on June 16-17 on the University of Nebraska - Lincoln, East Campus, Hardin Hall, 3310 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, NE.

The Summit is designed to engage educators, community leaders, senior political and university leaders, students, researchers, health professionals, educational administrators, policy makers, and others toward a dialogue on immigration and emigration. By uniting speakers and participants from diverse background, the summit is intended to strengthening collaboration among academics, communities, and leaders. The summit will raise awareness and address regional and national concerns regarding economic, educational, women, youth, housing, health, language, political representation, race relations, criminal justice, etc.

This bilingual Summit will begin an ongoing response on immigration/emigration and reframing and reorienting dialogues affecting the region, state, and global communities. Sessions will focus on such issues as human services, social stratification, existing systems, and promising best practices.

Among the eminent speakers scheduled for the summit are: Dr. V. Nelly Salgado de Snyder, Director of Community Health and Social Welfare of the Center for Health Systems Research of the Mexican National Institute of Public Health, Clarissa Martinez De Castro, Director of Immigration and National Campaigns, Mr. Jorge Ernesto Espejel Montes, Mexican Consul, Darcy Tromanhauser, Director of Immigrant Integration and Civic Participation from the Appleseed Center and other prominent senior policy and educational leaders.

TO REGISTER or get more information at: <http://conferences.unl.edu/immigration/>

## **BOOK STUDY GROUP**

The book group will resume monthly discussion meetings in September. Suggestions for the next selection are welcome; please note titles/authors as you learn of interesting options. Anne Shaughnessy will contact members in early August to start the process of choosing the next book and determining the discussion schedule for it.

See you in September . . .

## **NANCY SHUGRUE, League President in Arizona**

The League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County in Prescott Arizona recently installed new directors and officers for 2009-10. Former Omaha League member Nancy Shugrue is the president.