



# League of Women Voters of Brown County

October 2017



## *November 8*

*Dr. Glass "The Historic Brown County Court House, Old Town Nashville and Hoosier Hills Scenic Byway" presentation followed by a community conversation.*

*7pm*

*Lower level library*

## *November 13*

*League Board meeting 10am lower level Library*

## *November 13*

*HCI 6pm lower level Library*

## *November 20*

*Richard Kimball of Vote Smart*

*7pm*

*Monroe County Public Library*

*Votesmart.org*

## *November 30*

*The Reality Store*

*8am*

*Brown County Junior High Auditorium*

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*Brown County Council, Boards & Commissioner meeting dates, times and location can be found at:*

*<http://browncounty-in.gov>*

*Or [browncountydemocrat.com](http://browncountydemocrat.com)*

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## September & October Highlights

- Sept. 26:** National Day of Voter Registration hosted by the Brown County Library and the Brown County League of Women Voters. We were able to register one Brown County citizen (one is better than none) and verify registration for many more.
- Oct. 1:** Peaceful Valley Heritage and the Brown County Art Gallery teamed up to host Dr. Jim Glass and his presentation on our historical courthouse.
- Oct, 2017:** Our League President, Julie Winn, advocated the league's Position on Planning to the Commissioners, Area Plan Commission, and the County Council. Julie, reinforced the importance of having an updated County Comprehensive Master Plan in order to facilitate economic and redevelopment plans.
- Oct. 26:** The League hosted a Salt Creek Trail community conversation at Brown County High School. The event was attended by representatives from DNR, INDOT, Salt Creek Trail Committee, school administrators, commissioners, stake holders and Brown County citizens.





## HCI Update

September brought the 4th of the 8 training sessions for the HCI team. This session was an information finding mission where we focused on economic, development and visionary studies that have been conducted by numerous universities and community organizations tailored specifically for Brown County.

We discussed dates, locations and media sources we would use for our community survey.

October's meeting we reviewed community vitality & sustainability using a community capitals framework.

The township trustees joined us at this meeting to discuss how they could participate in community survey.

For additional information about Brown County Hometown Collaboration Initiative please visit;

[browncountyhci.com](http://browncountyhci.com)



## Why a Constitution?

The need for the Constitution grew out of problems with the Articles of Confederation, which established a "firm league of friendship" between the states, and vested most power in a Congress of the Confederation. This power was, however, extremely limited — the central government conducted diplomacy and made war, set weights and measures, and was the final arbiter of disputes between the states. Crucially, it could not raise any funds itself, and was entirely dependent on the states themselves for the money necessary to operate. Each state sent a delegation of between two and seven members to the Congress, and they voted as a bloc with each state getting one vote. But any decision of consequence required a unanimous vote, which led to a government that was paralyzed and ineffectual.

A movement to reform the Articles began, and invitations to attend a convention in Philadelphia to discuss changes to the Articles were sent to the state legislatures in 1787. In May of that year, delegates from 12 of the 13 states (Rhode Island sent no representatives) convened in Philadelphia to begin the work of redesigning government. The delegates to the Constitutional Convention quickly began work on drafting a new Constitution for the United States.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/1600/constitution>

# League History <http://www.u-s-history.com/pages/h1592.html>

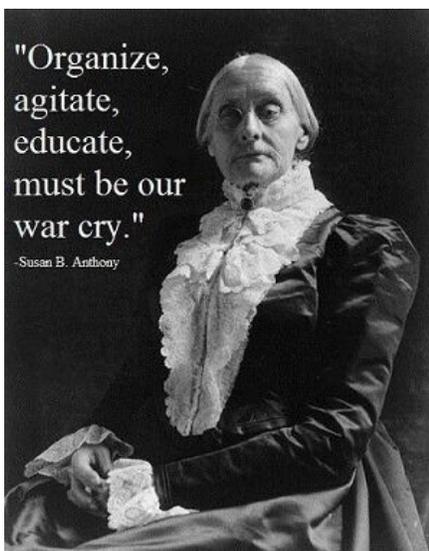
The League of Women Voters is America's premier grass-roots citizen organization. Founded in Chicago, the league was formed within the National American Women Suffrage Association, and composed of organizations in the states where women's suffrage had already been attained. The league was formally organized in February 1920, six months before the **19th Amendment** to the Constitution was ratified, which gave women the right to vote following a 57-year struggle.



Carrie Chapman Catt, 1914

Founder Carrie Chapman Catt, a feminist and effective leader in the suffragist movement, envisioned the "union of all intelligent forces within the state" to break down "illiteracy, social evils, and industrial ills." Since its inception, the league has helped millions of American citizens become informed participants in government.

The league first strove for legislation to improve the quality of life for Americans, including child labor laws, a minimum wage, and equal opportunity for women in government and industry. One of the first bills the league supported was the Sheppard-Towner Act (1921), which provided federal aid for maternal and child care programs. That was the first federally funded social welfare measure in the United States. The act was designed to reduce high maternal and infant death rates in the United States during the **1920s**. Lawmakers opposed the use of federal funds for social welfare programs and felt threatened by such reforms. Nevertheless, the successful campaign to pass the Sheppard-Towner Act was the league's first use of grass-roots organization and citizen education to galvanize citizens into action.\*



## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership is open to women and men.

The League does not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

We cordially invite you to join us and encourage you to learn more about the League of Women Voters by attending our meetings and other events, including our Meet the Candidates, Meet Your Legislators and other community forums. Membership is not required to attend these meetings and events.

For more information, including dates, times and membership dues, please call Brown County League of Women Voters President, Julie Winn at 812-988-6225. Your dues payment includes membership in the national, state and local leagues. Visit our website at: [www.lwvbrowncounty.org](http://www.lwvbrowncounty.org)

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