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www.lwvmclean.org**

The Voter

What Barack Obama Needs to Know about Intelligence

Speaker: **Melvin Goodman**

Tuesday, March 31st – 7:00 p.m.
ISU Bone Student Center – Old Main Room

League of Women Voters of McLean County is presenting a forum that addresses an area of crucial importance – what our new President will need to know to deal with the CIA and the intelligence community. On the operational side are issues regarding secret prisons, torture, abuse, and renditions. On the intelligence side are such notable failures as the need for the Iraq war and the failure to avert the 9/11 attack on the United States.

These have been among the most crucial questions of our time and have greatly affected our ability to make foreign policy decisions and our reputation in the world.

LWV brings a distinguished speaker to address these issues. **Melvin Goodman**, former CIA and State Department analyst on Russian affairs, is a senior fellow at the Center for International Policy and Director of the Center's National Security Project.

Mr. Goodman is the author of two books:

***Bush League Diplomacy: How the Neoconservatives
are Putting the Nation At Risk***

Failure of Intelligence: the Decline and Fall of the CIA

Former professor of International Security studies and chair of the International Relations Department at the National War College, Melvin Goodman currently teaches International Relations at Johns Hopkins University. He has appeared on the PBS program 'The News Hour with Jim Lehrer', as well as numerous television and radio shows.

Co-sponsored by ISU's Global Review, a student organization dedicated to presenting quality programs to further the understanding of other countries.

Dear Members,

Please be sure to hold onto this copy of your Voter as there are many important opportunities for you to consider this month and next. The general municipal elections in Bloomington and Normal will be held on April 7th. Your League is co-sponsoring two Candidate Forums this month with Senior Professionals and Illinois State University's Student Government. The Bloomington event will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18 at the Osborn Room of the Bloomington Police Department at 305 S. East Street in Bloomington. League member Anne Nadakavukaren will moderate the Forum. Mayor Steve Stockton is being challenged by Tari Renner and Eric Decossas. Ward 7 has a three-way contest between Alderman Steven Purcell and challengers James Keeran and Chuck Irvin. Candidates from four uncontested wards—Bernard Anderson, Alderman Kevin Huetten, Jennifer McDade, and Alderman Jim Fruin will deliver brief statements.

The Normal Forum will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 26th at ISU's Bone Student Center Prairie Room, with ISU's Dr. Bob Bradley moderating the event. Normal Mayor Chris Koos is being challenged by Andrew Matthews and four candidates are vying for the three at-large seats up for election on the Normal Town Council. Please see our website, www.lwvmclean.org to submit questions for both Candidate Forums.

As I mentioned last month, we're looking forward to our Annual Dinner and Silent Auction which will be held on Thursday, April 9th at Eastland Suites. As always, we urge you to attend this, our League's only fundraiser, an evening that's generally very enjoyable. As always, we're seeking donations for the Silent Auction from Leaguers – homemade food items, crafts, special baskets, or personal services – or any other items you wish to donate. If you've caught the Spring cleaning bug, you may find items you're no longer using or enjoying in your home that are good for the Auction. Decorative pictures, ceramics, posters or small furniture pieces make great Auction items. Please contact Julie Sullivan at 107 Warner Street, Bloomington (309) 663-4425 about your donations as Julie has agreed to collect items for donation.

Speaking of Julie Sullivan, who is also our Observer Corps Chair, I wish to extend a sincere thank you to Julie and our Observers for the excellent reports they're submitting to the Voter. If you haven't had an opportunity to read Judy Poultney's report on Heartland Community College and Pam Lubeck's report on District 87 in last month's Voter (also available online), I urge you to do so. I learned about plans for a new sports complex at HCC from Judy's report and about the dedication of Board members and efficient operation of District 87 Board meetings, led by Board President Cheryl Jackson from Pam's. Our observers provide a valuable service to our community by donating their time to help all of us better understand how local government operates. Their reports are thorough and informative. Information from observers on Normal Town Council, Bloomington City Council and the Unit 5 School Board will be in The Voter in the coming months.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Annual Dinner next month. For now, enjoy our milder weather, sorely needed after this year's long, cold winter. The daffodils are already coming up!

Maureen

League members are invited to continue the discussion with Melvin Goodman at the home of Charlette and Roger Elm, 30 Stonebrook Court, Bloomington Wednesday morning, April 1st at 9:00 a.m.

If you plan to attend, RSVP by Monday, March 30, 309-664-5857 or charelm@msn.com

The League of Women Voters of McLean County



Invites You to Our Annual Dinner and Silent Auction

**Thursday, April 9th, 2009
Eastland Suites Conference Center**

The evening's schedule:

5:30 – Social hour and bidding on auction items

6:30 – Dinner

7:00 – Presentation



Reservation for League of Women Voters of McLean County
Annual Dinner and Silent Auction

Thursday, April 9th, 2009 ▪ Eastland Suites Conference Center

Please make reservations by April 2nd

Cost is \$25 per person, includes dinner and dessert.

Name _____

Address _____

_____ # attending

_____ Total due (\$25.00 per person)

Make checks payable to:

LWW of McLean County

Mail to:

Linda Stockton

19 Brompton Court

Bloomington, IL 61704

Questions? Call or email:

Julie Sullivan – 309-663-4425

Dianne Williamson – dwill2@comcast.net

Check choice of entrée:

___ Chicken Sparta – Layered Breast of chicken with filling of sautéed spinach and shallots tossed with sun dried tomatoes and sharp feta cheese. Finished with roasted red pepper and oregano beurre blanc.

___ Stuffed Center Cut Pork Loin – Hand stuffed pork chop centered with poached Granny Smith apple and toasted walnut dressing, topped with a light rosemary sauce.

___ Pesto Pasta Primavera – Cheese stuffed tortellini tossed with sun dried tomato, basil pesto, artichokes, broccoli, sweet bell peppers and garlic Alfredo cream.

Mark Your Calendars

League of Women Voters of McLean County Annual Meeting

Will be held Tuesday, May 26th, 2009

- Review and study proposals for LWV Program Positions
- Election of Officers
- Discussion of programs for the upcoming year
- 2009-2010 LWV Yearbooks will be available

Place and time for the Annual Meeting is yet to be determined
More information will be available in the April Voter

Show Off Your Talents and Help the League!

Help our League raise money
for programs and activities at the

Annual Dinner & Silent Auction

League members' contributions
are traditionally a hit,
so please, be part of the '*Auction Action*'
by donating goods and services.

In the past members have

♥ baked...*umm, tasty treats*

♥ knit...*stitch after lovely stitch*

♥ gardened...*busy hands are happy hands*

♥ made gift baskets...*unique themes*

♥ and other things...*your choice!*

Of potential interest to Leaguers...



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104 West Front Street
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Bloomington, Illinois 61702-2400
Phone 309.888.5360
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The *Recovery Starts Today, Inc.* board cordially invites you to attend its 2nd annual fundraising luncheon to benefit the McLean County Drug Court.

Monday, March 30, 2009 - 11:30 a.m.
Second Presbyterian Church
313 North East Street, Bloomington, Illinois

Nationally-recognized expert **Carolyn Hardin**, Director of the National Drug Court Institute (NDCI) will be the keynote speaker for this event.

Drug Court **Judge Scott Drazewski** will discuss the McLean County Drug Court and its accomplishments thus far. A program **Graduate** will also give a first-hand account of participation in the program.

Your support of this event is essential. Because Ms. Hardin is a nationally-recognized speaker, **this event will sell out quickly so please respond early.**

Options for support:

- Please reserve my seat for **\$35** (\$25 tax deductible donation)
- Please reserve **8** seats at my table for **\$250** (\$170 tax deductible donation)
- Please accept my donation to support *Recovery Starts Today, Inc.*

Name and Title: _____
Company: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Please complete this form and mail with a check made payable to

Recovery Starts Today to the following address by **Monday, March 23:**

Recovery Starts Today, Inc.
c/o Jody Cooper, PO Box 2400, Bloomington, Illinois 61702-2400

Recovery Starts Today, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose goals include raising funds to support the ongoing needs of the participants of the McLean County Drug Court program, including incentives and assistance with vision and dental costs, emergency housing, day care costs, employment related items, transportation assistance, and family unification assistance.

Community support of Recovery Starts Today is a key factor in establishing the drug court's long-term success.

The McLean County Drug Court program started in August 2006 as a specialized problem-solving court for non-violent offenders with drug abuse problems.

It provides for increased judicial supervision and accountability of the participants while offering immediate access to substance abuse treatment. This means fewer return trips to jails and prisons, providing a savings to taxpayers.



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Bloomington Library

Should Congress Reauthorize the Patriot Act

Speaker – Ed Yohnka

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American Civil Liberties Union*

Candidate Forums

Bloomington Mayor & Aldermen

Wednesday, March 18 – 7:00 p.m.
Bloomington Police Dept. • Osborn Room
305 S. East Street

Anne Nadakavukaren, Moderator

Submit questions for the candidates to
candidatesbloom@lwvmclean.org

Normal Mayor & City Council

Thursday, March 26 – 7:00 p.m.
ISU Bone Student Center • Prairie Room

Professor Robert Bradley, Moderator

Submit questions for the candidates to
candidatesnormal@lwvmclean.org

Elections

Tuesday, April 7, 2009