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NEWS RELEASE

ASIAN AMERICAN-PACIFIC ISLANDERS HISTORY TOPIC FOR APPLETON LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

APPLETON, WI — The history of Asian-American and Pacific Islanders in the U.S. is the topic for an upcoming program by the nonpartisan League of Women Voters of Appleton (LWV).

Dr. Monica Rico will present the topic “What Do You Know? What SHOULD You Know?” on Thursday, June 24 at 4 p.m. The program will take place in [Jaycee Park](#), 1200 S. Jefferson St., Appleton, and will be live-streamed on the Appleton LWV [Facebook](#) page. The event is open to the public.

Rico, a professor of history at Lawrence University, is the grandchild of Chinese Immigrants to Hawaii.

The history of Asian-American and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) in the U.S. is not taught in public schools or even many colleges, especially in the Midwest. Yet an understanding of this history helps individuals to comprehend the anti-Asian hate that has yet again bubbled up due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Xenophobia and hatred towards Asian immigrants and residents started way before the Chinese Exclusion Act and the Japanese internment during WWII, resulting in massacres and lynchings that are still not well-known cases in history.

Information is available on the League website, www.lwvappleton.org and on the League’s [Facebook page](#),

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About the League — The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership is open to men and women of all ages. With more than 750 affiliates across the country, the League is one of the nation’s most trusted organizations.

LWV is an organization fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in principle and in practice. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are central to the organization’s current and future success in engaging all individuals, households, communities, and policy makers in creating a more perfect democracy.