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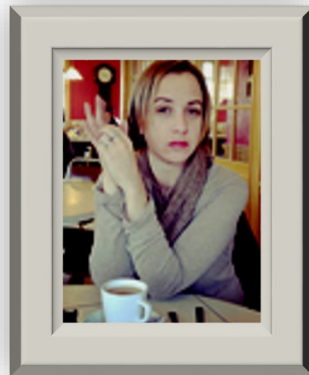


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July-August 2016
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Mark your calendars and make your reservations! More info on page 3 Helen Boyd-Kramer to speak at Women's Equality Day:

Feminism's Present



Helen Boyd-Kramer will speak on *Feminism's Present* at Equality Day, **Thursday, August 25**, at The Refuge (formerly Monte Alverno). Boyd-

Kramer is a lecturer in gender studies at Lawrence University where she teaches Feminist Theory, Introduction to Gender Studies, and Sexualities. She is the author of two books about transgender issues. She is also the faculty advisor for Lawrence's

Downer Feminist Council. She was awarded the Helen K. *Babcock Award for Service to Students*. Most recently, Helen attended a roundtable hosted by the Office for Violence Against Women, in Washington DC.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25
4:30-6:00 P.M.
SOCIAL: 4:30-5:00
PROGRAM: 5:00-6:00
THE REFUGE
(FORMERLY MONTE ALVERNO)
1 000 N. BALLARD ST
APPLETON

Honoring (former) County Board Chair Helen Nagler

Retiring from the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors

Women's Equality Day also offers the opportunity to honor Helen Nagler for her

service to the people of Outagamie County. Helen served on the Outagamie County

Helen Nagler retiring from Outagamie County Board of Supervisors

Board of Supervisors for 25 years.

Since joining the board in 1990, Nagler led efforts to create the county's nursing home and rehabilitation center, Brewster Village, and reform the juvenile justice program. Most recently she was working on space needs improvements for the county's

downtown campus

She frequently encouraged other women to run for office. Thank you to Helen and all of the women who have served or are presently in office.



From the desk of President Stephanie Malaney

Looking ahead to the exciting 2016-2017 year

As we wrap up one year and move to the next, we have a number of things already going:

1. The first is working on the three goals from our strategic plan:
 - A. addressing organizational needs to better accomplish the mission of the League,
 - B. strengthen membership, and
 - C. addressing League essentials of voter service, study and education, and advocacy and action.

This all involves committee work, so be thinking about where your interests might also help the League.

2. Second is our programming. Several things are already in the works with voter education and Women's Equality Day.
3. Third is wrapping up our current local study.
4. And finally, education and programming identified through Lively Issues.

The board looks forward with renewed energy to the upcoming year.

All you ever wanted to know about voting, including information on VOTER ID

<http://www.lwvappleton.org/voter-information/>

Check to see that you are [registered to vote at your current address](#). (If it doesn't work at first, keep trying. Don't use abbreviations or autofill.) If you are not registered at your current address, please don't put it off; register *now*.

Mark your calendars!
Date set for consensus meeting
Thursday, September 22
6:30-8:00 p.m.
Appleton Public Library, Room A



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF APPLETON
INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE

Women's Equality Day 2016

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Appleton 54911



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R.S.V.P. by Monday, August 22

Cost: \$10.00 per person

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Honoring Helen Nagler

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LWVWI Gear up to Vote Tour to be in Appleton August 4

Tell your friends and neighbors who are not registered yet—here is your chance!

Andrea Kaminski, LWVWI Executive Director



Melanie Ramey speaks at launch of *Gear Up to Vote*

Gear Up to Vote is a statewide voter education tour organized by the League of

Women Voters of Wisconsin, in collaboration with local leagues in 18 communities across the state. The tour launched July 18 and will travel the roads of Wisconsin through October. It will stop in Appleton on Thursday, August 4, during Mile of Music, to assist with voter registration.

The colorful minivan will make

frequent voter education stops across the state. At these events we'll register citizens to vote, help them find their polling place, inform them about acceptable types of photo ID, and let voters know where to find information about candidates and issues. Learn how you can *gear up to vote*.

At the July 18 launch of *Gear Up to Vote in Madison*, LWV Dane County Co-President Kathleen Fullin said:

"Because new Wisconsin laws have made it more complicated to register to vote and to cast a ballot, the league is asking all community members to help their relatives, neighbors, and friends get ready to vote on August 9 and November 8."



Location and time in Appleton soon to be announced

Federal Court Rules Against Restrictive Wisconsin Voter ID Law

Milwaukee, July 19: A federal trial court today ruled that voters who have trouble obtaining identification under Wisconsin's strict voter ID law can vote by affidavit. The American Civil Liberties Union brought the challenge on behalf of Wisconsin voters. Sean Young, an attorney with the ACLU's Voting Rights Project, responded to today's decision:

"Wisconsin's voter ID law has been a mistake from day one.

This ruling is a strong rebuke of the state's efforts to limit access to the ballot box. It means that a failsafe will be in place in November for voters who have had difficulty obtaining ID."



The ruling is at: <https://www.aclu.org/legal-document/frank-v-walker-motion-granted>
More information is at: <https://www.aclu.org/cases/frank-v-walker-fighting-voter-suppression-wisconsin>

August, 2016- Proposed Voter Registration Assistance Schedule

We have the possibility, on the following dates, of helping students turning 18 before the next election. Please e-mail me at JKlim@new.rr.com if you can help on one or more of these dates. This is a wonderful opportunity, and it would be great if we could have a presence at a majority of the times. THANKS! J. Klimaszewski

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	
				North High 9:00-11:00 & 1:00-3:00		
	8	9	10	11	12	
		North High 9:00-11:00, 1:00-3:00	North High 9:00-11:00, 1:00-3:00 and 5:00- 7:00			
			East High School 3:00-6:30			
	15	16	17	18	19	
	East High 4:00-7:00	West High LMC 4:00-8:00		East High 10:00-1:00		
				West High LMC 4:00-7:00		
	22	23	24	25	26	
	West High LMC 10:00-1:00		West High LMC 12:00-3:00			

Save the Date—Upcoming Program: Tuesday, September 13, 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Julie Mead to speak on *The Impact of School Vouchers*

Gayle Hardt VP – Programs



Dr. Julie Mead will focus on the potential impact of an expanded school voucher program on public and private education in Wisconsin.

Mead is a professor in the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis of UW-Madison's School of Education.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, SEPT 13

APPLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Watch the League website and your email for more fall programming

Gayle Hardt, V-P Programs

Scheduling programs for the fall is in progress, and we are waiting to confirm dates and venues. Please watch your email,

and check out the league website often at www.lwvappleton.org for information on upcoming events.

Don't miss out on the latest news!

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Sharing your interests and skills for participatory leadership

Numerous committees lighten the load for using Strategic Plan to make the League strong

J. Klimaszewski

The board is moving forward with much-needed updating through our strategic plan. The draft of the plan is available on the website. A number of League members signed up for various committees at the Annual Meeting. The list is included on the next page.

If you are interested in sharing your interests and skills by participating in this work, please contact J. Klimaszewski at JKlim@new.rr.com This is a great opportunity to get involved and help the League of Women Voters of Appleton become a strong voice for participatory leadership in the Fox Valley.

Here's your opportunity to help shape the LWV to help make it a strong voice in the Fox Valley

Don't miss your chance. Contact J. Klimaszewski at JKlim@new.rr.com to add your voice

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Welcome new Board Member Jeanne Roberts

Jeanne Roberts is a retired mental health counselor after more than 30 years in the field, with an emphasis on abuse and neglect of women and children. During her time as a counselor, Jeanne chaired the Fox Cities Sexual Abuse Task Force and collaborated with Dr. Anna Salter on a workbook for teenage sex offenders. Jeanne has provided training at the International ATSA Conference in Toronto and the Midwest Conference on Child Sexual Abuse related to her work with juvenile offenders.

Jeanne has a BS degree from Winona State University in Community Health Education



and an MS degree from UW-Stout in Mental Health Counseling.

Married to the same man for 30 years, she has two adult children. She joined the Appleton LWV in the spring of 2015 and has enjoyed working in voter registration, women's Equality Day, and the downtown Appleton and land use study.

Jeanne would like to see the Appleton LWV reach out to a younger and more diverse population and provide more education and outreach regarding the role of women in both our history and our politics.

League of Women Voters of Appleton 2016 Annual Meeting

Gayle Hardt – Program

The league held its annual meeting on Thursday, May 19th at Fox Banquets and Rivertyme Catering. Twenty-one individuals attended, including two guests. Under the leadership of President Stephanie Malaney, members in attendance approved the 2016 – 2017 budget, re-adopted our local position statements, adopted board recommended action to review the current position statement on education, and elected new officers, directors and nominating committee members.

Officers re-elected to a two-year term are Jacqueline Kimaszewski, V.P.—Voter Services; and Barbara Kelly, Treasurer. Jeanne Roberts and Penny Robinson were elected to two-year terms as directors, and Joan Schneider

was elected to fulfill a one-year term as director. The nominating committee for the new league year includes Shirley Strange as chair, Irene Strohbeen, Sue Eich, Jeanne Roberts and Elizabeth Laux.

The meeting agenda also included a year-end financial report by Treasurer Barbara Kelly and a report on membership by Elizabeth Laux. The league's current membership stands at 64. In addition, Shirley Strange provided an update on the current local study of Downtown Appleton (expect a consensus meeting in September), and Jacqui Klimaszewski reviewed the strategic plan (expect to be invited to participate). Thanks to everyone who took time from their busy schedule to attend.

League of Women Voters of Wisconsin 2016 Annual Meeting

Reflections by President Stephanie Malaney

I was struck with how many things the League has brought to my attention and increased my knowledge base. I am learning more and more about water, mega farms, health issues, and many other concerns.

Growing up in a big city, I had little contact with farms and wells. In break out sessions I learned about water quality and CAFO's. I didn't know one cow leaves behind nine times more waste than a human in one day, and then there is the methane gas. I also learned about interleague organizations like Lake

Michigan Region and Upper Mississippi River Region.

What you need to know from the state meeting

We adopted the Urban Policy Revision and the proposed budget; we took action on the state programs for 2016-17; and we elected new officers. The state program includes:

- assisting local leagues on voter education and registration,
- public education and budget advocacy,

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- education forums on water quality depending on funding, and
- education and advocacy campaign on redistricting.

Board Slate for 2016-2017 are: President, Debra Cronmiller; VP, Ethel Himmel; Treasurer, Lindsay Spencer; Secretary, Andrea Kaminski; Directors: Joyce McCollum, Louise Petering, Consuelo Lopez Springfield, Pat Finder-Stone, Melanie Ramey, and Jacquelynn Collins; and Nominating Committee: Julie Arneith and Linda Jorgensen.

Parade of Leagues: Everyone is doing great things. Appleton being at the beginning of the alphabet, I went first. I stayed close to my script, but as time when on it seemed like every league gave more and more information. Upper St. Croix Valley is our newest league.

Meg McLane Award for Advocacy given to the individuals doing outstanding work for positive policy changes in Wisconsin was awarded to Louise Petering of Milwaukee County.

LWVWI has developed materials for membership recruitment and retention.

ENGAGING VOTERS – EMERGING ELECTORATE

We had great speakers, but the one on *Emerging Electorate* I found the most interesting. Colleen Gruszynski, a voter registration data specialist and a Green Bay League member, shared information from

Wisconsin Voices, a data collecting group of which LWV-WI is a member. As we viewed the charts, we were introduced to acronyms like APIA -Asian Pacific Islander Americans, CVAP - Citizen Voting Age Population, and RAE- Rising American Electorate, also known as NAM, New American Majority (single women, people of color, and youth 18-34).

In Wisconsin NAM is 51% of the population compared to 60% nationally. In 2016 they believe Wisconsin youth are expected to rank 6th in the nation for determining the election outcome. By 2020, 16 states could have more new Hispanic and Asian voters deciding the presidential result. Wisconsin doesn't release age data of voters, but we know women are outperforming men. In Dane and Milwaukee Counties, 47% of the minorities are registered.

Some final thoughts: Youth are important to elections, so get them to spring elections, go to where they are, and work with Wisconsin Voices. Data also shows that if a person participates in two to three consecutive elections, they are likely to vote for life. When talking about elections and candidates in general, what matters is a message that has authenticity and works to build trust. Social pressure has power as long as the message is positive statements.

Some groups are using specific messaging for their population, for example, Hmong leadership is targeting the idea as a taxpayer, voting helps you decide how your money is spent. The Muslim Women's Coalition

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message is casting a vote is a joy, and the political world is not constant but ever changing.

Many leagues have developed plans to educate and assist voters with registration. Milwaukee League designed, assembled and

distributed to all Milwaukee Public Schools, *My Vote/My Voice High School Voter Education Toolkit*. It can be found on the LWVWI website. Colleen Gruszynski can be reached by email at: adamscolleene@gmail.com.

I am a convention *junkie* Reflections on 52nd LWVUS National Convention

Sara Companik

JUNE 16-19, 2016: I attended the National League Convention as a self funded delegate of the Appleton League, with permission from the Board - I am a "convention junkie". Attending the National Convention is very exhilarating. It's a whirlwind of issues, caucuses, workshops, and plenary sessions. Yes, a gathering of league junkies.

Over 784 voting delegates were registered. Some of the highlights include:

Chris Carson, California, is the newly elected president.

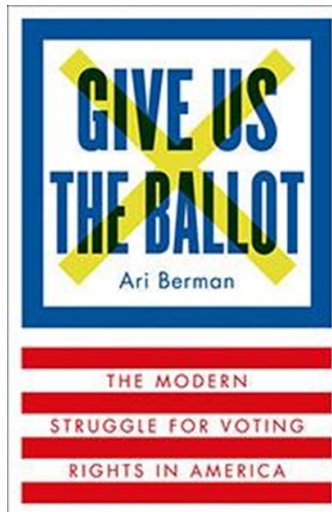
Campaign for Making Democracy Work is the national program for

2016-18. Goals for this include: grow the vote, protect the vote, use VOTE411.org

Support Position on Redistricting, this was approved on a card vote.

Concurrence with LWV Colorado position on Behavioral Health and amend the LWVUS Health Care position to include: *Every U.S.*

resident should have access to affordable, quality in-and out-patient behavioral health care, including needed medications and supportive services, that is integrated with, and achieves parity with, physical health care.



LWV Florida moved a resolution responding to gun violence in America. This included supporting restoration of funding for gun violence research at the CDC.

Approved

Supporting Full Rights of statehood for the People of DC. Approved

Supporting Sign-on to our Children's Trust Federal Amicus Brief which involves exploitation, production and combustion of fossil fuels. Approved

Support ratification of UN COP 21 Paris Agreement, which supports aggressive efforts to restore balance to the planet's climate system by reducing CO2 to 350 (ppm).

Approved

Promote update of the White House Climate

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Plan. Approved

Descriptions of these resolutions are available at: <http://forum.lwv.org/member-resources/2016ResolutionsReport>.

Change in age of voting members to 16.

Persons at least 16 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of local leagues, state leagues and of the LWVUS. Approved

PMP rate of \$32 for the 2016-18 biennium – no change! Approved. (per member payment to National).

LWV of WI applied for the Strengthening Democracy Award, however, LWV of Kansas won the award.

When attending convention, there are early morning to late evening workshops, caucuses, and information breakout sessions. I attended *Toward a More Uniform Criminal Justice System; From the Grassroots: Bringing Gun*

Safety to America; Local Action for Global concerns: The Water/Climate. All very interesting and pertinent to league's positions.

LWV US National Convention banquet speaker Ari Berman spoke about Voting Rights that are under attack, that we must stand up and push back. Mr. Berman ended with these three thoughts.

1. Voting is a right, not a privilege.
2. Democracy is better when more people participate.
3. It is fundamentally immoral to try to win an election by preventing people from voting.

Chicago, Illinois will be the site of the next convention in 2018. We can car pool, share rooms, and gather with other league junkies.

Our 100th birthday celebration will be back in Washington, D. C. in 2020.

Sara Companik



Wisconsin delegates to LWVUS Convention