

LWV *The informed* Voter

League of Women Voters ® of Appleton, Wisconsin



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September—October 2016
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Help needed with voter registration and election

Jacqui Klimaszewski—VP Voter Services

This will be a very busy fall for Voter Services. There is a lot to do in helping voters register,

making sure they have an acceptable ID and getting them to actually vote!

Voter registration opportunities—to help, please contact J. Klimaszewski at JKlim@new.rr.com

Wednesday, September 21 - UW Fox Valley - Fun at Fox - Semester Opening Picnic. This was just scheduled and is coming up fast! Your help is needed! The event runs from 11:30-1:00 p.m., and will be in the open area between the planetarium and the auditorium.

Tuesday, September 27--National Voter Registration Day:

1. & 2. Join Jeanne Roberts at the Community Health Center (by the Menasha Goodwill) from 9:00-11:30 a.m.;

and/or the Partnership Community Health Center Dental Clinic, 5337 W Grande Market Dr, Appleton, from 12:30-3:00 p.m., in the lobby.

3. Fox Valley Technical College from 11:00-1:00 p.m. in the Commons Area.

Wednesday, September 28 - West H. S.

We will be in the Library Media Center, from 9-10:20 a.m.--we need five or six volunteers, as a large group of seniors will come to the LMC at that time.

From 11:00-1:00 p.m. we will be in the commons area--two volunteers are needed for this time period.

Wednesday, September 28 - Family First Ministries 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Friday, September 30 - North High School, 7:00-10:15 a.m., in the Media Center

Five to six volunteers needed

Wednesday, October 5- East High School - 9:20-10:04 a.m.

Wednesday, October 5 - UW Fox Valley - 11:30-1:30 p.m. in Commons

Please let me know if you can help with any of

Contact Jacqui if you can help

these--I will send you more information at that time. Any time you can give is extremely helpful and greatly appreciated--even if you

sign up for one 2-3 hour shift.. Please remember to contact: JJKlim@new.rr.com

Candidate forum on education set for October 6

This will be held at **Einstein Middle School Auditorium on Thursday, October 6. from 7:00-8:30.** This is being planned and conducted with AAUW Appleton Branch and Fox Cities Advocates for Public Education. Costs will be shared among the three groups. Jim Bowman will visit each of the school districts and provide the school boards with information.

All candidates in the districts listed below have been invited. At this time, we have commitments from the following:

- Senate District 2 John Powers
- Assembly District 3 Sharon Wasileski
- Assembly District 5 Sam Kelly
- Assembly District 55 Bob Baker and Mike Rohrkaste
- Assembly District 56 Mariana Stout and Dave Murphy

Education Candidate Forum	
Date	Thursday, October 6
Time	7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Place	Einstein Middle School Auditorium 324 E. Florida Ave, Appleton

Voter services depends on wonderful volunteers



Sara Companik (and others) helping with voter information and registration at Latino Fest.

During August we were at all three Appleton public high schools a number of times. We assisted 63 high school students/parents with new voter registrations or name/address

changes. We sent an additional 53 partially

completed forms with students/parents and directions on how to finish the form and send it in. These were situations where they needed to have their driver's license or proof of residence. We provided information to an additional 12 people and absentee ballot request forms to four others.

At Celebrate Diversity and the NAMI kick-off, we registered another person and provided five individuals with forms and information for voting.

This would not have been possible without the help of numerous people—your time is greatly appreciated. We were able to add five additional registration assistants this month as well!

Help also needed to monitor Nov. 8 election

Andrea Kaminsky—Executive Director, LWV Wisconsin

The League of Women Voters Wisconsin is looking for volunteers from all around the state to be our eyes and ears at the polls. Help us monitor the application of new election laws and procedures. In particular, we will be



watching for any signs of people being disenfranchised.

The League's election observation reports have proved to be valuable sources of information - in the Capitol and the courts - about how the new election laws have impacted voters. Our trained, volunteer election observers make this possible.

Anyone may volunteer who:

- Is willing to participate in a 90-minute training session—a webinar—prior to the election
- Can spend at least two hours and preferably half the day at one polling place or be a roving observer who visits a number of polling places

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VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

www.lwvappleton.org

- Is willing to follow the Wisconsin rules for election observers
- Agrees to mail in a completed report form following the election - we'll provide the stamped, addressed envelope!
- Has a cell phone, so we can communicate if needed on Election Day.

You don't need to be a League member to volunteer.

League of Women Voters will provide:

1. Nonpartisan materials that let you know your role as an observer, what to watch for, what to do if you see any problems at the polls
2. On-line training
3. A polling place assignment or roving observer territory
4. A number to call on election day to report problems
5. A reporting form and stamped return envelope

How to volunteer: Sign up here:

<http://www.lwvwi.org/Vote2016/ElectionObserverVolunteerForm.aspx>

Donations gratefully accepted online at:

<http://www.lwvappleton.org/donate/>

Or you can print out a donation form

and mail a check to

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2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

League of Women Voters of Appleton

Gayle Hardt—VP Programs



TUES SEPT 20	7:00 P.M.	Walter Theater St. Norbert De Pere	Candidate Forum for 8th Congressional District Co-Sponsors: Leagues of Women Voters of Brown County, Appleton and Door County	CANCELLED
THURS SEPT 22	6:30 P.M.	Appleton Public Library	CONSENSUS MEETING – Land Use Planning Position	
TUES SEPT 27 2016	6:30 P.M.	Various Sites Appleton Public Library	National Voter Registration Day <i>Iron Jawed Angels</i> Co-Sponsors: AAUW and League of Women Voters of Appleton	
OCT Date TBD	TBD	Appleton Public Library	Candidate Forum for Assembly Districts	
THURS OCT 6, 2016	7:00 P.M.	Einstein Middle School Auditorium 324 E. Florida Ave, Appleton	Candidate Forum on Education Co-Sponsors: Fox Cities Advocates for Public Education, League of Women Voters of Appleton, AAUW	
WED OCT 12 2016	6:30 P.M.	Appleton Public Library Room C	Elections: Candidates, Substance and Personality Dr. Arnold Shober, Associate Professor of Government Lawrence University	
SAT OCT 22, 2016	7:30 PM Concert 6:45 – 7:15 PM	Lawrence Chapel	“Voice Your Vote: the power of one” newVoices Northeast Wisconsin’s Vocal Artists League of Women Voters of Appleton in partnership with newVoices Pre-Concert Discussion (Rm 156 behind Chapel)	
WED NOV 2 2016	7:00 P.M.	Appleton Public Library	“The Who, What, and Why of the Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust: Stephanie Vrabec, Board Chair	
TUES NOV 8 2016			Fall Election	

LWV Calendar of events

SAT NOV 19 2016	9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.	Crown Plaza Hotel, Madison	LWVWI – Issues Briefing
SAT DEC 10 2016	10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.	Fox Banquets & Rivertype Catering	LWV of Appleton Holiday Brunch Keynote: Matt Rothschild, Executive Director Wisconsin Democracy Campaign Recipient of <i>Making Democracy Work Award</i> Honored Marcia Engen, Chair MDW Award Committee

Deadline for democracy award nominations is October 10th

Marcia Engen—Chair, *Making Democracy Work Award* Committee

The League of Women Voters of Appleton is seeking nominations for the *Making Democracy Work Award*. This award honors an individual for their community activism. It celebrates a community member who has envisioned a way to improve the Fox Cities community and mobilized others to work with them to effect change that benefits the broader community. Past recipients of the award are Kathy Flores and Ann Muenster. The deadline for nominations is October 10th, and the



nomination form with instructions for submission can be found on the league website at www.lwvappleton.org. League members are encouraged to nominate someone they feel is worthy of this recognition. Individuals may nominate themselves. The winner of the award will be recognized at the annual Holiday Brunch on Saturday, December 10th.

From the Appleton City Clerk’s Office—about voting *in Appleton*

Three weeks of early in-person absentee voting starts Oct. 17 – Nov 4
Following a recent court ruling that lifts the restriction on early in-person absentee voting, **our City Clerk’s office will offer three weeks of early voting starting on Monday, October 17, continuing through Friday, November 4.**

VOTING HOURS
The Clerk’s office will be open 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. on those days, excluding weekends. If you are interested in early voting, **you will need to bring a photo ID.**

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Voting in Appleton

VOTE BY MAIL

In addition to the in-person early voting hours, you may also request an absentee ballot by mail. The request must be made by November 3 and the completed ballot must be received by the City Clerk's office by November 8.

To request an absentee ballot by mail, you must already be a registered voter. Complete the absentee ballot request form at <http://www.appleton.org/home/showdocument?id=4193> and send a copy of a valid photo ID to the City Clerk's office. The forms can also be emailed to electionclerk@appleton.org.

REGISTER TO VOTE

Residents who have recently moved to Appleton or moved within the city and need to reregister to vote are encouraged to do so prior to Election Day. The form can be downloaded from the city's website. The completed application must be signed and

include a copy of some form of proof of residency. Mailed applications must be received at the City Clerk's office by October 19. Registration after October 19 needs to be done in person.

VOTER TURNOUT

Whether you choose to vote in-person or absentee during the three week early voting period, or wait until Election Day, expect long lines. Turnout in Appleton for the 2012 presidential election was 88%. Again, **you will need a valid photo ID.**

Questions about the election can be directed to the City Clerk's office at 832-6447. **Voting information can also be found on the Election page of the city's website:** <http://www.appleton.org/government/city-clerk/elections/forms-documents>

From the pen of President Stephanie Malaney

League busier than ever

Our official 2016-17 year has begun, but many members were busy all summer. A variety of venues were capitalized upon to educate voters on issues and how to get registered to vote.



Providing voter registration assistance and education

Much of the fall programming will center on educating voters, with continued efforts on forums and registering voters.

On August 4 the LWVWI Gear UP Van was stationed outside the PAC during Mile of Music for this same purpose.

League members face many opportunities

Pictures of our league members can be found on the LWVWI Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/League-of-Women-Voters-of-Appleton-118743514888076/>

We had another successful Women’s Equality Day event on August 25, with great attendance and media coverage. Speaker Helen Boyd-Kramer, had some interesting insights on what young women are looking for. Her insights should be helpful in our strategy planning on membership. It was also a chance to honor Helen Nagler, a member who has served a long time in county government.



Dr. Julie Mead speaks on public schools and privatization.

September was the kick off on educating us about vouchers as we review our education position with a very informative presentation by Dr. Julie Mead. This month will also bring to

a consensus our league’s study on land use. Our year has many opportunities for members to be involved. including our strategic planning. Several committees have been formed, some are already busy, and the remaining ones will be starting this month. A thank you goes to all the members who have been so busy working on projects through the summer and starting us off with style.

Women’s Equality Day a big success

Jeanne Roberts, Board Director

“Women’s Equality Day was established in 1979 to commemorate the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote. The Fox Valley area has been celebrating the day since 2010 “, according to Jennifer Hogeland in the August 9 issue of the Fox Cities magazine, *women*.

Women's Equality Day was held for the second year in a row at the Refuge and was a big success, with 99 people in attendance. The



Shirley Strange (left) and Jan Quinlan (right) present Helen Nagler with a gift in honor of her many years of public service.

social hour included a women's history timeline and display of women's suffrage memorabilia. Food was provided by LaClare Farms, the Breadsmith, Sue Siltan and Gayle

Boyd-Kramer spoke on *Feminism's Present*

Schultz. Shirley Strange provided wine and water.

For the program, Helen Boyd-Kramer spoke on "Feminism's Present" and followed that up by a question and answer period. Jan Quinlan introduced Helen Nagler who was honored for her many years of public service to Appleton and Outagamie County.

The WE Day committee included Stephanie Malaney, Shirley Strange, Sara Companik, Irene Strohsbeen, Cheryl Reissman, Gayle Schultz, Lou Ann Graf and Jeanne Roberts.

Jeanne and Shirley were interviewed on the Channel 5 morning news show, and Channel 5 also did a live interview of Jeanne and Stephanie prior to the event.

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