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Women's Equality Day 2017

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Sylvia Carey-Butler : *Not a Feminist But a Womanist*

**Associate Vice President of Academic Support of Inclusive Excellence,
University of Wisconsin Oshkosh**

Thursday, August 24, 2017
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
2600 Philip Lane Appleton, WI 54915



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Question to ponder:

How can the League of Women Voters become more diverse and speak for ALL women?

Registration for Women's Equality Day

Registration Deadline: Monday, August 21, 2017

Online registration here: www.lwvappleton.org

Or

Mail-in Instructions

Check Payable to: LWV Appleton (\$15.00)

LWV Appleton, P.O. Box 1281, Appleton, WI 54912

Please list all names of guests. We'll have name tags for you.

Thursday, August 24, 2017

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Gather and Social

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Program

6:00 p.m. Continue Social



**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

Dr. Sylvia Carey-Butler to speak at Equality Day:

Not a Feminist But a Womanist



League of Women Voters of Appleton welcomes Keynote Speaker for Women's Equality Day 2017. Dr. Carey-Butler, Associate Vice President of Academic Support of Inclusive Excellence,

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh

With 36 years in academia, Sylvia Carey-Butler received her Ph.D. in Higher Education Leadership and Policy from Peabody College,

Vanderbilt University, and her Masters in Social Science and Counseling from Binghamton University.

Carey-Butler's earlier career included leadership roles in several access programs for academically and economically disadvantaged students in New York State. Dr. Carey-Butler served as Assistant Provost and Dean of Honors at Dillard University and spent seven years working for the United Negro College Fund's Institute for Capacity Building.

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Dr. Sylvia Carey-Butler: connecting with students

Currently the Associate Vice President of Academic Support of Inclusive Excellence at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, she was one of 29 academics from around the country selected to participate in the American Council on Education (ACE) Fellowship Program for 2016-2017. She spent a year shadowing Dr. Stanley Preczewski, president of Georgia Gwinnett College.

Believing in giving back, she serves as the incoming Board Chair for the Oshkosh Area Food Pantry and just stepped down as chair of the Oshkosh Housing Authority board.

Dr. Carey- Butler’s scholarship focuses broadly on student success, women of color in academia, and African American males. She is

Dr. Carey- Butler is the recipient of numerous awards, including an Honorary Doctorate Degree from the State

University of New York at Oneonta in 2014. She was also inducted into her hometown of Schenectady, New York’s Hall of Fame.

married to Master Sergeant Paul E. Butler (retired) and has three children.

“At the end of the day, when I think of inclusive excellence, I think of it as a partnership — a contract, if you will — between the student and the institution,” she said. “We’re going to help each student, no matter their color, race, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation to reach his or her full potential...”

UW Oshkosh Today, Nov 23, 2013

Appleton league to meet monthly

Irene Strobeen, VP—Program

Programs will be changing it up this year! We will hold monthly meetings for our members and guests on the **THIRD MONDAY** of each month from 4:30-6:00 p.m. starting in September; the location will be announced soon.

We are hopeful that this change will allow members a place and

time to congregate regularly, and allow guests a chance to meet members and learn about our League.

If you are interested in learning more about Programs and contributing your ideas for topics and speakers, or helping to plan our monthly meetings, contact Irene Strobeen at ibstrobeen@new.rr.com

The first planning meeting was scheduled for July 14th, but your ideas are always welcome.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**LWV Monthly Meeting
Monday, September 18
4:30 to 6:00 p.m.
Location TBD**

Voter Services sets goals for the year

Jacqueline Klimaszewski, VP—Voter Services

YOU can make a difference in many ways by helping with *Voter Services* projects. As many of you are new to our league, this will be an overview of the Voter Services role, with a focus on goals for 2017-18.

Volunteers are needed in a variety of areas—look for ones that fit your interests and skills and contact me at JKlim@new.rr.com.

⇒ Continue offering **voter registration assistance and Wisconsin ID information** at a variety of locations: area high schools, Fox Valley Technical College, UW Fox Valley, Partnership Community Health, churches, city events and other locations where citizens are typically underrepresented in voting turnout due to age, culture, ethnicity or socio-economic status.

Can you make workload light & help with one thing?

- * We will need registration assistance volunteers for August when we register at each of the high schools and again in September for **National Voter Registration Day, September 26, 2017.**
 - * **Events at additional locations:** Let me know if you know of an organization that would benefit from having a voter registration assistance event, and we can schedule it.
 - * As we expand our registration assistance events, we will need someone to take a leadership role so we can cover them all—a **Voter Services Assistant.**
 - * If you are new to the League and like to work with and interact with people, I would be happy to provide **training for voter assistance registration** and add you to our list of volunteers.
- ⇒ Develop a connection with each high school, UW Fox Valley and FVTC to **work with campus groups** (such as National Honor Society or Student Government) to help them develop an on-going voting marketing program for registering and getting out the vote.
- * Our role would be to guide the student groups to provide the student body with



accurate and non-partisan information.

- * If you have a background in schools or in marketing, this would be a perfect match for you!
- ⇒ Set up and conduct **Candidate Forums** in the spring and fall for local races.
- * Lots of positions need to be filled to make these events run smoothly: Staffing the registration tables, collecting cards with questions from the audience, timing the responses, etc.
- * Develop Candidate Guides after the forums.

As you can see, there are a wide variety of ways to contribute—from directly assisting with voter registration, to planning, to computer work, to working with young people and promoting participatory government.

E-mail me if you have any questions about any of these volunteer opportunities and let me know how you would like to get involved!

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From President Jeanne Roberts

Needed: your experience and expertise

There are many opportunities for volunteering with our local League. Help is needed with Voter Services, Program Committee, *Making Democracy Work Award*, Observer Corps and both the Education Study and the Juvenile Justice position review.

Thank you to Helen Nagler for volunteering to chair the Juvenile Justice position review. **There is still a need for a chair for the Education Study.**

If you are interested in either chairing or being a part of either committee, contact Jeanne Roberts at jsbob@new.rr.com. If you are interested in volunteering for voter services, contact Jacqui

Klimaszewski at jjklim@new.rr.com, if you are interested in volunteering for Observer Corps, contact Cindy Fallona at cbfallona@hotmail.com and if you are interested in helping to develop our Programs for the year, contact Irene Strohbeen at ibstrohbeen@new.rr.com.

Voter Services activities include:

Provide registration assistance and voting information in schools and at community events

Program activities include:

Help develop programs for the year

YOU can make a difference

Making Democracy Work Award activities include:

Help nominate and select award winner

Education Study activities include:

Meeting, studying and discussing current educational policy in order to develop local position

Juvenile Justice Review activities include:

Help review local, state and national positions on Juvenile Justice

Observer Corps activities include:

Attend, when possible, meetings of the City Council or Outagamie County Board or Appleton School Board as a representative of the LWV Appleton

Thank you

A special thanks to Beverly Wieckert for her donation to the LWV Appleton. Bev also sent a matching grant application which resulted in a tripled matching donation from ITW to our League.

It is through the generosity of both our members and non-members who believe in the integrity of our democratic process that the League continues to operate at such a high level. Thank you again to Beverly, ITW and everybody else who has contributed to LWV Appleton.

Getting to know new board members

Editor's note: Some of the recently elected new board members are profiled here, and the others will appear in the next newsletter. Following, in no particular order, is what these individuals submitted, with a little editing.

LouAnn Graf

Hello LWV-Appleton members. My name is LouAnn



Graf. I am a rather new member of the League, having joined less than two years ago. An Appleton native, I am a wife, mother, grandmother, and a retired teacher from the Appleton

Area School District. Reading, gardening, walking, travel, short-term mission work, and substitute teaching are some of my interests.

Not a particularly political person, I realize that informed, educated, and involved people are the ones who will make democracy work. As your new League secretary, I am looking forward to learning more about how the LWV operates, how to be a better informed citizen, and how to use information to spur me to action. Becoming better acquainted and working with the Board and LWV members are also goals of mine.

Thank you for your confidence in electing me. I hope you share my goals of being better informed, involved, and working with as well as advocating for the League of Women Voters.

Board members have volunteered their time and energy but cannot do everything. Please think about how you can support them.

They deserve your support

Maren Peterson



My name is Maren Peterson. I moved back to my hometown of Appleton in 2014 after about 20 years away, much of which I spent in New York City practicing law. Since returning to the Fox Cities, I have shifted careers and currently serve as the President

and CEO of NAMI Fox Valley, our community's affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

I've been a League member for the past couple of years, during which time I've enjoyed volunteering to help with voter registration and at a candidate forum. As a board member, I look forward to continuing to find new ways to encourage voter engagement and to get people to the polls! I look forward to serving you in this capacity.



Irene Stroeben

Irene Stroeben is an innovation management and new product development expert with over 20 years of Research & Development management experience at Kimberly-Clark Corporation in Neenah, WI. She is currently an independent consultant, providing product development and innovation consultation to small and mid-sized businesses, and

coaching and mentoring individual inventors who want to become entrepreneurs and generate income from their inventions.

Irene is actively engaged in the community through volunteering on several boards of directors and committees: Mid-Day Women's Alliance, a business women's group in Appleton; Women's Fund for the Fox Valley Region, Citizen Action Northeast Wisconsin Cooperative, Celebrate Diversity Fox Cities, Community Foundation, Lawrence University Alumni Association, and Keeping Families First Coalition (led by 9 to 5).

Irene is re-joining our Board after a one-year hiatus. She was a member of our board from 2011-2016. Irene has lived in the Appleton area for over 30 years, and resides in the Village of Harrison just outside of the city. She is married and has two sons.

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Notes from the LWV State Convention

Jeanne Roberts—LWV Appleton President

At the LWV State Convention hosted by LWV Green Bay, Appleton was well represented, with seven attendees including Penny Robinson, Shirley Strange, Sara Companik, Jacqui Klimaszewski, Irene Strohbeen, Jeanne Roberts and Stephanie Malaney.

In addition to the business meeting and the information from Andrea Kaminski, League members were treated to two presentations: Harvey Kaye spoke on ***Americans Are Radicals at Heart***, and Erica Nelson presented ***Race to Equity: Lifting Up All Wisconsin Residents***.

Small group breakouts discussed poverty in Wisconsin, League membership and outreach inter-league projects (League of Women Voters Lake Michigan Region and League of Women Voters Upper Mississippi Region).

A new addition this year was a technology table to assist people in learning about new ways to share information using social media and other technology. The State Convention is open to all local members of LWV and is a great way to network with other local leagues and state LWV.

Pictured below back l-r: Stephanie Malaney, Penny Robinson, Sara Companik, Shirley Strange; front: Irene Strohbeen, Jeanne Roberts, Jacqueline Klimaszewski



The League of Women Voters of Appleton is a nonpartisan organization that advocates for informed and active participation in government. LWV is a vibrant, visible, respected advocate for sustaining our democratic society.

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EDUCATES AND INFORMS CITIZENS ON IMPORTANT ISSUES

MONITORS GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION AT ALL LEVELS

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CALLS OUT FOR

- **Transparency in government**
- **Campaign finance reform**
- **Redistricting reform**
- **Responsible environmental legislation**
- **Healthcare for all citizens**

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In case you missed this—please take 10 minutes to download this wonderful free app

From LWVWI—Get the new LWVWI App on Your Smartphone

The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin is excited to provide a free and easy way for Wisconsinites to reach their representatives with *Voices* - a mobile call-to-action app. Contact your representatives about the issues that matter to you.

The Voices mobile app provides contact information for state and federal elected officials. The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin will contact you through this app with action alerts that will increase the efficiency and impact of our advocacy efforts.

Follow the steps below using your smartphone (iPhone or Android) to upload the Voices app and be automatically subscribed to the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin's action alerts. Use your phone's browser—**DO NOT try directly downloading this from the app store. It won't work.**

1. Go to <https://tryvoices.com/lwvwi> on your phone's browser and click to receive LWV WI calls to action through the Voices app.

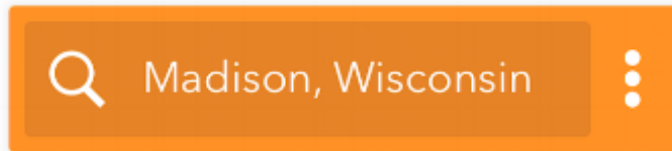


2. Open the **Voices app** and allow the app to send you action notifications from LWV WI.

Turn on notifications so Voices can send you relevant and timely updates



3. Enter your address. The app will populate the Federal and State Representatives.



Federal

State

Local



Gov. Scott Walker



- 4. Call, email or tweet your elected officials when you receive an action alert from LWV WI.
 - 5. You will be offered a script for your reference for each action alert for when you contact your elected official.
- For more information and a video, click here: <https://tryvoices.com/lwvwi> or copy and paste
 If you encounter any difficulties, call Penny at 920-364-0079.

What an easy way to respond to action alerts!

URGENT—from LWVUS
Call to action: sign petition

“... a new national task force, created to justify President Trump’s false claims of widespread voter fraud in the 2016 elections, is laying the groundwork for dangerous voter suppression across the country.

The so-called ‘Election Integrity’ Commission, chaired by Vice President Mike Pence and Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, is seeking to find potential fraudulent registration on voter rolls across the country. They’ve requested personal, confidential information from all fifty states that threatens the privacy of Americans.”

Don’t let a few select politicians suppress the votes of millions of Americans. [Sign our petition today!](http://participate.lwv.org/c/10065/p/dia/action4/common/public/?action_KEY=12993) More at http://participate.lwv.org/c/10065/p/dia/action4/common/public/?action_KEY=12993

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AMERICANS ARE RADICALS AT HEART

Editor's note: Harvey Kaye's speech at the LWV Wisconsin Annual Convention, impressed me so much, I'm including a few quotes. He gave me permission to share some snippets, drawn from his new book project, RADICALS AT HEART.

The Theme: **“The time has come to embrace our radical history.”**

“We need to remember how a generation of Americans launched a grand experiment in freedom, equality and democracy.”

“We need to remember how ensuing generations of Americans struggled to not only make real the promise of ‘life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness,’ but also expand both the We in ‘We the People’ and the very reach of the people’s democratic rights and powers.”

“And finally, we need to remember how our greatest generations and their greatest leaders truly made America great, if not exceptional, in the Revolution, the Civil War, the Great Depression, World War II, and the 1960s by making the United States radically freer, more equal, and more democratic than ever before.”

“Listen well to Abraham Lincoln speaking at Gettysburg in 1863: ‘and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth;’ “

“To Franklin Roosevelt calling on Americans in 1941 to secure ‘Freedom of speech and expression.... Freedom of worship... Freedom from want... Freedom from fear;’ “

In 2011 “chants of ‘This is what democracy looks like!’ continued to reverberate and the energies



they excited soon came back to life in the *Fight for \$15*, the anti-pipeline campaigns, the immigrant rights struggle, the Chicago Teachers’ strike, the North Carolina Moral Mondays movement, Black Lives Matter, and the widespread popular enthusiasm for Elizabeth Warren’s calls to corral the big banks. “

“To make sense of our anxieties and longings, to encourage our hopes and aspirations, and to empower our energies and agencies – in short, to make history anew together – we need to embrace and cultivate our radical history.”

“We need to recall both how generations of American radicals – evangelicals, freethinkers, workingmen’s advocates, abolitionists, suffragists, labor unionists, populists, socialists, progressives, and liberals fighting for civil rights, feminist, and environmental activists – laid claim to and served as the prophetic memory of America’s promise.”

“And how ordinary Americans – farmers, artisans, slaves, women, industrial workers, and racial and ethnic minorities – have struggled to advance it.”

“But most especially, we need to recall how our ‘greatest generations’ and their greatest leaders – Washington, Lincoln, and Franklin Roosevelt – prevailed over the crises and enemies they confronted in the 1770s, 1860s, and 1930s and 1940s, not to mention the 1960s, NOT by giving up or suspending America’s finest ideals, but by making America freer, more equal, and more democratic than ever before.”

Harvey J. Kaye is the Ben & Joyce Rosenberg Professor of Democracy and Justice Studies at the University of Wisconsin, Green Bay. Author and editor of numerous works, including "The American Radical, Are We Good Citizens?" "Thomas Paine and the Promise of America", and "The Fight For The Four Freedoms: What Made FDR And The Greatest Generation Truly Great". Kaye teaches courses on American history, politics, and society.