



SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER, 2019

President's Message:

During the debate surrounding the 14th amendment, Susan B Anthony once was told by the white men in power that it is not the woman's turn for suffrage as if anybody should have to take turns to participate in something as basic to democracy as voting. What these white men were really saying was that we will only give up a small amount of our control and that we are stronger when we divide everyone else. We cannot make those same mistakes by letting ourselves be divided.

This is why we are working so hard at the League of Women Voters of Appleton. Our voter services director has already been busy at the high schools, post-secondary schools and in the community assisting voter registration and informing people of their voting rights. In addition, we have already begun our monthly program series with a feature on the Equal Rights Amendment. We have a very active study group working on climate change preparedness. And finally, our centennial committee has been working with other women's groups around the Fox Valley to prepare a year of celebration and education about what was done right to gain the vote and what was done wrong that left many women behind. Keep an eye open for important information about the national speakers that we have coming to Appleton.

Besides all of this, we have an extremely important election coming up and will be working hard to get out the vote, organize candidate forums and get candidates to send us information for our Vote411 website to provide nonpartisan information to all who want it. If you are interested in volunteering for any of these activities, contact Jeanne Roberts (jsbob@new.rr.com) or Cindy Fallona (cbfallona@hotmail.com) and we will get you connected with where your talents and interest fit best.

Centennial Committee Report:

In 1920, the 19th amendment was enshrined in the U.S. Constitution, giving women the right to vote. As we celebrate the centennial of this landmark, let's honor the extraordinary women who led the struggle to achieve this right, let's raise the voices of the women who were left behind, and let's inspire the next generation to take up the cause for women's rights not yet won.

That is the vision statement for the Centennial Committee which has some exciting news to report. Thanks to the tireless efforts of Dottie LeClair, we now have our three main events set with fantastic national speakers and we think these events align perfectly with our vision statement.

1. The kick-off to our centennial celebration will be the Holiday Brunch Saturday morning, December 14 from 10:30-12:30. The speaker will be [Dr. Sally Roesch Wagner](#) who will focus on her particular area of expertise: the influence of Native American women on early suffragists. Stay tuned for the location of the brunch; it may change from the Grand Meridian.

2. During Black History Month on Saturday, February 15, our League is partnering with African Heritage, Inc. and the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority to present [Michelle Duster](#), the great granddaughter of suffragist leader Ida B. Wells-Barnett. In addition to writing books about her great grandmother, Ms. Duster was a classmate of Michelle Obama in Chicago, and has edited a book about Obama's influence on African American girls. The focus of this event will be the role of African American women in the suffragist movement and how they were marginalized. This event will be held at Perry Hall on the UW-Oshkosh Fox Valley campus.

3. For Women's Equality Day on August 26, 2020, our speaker will be [Rachel O'Leary Carmona](#) who is the CEO of the Women's March Organization. This event will focus on the future of women's rights. It will also be held at Perry Hall in the evening with a reception to follow. Sue Silton is chairing this subcommittee.

The Educational Resources subcommittee, led by Barb Kelly, has compiled a lot of reference material which has been used to develop an informational brochure, speaking points and a power point on the history of women's suffrage, and educational toolkits to be distributed to schools. Our League will train speakers who will be available to do presentations to community groups. We will also have a copy of the Wisconsin Historical Society's exhibit on Wisconsin women's suffrage that will be circulated locally.

We have been working with Coalesce Marketing to develop a logo and tagline. Coalesce will build a website and Facebook page for the Centennial Committee as well as provide printed materials which we expect will launch sometime in October. Coalesce has been very helpful in providing focus and clarity on the vision and mission of this initiative, and is donating its services as a major sponsor. Marti Hemwall has been working on grant applications and fundraising efforts and Sue Hopfensperger is managing the finances for this coalition of women's groups which includes AAUW, Midday Women's Alliance, and The Women's Fund.

"It was we, the people; not we, the white male citizens; nor yet we, the male citizens; but we, the whole people, who formed the Union. ... Men, their rights and nothing more; women, their rights and nothing less."
Susan B. Anthony

[Our October Meeting.....](#)

Mark your calendar now to join us for our monthly meeting on Monday, October 21, 2019 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at the Copper Rock Coffee Shop, 210 West College Ave, Appleton.

Tony Gonzalez and Mary Rhode from United Way Fox Cities will discuss the **ALICE** study for our area. **ALICE** is a nation-wide study by the United Way on the working poor with the data by county and municipality. *"ALICE, an acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed, is a new way of defining and understanding the struggles of households that earn above the Federal Poverty Level but not enough to afford a bare-bones household budget. For far too many families the cost of living outpaces what they earn. These households struggle to manage even their most basic needs – housing, food, transportation, child care, health care, and necessary technology. The future success of our communities is directly tied to the financial stability of these fragile ALICE households."*

From the website: www.unitedforalice.org

Come learn about what the **ALICE** index says about our area.



Being a Poll Worker

Jacqui Klimaszewski

As League of Women Voter members, we are all concerned about clean, efficient elections. We don't want the voters to be discouraged with long lines or confusion. This requires that municipalities have a sufficient number of efficient, knowledgeable poll workers. The League recruits and trains Election Observers. This is how I started; I observed the polls and saw the high degree of checks and balances required. As an Election Observer, you can only address the Chief Inspector with questions or concerns, so when things got really busy, I wasn't able to pitch in and help things along. This spurred me to go through the training and be a poll worker so I could really help out. When the state report comes out with the collected results from the election observers, it frequently reports that the polls were understaffed. . .

So—let's focus on helping to recruit more poll workers!

Did you know these facts about being a poll worker??

- You can be a poll worker in



any municipality in the county where you reside.

- Poll workers are paid for their work, and employers are required to grant poll workers unpaid time off from their regular jobs for election days.
- In some municipalities, poll workers are allowed to work in shifts and do not have to work the entire day.

How can you become a poll worker? Contact your municipal clerk to indicate your interest in being a poll worker. If selected, you will receive training before you are expected to work. You will be taught everything you need to know to be successful. There are a number of capacities in which you can serve: Inspector, Chief Inspector, Alternative Inspector, Special Registration Deputy, Special Voting Deputy, and Greeters. These roles are explained below.

We are encouraging everyone to give it a try!

CITY OF APPLETON ELECTION WORKER INFORMATION

INSPECTOR: Performs the various duties required to facilitate the election process on election day - voter registration, poll list check in, issuing ballots, providing assistance when needed and preparing returns. Seven Inspectors are usually assigned to each location, however, only five may be used on occasion. Compensation - \$128.00

CHIEF INSPECTOR: Performs all duties required of inspectors while overseeing all processes and coordinating duties and break schedules. The City Clerk will appoint a Chief Inspector for a two-year term. Compensation - \$140.00

ALTERNATE INSPECTOR: Placed in this status when no appointed position is currently available but remains on the list for future appointment and will be used as needed until then. Compensation - \$128.00 (all day) \$64.00 (half-day)

SPECIAL REGISTRATION DEPUTY: Main election day duty would be registering new voters for their district. This position is only available for large elections. Ability to read small print and write clearly is necessary.

Compensation - \$116.00 (All day) \$58.00 (half-day)

SPECIAL VOTING DEPUTY: Assists voters confined to nursing homes or assisted living facilities with casting a ballot. Works with a partner and needs to be available for several hours in the week before an election. Compensation - \$50.00 per location.

GREETERS: We may appoint one additional inspector to act as a greeter and/or substitute for other officials as necessary on election day. Greeters should acknowledge voters and assist them in opening doors, if needed. Additionally, greeters should serve as a resource for answering questions about the polling place and where an elector needs to go in order to register to vote or receive a ballot. Compensation - \$116.00 (all day)

HOURS: The hours are 6:30 a.m. to completion of duties (approximately 9:30 p.m.). A lunch break of an hour may be possible during slow elections, but busy elections may require you to stay at the polling place and bring necessary meals. Half day or shorter shifts may be negotiated but whole days are preferred.

APPOINTED: Inspectors are appointed to a district for a two-year term and will work all elections. If you are not appointed, you will be considered an alternate and asked to work when absences occur. It is always our goal to place you in your own district, however, if you are willing to help “where needed” it is easier to make assignments.

TRAINING: Training sessions are provided before each election lasting approximately one hour. A reference manual is provided along with discussion of procedures. Compensation - \$15.00 Depending on type of appointment, state certification/training may be necessary.

QUESTIONS Call the Appleton City Clerk’s Office at 832-6447

<https://www.appleton.org/Home/ShowDocument?id=1654>



League of Women Voters Diversity Committee

Report by Shirley Strange, Chair

The Diversity Committee is working to collaborate with community groups that represent our diversely rich community. That is our ongoing goal. We urge you to attend public celebrations and programs sponsored by African Americans, the Hmong, Hispanic, Indian communities, and other minority groups. You will be amazed at the joy and love that radiates outward.

The Diversity Committee is working to advocate and educate the community on the issues facing the various minority groups.

Presently, Renee Gralewicz, League Member and member of the Brothertown Tribe, is working with Oneida tribal member, Lisa Hurst, and Reach Counseling Service, to bring a bill to the legislature that aims to reduce violence against Wisconsin Native People and take measures regarding the considerable number of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls in our state. Rep. Amanda Stuck is co-sponsoring the bill.

We urge you to contact your Wisconsin legislators and add your voice. Information for talking points can be found at: <https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin/appleton/lwv-appleton-diversity>

This summer we hosted book discussions of the book Waking Up White, by Debby Irving. The discussions were powerful. We intend to continue offering book titles and inviting you to book discussions.

Dave Strange, website manager, is helping us bring information from our committee to you via the website. We are planning to let you know about public events sponsored by the ethnic communities, offer book titles, articles, films and more. Please check the website periodically. On the front page, in the list on the left you will see "Diversity". It is here that you will find ongoing information as well as the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy of the League of Women Voters. lwvappleton.org

Membership News

The League of Women Voters of Appleton has reached new heights with our membership. We now stand at **100** strong as we begin our centennial celebrations.

Please join me in welcoming our new members that have joined since June of this year: Joyann Eggert, Karen Nelson, Bill Hansen Judy and Michael Goodnight, Kathy Voigt and GinaMaria Opalescent

We have set a goal for our LWV to add 15 additional members in our centennial year. It will take all of us to reach or exceed this goal. Please consider joining our Membership Committee. Contact me at cbfallona@hotmail.com for further information.

Fiscal Spending/Fundraising Committee

The rummage sale held in early September was a success, earning \$331! Thank you to everyone who contributed items for sale and tables. And, a special thank you to Cindy Fallona and Dottie LeClair for helping at the sale.

Our next fundraiser will be the basket and individual item raffles at the Holiday Brunch in December. Anyone interested in donating items or complete baskets for this fundraiser please contact Sue Hopfensperger at suehop57@gmail.com

Join The Observer Corps

Volunteers are needed for observer corps for Appleton Common Council meetings, Outagamie County Board meetings and Appleton School Board meetings. Observer Corps is an opportunity for League members to keep a pulse on what is going on with our local governments and to provide this information to the League President to make official statements about local issues as well as for other League members to be informed about the need for advocacy. If you are interested, contact Linda Bjella at lindabbjella@gmail.com.



Carson Hacker, Senior Appleton High School, registered to vote & proudly wore his "I registered to Vote" sticker on his high school ID picture.

Voter Services Report--

September, 2019

Submitted by J. Klimaszewski



Voter services has been very busy since June with 7 community events and August high school registration. Community events included Latinofest and African Heritage Back to School Celebration.

***145 Volunteer Hours**

*Reg. on-line-35 and mail-in-47

*Information-149 +

*Future Voters-215 +

*Popsockets-54

*New Volunteers/Members-5

MANY THANKS to all the volunteers who made these events possible!!

Upcoming Events:

- The League will be involved with the Public Community conversation Series on Creating Community Amidst Political-Ideological Divisions: Appleton Public Library - October 3 from 5:30p - 7:30pm.
- Eloisa Gomez-October 9-6:30pm - 9:00pm - Appleton Public Library

There will be other events planned throughout the year. It is a goal to have a weekly registration assistance event at the Appleton Public Library. To do this, we need to have MORE VOLUNTEERS. If you are interested in helping, call J. Klimaszewski at 830-2919 or e-mail jjklim@new.rr.com if you are interested. Other training sessions will be set up later in the year.

Our work with Appleton students through Willems marketing has been successful. The popsockets last year's students designed were extremely popular. We will need additional donations if we want to order more for next year. Willems has a new student group this year; we will contact them again in October for this year's project.

With the amount of activities and events, the Voter Services Team is increasing our meeting times to the fourth Monday of each month. Our goals for the year include outreach to Latino and Hmong communities and increasing diversity in our volunteers. If you would like to be a part of

this team, contact J. Klimaszewski at 830-2919 or e-mail jjklim@new.rr.com

OUR 2019-20 PROGRAM CALENDAR

We are pleased to introduce our program schedule for the upcoming fiscal year! This plan balances our year-long celebration of the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage and the League of Women Voters with educating ourselves on important issues. Mark your calendars now; all programs will be from 5:00-6:30 pm at Copper Rock café in downtown Appleton unless otherwise noted:

- October 21 - ALICE: The Status of the Working Poor in Outagamie County
- November 18 - Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women
- December 14 - Holiday Brunch 10:30 am – Place TBA
- January 18 - Lively Issues 10:30 am @ Appleton Library
- February 17 - Integrating Refugees into the Appleton area
- March 16 - Interactive program on Women's History
- April 20 - Climate Change Preparedness
- May 14 - Annual Meeting 5:30 pm @ Pullman's

Count Me In

Barb Dorzweiler

I was a part of our local League's Census 2010 committee. We had a small group of LWV members working on getting the word out to all of the community about the census and the importance of filling out the census forms. We presented information to community organizations and diverse groups. I urge you to consider if this is work YOU could do in an effort to make a difference in our area. Why does the LWVUS urge local groups to get involved? The Census is important to the foundations of democracy. The data gathered impacts not only our political representation but funding for education, healthcare centers, and infrastructure improvements.

The LWVUS encourages League efforts to inform the public about the census. There is a lot of apprehension, apathy, and discouragement out there regarding the census. Good information helps dispel rumors and falsehoods. The LWVUS website has lots of information to help you and your group to get started. Search on the LWVUS website for Census Action Kit 2020 and you will find the tools you need to get started. Your passion and creativity will take over from there. If you are interested, please contact Jeanne Roberts. Pledge to be counted and to educate our community about the importance of the 2020 census. Take the Pledge and Good luck. **#CountMeIn**

Making Democracy Work Award

Submitted by Shirley Strange

Over the past five years, the League of Women Voters of Appleton has presented an award honoring the civic work of individuals who have engaged in efforts, professionally or through volunteerism, to support and strengthen our democracy. Last year, the League inaugurated a Making Democracy Work Youth Award. Engaging with youth has been invigorating and uplifting. A great League decision. **The nomination process will be in place for the Youth Award October 1st. See website for nomination forms. lwvappleton.org**

This year the Appleton League is doing something a little different for the adult award. As we participate in the celebration of the League of Women Voters Centennial, the Appleton League has decided to choose a woman to honor. Therefore, the Committee will not be accepting nominations for an adult award this year.

Past recipients of the award are: 2014-Kathy Flores, 2015-Ann Muenster, 2016-Kathy Groat, 2017-Connie Raether, 2018-Nancy Jones, and first recipient for the Youth Award: Isabella DeVine. The awards will be presented at the Holiday Brunch, December 14th, the Kick-off of the 100th Anniversary Celebration.

Events Of Interest

LWVWI Issues Briefing

The Issues Briefing state meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 19th in Madison at the Radisson Hotel from 9:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m. This is a great time to get to know what the state and local Leagues are doing as well as to find out more about what the League means. This year's distinguished speakers will be Dr. Clark-Pujara, UW Professor of History and Afro-American Studies, on the history of black men and women in what becomes Wisconsin and the struggle for rights including suffrage, Virginia Kase, CEO of LWVUS, on the collective power of the League and the LWVUS 50 State Redistricting Reform Campaign, Janette Dean, ERA Organizer, and Aissa Olivarez, Immigration Attorney.

If interested, check out the LWVWI website, or call the state office by phone, 608-256-0827 or email, lwvwisconsin@lwvwi.org. The deadline for registration is Friday, October 11.

How to Make Your Vote Count What is Gerrymandering? What is the National Popular Vote? What Can I Do?

October 5th

Saturday, October 5, 2019 at 9 AM – 12 PM

YWCA Greater Green Bay
230 S Madison St, Green Bay

Come to the YWCA to hear four experts on these questions explain why elections don't always seem to reflect the will of the majority of the voters, and what can be done about this. There will be a break in the middle of the morning with lite food and beverage, and time for questions at the end of the morning.

-Dan Theno, a former Republican state senator and mayor of Ashland, will explain the history and process of redistricting in Wisconsin.

-Erin Grunze, League of Women Voters of Wisconsin Executive Director, will explain what we can do in the efforts to develop fair nonpartisan voting maps.

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