



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

November 2020

By Jeanne Roberts, President

What a month! We have learned much as a League, including how much more help we really could use from our members.

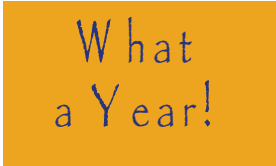
Special thanks to Dave Strange for the incredible amount of work that he has done and Barbara Kelly for being his backup tech person for the candidate forums. We were able to reach almost 3,000 people by utilizing Zoom for the forums!

Given the current situation with Covid-19 our League will need to continue doing our work to Empower Voters and Defend Democracy using a virtual format. That means we will need people to volunteer to learn about the technical assistance that is needed, including how they can help with candidate forums, social media, monthly programs and all of the other work that we are doing. If we can get enough volunteers, it will not require nearly as much time for any of us.

We have been doing an incredible amount of work at the local, state and national levels, especially with our focus on voting safely. The Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) reports that 1,286,494 have already requested an absentee ballot in Wisconsin! The LWV US has been filing lawsuits to eliminate efforts at voter and census suppression and they have had some success.

The LWV Appleton also has been focused on voter registration education and assistance focused on voting safely, including providing assistance for those who want to complete an absentee ballot but need a witness. The media has noticed our good work and has turned to the League to provide the nonpartisan, fact-based information that it has been known for since February of 1920.

Thank you to everyone who has been a part of this incredible journey!



In this last issue of *The Informed Voter* for 2020, the Board thought it appropriate to highlight the amazing amount of work, programs, voter outreach, study and advocacy that our members have successfully carried out in this most challenging year. So along with all of the informative content in this issue, we have devised a timeline that we hope displays the volume and depth of our work and accomplishments during a time when we had to rethink and reimagine all of the ways we connect with each other and with our community. Any oversights are purely accidental and in no way intentional. Thank you to all who contributed in any way to this incredible body of work.

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League Powers Long List of Advocacy Issues

By Linda Bjella
Advocacy Vice President

As we celebrated the 100th birthday of the League's founding on February 14, 1920, we held a "Power the Vote" event at the Appleton Public Library to encourage our members to contact representatives. There was a long list of advocacy items that Leaguers responded to this year:

National action items:

- Support for "For the People Act", the first comprehensive piece of legislation passed by the House of Representatives following the mid-term election in 2018
- Support for legislation which would eliminate the deadline for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment
- Support for legislation that would restore the provisions of the original Voting Rights Act of 1965 and provide greater transparency and voter protection
- Oppose shortening of the census
- Oppose budget cuts and other administrative changes to the U.S. Postal Service

State action items:

- Support for Fair Maps legislation that would establish a nonpartisan commission to draw the new legislative maps in 2021
- Support for legislation that would make Wisconsin part of the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact
- Support for legislation that would address the crisis of missing and murdered indigenous women
- Oppose legislation that would take the focus off of rehabilitation and restoration to reduce Wisconsin's prison population
- Oppose legislation that would result in increased criminalizing of juvenile offenders
- Support for legislation addressing gun violence
- Support for safer-at-home and mask mandates policies to control the pandemic
- Support for the People's Maps Commission

Local action items:

- Support for funding of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) positions for the City of Appleton and Outagamie County
- Support for the Emergency Manager position for Outagamie County
- Support for the Conversion Therapy Ban at the Appleton Common Council Meeting
- Support for the County's Comprehensive Plan
- Support for the Hmong community and against deportation
- Support of a resolution to have mailed ballots in Appleton after the spring election
- Spoke on racism and health care outcomes
- Spoke at both city council and county budget hearings
- Support of the library
- Support of the Climate Committee's Recommendations
- Support for the Parks & Rec Department budget as a need during COVID
- Support to thank the Health Departments and both city and county clerks
- Obtained mayoral proclamations recognizing the LWV and 19th Amendment centennials and in favor of fair maps

Observer Corps:

We now have teams of observers tracking the Appleton Common Council, the Outagamie County Board, and the Appleton Area Board of Education and have put in place a procedure that observers can use to report to the board. Going forward, we want our observers to examine everything through a DEI lens in keeping with the importance of that initiative for the LWV.

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2020: Nevertheless, *We Progressed!*

Typically, we provide reports at our annual meeting about what we have done, but this year has not been like any year in recent memory. We decided to do a fun review of all of the programs, voter registration, celebrations and especially changes that we had to make last year in order to make 2020 an incredibly successful year for LWV Appleton.

We began our year in December of 2019 at the Performing Arts Center with a celebratory kickoff to the centennial of the passage of the 19th Amendment with Dr. Sally Roesch Wagner speaking on the influence of the indigenous women on the early suffrage movement. In January we conducted another successful Lively Issues meeting and agreed to continue with the second year of our two-year study on climate change preparedness. We also began our work on the census.

In February, we welcomed along with the other centennial committee organizations, Jessica Neuwirth to speak about the Equal Rights Amendment. In early March, the centennial coalition welcomed Michelle Duster, great-granddaughter of Ida B. Wells to talk about the work of the African American Suffragists.

Along with all of the programming, we conducted several successful candidate forums and voter registration assistance events.

And then everything stopped. In order to continue to fulfill our mission to Empower Voters and Defend Democracy, we had to completely change how we did everything. The pandemic caused closures and restrictions that would not allow for our usual face to face advocacy.

LWV Offers Ways to Engage, Help Out

LWV is always looking for good people to help fulfill our mission to Empower Voters and Defend Democracy. At the beginning of the year we will need help with the budget committee to review last year's budget and prepare for next year's. This requires a commitment of one afternoon for 2-3 hours. Volunteers need not have math or budget experience.

LWV Wisconsin is looking for volunteers for an ad hoc committee to study the League's policies on young people in League and the current age restrictions. This would involve Zoom or GoToMeeting meetings with other League members around the state and would be a great opportunity to meet other people and learn a little about the inner workings of League.

Moving forward, LWV will be looking to create a technology committee to assist with the incredible increase in our technology needs. Volunteers need not be IT experts, but only have some basic computer skills and a willingness to learn. The committee would develop an overall tech and social media plan including the areas of:

- Social Media
- Voter Registration
- Candidate Forums
- Special Events – lively issues, holiday brunch, annual meeting, etc.
- Monthly Programs
- Website
- Ad hoc requests – example: converting PowerPoints to videos and posting on YouTube
- Simple video editing
- Finding, evaluating, and acquiring software appropriate for projects after listening to people planning them
- Mailchimp or other email support
- Monitoring League emails

If interested in any of these opportunities, contact Cindy Fallona, Membership Director, at 920-606-3475, or email Cindy at or cbfallona@hotmail.com



2020 No Match for League to Defend Democracy, Empower Voters

In 2020, we observed the 100th anniversary of League, and the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment. It was a US Census year. We worked through the most critical presidential election in history – all during a global pandemic. Here is a timeline of LWV Appleton activities during this exceptional year.

DECEMBER 2019

- Dec. 14 – 19th Amendment Centennial Kickoff – at the PAC – Dr. Sally Roesch Wagner

APRIL

- April 17 – first Zoom practice
- April 20 – Climate Change Preparedness Program – Zoom
- April 20 – Advocated with Common Council Supporting Mailed to Citizens of Appleton

MAY

- May 21 – Annual Meeting

AUGUST

- Aug. 4/Aug. 6 – Summer Social Distancing Series “Say Her Name” – Zoom
- Aug. 25 – 19th Amendment Proclamation at Common Council Meeting
- Aug. 26 – Women’s Equality Day – Centennial of the 19th Amendment – Release of the Centennial Video

JANUARY

- Jan. 1 – 112 Members
- Jan. 8 – Speak at Common Council Meeting against Conversion Therapy
- Jan. 11 – Lively Issues
- Jan. 16 – Census Kickoff Event
- Jan. 20 – MLK Day of Service Voter Event
- Jan. 28 – Advocate in Support of the County’s Comprehensive Plan
- Jan. 30 – Candidate Forum

JUNE

- June 13 – State Convention – Zoom
- June 22-27 – National Convention – Zoom

SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 1 – Candidate Forum Zoom Training
- Sept. 8 – Candidate Forum – Zoom
- Sept. 14 – Kami Lynch, Appleton City Clerk – Understanding Absentee Ballots program – Zoom
- Sept. 16 – Candidate Forum – Zoom
- Sept. 16 – Local volunteers added to statewide Voter Helpline
- Sept. 24 – Candidate Forum – Zoom
- Sept. 29 – Participated in Red Shoes Inc. Blog on the Importance of Voting
- Sept. 30 – Offered Ballot Proofing to local clerks

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 8 – Consensus Meeting – Climate Change Preparedness Part I
- Feb. 13 – Welcoming Refugees into the Fox Valley Program
- Feb. 14 – Celebration of LWV 100th Anniversary
- Feb. 17 – Miss Saigon Refugee Panel – in partnership with Performing Arts Center
- Feb. 18 – Equal Rights Amendment – 19th Amendment Centennial Committee – Jessica Neuwirth (ERA Coalition)
- Feb. 19 – Vietnam & Hmong Veterans Panel – Appleton Library
- Feb. 21 – Spoke at Common Council Meeting Regarding Racism & Health Care Outcomes

OCTOBER

- Oct. 5 – Announced Ballot Witnessing Service
- Oct. 6 – “The Show Must Go On” Interview Performing Arts Center – Zoom
- Oct. 6 – Congressional Candidate Forum recorded in conjunction with Greater Green Bay and Door County Leagues
- Oct. 13 – Spanish Language Zoom Training
- Oct. 19 – Hispanic Community – with Kimberly Clark
- Oct. 24 – Pack the Polls parade
- Oct. 27 – Presentation at County Board Budget Hearing

MARCH

- March 7 – Black Women’s Suffrage Movement – 19th Amendment Centennial Committee – in partnership with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority – Michelle Duster, great-granddaughter of Ida B. Wells
- March 8 – Everything stopped due to the Covid-19 pandemic!
- March 20 – Spoke at Appleton Common Council in Support of the Hmong community and against deportation

JULY

- July 8/July 16 – Summer Social Distancing Series “Why This Time is Different” – Zoom

NOVEMBER

- Nov. 2 – Interviews on three radio shows – Poll Worker Recognition
- Nov. 4 – Presented at City Council Budget Hearing
- Nov. 11 – 145 Members
- Nov. 16 – Social Injustice in Housing Program – Zoom

Voter Services Meets Its Mission Amid Pandemic

**By Brian Post, Director, Voter Registration,
and Jacqueline Klimaszewski, Director, Voter Education & Turnout**

This was a challenging year for our team. With mayoral and presidential elections on the slate, we had very high voter interest and were looking forward to helping turn that interest into new voters. Then the pandemic hit and shut down all of our in-person opportunities. Our team made the decision early on that any opportunities would need to be either online or both outdoors and contact-less in order to protect our volunteers and the general public.

The team worked hard, became creative, and produced results:

- Made ourselves available 25 times to the public to provide information and help people register to vote before pandemic curtailed in-person events.
- Tried a weekly time slot at the Appleton Public Library in addition to our annual schedule at local high schools and colleges.
- Conducted 2 Voter Registration Training sessions – trained 20 new volunteers.
- Helped register 52 new voters between January and March 15 when in-person activities were halted due to pandemic.
- Used a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion grant to produce short online videos featuring diverse citizens explaining voter education basics. These videos were recognized by LWV US as an example of adapting our methods to meet needs during the pandemic.
- Established an “Ambassador” network program with college freshmen broadcasting nonpartisan voter information to their peers.
- Distributed 30 “Vote From Home” yard signs. Designed and deployed sandwich board and other signs at outdoor events.
- Engaged with 2 high school seniors via Willems Marketing internship. These young women created their own brand and social media accounts to help spread nonpartisan voting information to their peers.
- Transitioned to an online and media outreach to inform potential voters on how to register. Conducted 4 radio interviews. Our high school interns appeared on local WFRV TV news to encourage voting.
- Produced the in-person Appleton mayoral candidate forum. Produced 3 State Assembly district forums entirely online. Assisted in production of District 8 Congressional forum. The in-person mayoral forum was so popular the room was filled to capacity and we had to encourage people to watch the recording. The online State Assembly forums resulted in hundreds of people participating/viewing and were extremely successful in technical execution.

Many thanks to our Voter Services Team Members: Jacqui Klimaszewski, Jeanne Roberts, Gayle Hardt, Nancy Pourciau, Sandi Rhode, Sara McDonald, Sara Companik, April Savage and Brian Post.

Creative Items Sought for Holiday Gala

The LWV-Appleton Holiday Gathering is coming soon and we look forward to celebrating with you, virtually! At this year's gathering we will be raising funds through a virtual silent auction to support our 2021 activities.

Can you help us out with a donation of a basket, such as a book, garden or wine theme, or an imaginative creation of your own? Or, how about an item or two to add to a basket? All donations are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible. Your donation can be something as simple as a gift certificate or a Zoom cooking lesson with you!

If you'd like to contribute to our silent auction, please email Fiscal Spending/Fundraising Chair Sue Hopfensperger at suehop57@gmail.com by Wednesday, November 18th and we can make arrangements to pick up your item. Thank you for considering our request to help.

LWVUS Recognizes Appleton Videos

Six voter registration videos created by the League of Women Voters in conjunction with the 19th Amendment Centennial Coalition received national recognition by the League of Women Voters US in the October 19, 2020 newsletter. Here's their recognition of our work:

Field Highlight

This week, we want to shine our spotlight on the LWV of Appleton in Wisconsin! The volunteers in Appleton have put together a fantastic Voter Service video series that showcases the different ways people can vote safely. You can find the videos on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, as well as their YouTube channel.

Advocacy Issues, continued

Census:
Three of our LWV members served on the Outagamie County Complete Count Committee. Karen Nelson was appointed as co-chair, and Shirley Strange and Linda Bjella served on the committee.

Fair Maps:
Penny Bernard-Schaber is chairing a team that is working to pass county referendums in support of nonpartisan redistricting in the 8th congressional district. Linda Bjella also serves on this committee. In July, this group sponsored two events in downtown Appleton: a "Honk for Fair Maps" car parade, and a "Stand for Fair Maps" demonstration. The Shawano County board recently passed a fair maps resolution and Brown and Door Counties both passed fair maps referendums on November 3.

Pack the Polls:
Our LWV sponsored a car parade in October 24 on National Vote Early Day as part of a state-wide campaign led by Building Unity. The emphasis was a nonpartisan get-out-the vote message. The Lamers Company donated the trolley to lead the parade through Appleton. Other organizations that joined with the League were AAUW, CCL, Esther, Fox Cities Advocates for Public Education, Celebrate Diversity, and The Fox Valley UU Fellowship.

Weigh In on Governor's Budget

Listening sessions on portions of Gov. Evers' budget have been scheduled on Zoom. Sessions include Healthcare and Public Health, Tuesday, November 17, at 6 p.m.; Environment, Infrastructure and Economy, Wednesday, December 2 at 6 p.m.; Criminal Justice Reform, Tuesday, December 8 at 6 p.m., and Schools and Education, Wednesday, December 16 at 6 p.m. Details can be found on the Governor's Budget Listening Session website <https://evers.wi.gov/Pages/BudgetListeningSessions.aspx>

2020 Impacted Program Delivery

By Renee Gralewicz
Program Director

As you may have heard, 2020 has been a unique year in the history of the world. Locally, the year altered the way we interact with each other and our families; it altered the way we learn and work. More importantly, it altered the way we view ourselves and our communities. The realities of Black Americans and other marginalized peoples became clear and many from the dominant caste started to really hear that they live in a US culture different from theirs. Our Diversity Committee responded by offering two special programs in the summer.

The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee influenced our League in many ways. Our October program celebrating Hispanic Heritage was presented in both English and Spanish!! We, by “we” I mean Dave Strange and Barb Kelly, learned how to make this possible. Dave and Barb continue to explore ways to make more of our programs accessible to more people. The October **Hispanic Heritage Celebration** program was a collaboration with Kimberly-Clark’s LAND (Latin American Network for Diversity) division. Of the 55 who attended, 30 were League members and 14 Kimberly-Clark employees. Special shoutout to presenters Maria Lopez-Garcia, Norys Pina, Ligia Rivera, and Britt Wells, and a special thank you to Maria Elena DeLeon, the woman who volunteered to translate during the program. Maria is not a professional translator and she left her comfort-zone to help us reach more people in our community.

Looking forward we have our **Social Injustice in Housing program, Monday November 16, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.** Join us to learn about our local housing issues. We will close the calendar year with our **Holiday Gathering Saturday, December 12, at 9:00 a.m.** where we’ll explore Gerrymandering. Matt Rothschild, executive director of the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, has been working on this issue for many years and will share his thoughts about the current progress toward a fair map. Rothschild wrote the book *You Have No Rights: Stories of America in an Age of Repression* and many opinion essays appearing in many national newspapers including the *Chicago Tribune*, the *LA Times*, the *Miami Herald*.

2021 starts with **Lively Issues (Saturdays January 23 and 30)** where we decide which issues we want our League to research and address. Our Climate Change Preparedness and Resilient Community study committee will come to an end soon and we’ll decide what our League positions will be on these issues during a **Consensus Meeting (Saturday, February 13)**. **February 15** will be an exciting exploration into how our US history is being taught and presented in public education, and on **March 15** we’ll discuss reproductive health. **April 19th** we’ll learn more about climate change, and conclude our year with our May Annual Meeting.

I am looking for people with experience in using www.ideaboardz.com, a program that provides a virtual board of sticky notes of ideas, which allows participants to edit or vote for ideas. It seems this might be a viable computer program to use for our January Lively Issues meetings. Please contact me

Climate Change Study Heads Into Home Stretch

By Jill Mitchler, Co-Chair
Climate Change Preparedness and Resilience Study Committee

The League of Women Voters of Appleton's Climate Change Preparedness and Resilience Study is in the home stretch of their two-year assignment!

Still hard at work, and meeting almost weekly since May 2019 (on Zoom during COVID-19), the group has been researching impacts of climate change in our area and devising draft position statements to be reviewed at a Consensus meeting on Saturday, February 13, and voted on by membership at the

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Member Spotlight: Meet Laurie Cesar

Laurie Cesar – A Place for Thoughtful Conversation



What would you like Appleton League members to know about you?

I grew up in and around the Fox Valley area. I most recently lived in western New York State but when my employer “realigned” for the nth time, I took their “early retirement” offer and moved back to Wisconsin. When time allows, I enjoy hikes on trails in the area, reading and the stimulating programs offered by the League.

Tell us one or two important things that League has given you.

A place for thoughtful conversation; a place to learn more about current issues and their impact locally. Thank you. I don’t get this kind of interaction elsewhere.

What is the most interesting piece of art you have ever seen?

Paintings by Thomas Cole and the artists of the Hudson River School generally take my breath away. They capture the immensity of nature and often soothe me when I’m stressed.

What is the most interesting place you have ever visited?

The Soviet Union. I visited during Gorbachev’s Perestroika. The opportunity to visit presented itself and I thought it good to “know the enemy”, although it seemed at the time our countries were on the road to a friendly relationship.

What is the last book you have read?

Resistance Women - both the author and protagonist of this work of historical fiction are products of the University of Wisconsin. The protagonist met and married a German in the late 20s/early 30s. They moved to Berlin as Hitler was coming into power. I expected more active resistance but the book was interesting and for better or worse, there were parallels to current events.

Tis the Season to Welcome New Members

By Cindy Fallona

Membership Director

The Great Pumpkin was generous to the League of Women Voters Appleton during the month of October. She did not leave us candy; far better, she brought us three new members. Please join me in welcoming: Heather Tomchek, Donna Clementi and Wendy Walecka, all of Appleton.

The November Thanksgiving turkey brings us to our membership renewal time for the year 2021. I am sure no one is sad to see 2020 on its way out. But lest we forget, the year 2020 saw our membership ranks gain **33** new members. -- impressive additions for a year marked by Covid-19.

In the month of November, each member will receive a letter with your renewal form and membership information. You may also go online to renew at lwvappleton.org. Please contact me should you have any questions on renewal.

The nonpartisan and DEI hallmarks of the League have put us in the spotlight through our media coverage and wonderful events. This is a good time to mention us to your friends and colleagues, who may have heard our members being interviewed, and invite them to join. It is always easier to come into an organization if you already know there will be familiar faces. Send me their names and contact information, and I will reach out to them.

To all current members, please consider being an active participant in the League. See opportunities included in another article in this issue. Feel free to contact me for more information: Cindy Fallona, 920-606-3475 or cballona@hotmail.com

DEI Efforts Make LWV More Accessible to Diverse People

By Shirley Strange

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee Chair

Census: Census efforts began in March, outreach to the Latinx community turned from face to face events to electronic ways of communicating in an effort to help members of the Latinx community complete census forms. Karen Nelson and Maiyoua Thao helped with the Hmong community.

MMIW - In March we began tracking legislative efforts initiated by then Rep. Amanda Stuck and Renee Gralewicz, member of the Brothertown Nation, to address the crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and Two Spirit individuals. Two Spirit refers to individuals who do not identify as either male or female. In June 2020, due to the advocacy by members of the 12 tribes of Wisconsin, including Renee Gralewicz of the Brothertown Nation and member of the DEI Committee, we obtained a commitment from Josh Kaul, WI Attorney General, to create a task force. The Task Force membership was announced in October; we await action.

Threat of Hmong Deportation: Long Cheng Marketplace was the location of a press conference covering the response to the threat of deportation of Hmong refugees. Many public figures presented statements and several members of the DEI Committee and other community members were present to support the Hmong community.

The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee is always working to make the League more accessible to diverse communities. In May, Technical Director Dave Strange made the **website**, lwwappleton.org, **available to the vision impaired** and ensured that voting information was **accessible to the Latinx Community**.

Voting: In June Ligia Rivera perused local, state, and national League websites to identify areas that needed improvement for Latinx access.

Voter Registration Assistance: In July Ligia Rivera helped the National League with their website to be more accessible to Latinx voters as well as making Vote411 easier to access for Spanish speaking voters.

Summer Social (Distancing) Series - The DEI Committee and League Membership, working with Programming, hosted a **Summer Social (Distancing) Series** in July and August. The first series entitled "Why This Time Is Different" covered topics of Systemic Racism and the intersection of policing and race. The second series, "Say Her Name" covered the issue of Black women dying in police custody along with "Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two Spirits" focusing on the disappearances and deaths of Indigenous women, girls and two spirits.

Karen Nelson, Committee member and Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator for the City of Appleton, has written several thought-provoking **articles for Appleton Monthly**, including "Racism is a Crisis", "Yes All Lives (Should) Matter," and more. Access the articles [here](#).

Voter Registration: In September and October much work was done for voter registration assistance in the Latinx community. Partnering with ESTHER and Voces de la Frontera, Ligia Rivera and Jeanne Roberts participated in setting up information tables at three Hispanic restaurants. Ligia also set up registration assistance at a Hispanic bakery where she and her colleagues registered voters, provided voter information, and even helped a young woman with information to become a US citizen. Ligia also created summaries in Spanish of political candidates for New London and Beaver Creek.

Going forward, The DEI Committee is creating action items to fit the newly created goals. We will be reaching out to League members for participation.

The DEI Committee continues to add **books, articles, and videos** to the League website for League member's growth. Find them online at <https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin/appleton/lwv-appleton-diversity>

LWV Leads 19th Amendment Celebration

By Linda Bjella, Co-Chair
LWV 19th Amendment Centennial Committee

The Appleton LWV assembled a coalition of women's organizations which included AAUW, Midday Women's Alliance, the Northeast Wisconsin Alumnae Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., and the Women's Fund for the Fox Valley Region. We received major grants from the Community Foundation of the Fox Valley Region and the Kimberly Clark Foundation with in-kind support from Coalesce Marketing, Fox Valley Technical College, The History Museum at the Castle, The Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, and Andee Vosters, vision navigator.

We sponsored four major events:

- December 14, 2019: Kick-off Brunch: *The Influence of Indigenous Women on Early Suffragists*, with author and professor of women's studies, Dr. Sally Roesch Wagner at the Kimberly-Clark theater of the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center
- February 18, 2020: *The Equal Rights Amendment* with Jessica Neuwirth, co-president of the ERA Coalition at the Fox Club, Timber Rattlers Stadium
- March 7, 2020: *Black Women's History: African American Suffragists and the Struggle for Inclusion* with Michelle Duster, author, speaker, educator, and great-granddaughter of Ida B. Wells held at the Red Lion Paper Valley Hotel
- August 26, 2020, Women's Equality Day: *Nevertheless, We Progress*, a virtual celebration of 100 years of women's rights which can be found on the coalition website: heroicehervoteourvictory.com

In addition, we developed educational resources for both elementary and secondary students and assembled a speaker's bureau of volunteers who spoke to local groups about women's suffrage history and then moved into the virtual space to do presentations for groups across the country. We acquired a traveling exhibit, *We Stand on Their Shoulders: A History of Wisconsin Women and Voting* developed by the Wisconsin Historical Society. We provided voter information at all of our events and developed informational videos targeting underserved voting groups.

And there is still more to come!

On Tuesday, November 17 at 6:30 p.m., there will be a virtual presentation, *An Evening with Wisconsin Suffragist Jessie Jack Hooper* presented by Dr. Helen Bannan, retired Director of Women's Studies and Associate Professor of History at UW-Oshkosh. This Zoom event is sponsored by AAUW. Details for registration can be found at the coalition [website](#).

Next year, we are planning a Women's Equality Day celebration with Elaine Weiss, author of *The Woman's Hour* which chronicles the spell-binding history of the final stages of state ratification of the 19th Amendment in Nashville, TN during the summer of 1920.

Climate Change Study, continued

Annual Meeting in May. The final approved position statements will provide the basis upon which our League's leadership can advocate in the interest of our local communities' climate resilience.

This week, the study committee released their second set of videos in their series of educational modules: the five newest videos relate to climate resilience for vulnerable populations. In the coming two months, there will be additional videos released on the topics of Resilient Infrastructure, Economics of Climate Resilience and Long-standing Climate Resilience Programs.

All of the educational videos in this series are available on the tab of the [League of Women Voters of Appleton's web page](#). We hope you will take time to watch these short but very informative educational modules. Please also consider taking some of the many suggested individual actions to support their work and help ensure that our communities are more prepared and resilient in the face of the already visible impacts of climate change.