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Moving an Electorate Spinning Plates

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Ever wonder what the **League of Women Voters Appleton-Fox Cities** does in the months leading up to an election? If you're old enough, you may remember The Ed Sullivan Show and the entertainer who kept scores of plates spinning balanced on slender poles. That is what September and October are like in our League organization.

Here's why:

THREE Candidate Forums with candidates from *both major political parties* is an amazing feat. In this divisive political environment, Candidate Forums are increasingly rare. Our **League** takes great pains to establish our neutral non-partisan commitment. We always invite candidates from both major parties. We solicit issues-oriented questions from the **public** and also at the forum. We carefully time candidate responses to ensure an even playing field. We record the forums and post them in their entirety so the **public** can see all candidates' responses in the context of the questions.



VOTER SERVICES OUTREACH	ADVOCACY TO VOTE NO ON THE ANTI-EQUITY AMENDMENT	COMMUNICATIONS USING A WIDE ARRAY OF MEDIA
<p>Everywhere the public gathers.</p> <p>From our local DMV to tabling at Constitution Square, Latino Fest, Rhythms of the World, and the Appleton Public Library lobby, the League provides assistance for voters who need to register to vote.</p> <p>In September alone, our volunteers distributed hundreds of My Vote information cards and assisted individuals who needed to register or update their voter information before the midterm elections.</p> <p>Senior housing residences, high schools, and Lawrence University, we are there.</p>	<p>Voters who get into their polling place and are surprised to read three binding Constitution amendment questions, are too late to ask for help.</p> <p>This is why our League has been distributing advocacy materials which explain what the amendment language would mean to established programs which help disadvantaged groups.</p> <p>We have spoken to more than a dozen organizations sharing the State League's Impartial Justice Committee research. "Know Before You Vote" has never been more important than this election.</p>	<p>Post-Crescent Letters to the Editor, interviews on WHBY Radio and WBAY TV helped the League reach thousands through traditional media platforms.</p> <p>Increasingly we also turn to social media via YouTube and Facebook to reach new audiences. One of our Facebook posts (NO, NO, NO on Amendment Questions) has been viewed over three hundred thousand times.</p> <p>If you're on Facebook or YouTube please follow us and share our posts with friends and family — you will help us reach even more voters.</p>

I could go on and on. Please know that your **League** is "all hands on deck" to ensure that each **Wisconsin voter** has everything they need to cast an **informed ballot** in these important **mid-term elections**.

Forward,





Vote No No NO!!!

III Amendments May Surprise Voters

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LETTER TO EDITOR: THE REAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE 3 AMENDMENTS ON THE NOV. 3 BALLOT

Don't be surprised when you read your **November ballot**. **Wisconsin voters** face **three constitutional amendment questions**, and we are finding few people know about them. The **League of Women Voters of Wisconsin Impartial Justice Committee** has thoroughly researched these amendments. We encourage you to **Vote No on all three questions**.

Here's what you need to know before voting:

These referendum questions will create permanent changes to our Wisconsin Constitution if passed.

Question 3 is especially troublesome. It appears to prohibit discrimination — but discrimination is already banned in our current Constitution.

What **Question 3** does is to introduce a new term — **"preferential treatment"** — that will throw established programs and policies into disarray.

What programs and policies could be eliminated?

Health and Environment Equity: Programs that address higher rates of chronic illness, disease, and mortality including maternal and infant mortality in our Black population.

Education: Programs that address K-12 accommodations, curriculum, UW admissions, scholarships, grants, courses, textbooks.

Community Action Programs: Head Start and social-support networks for food banks, homeless shelters, and domestic violence shelters.

While framed as promoting equality, this amendment would reduce Wisconsin's capacity to address long-standing disparities. It would strip public systems of tools essential for promoting equal opportunity and access to those in need. Wisconsin does well when we all do well. The League of Women Voters encourages you to VOTE NO on your November ballot and preserve programs that actually help people.

QUESTION 1

vote
NO



"Partial veto. Shall section 10 (1) (c) of article V of the constitution be amended...

...because it could unnecessarily restrict public funding of priority programs through taxes or other resources, and disrupt the balance of powers in state government.

QUESTION 2

vote
NO



"Freedom to gather in places of worship during an emergency. Shall section 18...

...because it would limit government's ability to restrict religious gatherings during emergency situations, including dangerous disease outbreaks or other public health threats.

QUESTION 3

vote
NO



"Governmental entity discrimination prohibited. Shall section 27 of article I of the constitution...

...because it would undo decades of policies designed to prohibit inequities based on race, sex, ethnicity, or national origin in public employment, education, administration, or government contracting.

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VOTER SERVICE

Candidate Forums Inform Voters

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AD3 VIDEO UP



State Assembly District 3 – Candidates: **Ron Tusler (R) (I)** and **Mike Goodwin (D)**. 35 turned out for the forum. Click the graphic or find the video on our website.

AD52 VIDEO UP



State Assembly District 52 – **Lee Snodgrass (D) (I)** and **Reive Pullen (R)**. 78 turned out for the forum. Click the graphic or find the video on our website.

AD53 VIDEO UP



State Assembly District 53—Co-sponsored by **LWVWI, LWVWC, LWVAF, Doty Island Development Council** and City of Neenah. All candidates were invited: **Rachael Dowling (Ind.)** and **Becky Nichols (D)** attended. **David Daniels (R)** did not attend. Click graphic or find on LWVWC website.

AD56 - OCT. 14



State Assembly District 56—North/northwest of Appleton. Candidates: **Anthony Phillips (R)** and **Grace Abitz (D)**. Set up for Wednesday, October 14, **6:30-8:00 p.m.** at **Grand Chute Town Center Park**. This will be recorded and added to the website.

CD8 - TBD

Congressional District 8: Haven't been successful with Republican candidates. Candidates: **Tony Wied (R) (I)**, **Rick Crosson (D)**. Nothing scheduled at this point.

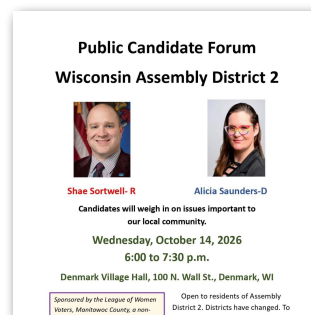
AD55 - VIDEO UP

State Assembly District 55 - LWVWC offered interviews with candidates for AD55 (western portions of Appleton)—**Nate Gustafson (R) (I)** and **Alex Corrigan (D)**. Only **Alex Corrigan** accepted the interview invite. Click here for the video.

SD19 VIDEO UP

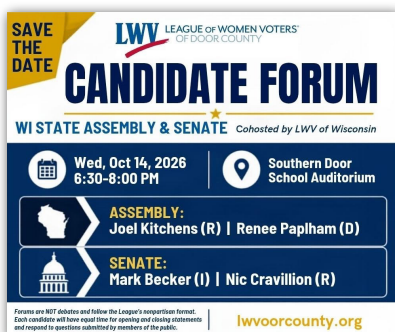
State Senate 19 - LWVWC offered interviews with candidates for SD19 (north and western parts of Appleton)—**Rachael Cabral-Guevara (R) (I)** and **Emily Tseffos (D)**. Only **Emily Tseffos** accepted the invite. Her interview is up. Click here for the video.

AD2 - OCT. 14



State Assembly District 2-Hwy 441 on the East to Fox River on the North, south to Combined Locks, including half of Kaukauna. South Boundary is Calumet County line. The bulk is in Brown and Manitowoc Co. Candidates **Alicia Saunders (D)** and **Shae Sortwell (R) (I)**. Manitowoc Co. League is planning a forum for October 18, and will share the recording for our website.

SD1 & AD1 - OCT. 14



State Senate District 1 & Assembly District 1 LWVDC has a joint candidate forum for these candidates scheduled for October 14 SD1 - **Mark Becker (D)** vs **Nic Cravillion (R)**. AD1 - **Joel Kitchens (R) (I)** vs **Renee Paplham (D)**. They will share the recording when it is finished.

AD5 - TBD

State Assembly District 5-Hwy 441 on the East to Fox River on the South, including half of Kaukauna; the bulk is in Brown Co. Candidates: **Joy Goeben (R) (I)**, **David Schupbach (G)** and **Justin Schumacher (D)**. Nothing scheduled at this point.



Volunteers Spur Tabling Opportunities

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SIGN-UPS STILL ENCOURAGED

Voter Services had a very busy month of September. We had registration assistance tables at the following events: **Rhythms of the World** at **Houdini Plaza, Lawrence University, LatinoFest, Appleton Public Library, and Constitution Square**. This involved 27 volunteers (112 volunteer hours). Information was provided to 184 people, including how to register and how to find ballot information. Thank you to all who volunteered—let's keep the good work going up to the election!!

Training is available. If there are locations/events you think would be interested in hosting a registration assistance event, contact: voterservice@lwwappletonfoxcities.org

ONGOING EVENTS - CLICK ANY FROM THE THREE BELOW TO SIGNUP!

DMV PROJECT	APPLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY	OTHER EVENTS
September 23-Oct.14 — Daily from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. —Data is being collected until the 14th .	October 17 & Nov. 21 — Appleton Public Library Lobby .	Signup via email to volunteer for upcoming events.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS COMPLETED

Delta Kappa Gamma — New London (2 vol., 5 hrs., 25—Info. & membership)

Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship — (2 vol., 2 hours – 25; Info. & membership)

Advocacy on College Avenue during **Octoberfest**: 300 Vote No pamphlets distributed.

OCTOBER EVENTS TO COME

In the planning stage:

October 17: Celebrate the Vote event at 3:00 p.m. in Houdini Plaza, Appleton. We will have the Apron Brigade passing out referendum information.

October 18: UCC Hope and Justice Sing-Along - 5:00-6:30 p.m.

October 22: Latino Advocacy of the Fox Valley (LA Fox) early voting/information event with **LA FOX** and **Esther 3:00-6:00 p.m.** at **APL**

Updated "register to vote birthday cards" were delivered to **AASD**. There are more cards available for other area high schools. **Donna Clementi** provided the cover letter for teachers and has contacted **Appleton East, West, North, FVTC, Xavier, and Fox Valley Lutheran**. **Brian Kurth** from **East** already has a registration event planned. **North** is scheduled for **October 13** from **9:37 - 10:24 a.m.** We will be in the **Commons** at **FVTC** on **November 12** from **11:00 a.m.-1:00p.m.**

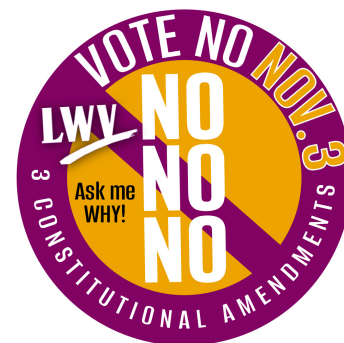
A NOTE OF GRATITUDE FOR OUR CANDIDATE FORUM VIDEOGRAPHERS

Tom Frantz has recorded Forum #3 and #52. Matt Feuerhelm is going to record Forum #56. He is working with Tom so there is continuity in the "look" of the videos. Many thanks to both of them!

ACTION

League Weighs In

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LEAGUE SUPPORTS BUDGET ACTIONS

October 7, Appleton – The **Appleton Common Council** passed a package of zoning code changes which Our **League** supported with a statement at the **September 23 City Plan Commission meeting**.



All month – Local governments publish and review their proposed **budgets**. League endeavors to observe as many of the budget review sessions as possible and offer feedback to local officials about the process and contents at budget hearings. Observing a local budget review session offers a short course on the workings of your local government. You are almost guaranteed to learn something new and find a renewed optimism about democratic systems. Our **local elected officials** work diligently to get important work done while carefully stewarding resources. They also appreciate our interest and input.

The remaining **Outagamie County Finance Committee budget review sessions** are accessible via Zoom on **October 13, 15, 20, 22, and 27**. The **Budget Hearing** will be **October 27**.

The **City of Appleton "Budget Saturday"** session date is not yet confirmed, but we do know this session will be available via **livestream or in person in the Council chambers**. The **budget hearing** is scheduled for **November 4 at 6:00 p.m.**

The **Appleton Area School District Budget Hearing** will be held **October 26, 6:00 PM**.

CELEBRATE THE VOTE



October 17 – Fox Valley Indivisible is hosting a **Celebrate the Vote** event for **Saturday, October 17, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. at Houdini Plaza**. Our **League** has been invited to participate. Our **"Apron Brigade"** will be circulating through the crowd to distribute election information including **Vote No** literature on the proposed amendments to the Wisconsin Constitution.

Contact Nancy Jones or Jan Quinlan if you are available to volunteer. This is a family-friendly, non-partisan event focused on getting folks to vote in the midterm elections. There will be live music and events on the back stage by the Appleton Center, and activity booths around the plaza.

October is a critical time to speak with as many potential voters as you can to let them know about those **proposed amendments to the WI Constitution**. **The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin** and many other organizations are urging a **NO vote on all three ballot questions**.

You can access a wide variety of resources at my.lwv.org/wisconsin/constitutional-corner. Another great way to spread the word quickly is to share two brief videos on the **LWV-Greater Green Bay** homepage. Our local **League** has yard signs, postcards, buttons, flyers and digital posts to help you spread the word. Email questions or requests for materials to action@lwvappletonfoxcities.org



No-No-NO!!! AT THE WAUPACA FARMERS' MARKET

"On **Saturday, October 10, Carol Elvery, LWVAF member**, set up a colorful station next to the **Waupaca Farmers' Market** to disseminate information about the **3 November 3 constitution amendments**. She was assisted by **Anita Olson, Hélène Pohl, LWV members**, and **Catherine Beisner**, a prospective member."

VOICE OF LEAGUE

Addressing Housing Shortages

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GREAT WORK, CITY OF APPLETON!

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering voters and promoting effective, equitable governance at the local, state, and national levels. We advocate for policies based on studies by and consensus of our members.

Our **League** has had an interest in comprehensive planning for many years and applauded **the City of Appleton's Plan Appleton** process. We are very pleased now to see that the **City** is working actively on implementation of some of the recently adopted Housing, Land Use, Economic Development, and Transportation Actions.

Our local **League** has been in favor of addressing the housing shortage since 1995. We support local governments actively pursuing the development of adequate and affordable housing through regulation and comprehensive planning. (Housing, 1995). League members support the proposed revisions to Appleton's zoning codes that will:

- Remove barriers for city residents for home ownership
- Offer new housing options, such as zero lot lines for duplexes and create more options for Accessory Dwelling Units

League members support a wide variety of housing options as a priority of future city design. (Land Use Planning Study: City Process and Priorities, 2016).

In 2021, **members** supported reforming policies and regulations to expand and expedite the creation of affordable housing (Vulnerable Populations, 2021) and

making community infrastructure more resilient and sustainable in housing, land use, planning, and zoning processes." (Resilient Infrastructure 2021)

Additionally, the **League** supports "Education of communities, organizations, lawmakers and all residents about the many benefits of having mixed income, mixed use housing developments and diverse neighborhoods." With the adoption of these municipal code changes, this seems to be a great time for the **City** to highlight:

the reasons for the changes, and the ways they facilitate wise land use and taxpayer dollars, offer alternatives to residents, and are a step toward increasing the supply of affordable housing options in the city.

We see this bundle of proposed zoning text amendments as facilitating many positive goals, such as:

- Providing for a greater variety of housing options
- Increasing density of housing and improving walkability
- Decreasing infrastructure need and maintenance

all of which, hopefully, will increase the supply of affordable housing in **Appleton**.

We appreciate our city's commitment to addressing the housing needs in our community and for working quickly to implement our comprehensive plan. **Thank you.**

LWVAFCA Making Airwaves



THANK YOU HAYLEY TENPAS & WHBY!

Hayley Tenpas, host of **WHBY's Focus Fox Valley 1150**, welcomed **League President Jan Quinlan** and **Membership Director Linda Bjella** to her program on October 8.

Linda's topics were how to find voting information, deadlines for voting and ways to cast a ballot, and where to find information on candidates.

Jan informed the audience of the **3 Wisconsin constitutional amendment referendums** on the **November 3 ballot**.

Thank you **Hayley**, for helping to inform your audience of the importance of voting and how to find credible, factual and nonpartisan information on Wisconsin's safe and accurate elections.

COMMS

Communication Ramp Up

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EXPANDING OUR REACH EXPONENTIALLY

As **League** work intensified to inform voters and take action ahead of the **November 3 election**, communications and media outreach also ramped up.

News stories include **"5 Ws and an H,"** and so does news of **League** activities. The **"Ws"** — the **Who, What, Where, When and Why** — are obvious. The **"H"** is **How** — **how to communicate the Ws clearly to motivate the audience to attend or take action.**

Our first audience is our **members**, who we reach with email and **The Informed Voter** monthly newsletter, written by **board members** about **League** activities, for **520+ subscribers.**

The communications team expanded to include **Amy Nasr** for social media and graphics. Her ability to condense complex issues and messages into visually appealing graphics significantly upped our ability to put the **League** in front of **members** and the **community.** These talents, coupled with understanding of the **League** and of media relations, enabled us to expand our reach exponentially.

The most exceptional social media post, urging "No" votes on the 3 proposed WI constitutional amendments, has **logged over 300K views, garnering 3.5K shares and 500 new followers! And, its messaging has been converted to videos and additional posts by League colleagues around the state.**

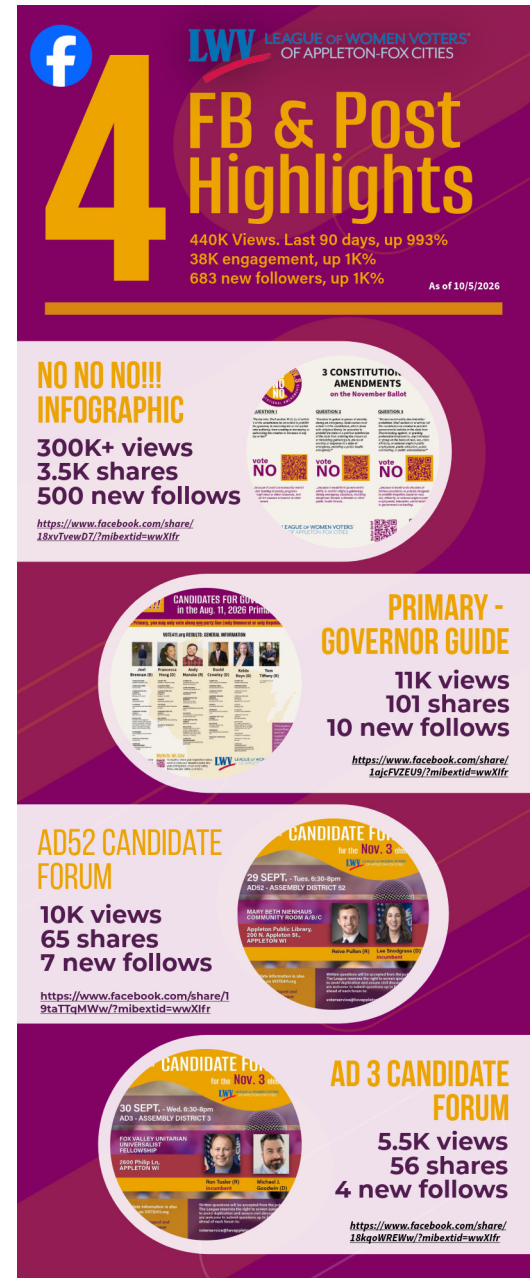
The first two Candidate Forum recordings of the season on YouTube drew a total of **15.5K views, 120 shares, and 11 new followers.**

Two promotions of the first ever **Meet & Greet with Local Elected Officials** resulted in a total of **4,000 views.** Facebook posts welcoming people to Constitution Square at the History Museum at the Castle drew anywhere from **571 to 3,100 views per event** — and yielded **650+ engaging photos of attendees**, most of whom had little familiarity with the **League.**

We've worked to establish trusted relationships with local media. Regardless of their focus, our message is consistent: the **League is nonpartisan and a trustworthy source.** News releases and media alerts provide the **"Ws,"** and hopefully enough **"H"** to warrant coverage. Internally, we guide our volunteers to adhere to the **League** brand, and stick to our message without repeating inflammatory rhetoric.

We've taken risks, like calling on Congress to honor the oath of office. We've coordinated live interviews on local talk radio. And we've been sought out to explain our **"Vote No"** advocacy. Our voice is clear, informative, civil, and always nonpartisan.

This all equates to outreach, education, and impact. Please use your personal networks to amplify the work of the League.



MEMBERSHIP

Growing Our Regional Impact

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19 MUNICIPALITIES SPANNING 5 COUNTIES

We have welcomed three new members in the past month:
Barbara Kokke from **Menasha**, and **Karen Kress** and **Kelly Baumgart** from **Waupaca**. Welcome!

As our **League** grows in numbers, we are also growing into a more regional organization. I was curious to see the communities represented among our members, so I did a quick tally. Here's the breakdown: As you would expect, most of our members live in **Appleton**, but the following communities are also represented:

Grand Chute, Menasha, Neenah, Waupaca, Kaukauna, Hortonville, Kimberly, Harrison, Greenville, New London, Larsen, Bear Creek, Oshkosh, Ogdensburg, Iola, Freedom, and Weyauwega. This also represents our **League's** presence in not only all three of the **Fox Cities** counties of **Outagamie, Winnebago, and Calumet**, but also several outlying counties as well.

Together, we bring our powerful mission to empower voters and defend democracy to a significant corner of Northeast Wisconsin!

MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK AWARDS

We all know hard-working people, dedicated organizations, and inspiring young people who make a positive impact on our community.

The **League** honors these democracy champions each year with its "**Making Democracy Work Awards**," given to outstanding adults and organizations, and young people up to the age of 21.

These awards recognize individuals or organizations that inspire and empower citizens to bring about positive change, to strengthen democracy, and improve our local quality of life.

Nominations are currently open until **November 15** for the **2026 award**, which will be presented at the annual **Holiday Brunch on Saturday, November 13** at **Bubolz Nature Preserve**.

Anyone can nominate an adult, youth, or organization for this prestigious award using this simple form (click anywhere on the pink box to access it.) A committee will evaluate the nominations and select the recipient(s).

PROGRAMS

Focus on What's Ahead

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EDUCATIONAL APPROACH MOTIVATES ACTION

The League is working full speed to educate and motivate our members and the public in the time before the **November 3 election**.

In **September**, the **League** sponsored our first **Meet and Greet with Local Elected Officials**. More than 25 local officials including **mayors, city council members, county supervisors** and a **county executive** gathered at the **Appleton Public Library** to converse with members of the public. Watch for this event again next year.

We had a program in **October**, that focused on the **"anti-equity" state constitutional amendment**

that will be on the **November** ballot. Via Zoom, **Dr. Suzanne Eckes** and **Kadijha Marquardt-Davis** spoke on the negative effects, to our medical system and schools, if this amendment is passed.

Monday, November 2, 6:30-8:00 p.m., "What's Ahead for Wisconsin K-12 Public Schools;" Einstein Middle School Auditorium, 324 E. Florida Ave., Appleton. **Vicki Bayer**, retired superintendent of public schools, and **Patti Clark-Stojke**, retired educator, will present on what's ahead for public education and actions you can take to support it.

The **League** supports strong, equitable, and adequately funded public education systems from elementary grades through higher education. Explore how **Wisconsin public schools** strengthen our shared civic infrastructure, reflect our commitment to children, and uphold every child's constitutional right to a free and equitable public education.

Learn how to stay informed and take meaningful civic action year-round to support public schools, including advocating for school funding, referendums, special education funding, and tax transparency. Registration is not required.

PROGRAMS

SPECIAL SAVE THE DATE - HOLIDAY BRUNCH!

December 12: Get your holiday on and set your calendar for the League's special **Holiday Brunch** from **9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at **Bubolz Nature Preserve**. Cost to attend is \$30 per person. We have an exciting and timely presentation on AI (artificial intelligence). **Professors Mark Phelan**, philosophy, and **Martyn Smith**, religion, from **Lawrence University** will present a history and philosophy of AI.

The annual **silent auction** will add to fun of the holiday spirit. Use your creative juices to create baskets or provide items for us to make baskets. The sky is the limit for ideas and suggestions.

Cindy Fallona and **Connie Radtke** are chairing this initiative.

The online auction will run from **November 3-17**. To offer donations, baskets or items to add to a basket, please email **Cindy Fallona** at cbfallona@hotmail.com or call her at **920-606-3475**. Your contributions will be picked up, or you may set up a time to drop them off.

DIVERSITY EQUITY INCLUSION

No No NO!!!

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The **DEI Committee** sprang into action in **September** to get the word out that: A. **three Constitutional amendments** are on the **November 3** ballot, and B. the **LWVWI** **urges voters to vote NO to all 3!**

We had a program on **October 5** with 2 experts on possible ramifications of the anti-equity amendment, to our medical system and our schools.

We have sent postcards with a QR code and spoken to our friends and families about the amendment. Using materials supplied by the **LWVWI**, 2 of our members have written Letters to the Editor. Yard signs are being distributed, as are buttons that say "**NO NO NO.**"

Jan Quinlan and **Linda Bjella** have spoken many times to local groups and frequently been told "I did not know this was on the ballot!" **This is why we will continue working until November 3 to publicize the amendments and their possible effects.**

LWV LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS OF APPLETON-FOX CITIES

Save the Date

Saturday, Dec. 12 from 9:30 a.m. - noon
Buboltz Nature Preserve

SILENT AUCTION!

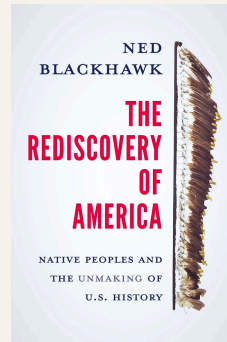
Celebrate the passion, the people, and the power of the League!

Get your holiday on and set your calendar!

We have an exciting and timely presentation on AI (artificial intelligence), "A history and philosophy of AI."

\$30 / Person
Watch for your Invitation!

Featuring Making Democracy Work Awards!!



The **DEI Book Share** will meet on **Wednesday, October 21 at 2:30 p.m.** at **Seth's Coffee** in **Little Chute**. The group has decided to meet always in the afternoon, at least for the winter months. We will next discuss **The Rediscovery of America: Native Peoples and the Unmaking of U.S. History** by **Ned Blackhawk**.

NEXT DEI COMMITTEE MEETING - JOIN US!

Tuesday, November 10 at 1:30 p.m.

We will no doubt have much lively discussion of election results. Location tbd.

UNITE &
RISE

It's a Wrap!

Kim Schiedermayer,
Chairperson
Arts & Visibility Team

THANK YOU!

To everyone involved in this year's parades and **Constitution Square**, a great big thank you! What was conceived in response to **LWV's 2026 national Unite & Rise Campaign**, began with two parades and finished with the last **Constitution Square** at **Octoberfest. Constitution Square** ran every **Saturday** from **June 6 to August 22** (plus **Octoberfest!**) during **Farm Market** hours on the lawn of the **History Museum at the Castle** in downtown **Appleton**.

At **Constitution Square**, volunteers staffed tents for **Voter Services**, engagement with games and swag, and an Art Flag station for personal expression. Visitors signed the giant Preamble banner and stood in line for a photo opp with **Lady Liberty**. Rotating participation by local musicians brought in performing artists and space was shared with the **Girl Scouts**, one of our Community Partners.

HOW THE HECK?

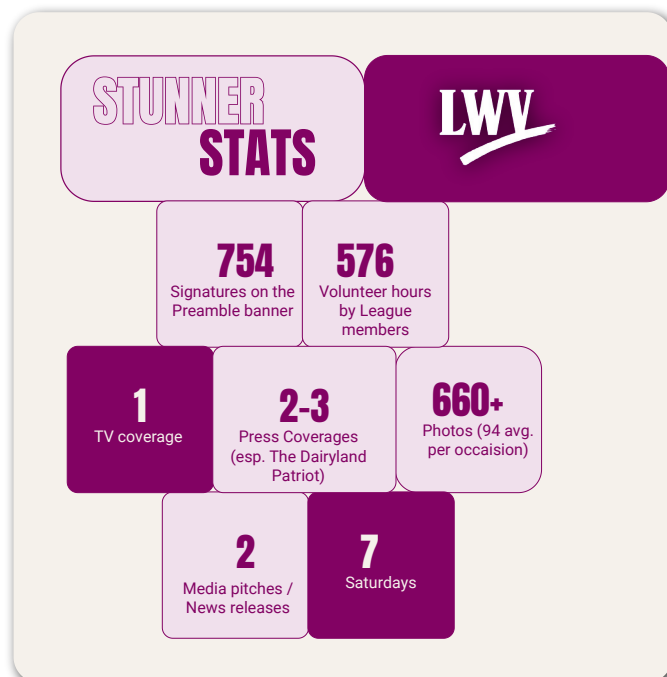
How did **LWVAF** pull off such ambitious and multi-faceted activities? It was a collective sense of urgency preceding the mid-term elections that spawned action, creativity and participation. Concern energized the planning committee, parade signups, and weekly teams of volunteers at **Constitution Square**.

These events became public, forward-facing **LWV** activities catching the attention of the community and community leaders. There were productive conversations with **folks** regarding all matters of voting, this year's ballot and potential **League** membership. **Visitors** from all over the world stopped in. Activities merited coverage on social media, local radio and tv, while support and thanks for our efforts were expressed throughout each session.

TWO IMPORTANT NOTES

Among many successes, we all agree it was **Lady Liberty Rosann Baum Milius** who drew attention to our activities in the parades and **Constitution Square**. Holding her torch high, **Rosann** became the real-life reminder of **America's warm-hearted welcome to all who come in search of opportunity and freedom**. Her joyous presence encouraged us all.

We sincerely acknowledge that none of the summer's activity or accomplishments would be possible without the generous gift of Museum lawn space from director **Dustin Mack**. His willingness to partner with us speaks volumes for the direction and goals for the public space at the Museum. If it's within your purview, please consider an end-of-year gift to **The History Museum at the Castle** with thanks for **Constitution Square**.



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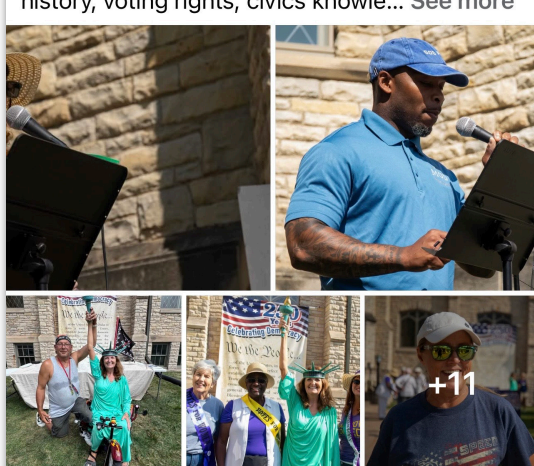
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