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The League of Women Voters of Appleton, Wisconsin

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From my desk to yours: **The President's Report**

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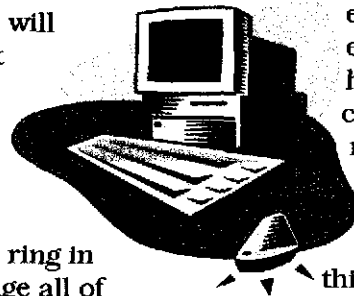
With the New Year upon us, I want to put in a plug for all of you who make resolutions to include the League. The year 2000 will be a busy League year. Not only will we have an election for a new President but also many important local and state races determining the legislative leaders who will ring in the next century. I encourage all of you to actively participate in this upcoming election season in whatever ways you find meaningful.

The new year will also bring the census — on April 1st. (No fooling!) It is important that we do all we can

locally to ensure a complete count of our population, including the those considered hard to enumerate: minorities, elderly, youth, homeless, etc. The area counts will determine not only the number of legislators representing us but also how much money this area is entitled to from both the state and federal governments.

Your participation will ensure that we are all better off. Resolve to be a positive part of the process.

Have a happy new year!



What, When & Where

Lively Issues Meeting

Saturday, Jan. 15, 9:30 – 11:30 AM
Appleton Public Library

Board Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 18, 5:30 PM
Emergency Shelter, 400 N. Division St.

League Lunch with your Legislator

Monday, Jan. 24, Noon
Red Cross, 1302 E. Wisconsin Ave.
**For reservations, call 738-7766
by Jan. 20**

PCB Position

Saturday, Jan. 29, 9:30 – 11:30 AM
Appleton Public Library

PCB Meeting

On January 29, members from the four "River Leagues" — Appleton, Green Bay, Oshkosh, and Neenah-Menasha — will meet at the Appleton Public Library to construct the fact sheet to be used in arriving at one coordinated LWV position on cleaning up the PCBs in the Fox River. This meeting is important.

Like the two preceding River League meetings, it is open to all members, and your participation is not only welcome but wanted. As you hardly need be told, the quality of the consensus will depend on the quality of the study material.



Non-partisanship: Which Hat to Wear and When



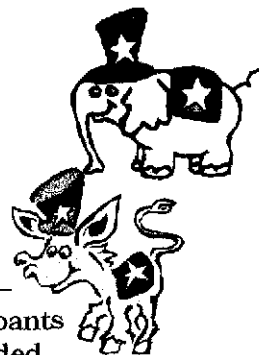
The year 2000 is going to be big politically! We'll have elections on all levels from the national presidency to local school boards. And you — you are both Jane Q. Citizen and Libby Leaguer. Does this cause you problems? Not if you remember the rules and have the good of the League at heart.

The League of Women Voters as an organization is non-partisan; it does not support candidates for public office. But for the most part, League members as individuals are not expected to be non-partisan. Quite the contrary! Leaguers are encouraged to belong to political parties, to be active in finding and supporting candidates, and to run for public office themselves. (Given the nature of the organization, how could it be otherwise?)

The non-partisanship policy of the League can be confusing to non-Leaguers. To keep this confusion to a minimum, the League makes certain stipulations.

1. The President and Voters Service Chair do not participate in any partisan political activity during their terms of office.

2. League members who are elected officials or candidates for public office do not serve on the Board of Directors. A board member who decides to run for public office resigns from her board position before announcing her candidacy.
3. Individual Leaguers are expected to keep their League affiliation low-key when engaging in partisan activity — working for a candidate or supporting/opposing a referendum question. If possible, it shouldn't be mentioned at all.
4. Partisan discussions are inappropriate at League meetings. If one occurs — and it may — the participants should be politely reminded such conversations are out of order.



Do these rules lead to schizophrenia? Not at all. You just have to keep in mind when your Libby Leaguer hat is appropriate and when your Jane Q. Citizen cap is more suitable. You wear just one chapeau at a time. It's that simple.

League Lunch with your Legislator

This month's League Lunch with your Legislator is set for noon on Monday, January 24, at the Red Cross building, 1302 E. Wisconsin Ave. The featured guest will be Lee Meyerhofer, who represents the 5th Assembly District. (Yes, Mr. Meyerhofer



was scheduled for the November lunch, but there was a glitch — he was "double booked" and met his other obligation. As you might guess, even without a featured guest, the conversation was stimulating. But because we do want to meet with Assemblyman Meyerhofer, he was rescheduled for January.)

Call 738-7766 by January 20 to make your reservation. As always, the cost of the lunch is \$6.50, and again we remind you that, if you are a "no-show," you will have to pay for the lunch which you ordered but did not eat.

A warm League welcome to our new members . . .

Bonnie Buchanan
14 Brokaw Place
Appleton, WI 54911
739-7125 (h)

Not really a new member, having been active with the Appleton LWV some years ago, Bonnie is a "returning member." Her interests include the development both of downtown Appleton and of river trails.



Debra Dillenberg
N365 Redtail Court
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As Director of the Appleton Housing Authority, Debra is interested in affordable housing. She is intrigued with the League's history, how it keeps members informed on critical issues, and its being non-partisan.

Lively Issues: The 1st Step in Program Planning

Lively Issues meetings are, to say the least, "lively." The discussion is always free-wheeling and stimulating. Lively Issues meetings are also important. This is a meeting you don't want to miss.

League program at all levels begins at the local Lively Issues meeting. Local study items are selected annually; state and national items are chosen in alternating years — state in odd years, national in even ones. On January 15, we'll be making our first round of proposals for local studies for 2000 - 01 and national studies for 2000 - 02. These proposals are then winnowed by the appropriate board which makes recommendations for final adoption by the local annual meeting or by the state or national convention.

The *National Voter (Dec/Jan)* contains a questionnaire on selecting national program, which represents a change in procedure which we may — or may not — want to use. It will be helpful for each of us to have her copy at the meeting.

Selecting Program Items

For the selection of program at any level (national, state, or local), two criteria must be met:

1. The issue must be one on which governmental action is needed.
2. The issue must fall within the Principles of the League.

These questions may help in making a choice:

1. Does the issue involve current need?
2. Is effective citizen action foreseeable?
3. Is the issue important enough to inspire League interest and commitment?
4. Does the issue "fit" as part of a whole workable program?
5. Is the problem one that local government can solve?
6. Can the problems be solved by the local government(s) included in the basis of organization of the League?

The 1999 Holiday Brunch

The Holiday Brunch was again a huge success. The food was good, the Mayor's talk was informative, and the turn-out was excellent. **Members attending:** Gretchen Bambrick, Bonnie Buchanan, Debra Cronmiller, Liz Cronmiller, Mary Cronmiller, Anna Faye Dodd, Sue Eich, Beth English, Corinne Goldgar, Barbara Grant,

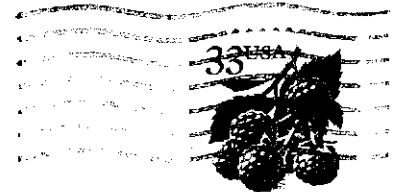


Judy Hanson, Gayle Hardt, Marcia Hittle, Barbara Hoffman, Susan Kinde, Terri Miller, Holly Park, Patricia Schinabeck, Carmen Schipper, Stevie Schmidt, Sue Silton, Janet Van Asten, Donna Weis, Len Weis, Cynthia Chase Whitely, Bev Wieckert, and Vivian Wright. **Guests attending:** Suzanne Bruce, Rich Harrmann, Liz Lokensgard, Jane LaChapelle M^cCarty, Ellie Olson, Karen Reifsnnyder, and Vi Stoner.

**Program Planning
begins with
Lively Issues.**



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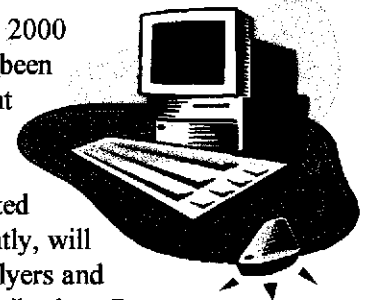
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The election season has arrived. Caucuses and primaries are in full swing around the nation. The State League has begun to forward some information regarding candidate's positions. Locally, we are lining up facilities and dates for debates in the contested races (of which, unfortunately, there are very few!) I will welcome your input on questions for the candidates.

Deb Matz will soon be contacting committee members to assemble for the local study on planned growth. If you are interested in being part of the committee, be sure and contact Deb or me for information regarding meeting times and places. Unit meetings (another way to say discussion and consensus building for you new members out there) will follow toward the end of February and in early April.



The Census 2000 committee has been awarded a grant from the State in the full amount requested



and, consequently, will begin to print flyers and posters for distribution. Greg Bell at WHBY has produced a number of great public service announcements which will begin to air in early March on many local stations — not just WHBY affiliates. Time Warner Cable has also produced similar TV spots. The Appleton League will be instrumental in assisting the committee's distribution effort. If you have time to take flyers to local markets and grocery stores, I'd love to hear from you.

Further, the State is still in the process of training enumerators to work from April until approximately the end of May. The pay is between \$10 and \$11 per hour, which could be a League fund raiser or just an opportunity for you to earn a little extra spending money while truly assisting our community. With a state seat in the House of Representative on the line, a complete count will become all the more important. Just a reminder to those of you who will be enjoying Southern climates on April 1, you can enumerate in Wisconsin when you return. Don't forget to fill out your census form.

February will be an exciting month for League. I look forward to seeing many of you!

What, When & Where

Committee Meeting: Local Study

Tuesday, Feb. 8, 7:00 PM
Merrill Lynch, 330 W. College Ave.

Board Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 15, 5:30 PM
Emergency Shelter, 400 N. Division St.

Unit Meeting: Planning and Controlling Local Growth

Tuesday, Feb. 24, 7:00 – 9:00 PM
Appleton Public Library

League Lunch with your Legislator

Monday, Feb. 28, Noon
Red Cross, 1302 E. Wisconsin Ave.

For reservations, call 738-7766

LWVWI & LWVUS are . . . Us!



Once upon a time — no matter whether it was 30, 40, 50 years ago or last month — you first paid your dues and joined League. And when you did, you joined not only the local League (for most of us, the League of Women Voters of Appleton) but also the state League (for most of us, the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin — LWVWI) and the national organization (for all of us, the League of Women Voters of the United States — LWVUS). Maybe you knew that, and maybe you didn't.



Because League only studies and acts on issues that can be solved by government, its organization quite logically parallels that of government. Local Leagues take up matters of local concern and as part of LWVWI and LWVUS participate in studies and action on statewide and national issues. But, because League is a grassroots organization, all studies (and studies are meant to lead to action) begin

with us, the individual members. Further paralleling American government, League functions as a representative democracy. Local League decisions are made at the Annual Meeting open to all members. Because an all-member meeting at the state or national level is not feasible, their decisions are made at biennial conventions by delegates from the local Leagues. (In League parlance, the annual meeting and the conventions are the “sovereign bodies.”)

Since almost all members of the LWVWI and LWVUS are in local Leagues (we would say “all” were it not for some *members-at-*



large, generally in areas where there is no local group) and with the annual meeting and the conventions making the decisions, what is the

function of the Boards of Directors — local, state, and national? The boards are entities which exist to carry out those decisions.

So, what's the point? Quite simply, the point is we are the LWVWI and LWVUS!

Lunch with Your Legislator

Our January Legislative lunch with Lee Meyerhofer, who represents the 5th Assembly District, was both informative and fun. The conversation ranged from the state corrections system to the proposal for renovating Lambeau Field with more than a passing glance at the importance of the 2000 census.



The next League Lunch with your Legislator is set for noon on Monday, February 28. As of this writing, we have invited Senate Minority Leader Mike Ellis to be our featured guest but have not yet received his response. If Senator Ellis can't make this one, we'll ask him again — and invite some other decision-maker for this one. So make your reservation by the 24th.

Unit Meetings?

So what's a “unit meeting”? How is it different from any other League meeting?

Traditionally, unit meetings are those whose main focus is member discussion as opposed to general meetings at which we listen to a speaker or speakers. (We are reviving these terms which have fallen into disuse in the

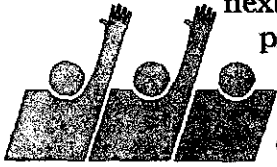


Appleton League.) And then there are committee meetings, which are generally planning sessions for a study or event. As we have said before, all members are welcome at all meetings.

And, yes, informational material can be presented at unit meetings and the speaker(s) at a general meeting will usually entertain questions.

A lively Lively Issues Meeting

At the Lively Issues Meeting on January 15, League members started the process of planning our local program for next year and the national program for the next two years. As a group, we answered the questions on an LWVUS survey concerning the direction that the national program should take in the next few years. This survey is also available to each member in the December/January issue of *The National Voter*. LWVUS wants survey responses not only from local Leagues but also from their individual members. So, each of us is encouraged to fill out the survey and return it to the national office, either by mail or e-mail. (See p. 8 on the "League Connections" insert in *The National Voter* for directions.)



The local program item selected at the meeting, and endorsed by the board, is a continuation of this year's study, *Planning and Controlling Growth in the Appleton Area*. Unit meetings on this topic are coming up soon — on February 24 and April 4. Next year we would continue the study and reach consensus. At the Annual Meeting on April 25, the members will choose whether to adopt this study for next year. At that time we will also consider the other two studies proposed at the Lively Issues meeting: 1) a study of Services for the Elderly, with an emphasis on medical and end of life issues, and 2) a review and revision of the position on the Fox River, focusing on recreation uses and green space. Only studies proposed at the Lively Issues Meeting can be adopted at the Annual Meeting.

Planning & Managing Growth Effectively

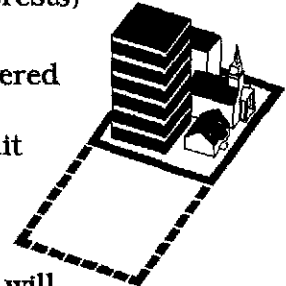
Last spring the League approved a local study on planning and managing community growth. There was much discussion on its title so it would have a focus, but not be limited to one growth model. In the end League members carefully titled our local study: *Planning for and Controlling Growth in Appleton and the Surrounding Communities*.

How communities plan and manage their growth has far reaching impact, not only on the community's appearance and fiscal commitments, but also on the surrounding communities. So it goes without saying that planning for and managing growth effects more than the community implementing a plan. The study committee will meet in the Merrill Lynch conference room (330 W. College Ave., 3rd floor) on Tuesday, February 8 to identify various planning models, ("new urbanism," "smart growth," etc.) and to define their strengths and weakness. It will

also determine how preservation programs (i. e., farms, wetlands, forests) fit into these models.

The information gathered by the committee will be distributed at its first Unit (discussion) Meeting on Thursday, February 24. After a video on planning, the discussion will focus on how these models fit our community needs and identify what characteristics League members believe should be part of a responsible growth planning and management program. At the second Unit Meeting on April 4, the State's new planning law will be reviewed to determine how it fits with the various planning models and how it impacts us on the local level.

The committee is still taking members. Want to join? Give Deb Matz a call at her home (731-1129) or her office (954-6360).

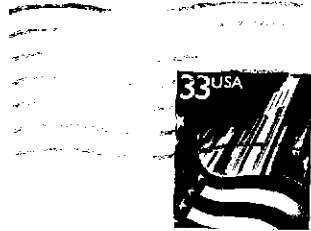


Coming Up
Mark your calendar now!
Unit Meeting: Planning and Controlling
Local Growth
Annual Meeting
April 25
April 4

*Planning and Controlling Growth
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*Taking care
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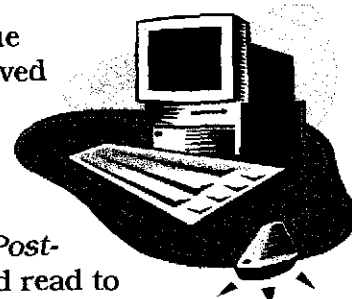
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February was a great month for League. Voter Service activity for the spring got under way with our scheduling a debate between mayoral candidates Barb Grant and Tim Hanna for 7 PM on March 13 in the Wilson Middle School auditorium. If you have a question for the candidates, please contact me by March 3 or, better yet, attend the debate and ask it yourself. In addition, candidates with opposition for seats on the Outagamie County Board will tape LWV interviews at Time Warner Cable on March 1 and 2. These interviews will be broadcast throughout March on the local access channel (Cable 4).

The League Board approved a position letter which was sent to the editorial staff at *The Post-Crescent* and read to the Common Council



before the deliberations on the Performing Arts Center. The council voted to approve the resolution to partner with the Performing Arts Board in the construction of a PAC on the 400 block of West College Avenue.

Our featured guest at February's "Lunch with your Legislator" was Dawn Washatka, Appleton Assessor. (We really should have called these monthly gatherings "Lunch with your **Decision-makers.**") Dawn, who is chairing the Fox Valley Census 2000 Partnership, spoke about the importance to all of Appleton of a complete count in the upcoming Census, as well as the local tax picture and the general activity in her office. Very interesting was her stating that she feels the Assessor should be appointed rather than elected.

March is shaping up as just as busy with more Voter Service activities, work on the census, and continued study of controlled growth. I look forward to seeing many of you.

What, When & Where

Meeting: Regional PCB Position

Saturday, Mar. 4, 9:30 AM
Appleton Public Library

Guest expert: Dennis Hultgren of the Fox River Group

Mayoral Candidates' Debate

Monday, Mar. 13, 7:00 PM
Wilson Mid. School, 225 N. Badger Ave.

Board Meeting

Tuesday, Mar. 21, 5:30 PM
Emergency Shelter, 400 N. Division St.

League Lunch with your Legislator

Monday, Mar. 27, Noon
Red Cross, 1302 E. Wisconsin Ave.
**For reservations, call 738-7766
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League Meetings . . . Clearing Up Muddy Waters



General meetings. Unit meetings. Consensus meetings. The annual meeting. Board meetings. Lively issues meetings. Committee meetings. Public meetings. With such a variety of designations, some confusion seems to have arisen as to who is expected at which meetings. If you are confused, listen up. It's really quite simple.

General meetings are informational with an expert speaker or speakers, who may be our own members or guests. They are for listening and learning.

Unit meetings are those at which we discuss an adopted study item — local, state, or national. As we listen to each other, we learn and form our opinions.

Consensus meetings are for arriving at positions to be recommended for adoption and action. They always involve discussion.

Committee meetings are planning sessions for general, unit, and consensus meetings. Study committees delve deeply into the material available and determine the questions for discussion and consensus.

At **lively issues meetings** members present problems for League study leading to League action. They generally involve spirited free-wheeling discussion.

The **annual meeting**, the most important meeting of the year, is the time for conducting League business: electing the officers and board, setting the budget, and adopting items for study and positions for action.

Board meetings take care of the month-to-month administration of the League.

Public meetings are those advertised and presented to get information to all interested voters. They include both candidate debates and meetings to promote League positions.

All meetings are open to all members and, except for board meetings, also open to the public. When you plan to attend a meeting of the board or a committee of which you are not a member, as a courtesy, you should inform the presiding officer. You may participate in these meetings if given "the privilege of the floor." Only League members participate in consensus and adoption of positions.

Towards a River League PCB Position

On January 29, representatives of the River Leagues met at the Appleton Public Library to continue discussing the creation of a regional consensus on what to do about the PCBs in the Fox River. Everyone came prepared with study materials to be collated and distributed for each League's local study.

The mass of information, however, led to collective realization that we still were not ready to begin addressing the big questions: What to do? How to do it? What's the impact? What's the cost? etc. It was decided that, in order to begin shaping the collected information into something resembling study materials, we needed real experts whom we could question.

Our first expert, Dennis Hultgren of the Fox River Group, will be at the

PCBs

Appleton Public Library at 9:30 AM on Saturday, March 4, to begin answering some of the questions. We hope that in early April we will have an expert from the DNR able to field additional questions. The results of the local remedial study are due to be released in the spring, and we hope the Chamber's Economic Impact information will also be available. We further sincerely hope that this additional information will enable us to create a position statement for approval by the local Leagues.

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee is meeting this month to assemble a slate of officers and directors for 2000 - 01 to be



presented to the Annual Meeting in April. If you have suggestions for people to be considered (yourself or someone else), call Beth English, chair of the committee, at 735-9917 or e-mail her at mbenglish@uno.com.

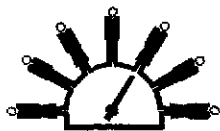
Opposing a Procedure

At the most recent meeting on Appleton's Sidewalk Policy, Deb Cronmiller spoke on behalf of the League in opposition to the procedure. Taking no position, *pro* or *con*, on the policy, she pointed out that giving the people promoting changes more notice of the meeting than those wanting the status quo was "bad government."



Precinct Reporting for the April Election

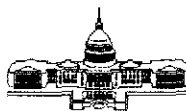
The state LWV has notified us that precinct reporting at the April election is a "possibility." Assuming that we will once again be calling in local returns, Sue Eich has agreed to recruit precinct reporters. If you want to participate in this activity, which not only is exciting and informative but also puts some money into our local League's coffers, contact her at 733-4823 or Lunkerlou@aol.com.



Mayoral Debate
Monday, March 13, 7 PM
in the auditorium
of Wilson Middle School

Y'all come!

State Council & National Convention



The LWVWI Council will be held in Oconomowoc on Saturday, June 3. If you want to attend, contact Deb Cronmiller, 930-2284 or homeless@athenet.net.

The LWVUS Convention will be in Washington, June 17 - 20. Holly Park will be our local delegate.

Controlling Local Growth

Because of the conflict on February 24 of the local study unit meeting and the Common Council's action on the Performing Arts Center, only three people showed up for the unit meeting — and two of them really wanted to be at City Hall. After waiting ten minutes for possible late-comers, Deb Matz, the chair, postponed the unit to April 4, the scheduled date for a second meeting on local growth, and a new date in May will be set for the second one.

CONFLICT

Lunch with Your Legislator

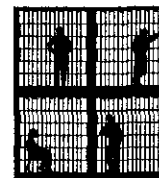
This month's lunch will be at noon on Monday, March 27, at the Red Cross Building. We have invited Michael Marsden, Grand Chute Town Chairman, to be our featured guest, but as the bulletin goes to press we once again do not have a firm acceptance. (There's no question of Mike's willingness to meet with us, but his coming hinges on other plans, also pending.)



Reservations must be made by March 23. The cost for the box lunch is \$6.50, and you are reminded that no-shows are charged for the lunch ordered but not eaten.

Corrections Study

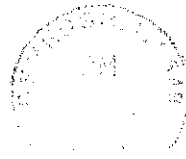
Barb Hoffman, local chair for the state corrections study, reports that it hasn't died. On the day after our local board meeting, she received a packet of material from the state. Stay tuned for more information.



Of all the good things we do, best!
Voter Service is probably the



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*Which way do the
March winds blow?*



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From my desk to yours: The President's Report

In March, our activities were numerous and diverse: the Mayoral debate, a PCB meeting featuring Dennis Hultgren, Legislative Lunch with Dawn Washatka, and forums for the contested County Supervisor Races. The W-2 subcommittee continues to plan for an educational piece that will bring necessary information about the area's many service providers to people with low incomes in a meaningful, usable manner.

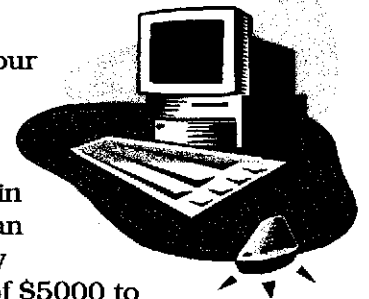
March also was full of planning activities for April. Our local study on planned growth will meet; Greg Hill, DNR, will address the River Leagues regarding the PCBs; election night reporting will occur on April 4; we will hold our annual meeting; and everyone in League - anyone we know and can remind - will complete their Census 2000 forms.

In March, a most significant event occurred for the Appleton League. We

received from Marian Ming, our longest-standing member and our president in the mid-'50s, an extraordinarily

generous gift of \$5000 to enable us to continue the type of activities in which she has participated over the last 40+ years. Our sincere thanks are extended to Marian with the hope that this League will create program or action worthy of her and her contribution through the years.

With all this activity, I feel very positive about the accomplishments of this past year and look with enthusiasm to our Annual Meeting and the process of planing for next year's study and action. My thanks to everyone for making this League a vital part of our community.



PCBs

Dennis Hulgren addressed the River Leagues on March 4, reviewing the history of the PCBs in the Fox River and discussing the different methods of remediation. He emphasized that the Fox River Group's primary concern is a safe, viable river for all Valley residents to enjoy.

He discussed the 56/57 clean up pilot project and indicated that the pilot demonstrates that PCB removal in the manner piloted is neither cost effective nor beneficial from a

restorative perspective. The options the Fox River Group is advocating were discussed.

On March 8, Greg Hill of the DNR will address the River Leagues and present the DNR's perspective and analysis. After the River Leagues have an opportunity to assemble all the scientific data, the economic impact projections, and the pilot project results, we hope to come to consensus on the how best to remedy the problem of the PCBs in the Fox River and use this position to influence local legislative decision makers.

The Annual Meeting: Where Decisions Get Made



The Annual Meeting is a local League's sovereign body. (The state and national conventions serve this function for the LWVWI and LWVUS.) At this important meeting, League members make binding decisions for the coming program year. It is also a pleasant social occasion at which Leaguers have the opportunity to visit and chat during the social hour and dinner. And guests are welcome.

The decisions to be made at the Annual Meeting include: (1) choosing a study item (or items); (2) adopting positions based on consensus reached during the current

year; (3) confirming, amending, or deleting positions previously adopted; (4) adopting a budget; (5) electing officers and directors; and (6) giving directions to the Board of Directors. The proposed budget, study item, and slate of officers and directors is on the following page. (NOTE: Nominations may also be made from the floor; however, before making such a nomination, you must have the permission of the member you are proposing.)

The dinner reservation form is at the bottom of the last page of this bulletin. (NOTE: Even if you cannot be present for the dinner, you may attend the business meeting.)

Lunch with Your Legislator

This month's lunch will be at noon on Monday, April 24, at the Red Cross Building. Dean Kaufert, Representative from the 55th Assembly District, which includes Neenah, Menasha, and part of Appleton, will be our

featured guest.

Reservations must be made by April 20. The cost for the box lunch is \$6.50, and you are reminded that no-shows are charged for the lunch ordered but not eaten.



Planning & Managing Growth Effectively

The first meeting of the Planning Growth study, postponed from February 24, will be held at the Public Library on Tuesday, April 4 at 5:30 PM – *before election night reporting.*

(Everything has been carefully planned so the reporters can get to their precincts on time.) Please join us to learn more about "smart growth" efforts across the country and how smart growth can benefit our area.



Some facts to consider:

1. The countryside in Outagamie county is slowly disappearing and much of it is in areas without sewers.
2. The statistics for the past 4 years (1995-1999):
 - a. 1902 acres of agricultural land rezoned for development or 380/yr;
 - b. 2235 sanitary permits issued – 1432 for new homes or 287/yr;

- c. 2824 new lots created or 565/yr;
- d. 345 unsewered lots or 69/yr;
- e. According to the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Outagamie County has been losing an average of 1500 acres of farmland per year all by people searching for their own piece of country which is quickly disappearing.

3. Consequently, the County Planning Department is proposing that all unsewered subdivisions be developed using a cluster or conservation design which requires 50% of the land be undeveloped. How do you feel about this proposal?

The second growth planning meeting is set for May 11 when we will discuss the State's new regulations. If you would like to be on the study committee, call Deb Matz at 731-1129.

League of Women Voters of Appleton Annual Meeting 2000

Proposed Budget for 2000-2001

	98-99 ACTUAL TO 6/30/99	99-00 BUDGET	99-00 ACTUAL TO 2/13/00	00-01 BUDGET PROPOSED
INCOME				
A. Dues	2,109.50	2,485.00	2,256.00	2,299.00
B. Contributions				
1. Member	1,362.50	2,083.00	1,291.00	1,400.00
2. Member Ed Fund	50.00	200.00		123.50
3. Non-Member	1,230.00	1,000.00	1,775.00	1,000.00
4. Non-Member Ed. Fund	1,000.00	1,400.00		1,000.00
C. Other				
1. Community Service				
a. Election Night Reporting	679.00		35.00	500.00
b. Speaker's Bureau	0.00	25.00		25.00
2. Memorials				
3. Interest	588.00	600.00	405.00	600.00
D. Miscellaneous				
1. Fall Event - Octoberfest	0.00			500.00
2. Holiday Brunch	325.00	350.00	475.00	500.00
3. Legislative Lunch			228.00	400.00
4. Annual Meeting Dinner	322.00	500.00		500.00
5. Transfer from LWV Ed. Fund	804.00	500.00		1,200.00
TOTAL INCOME	8,470.00	9,143.00	6,465.00	10,047.50

	98-99 ACTUAL	99-00 BUDGET	99-00 ACTUAL TO 2/13/00	00-01 PROPOSED
EXPENDITURES				
A. Operating Costs				
1. General Supplies	129.00	100.00		200.00
2. Telephone	224.00	300.00	125.00	300.00
3. P.O. Box Fee	58.00	60.00	64.00	64.00
4. Phone Answering Service				
5. Audit	0.00			
B. Board & Admin. Committees				
1. President	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
2. Secretary	50.00	75.00		75.00
3. Treasurer	44.00	50.00	28.00	50.00
4. Board Tools	300.00	200.00	13.00	100.00
5. Admin. Committees				
a. Finance	107.00	200.00	89.00	200.00
b. Membership	0.00	125.00		125.00
c. Public relations	0.00	100.00		100.00
d. Membership Grant	32.00	65.00		76.00
C. Delegates, Travel & Affiliations				
1. State Council	0.00	100.00		
2. State Convention	719.00			700.00
3. National Convention	0.00	1,300.00		
4. Annual Meeting	75.00	50.00		100.00
5. Workshops	0.00	100.00		100.00

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D. Financial Support for League				
1. Lake Michigan ILO	25.00	25.00		25.00
2. State PMA	1,370.00	1,420.00	1,215.00	1,572.00
3. National PMP (75%)	922.00	1,064.00	1,063.00	1,031.50
4. LWV Ed Fund (25% Optional)	380.00	354.00		344.00
E. Bulletin				
1. Supplies	37.00	20.00	98.00	300.00
2. Postage	336.00	350.00	181.00	350.00
3. Printing	287.00	400.00	47.00	100.00
F. Educational Activity				
1. Member Directory	51.00	100.00	118.00	100.00
2. Program				
a. National	27.00	75.00		75.00
b. State	0.00	75.00		75.00
c. Local	0.00	200.00		100.00
3. Voters Service	154.00	300.00	7.00	300.00
4. Promotional Public Event	0.00	175.00		175.00
5. ABC's of PCB's	804.00			1,500.00
G. Position Support		100.00		
1. Action - W2	25.00	600.00		
H. Miscellaneous				
1. Corporation Filing Fee	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
2. Fall Membership Event	0.00	100.00		100.00
3. Holiday Brunch	325.00	350.00	489.00	500.00
4. Annual Meeting Dinner	504.00	500.00		500.00
5. Legislative Lunch			319.00	500.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	7,120.00	9,143.00	4,066.00	10,047.50

Budget Committee: Stevie Schmidt (chair), Debra Cronmiller, Jodie Kacer, Lisa Maloney, Bev Wieckert.

Local Program 2000-2001

Recommended item:

Planning and Controlling Growth in the Appleton Area. (A continuation of this year's study.)

Non-recommended items:

- 1) A study of Services for the Elderly, with an emphasis on medical and end of life issues.
- 2) A review and revision of the position on the Fox River, focusing on recreation uses and green space.

Note: Only studies proposed at the Lively Issues Meeting can be adopted at the Annual Meeting.

Slate of Officers & Directors

Program VP Sue Eich
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2 Yr Director Stevie Schmidt (Observer Corps)
2 Yr Director Karen deYoung (Finance Drive)
2 Yr Director Unfilled as of this writing
1 Yr Director Deb Matz (Local study)
Nominating Committee: Marcia Hittle (chair)
Jane Garton
Sue Silton

Nominating Committee: Beth English (chair), Linda Bjella, Holly Park, Pat Schinabeck, Cynthia Chase Whitely.

Corrections Study

Wisconsin Leagues are beginning the Corrections study in which we will be looking at the budget impact of the following



programs: truth in sentencing, privatization of prisons, out-of-state housing, restorative justice (provides for victim-offender conferencing or mediation, etc.), current and future health care needs, and alternatives to incarceration. Are any of these

subjects of interest to you?

Barb Hoffman, member of the state committee and local chair for the study, plans to gather a few good members, forming

a local committee to explore each of the subjects in depth. It will meet over the summer to be ready for all-member meetings in the fall.

Meanwhile, some facts to think about.

- Prison population in 1990 was 6,800; as of January 1999, it was 18,000.
- Costs have tripled.
- Incarceration in Wisconsin shows the fastest increase in the nation.
- 95% of Wisconsin prisoners are male.
- Racial minorities make up 10% of Wisconsin's population but 58% of its prisoners.

What do you make of these facts?

Annual Meeting 2000

Barber Room, Downer Commons, Lawrence University

April 25 – 5:30 PM, Social Hour; 6 PM, Dinner; 7 PM, Business Meeting

Cost – incl. dinner (entree – Chicken Oscar) & wine: \$14.00 per person

Check payable to **LWV of Appleton**

Send your reservation and check by **April 18** to:

Marcia Hittle
23 Crestway Court
Appleton, WI 54913
Telephone: 731-8876



ANNUAL MEETING DINNER RESERVATION FORM

Yes, I'm coming to the Annual Meeting Dinner.

Name: Beverly Wieckert Phone: 739-2773

Address: 12220 Evergreen Ln

and I'm bringing the following guests: _____

My check in the amount of \$ 14.00 is enclosed.

What, When & Where

Board Meeting
 Tuesday, Apr. 18, 5:30 PM
 Emergency Shelter, 400 N. Division St.
 League Lunch with your Legislator
 Monday, Apr. 24, Noon
 Red Cross, 1302 E. Wisconsin Ave.
 For reservations, call 738-7766 by Mar. 20
 Annual Meeting
 Tuesday, Apr. 25
 5:30 PM, Social Hour; 6:00 PM, Dinner;
 7:00 PM, Business Meeting
 Barber Room, Downer Commons, Lawrence University

Non-Partisan Spring Election
 Tuesday, Apr. 4
 Polls open 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM
 Unit Meeting: Planning and Controlling
 Local Growth
 Tuesday, Apr. 4, 5:30 - 7:30 PM
 Appleton Public Library
 (followed by Precinct Reporting)
 Meeting: Regional PCB Position
 Saturday, Apr. 8, 9:30 AM
 Appleton Public Library
 Guest expert: Greg Hill, DNR (Madison)



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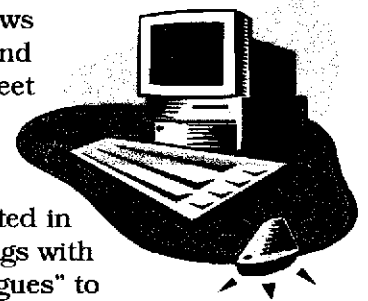
April 4 is Election Day.



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MAY 2000

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So that all members can read it, my report in this month's bulletin is substantially my report in the Annual Meeting kit. -- Debra Cronmiller

In concert with the Board of Directors, I am pleased to present this annual report to the members of the League of Women Voters of Appleton.

Of the many significant events of this last year, the most significant is the contribution made by Marian Ming of \$5000 to our operating account. Marian, as many of you know, is our League's longest standing member. She has contributed to the success of our League in countless ways and now affords the opportunity for this League to continue the pursuit of our purpose and mission. Thank you seems an inadequate response but is truly heartfelt.

This past year has presented many challenges and opportunities for our League and many other Leagues across the nation. We have successfully started a new monthly

lunch that allows elected folks and Leaguers to meet and discuss

issues of import. We have participated in regular meetings with the "River Leagues" to discuss and study the PCBs in the Fox River and what we can do about them. We have presented forums and debates to help educate and motivate the electorate about the political process and the importance of their participation in the democratic process. We have begun the process of examining local controlled growth and models which might benefit our community.

In addition to these, Corinne has published a beautiful monthly newsletter, Marsha has orchestrated a wonderful Holiday Brunch and Annual Meeting (plus our other regular "work" meetings), Cynthia has recruited a number of new members to our ranks, Deb and Barb have commenced work on our local and state studies, Holly has reported the activities of our meetings, and Bev has dutifully and accurately recorded our revenues and expenses and developed our budget for next year. And as is always true for League, Liz made sure that an observer was present when significant meetings of the committees, council or board occurred. Cheryl ensured that everyone outside League knew about it too, and Jodie spear-

What, When & Where

Unit Meeting: Planning & Controlling Local Growth

Thursday, May 11, 7:00 PM
Appleton Public Library

Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 16, 6:00 PM
Marcia Hittle's, 42 Crestway Ct.

League Lunch with your Legislator

Monday, May 22, Noon
Red Cross, 1302 E. Wisconsin Ave.
**For reservations, call 738-7766
by May 18**

Who Speaks for League?



One of the glories of the League of Women Voters is its open membership. All American citizens of voting age willing to pay the dues can join League, participate in consensus, and vote on the adoption of positions which are the basis for action. Citizens under voting age and non-citizens are welcome as associate members, but they cannot participate in consensus or the adoption of positions. In the middle '70s, membership was opened to men, who previously could join – but only as associate members.

League makes few demands. For instance, as a League member, you are not required to support all League positions. (It seems fair to assume that you support most positions. Otherwise, why would you continue your membership?) It is, however,

quite proper to use information acquired through a League study actively to oppose an adopted position.

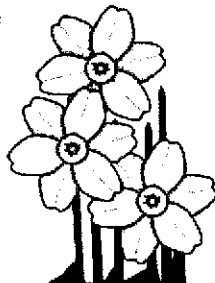
But there are some requirements. First, unless designated to do so by the Board of Directors, *nobody* speaks for League except the president. Second, when opposing an adopted position, you should *not* identify yourself as a League member. Since League operates through consensus, it is well known that its positions seldom represent the opinion of every member. Furthermore, since League's position will always be promoted with an official statement, you are a more effective lobbyist for your personal position, whether *in agreement* or *in opposition*, when you speak simply as Susie Citizen rather than as Libby Leaguer.



The Annual Meeting 2000: An Impression

Please note: The following account is an "impression" of this year's Annual Meeting, not the official record. The minutes taken by Secretary Holly Park, whose notes were confirmed by an appointed reading committee (Mary Cronmiller, Marlys Fritzell, and Marcia Hittle) will be the official record.

The Annual Meeting, held in Lawrence University's Barber Room on April 25, was both productive and pleasant. From the daffodil centerpieces to the yellow napkins and the Chicken Oscar with its golden hollandaise sauce, everything breathed the fresh start of spring.



As always, this Annual Meeting was League at its unique best, contentious without being disagreeable. As always, the members demonstrated their wealth of knowledge about and concern for various local problems. And, as always, the meeting had to balance a desire to tackle several studies against the practicality of

adopting a manageable program.

Deb Cronmiller, in her president's report, highlighted the accomplishments of the past year and explained in some detail the opportunities presented by the generous gift from former League president Marian Ming – \$5000, *with no strings attached!* She stressed the continuing importance of League. "We must," she said, "take into account the changing times and make a transition from *old League* to *new League*."

Both the budget and the slate of officers were approved as presented. Although the meeting adopted the recommended study item, a continuation of "Planning and Controlling Growth in the Appleton Area," both non-recommended items received some support for consideration.

Among the more interesting suggestions submitted as "Directions to the Board" was the establishing of a local League web-site. Another suggestion was devoting meeting time to "who we are, where we're going, and how to get there."

Lunch with Your Legislator



The last League Lunch with Your Legislator of this program year will be at noon on Monday, May 22, at the Red Cross Building. Dean Kaufert, Representative from the 55th Assembly District, who was unable to keep his

engagement to meet with us in April, has been rescheduled to be May's featured guest.

Reservations must be made by May 18. The cost for the box lunch is \$6.50, and you are reminded that no-shows are charged for the lunch ordered but not eaten.

We Welcome a New Member

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Sara joined League at the Annual Meeting. She came as a guest; she left as a member.

A life-long resident of the Fox Valley area, Sara is currently Outagamie County's Deputy

County Clerk and recently announced her candidacy for the Clerk position. She is interested in Voter Service, voter education, and getting people involved in running for public office. Like many of us, she is intrigued by the idea of developing a League web-site.

We welcome Sara and look forward to having her work with us.



The President's Report (continued)

headed the finance drive that will enable all of us to continue to do it again next year.

These activities, and the many other activities Leaguers participated in this year, are both the opportunity and the challenge. This year I have struggled with the concept of what the LWV of Appleton should

be. About what activities are we centered?

What direction should we be taking to continue the League's mission and realize the vision of empowering citizens to shape better communities worldwide?

I'm uncertain what long-term direction the Appleton League will take, but of these few things I'm pretty certain:

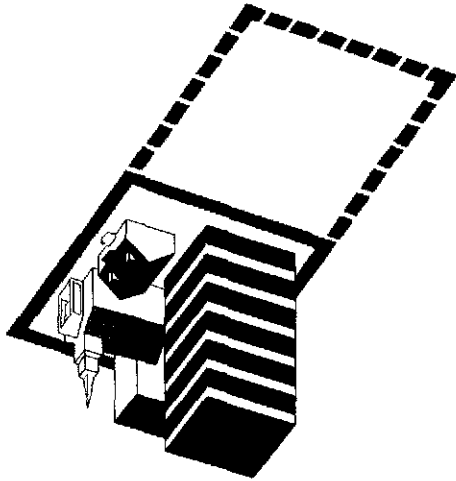
- The membership of the League is changing. Today's members are active both in the community and in the structured, out of home, workplace. Members are seeking meaningful involvement in the political process.

- The issues around which this League has invested time and resources are still politically hot: Land Use, Corrections, Conservancy/Environment, Housing, Transportation, Access to Medical Providers/Health Services, etc.
- Committing time to the League is difficult given the other demands in our lives.
- And participating is as rewarding as ever.

The opportunity for this and all Leagues is to affirm our commitment to the League and its mission, vision, beliefs and values. Prioritizing our lives to create the action and engage others in the promotion of the positive solutions League advocates through education and member agreement.

I look forward to working with the new Board to continue the excellent work begun this past year and to create additional opportunities to educate, advocate and participate. Please join me in welcoming our new Board members and in thanking those who have served so well this year for their participation and commitment. I am enthused to enter a new year.





Even if you didn't get to the first meeting,
 come and join the study now.
 It's your community! You care how it develops!

This is the second meeting of the Local Growth
 study, which will continue in the fall. Its focus
 will be the State legislation.

at the Appleton Public Library

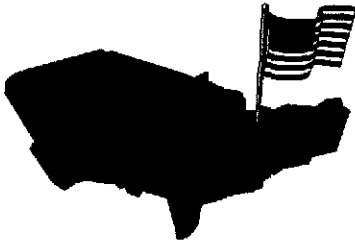
Tuesday, May 11, 7 PM

Planning & Controlling Local Growth



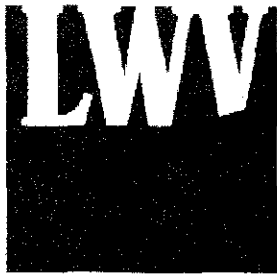
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Have a political summer!
 Join a party! Support a candidate!
 Good citizens get involved!



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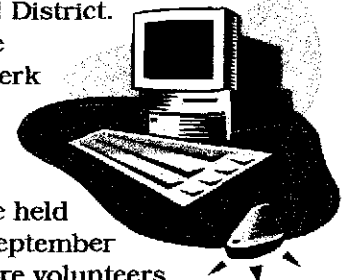
As Fall approaches, we in League begin the process of planning for the upcoming season of activity and advocacy. And planning we are!

Though I've been a part of numerous exciting League years, I believe this year will be the best one yet. Holly Park is working on the creation of a local Web Site which will also begin the process of our working to interest young adults in League and its wonderful mission.

Carmen Schipper, new both to League and to the Board, put together forums for opposed primary candidates for Outagamie County Clerk and Treasurer and in October, prior to the general election, will have debates for the candidates for Clerk and the

contested Assembly districts and the 8th Congressional District.

(Note: Two of the candidates for Clerk are League members.)



A League fundraiser will be held at Octoberfest, September 23, for which more volunteers are still needed. Cynthia Whitely is working on building our membership, and Stevie Schmidt will use our members to perform what is probably League's single most important function, observing governmental meetings and our elected officials. Deb Matz is continuing our local study of Planning and Controlling Growth. (As a housing-related professional, I've noted that every conference and event I've attended lately has addressed Smart Growth. How timely and topical we are!)

Barb Hoffman has begun to receive materials from the State on corrections and as a result this study will begin to take shape. The Holiday Brunch is on the calendar for December 9. And if all this were not sufficient, the Board is planning a Town Hall Meeting in early October to address voter apathy and how we can overcome the trend of non-participation so apparent over the last years.

I am excited by the enthusiasm of this new Board to get things done and make a difference in our community. I encourage all of you when called to embrace this enthusiasm and participate in whatever way you can.

What, When & Where

Board Meeting

Monday, September 11, 5:30 PM
Emergency Shelter, 400 N. Division St.

Partisan Primary Election

Tuesday, September 12
Polls open 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

PCB Workgroup

Saturday, September 16, 9:30 AM
Appleton Public Library

League Lunch with your Legislator

Monday, September 25, Noon
Red Cross, 1302 E. Wisconsin Ave.
**For reservations, call 738-7766
by Sept. 21.**

Appleton Octoberfest

Saturday, September 30
College Ave.

Report on the LWV-US Convention 2000

- Holly Park



National Convention proved to be energizing, educational, and even a bit contentious. For the first time in recent memory, there was a contested race for the LWV-US presidency. The nominating committee did not put the incumbent, Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins, on by slate; it recommended Beverly McKinnell from St. Paul as her replacement. After vigorous and heated campaigns by both candidates, Ms. Jefferson-Jenkins was re-elected by a considerable majority. It was truly democracy at its best, and I feel that the delegates made the right decision.

Many motions for study were brought to the floor, and this year's delegates seemed to want to take on many issues. The items which the convention approved for program are as follows:

1. Initiating a systematic review of each position area beginning with the International Relations positions on

Trade and the United Nations.

2. To address the District of Columbia's need for a stronger revenue base, the League of Women Voters supports the restoration of an annual predictable federal payment to the District to compensate for revenues denied and expenses incurred because of the federal presence.
3. To study the elections systems used to elect our legislative bodies and executive officers at all levels of government, subject to the availability of funding.
4. Adopted a two-year study of the drug control policy of the U.S. government.

The Appleton League now has to decide which, if any, of these studies it would like to participate in.

I thank the Appleton League for sending me to Washington. It was an exciting and enjoyable experience.

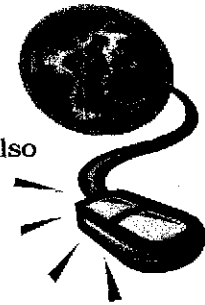
Creating an Appleton LWV Website

The Appleton LWV is gearing up to initiate a website, the project to be funded by a portion of Marion Ming's generous gift. At its August meeting, the board voted to involve local high school students in a contest to design the website. As of this writing, Appleton East, North, West, and the Charter Renaissance School have enthusiastically supported the idea. Participation by Xavier and Fox Valley Lutheran is still pending. The contest is open to all students in the Appleton Area School District, and the grand prize will be \$1000.

Deb Cronmiller and Holly Park will be presenting information about the League and the contest at each of the schools during the second and third weeks of September. Some items to be included on the site will be: LWV position papers, LWV membership information, local voting information, links to the state and national LWV websites as well as to grassroots.com and Democracy.net.com. (Democracy.net - or D.net - is supported by the League, and LWVUS has outside funding to

help encourage candidate participation in the site.)

The board hopes not only that a creative website will be designed but also that, in the process, the students will learn more about League and what it stands for. It also hopes that some students will become more involved in the election process because of the information to which they will be exposed in creating the site.



Stay tuned to next month's bulletin for more information on how the contest is proceeding. With any luck, you may be reading about it in The Post-Crescent!

New Citizenship Activity

Anyone interested in donating a few hours for a new US Citizenship activity should contact Cynthia Whitely, Membership Chair, at 731-8035, evenings.

Pre-Primary Candidate Forum

The League hosted a forum on Thursday, August 24, at Xavier High School for the opposed primary candidates for Outagamie County Clerk and Treasurer. Its purpose was to give the community an opportunity to increase its understanding of the functions of some of the county offices while introducing the candidates.



The candidates for Treasurer, Dina Mumford, Charles Plugger, and Donald Niec, spoke first, with the Clerk candidates

Sara Hickey and Nancy Christensen following. The candidates were asked to share their qualifications, important functions of their office, and ideas they had for implementing growth within their positions.

Deb Cronmiller mediated the forum. Time Warner Cable taped the proceedings, which will be broadcast on Cable Channel 4 at 6 PM on three Fridays: August 24, September 1, and September 8.

Lunch with Your Legislator

This month's lunch will be at noon on Monday, September 25, at the Red Cross Building. Senator Herb Kohl has been invited to be our featured guest, but his acceptance as of this writing is somewhat "iffy." Whether or not the Senator is able to be with us, we will have the lunch and a guest worthy of your time and attention.



September 21 is the deadline for reservations. The cost for the box lunch is \$6.50, and you are reminded that no-shows are charged for the lunch ordered but not eaten.

League at Oktoberfest

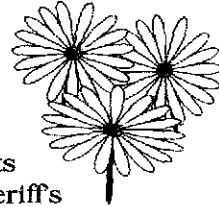
At this year's Oktoberfest, League will be selling brownies and bottled water and distributing our membership materials. Members are needed to staff the booth. If you could do a stint - not the whole day, just an hour or two, give Deb Cronmiller a call.



A warm LWV welcome to . . .

Dina Mumford
3022 E. Lourdes Dr.
Appleton, WI 54915

Dina is excited about joining League. She has been involved in county government for several years and knows the importance of local politics. The mother of two active loving-soccer girls, she works full-time as accounts manager in the Outagamie Sheriff's Department. She is interested in informing people about how government works, especially local government. A candidate for County Treasurer, Dina has been learning this summer what it is like to run for office.



The River Leagues & PCBs

The River Leagues workgroup met on August 17 to discuss its goals and objectives for this fall to create a consensus position on the topic of PCBs. After a great deal of discussion about what could be done, it came to the conclusion that, as the public comment period approaches, we must have something in our position papers on which we can base a comment. (The public comment period will be the 60 days following the release of the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study, which the DNR will issue this fall.)

Over the next two months, the River League workgroup will meet to form the questions we feel must be answered to create our consensus. Then in November (tentatively November 14), we will invite a representative from the DNR and the Fox River Group to address these questions in a one hour time block to be followed by one hour of consensus building. Using this time frame, then each participating League will have an opportunity to use its December general meeting to approve (or reject) the group position as part of its local position papers.

The next meeting of the workgroup will be Saturday, September 16, at 9:30 AM in the Appleton Public Library. Your participation is both welcome and wanted.

prompt reply will be much appreciated.

(There's a self-addressed envelope enclosed with this bulletin.) Your

Appleton, WI 54913

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Beverly Wieckert, Treasurer

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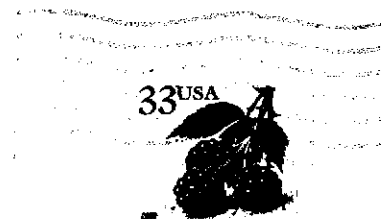
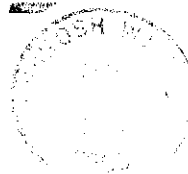
September 1 is membership renewal

**It's time to pay LWV dues!
Write your check
and mail it today!**



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September 12 is Partisan
Primary Election Day.

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You know the problem, too few people exercising their right to vote. At a Town Meeting, the Appleton League will explore the reasons why this problem exists and look for ways we might work for a solution.

“Apathy to Action — Every Vote Counts”

When: October 17, 7 – 9 PM

Where: UW-Fox Valley

Panel of Speakers:

Jim Simmons, Professor of Political Science at UW-Oshkosh
Thom Ciske, Vice President, Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce
Dan Flannery, Deputy Managing Director, *The Post-Crescent*

Other participants: The general public, your guests, and . . . You!

Debate!

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For the candidates in these three contested races:

County Clerk	Congress 8th District	Assembly 5th District
Nancy Christensen	Mark Green	Lee Meyerhofer
Randy Hanby	Dean Reich	Tom Sanders
Helen Nagler		

For the date, time, and location of each of the debates, see “What, When & Where” on the back cover of this bulletin.

Overdue dues

Appleton LWV dues were due in September. You may recall that there was a neat, addressed envelope attached to your September bulletin. If that subtle reminder didn't spur you to send in your check, mail it TODAY to
Beverly Wieckert, Treasurer
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This year's dues categories are:

- Regular membership – **\$35.50**
- Sustaining membership – **\$52.50**
- Household membership – **\$53.00**

Holiday Brunch

Without meaning to rush the season, this is a reminder for you to mark your calendar so you won't miss one of League's most popular events – the Holiday Brunch – to be held on Saturday, December 9, at the Paper Valley. The speaker will be Kirk Metzger, Executive Director of the Performing Arts Center. The cost will be \$12.50 per person.

Next month's bulletin will include a reservation form. And, as always, you are encouraged to bring guests.

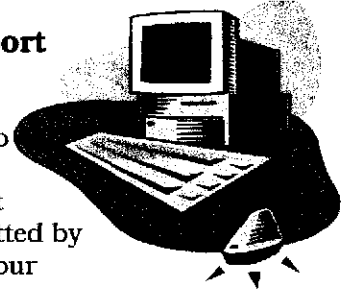


From my desk to yours: **The President's Report**

Here come the elections! And the League has geared up for a lot of activity in October. In addition to debates between the candidates for Congress, Assembly, and County Clerk, the League will be sponsoring an exciting Town Hall meeting on voter apathy. Concurrent with our local activity is the nationwide campaign to encourage everyone to "Take a Friend to Vote" on November 7.

I recently attended a training session to become the local network administrator for the Democracy.Net website. For this to be effective, we need to chase our local candidates to post their views on the site. I will welcome any support you can provide for this endeavor. If you have contact with any candidates between

now and election day, please remind them to post their positions on the Democracy.Net site. We are all benefitted by knowing more about our candidates.

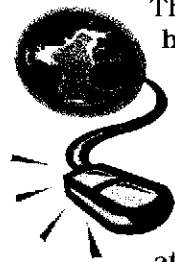


Thank you to all the folks who, as of this writing, have volunteered at Oktoberfest. The enthusiasm for League and our activities in the community is refreshing.

Please mark your calendars now for the Holiday Brunch. Remember this is an excellent opportunity to "Bring a Friend" and to introduce her (or him) to the League of Women Voters of Appleton.

Progress Report: Appleton LWV Website Design Contest

The Appleton League will soon be entering the technology age with its own website.



The contest, with a \$1,000 prize, has started. Deb Cronmiller and Holly Park have presented contest rules and League information at the four participating high schools: Xavier, and Appleton North, East, and West. With approximately 10-15 students attending the presentation at each school, it became clear from the questions that were asked that these kids know computer

language. Deb and Holly feel confident that there will be some interesting and creative sites to judge.

The contest deadline is 4:00 p.m on October 20. (Any entries received after that will be returned to the submitting students.) A panel of judges chosen by the League will then have to determine the winner. League will still have work to do to get the website up, running, and usable to all members, but we can look forward to the result this initial step. We will be seeking media coverage, so keep your eyes and ears open.

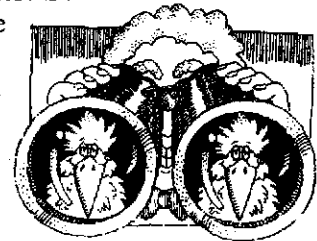
The Observer Corps: Your Chance to Watch Local Government Doing Its Thing

Here is your opportunity for you, as a new or a veteran LWV member, to get the inside view of grass-roots government!

League regularly sends a member to observe standing City Council, County Board, and School Board meetings. This year Stevie Schmidt, Observer Corps chair, also hopes to target occasional committee meetings of particular interest to League. So, not only are regular meeting observers needed but also a back-up crew who can be called upon on short notice for topical committee coverage. To simplify and improve communication, she will provide observers a new, uncomplicated form

on which to record brief, pertinent information and then to return to her. So

far, members who have agreed to be LWV observers include Beth English, Marlys Fritzell, Marcia Hittle, Jan Quinlan, Pat Schinabeck, and Sue Siltan.

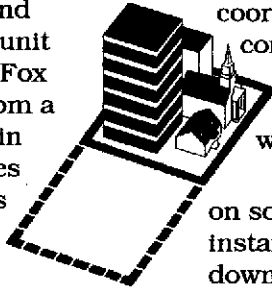


Don't wait for Stevie to call and recruit you. Call her (733-8782) and volunteer for this critical and interesting contribution to League and good government!

Continuing our Local Study: Planning for and Controlling Growth in Appleton and Surrounding Communities

On October 24, the Appleton League will continue its local study, "Planning for and Controlling Growth in Appleton and Surrounding Communities." At a unit meeting, Dave Muench of the UW-Fox Valley will present information from a study relating to growth patterns in the Fox Valley. The study examines why people are migrating into less populated areas and the impact on those communities.

Last year, study chair Deb Matz reminds us, we discussed concepts of planning for growth, including "Smart Growth" and "New Urbanism". Issues considered in these models included diversity of housing, density of developments, the viability of mixed-use facilities outside of the downtown, preservation of both green space and community character (its history), transportation, environmental



issues, preservation of farmland, the economics of development, and the coordination of planning between communities. We also reviewed the State's legislation requiring communities with zoning ordinances to have a formal, written comprehensive development plan.

The League currently has many positions on some aspects of planning for growth; for instance, housing, the city's planning process, downtown development, the planning responsibilities of town government, annexation criteria, energy conservation, the Fox River corridor, parks-and-recreation, and local transportation. What we need to examine is the areas not covered by existing positions and how to encourage coordination between community planning departments. Where should the ultimate responsibility be placed if there are conflicts between communities?

State Corrections Study

Barbara Hoffman, local chair of the State study on corrections, is now forming her committee.



The focus of the study, which, as Barb reminds us, we have been fooling around with for several years, is "Analysis of the budgetary impact of such programs as Truth in Sentencing, privatization of prisoners, out-of-state housing, restorative justice, current and future health care needs, and alternatives to incarceration."

The local committee will help inform our members and facilitate discussion and consensus meetings in February and March. Barb, who anticipates that the committee will meet monthly, is especially interested in recruiting members "with some experience in the local systems" but those who want to learn are also welcome. As of this writing, the committee members are Lisa Maloney, Dina Mumford, Helen Nagler, and Joy Povolny. If Corrections is your issue, give Barb a call (734-3627).

Lunch with Your Legislator

The featured guest at our lunch on October 23 will be State Senator Mike Ellis, previously the Republican leader (both in the majority and minority) and currently a possible candidate for governor in 2002.



You are reminded that the cost of the lunch is \$6.50 and that no-shows will be charged for lunches ordered but not eaten.

Local Budget Season

There is probably nothing in government quite as important as the budget. If it's not funded in the budget, it's probably not going to happen. (Whatever "it" is.) So you may want to note the following local budget dates and times:

- Oct. 30, 6:30 PM - County public hearing
- Nov. 4, 8 AM - City Finance Committee all-day deliberations
- Nov. 6, 6 PM - City public hearing
- Nov. 6 & 7, 6:30 PM - County deliberations
- Nov. 8, 7 PM - City adoption
- Nov. 14, 6:30 PM - County adoption

What, When & Where

Outagamie County Budget Hearing
 Monday, October 30, 6 PM
 County Board Room, 410 S. Walnut St.

**Unit Meeting, Local Study
 Planning for and Controlling Growth**
 Tuesday, October 24, 7 PM - 8:45 PM
 Public Library, lower level

**5th Assembly District Candidates
 Debate**
 Thursday, October 26, 7 PM
 Kaukauna High School
League Lunch with your Legislator
 Monday, October 23, Noon
 Red Cross, 1302 E. Wisconsin Ave.
 For reservations, call 738-7766
 by October 19.

**8th Congressional District Candidates
 Debate**
 Tuesday, October 24, 7 PM
 UW-Fox Valley

**Outagamie County Clerk Candidates
 Debate**
 Thursday, October 19, 7 PM
 Fox Valley Lutheran High School

**Town Meeting
 "Apathy to Action: Every Vote Counts"**
 Tuesday, October 17, 7 - 9 PM
 UW-Fox Valley

Board Meeting
 Monday, October 10, 5:30 PM
 Emergency Shelter, 400 N. Division St.

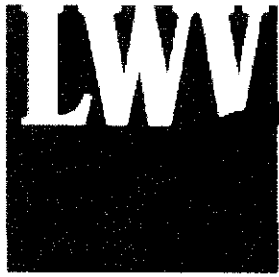


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VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! Can we say it any more clearly?

This month is devoted to the single most important function of the League. While at the LWV State Issues briefing, I was saddened to learn that in the last five years Wisconsin has outpaced the national average decline in voter turnout as measured by the percent of eligible voters voting. Furthermore, it is expected that fewer voters than ever will cast their vote in this November's election. I refuse to believe this must be the case.

Much to the surprise of many of our elected officials in Wisconsin, 59 of the 72 counties will have an opportunity to express their opinions regarding the need for Campaign Finance Reform. (The legislators originally anticipated that fewer than 10 counties would be interested enough to put the referendum on the ballot.)

If voter apathy is a product of the

current "pay to play" system of campaign contributions, this may be the beginning of a serious turn about.

Serious reform is achievable. While 40% of

Wisconsin's

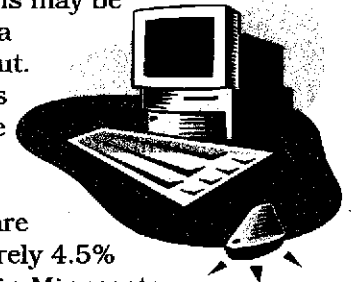
Assembly seats are

uncontested, merely 4.5%

are uncontested in Minnesota

where real limits on campaign spending exist. Choice is necessary to create voter activity and enthusiasm. Without choice, we fail to hear the issues and to understand the importance of voting our preference.

VOTE! Insist that everyone you know votes. Remember that, for every is not cast, a citizen's inherent rights have been lost. Democracy only works when we participate. And in light of everything happening in our world today, the benefits of democracy should be obvious.



WATCH YOUR MAIL FOR THE PCB



CONSENSUS STUDY MATERIALS

On November 13, the four River Leagues (Oshkosh, Neenah-Menasha, Green Bay, and Appleton) will convene their members to come to consensus on the PCBs in the Fox River. This history making four-League consensus session will explore the questions of what should be done (if anything), who should do it, and, if dredging takes place, should local municipal landfills be expected to take the contaminated sediment?

The first part of the meeting will be a question-and-answer period with

Greg Hill from Wisconsin DNR and Dennis Hultgren from Fox River Group (the paper companies), followed by League discussion and consensus.

The impact of this study is far reaching. The local Chamber of Commerce indicates that the employment multiplier for paper company jobs in the Fox Cities is seven. There are currently 12,000 paper jobs in this area. The PCB issue is complex and unique. Come and contribute your thoughts and opinions on what can and should be done and who should be financially responsible.

Town Meeting

Despite a lower than hoped-for turn-out, "Apathy to Action," (Oct. 17) was a success. The format, which provided Leaguers and guests ample opportunity to interact with each other and with the speakers, encouraged a lively, informal discussion.

Following Debra Cronmiller's statement of League's concerns about declining voter turn-out, the panelists, drawing on their areas of expertise, pointed out possible reasons for and solutions to the problem. Thom Siske of the Chamber of Commerce, former Mayor of Menasha and more recently an unsuccessful candidate for Outagamie County Executive, emphasized the importance of candidates and detailed the Chamber's course on how to run for public office. Jim Simmons of the UW-O Political Science Department then provided

facts on why we have such low voter participation as compared to the European countries, citing the decline of citizen participation in the political parties and the public's increasing distrust of government. Finally, Dan Flannery of *The Post-Crescent* noted the role and responsibility of the media — both print and electronic — in reducing voter apathy. He acknowledged the importance of the print media's improving its coverage of political issues, including highlighting why and how particular legislation affects the public.

The meeting presented some possibilities for League action to reduce voter apathy. In addition to continuing our distribution of information on candidates and issues, we might work to implement electronic voting, seek out and encourage possible candidates to run, and explore new ways of informing people why and how their votes count.

No Legislator Lunch in November or December

Because the *fourth Monday of the month* in both November and December comes so close to major holidays, the "League Lunch with Your Legislator" will not be held in either of these two months.



In January the once-a-month noontime sessions, which have proven to be both pleasant and productive, will resume. When you get your 2001 calendar, mark the fourth Mondays for the lunches January through May.

League members are cordially invited to a celebration of the life of Eleanor McLean, whom many of you knew as Eleanor Fitch when she was president of the LWVWI, 1977 - 1981. Eleanor passed away on September 24. Sally Phelps and Carol Toussaint are hosting the celebration at 310 N. Pinckney St. in Madison, on Sunday, Nov. 12, from 2 to 5 PM. We hope lots of League members can join us to share in the wonderful memories we have of Eleanor. If you can't come and would like to join in a gift to the League in her memory, you may send it to Sally Phelps, 310 North Pinckney St., Madison, 53704.

Octoberfest 2000

People who wanted beer at Appleton's Octoberfest 2000 found it in abundance. But only the League, it seems, was offering another beverage — bottled water! — which many festival-goers preferred. The League booth did a lively business.



Leaguers selling brownies and bottled water and handing out membership information included Debra Cronmiller, Liz Cronmiller, Deb Dillenburg, Terri Miller, Holly Park, Jan Quinlan, Karon Sandburg, Carmen Schipper, Stevie Schmidt, Gretta Volk, Cynthia Whitely, Laura Wittman, and M.J. Wurster.



TIME WARNER
CABLE

Did they really say that?

Cable Channel 4 will telecast the tapes of the Outagamie County Clerk debate and the in-studio interviews of the 5th Assembly District candidates on Tuesday, October 31, at

6:00 PM — 5th Assembly District

7:00 PM — Outagamie County Clerk

and on Monday, November 6, at

3:00 PM — 5th Assembly District

3:30 PM — Outagamie County Clerk



** Reconnect with old friends*

** Make new friends*

** Celebrate the season*

Annual Holiday Brunch

Saturday, December 9, 10:30 A.M.

Paper Valley Hotel

Speaker: Kirk Metzger, PAC Executive Director

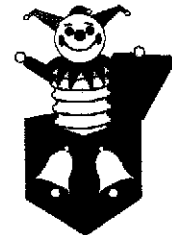
"Performing Arts Center Progress Report:

What's Happening"

Cost (incl. tax & tip): \$12.50 per person – Check payable to LWV of Appleton

Send your reservation and check by December 4 to:

Cynthia Chase Whitely
1619 S. Ravinia Pl.
Appleton, WI 54915-1204
Telephone: 731-8035



What, When & Where

***City Finance Committee Budget**
All-Day Deliberations
Saturday, November 4, 8 AM

County Budget Discussion & Adoption
Monday, November 6, 8:30 AM
County Board Room
410 S. Walnut St.

***City Budget Public Hearing**
Monday, November 6, 6 PM

General Election
Tuesday, November 7
Polls open 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

***City Budget Discussion & Adoption**
Wednesday, November 8, 7 PM
Board Meeting
Monday, November 13, 5:30 PM
UW-Fox, 1478 Midway Rd.

River Leagues General Meeting

& Consensus on PCBs

Monday, November 13, 6:30 PM

UW-Fox, 1478 Midway Rd.

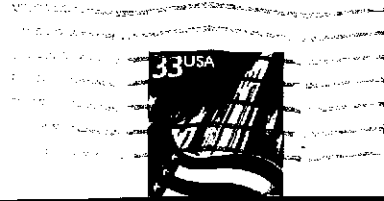
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From my desk to yours: The President's Report

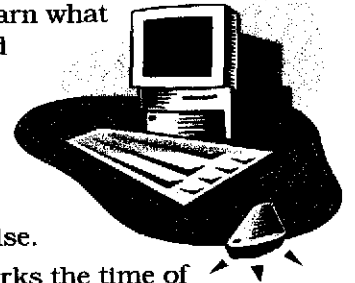
It is hard to believe that I am entering the home stretch of my presidency. This year has just flown by in a flurry of wonderful activities. I look forward to the next few months and to the ensuing rest that should follow.

This past month, the League sponsored three events that I personally benefitted from attending. The first was a terrific local study meeting put together by Deb Matz. The quality of the speakers and the discussion was wonderful. I truly look forward to her next meeting and further movement toward consensus on planning and controlling growth in our area.

The second was the consensus meeting of the four Leagues along the Fox River - Appleton, Green Bay, Neenah-Menasha, and Oshkosh. Nearly forty well informed, articulate Leaguers discussed, argued, and ultimately agreed on what our joint position on PCB abatement should be. What a terrific an evening it was!

Finally, in concert with Holly Park, Carmen Schipper and her technically minded, volunteer oriented husband Sean, we were able to find a winner to our WEB Site Design Contest. This contest, made possible by Marian Ming's generosity, not only reaped this

League a well designed, usable WEB site, but allowed 60 high school students in Appleton to learn what the League is and does in our community and around the nation. It was an exciting and interesting exercise.



December marks the time of year for our annual Holiday Brunch for members and prospective members. Cynthia Whitely has done a wonderful job planning this event. Kurt Metzger, Executive Director of the Performing Arts Center will present his views on the status of the PAC. It should be a great opportunity to introduce new members to the League and entertain those who possess longer League teeth.

Just around the corner is our annual Lively Issues meeting. I urge everyone to begin now to think about what topics and issue are of import to you. How could the League advocate? What demands our closer examination? This session sets the study agenda for the following season. Plan to come. Plan to participate in the lively discussion.

Happy Holidays, fellow League members. Have a safe and wonderful Holiday Season!



Even if you failed to mail in your reservation for the Holiday Brunch, you can still come. Just call Cynthia Whitely (731-8035) by December 4. Leave on her answering machine your name, your phone number, and the names of any guests you are bringing. Then arrive with your payment (cash or check) in hand, and be aware that "no-shows" will be billed.

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Board Meeting

Monday, December 11, 5:30 PM
Emergency Shelter, 400 N. Division St.

Annual Holiday Brunch

Saturday, December 9, 10:30 AM
Paper Valley Hotel

In Your Name: Local Budget Statements

Outagamie County – October 30, 2000

The League of Women Voters of Appleton is pleased to have this opportunity to address Outagamie County's elected officials. I am Carmen Schipper, and I represent the League.

The League encourages the County to pursue creation of its comprehensive plan according to the criteria outlined in the Smart Growth legislation. The need for regional planning has never been more clear. We sincerely hope that the Board and staff of Outagamie County will commit to regional goals to insure best practices for land use, infrastructure development, cost sharing, and service provision.

The League commends the County for its continued support and commitment of proactive regionalization of policing supports and information sharing through the Sheriff's department. The Fox Cities, as a whole, must insure a safe and just environment for all citizens regardless of municipal boundaries. Continued, careful planning of these long-term collaborations will undoubtedly result in efficiencies that translate into financial savings for all citizens.

The League, recognizing that no agency or department can run well in the absence of adequate staff, strongly encourages the Sheriff's department to recruit, train, and retain the staff necessary to be 100% effective. Utilizing existing county human resource personnel outside the Sheriff's department proper may be one way to help facilitate more complete staffing and a decreased reliance on overtime and other less stable personnel policies.

The League would encourage the complete

staffing of necessary health and human service positions in an effort to maximize the available monetary match at the state and federal levels. Having insufficient staff does not only mean Outagamie County residents will receive less service than needed, but it will also insure that Outagamie County will continue to return dollars available for services to needy families and individuals. Without needed staff, wait lists will continue to be a norm in our county. Only through the delivery of more services will the County be able to increase its share of potential reimbursement funds.

Finally, the League of Women Voters of Appleton, along with our sister Leagues in Neenah-Menasha, Oshkosh, and Green Bay, will soon form consensus on the complicated issue of how to deal with the PCBs in the Fox River and who should bear the financial burden of clean up. This is a local issue. The paper companies have made a tremendous financial impact on this community. We have all benefitted from their success. If clean-up points in the direction of dredging and landfilling the solid contaminated waste, this County may need to seriously reconsider its position on accepting PCB wastes in our landfills. We urge you to become informed and represent the interests of the whole area in making these important and financially meaningful decisions.

The League thanks you for this opportunity to address you and commends the County Executive, staff, and all the Supervisors for your commitment to presenting a responsible, easy-to-understand budget. Good luck in your deliberations.

City of Appleton – November 6, 2000

Good Evening. I'm Debra Cronmiller, President of the League of Women Voters of Appleton.

The League is encouraged by some activity we see in this city: the construction of the PAC, the collaboration in updating the fiber optics to the city, school district and county, the development of a state of the art water treatment facility, and a visionary comprehensive plan created with input from citizens and other stakeholders.

We are saddened, however, that for the fifth consecutive year we must ask for substantial change in the budget process as it relates to public input. The current timeline virtually excludes public input. By the time the public reads in the paper about budget decisions, they are just that — a completed decision. Additionally, since the budget itself is quite difficult to read, with revenues and expenditures for each department not always reflected in the same place, poor delineation of important line

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items within budgets, and capital items detailed in separate sections, it is no wonder that most citizens would be reserved with regard to input for fear they may have misread this onerous document.

We are saddened, too, to see a council and mayor who had the wisdom to commission a \$100,000 study of the needs of and vision for this city, but who fail to use this as the key factor in prioritizing the spending. The mayor indicates that preparing and adopting a budget is primarily about setting priorities. The parameters for his priorities are the fund balance policies and the State's Expenditure Restraint Program. While we agree it is about priorities, we urge this council to make the consolidated plan for this city your priority.

In concert with the citizens of this city, a consolidated plan has been created. It should act as your singular reference when determining the

spending priorities of this city. Competent, qualified department heads should be empowered to work within the restraints handed to them by this body of elected officials. It should not be your role to question their decisions, but rather to give them canvas on which will they will draw their plans.

Through the collection of data on measurable outcomes, and through the realization of goals set forth, you will be the judge of how well the vision is being implemented at the department level.

Quoting from the City's Official Directory, we believe in Appleton having a Council that is competent, well informed, and responsive to provide vision and act in the best interest of the entire City. The mission and beliefs for this city are well defined. You are the planners, the innovators, and collaborators. It seems such a waste that you have lost this mission and have assumed the role of micro-manager.

River Leagues Consensus on PCBs

On November 13, members of the River Leagues – the Leagues of Women Voters of Appleton, Green Bay, Neenah-Menasha, and Oshkosh – meeting together came to consensus on what should be done and who should be responsible to clean up the PCBs in the Fox River.

The River Leagues believe that the Fox River has been and continues to be both an economic resource and a source of recreation and beauty for all area residents. The Leagues believe that the public must have adequate and meaningful *comment regarding anything which has influence on the use of the area's water resources or land resources*. Further, we would hope that any financial resources collected by the Fish and Wildlife Service for damage assessment to the environment would be used for the primary purpose of improving the quality of the water and not merely the beautification of the waterway.

After nearly two years of meetings by the work group, the following consensus is forwarded to be adopted into each League's local positions:

The River Leagues support the effort to

decrease the concentration of PCBs in the Fox River using site appropriate methods. Further, we support site specific, on-going monitoring of the river's water quality with periodic review of the implemented clean-up option for effectiveness.

We believe the clean-up project should be conducted by the state and the paper companies in a collaborative venture based on a mutually accepted long-term plan.

The River Leagues believe the cost of the clean-up should be borne by the responsible parties and all available state and federal grant dollars. In addition, the Leagues support a statewide water quality tax, similar to the forestry tax, to improve the state's water resources and to provide a predictable, dependable and equitable funding source.

The River Leagues believe that the local governments need to allow the development of local landfills for the disposal of PCB contaminated soil. Additionally, we support the state's on-going assumption of liability for government owned landfills designated for this purpose.

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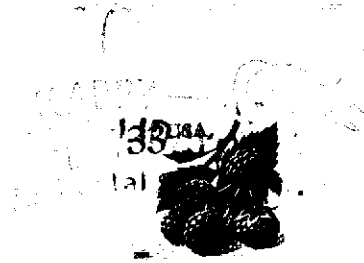
On November 7, the Appleton League participated in Election Night Reporting for the Voter News Service. Our responsibility was to cover all of Outagamie County, encompassing 87 wards at 54 polling places, plus Brothertown in Calumet County, designated a key precinct by VNS. According to Sue Eich, who once again organized this important function, we had people assigned to all the designated sites and hope they were all able to fulfill their task. A big thank-you to all Leaguers and non-leaguers who helped. It was, to say the least, an interesting evening!

With the lively issues meeting coming up in January, you are urged to be thinking of issues for local study. In the box to the right is a reminder of the criteria for selection.



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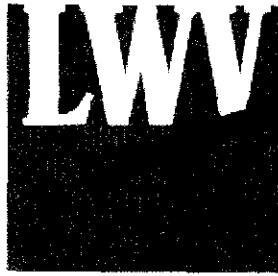
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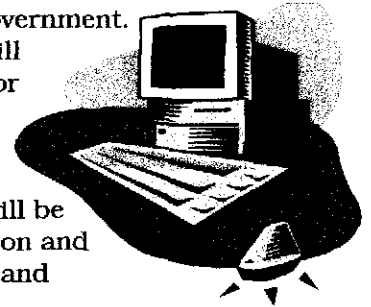
With no immediate presidential winner evident on November 7, I have been frequently asked in the past weeks what can the League of Women Voters do. We have a national position supporting the abolition of the Electoral College. But saying this after the fact does not bring a winner to the forefront. What can the League do?

We can, in my opinion, do what the League does best. We can advocate for change. We can lobby for better data collection methods and better assurances that all votes cast can be counted. We can work to insure that local election officials are well trained and competent. We can, at every level of government, advocate for greater uniformity in practices.

January will ring in a New Year and new opportunities for Leagues

throughout the state and country to encourage informed and active participation in government.

Our community will begin to prepare for spring elections. And League will contemplate what areas of interest will be designated for action and study both locally and statewide.



I encourage everyone to attend the Lively Issues meeting. The discussion is always stimulating. The outcome will point the Appleton League's direction for the next year. I have always come away from these meetings feeling very satisfied that I am a member of an organization whose members are both well informed and visionary. I look forward to this year's discussion and wish everyone a very happy and healthy New Year!

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LWVUS Position on the Electoral College

Possibly you never knew or can't remember, but in 1970 the LWVUS adopted the following position:

Election of the President.

Promote the election of the President and Vice-President by direct popular vote and work to abolish the electoral college;

support uniform national voting qualifications and procedures for presidential elections.

It's a position that hasn't gotten a lot of attention over the past three decades; but after an election with no result for five long weeks, we can be glad last summer's convention moved it to the front burner.

What, When & Where

Board Meeting

Monday, January 8, 5:30 PM
Emergency Shelter, 400 N. Division St.

Controlling Local Growth

Tuesday, January 16, 6:30 PM
Public Library

Decision-Maker Lunch

Monday, January 22, Noon
Red Cross, 1302 E. Wisconsin Ave.

Lively Issues - State & Local

Tuesday, January 23, 6:30 PM
Public Library

Planning for 2001-2002

In-put for the Nominating Committee

As the Nominating Committee gears up to select the slate of officers and directors to be presented to the membership at the Annual Meeting in May, it is asking for your help. It wants you to suggest members who



will benefit from serving on the Board and whose service will benefit the League.

The Board, officers and directors, provides the League's day-to-day administration. To provide for continuity, Board members are elected for staggered two-year terms: half of its members are elected each year; the other half carry over from the previous year. This year's slate will include: President, one Vice-President, Secretary, and three Directors. Also being

selected for presentation at the Annual Meeting are the chair and two off-board members of next year's Nominating Committee.

Call or e-mail your suggestions to Marcia Hittle, this year's Nominating Committee chair (731-8876 or mhl@excecpc.com).

Lively Issues: Recommending Items for Study & Action

Lively Issues meetings, the first step in League program planning, are indeed lively! Start thinking now about problems that you feel merit League effort and attention. Come prepared to propose, to discuss, and to be stimulated.

At this year's Lively Issues meeting, being held in the Public Library at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, January 23, we will be proposing both state and local study items. The local program for 2001-02 will be adopted at the Annual Meeting in May. The state program for 2001-03 will be adopted by the State Convention.

Note: Given the River Leagues' consensus on PCBs, a possible "water quality" tax is an item that needs to be recommended for the state program. Neither the Appleton League nor the other three River Leagues can promote a state tax unless such a position has been adopted by the LWVWIS.

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See you at Lively Issues!

Decision-Maker Lunch

Through this past October we called these monthly noontime gatherings "League Lunch with your Legislator." Then, taking note of the fact that several of our featured guests, while decision-makers, had not been legislators, we decided to give up alliteration in favor of being more precise.



This month's lunch will be at noon on Monday, January 22, at the Red Cross

Building. Mayor Tim Hanna will be our featured guest. Bring your comments, questions, and suggestions. It should be a lively session.

Call 738-7766 by January 18 to make reservations for yourself and for guests. (Yes, we want and welcome guests. The lunches are a great opportunity for prospective members to see League doing its thing.) The cost for the box lunch is \$6.50, and you are reminded that no-shows are charged for the lunch ordered but not eaten.

Holiday Brunch Wrap-Up

Our Holiday Brunch on December 9 was once again a splendid occasion as Kirk Metzger, recently hired Performing Arts Center director, shared PAC plans with League members and guests. The Center, he told us, will be a state of the art facility, with two theaters, one seating 2000 and a second, much smaller theater. The large theater will be capable of hosting both Broadway productions and symphony orchestras. As guests enter, from the two entrances, one on Division Street and the other the Walnut Street, they will see a lovely, spacious three-story atrium. Special constructions techniques are being used to provide sound barriers eliminating



the problems of train and street noise. Many have waited years for the PAC to become a reality — and now it's taking shape!

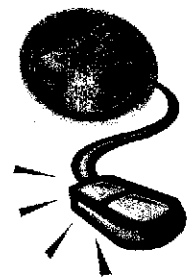
Members attending included: Gretchen Bambrick, Mary Cronmiller, Debra Cronmiller, Sue Eich, Beth English, Anna Faye Dodd, Sharon Fenlon, Corinne Goldgar, Barbara Grant, Marcia Hittle, Barbara Hoffman, Kathy Kamp, Sue Kinde, Deb Matz, Helen Nagler, Holly Park, Pat Schinabeck, Stevie Schmidt, Janet Van Asten, Donna Weis, Len Weis, Cynthia Whitely, and Vivian Wright. And we were happy to be joined by the following guests: Alison Attar, Anne Berry, Sue Flittner, Arch Hoffman, Cynthia Johnson, Connie Kanitz, Bob Kinde, Liz Lokensgard, Sharon Maretech, Faina Mikhailona, Mary Jane Pukall, and Mary Ann Wepfer.

Website Design Progressing

We have a winner! Brian Wruck of Appleton's East High School has been chosen to receive \$1,000 from the Appleton League for designing a website for our use. Our panel of four judges reviewed seven entries and determined Brian's to be both the most visually pleasing and technically useable. Two West High students were each awarded \$100 for their designs because the panel hopes to incorporate a few of their ideas into the winning entry.

While we hoped for more entries, the judges were pleased with the quality of design that all students achieved. The final decision was made easier by Brian's having clearly incorporated all the elements that the League had initially asked for. It is now up to the League to establish a permanent site so that

both we and the public will be able to "check us out." The site will include information on the League, how to join, current studies, positions, and calendar as well as links to other sites that politically interested folk may want to view. Stay tuned. In the next few months we hope to announce an up-and-running site that will keep you informed on what your local League is doing!



League & E-Mail

The amount of time, effort, and money League saves by sending all-member messages by e-mail rather than using post cards or the telephone is phenomenal. If you are e-mail accessible and haven't given us your address, please send it to goldgar@execpc.com.

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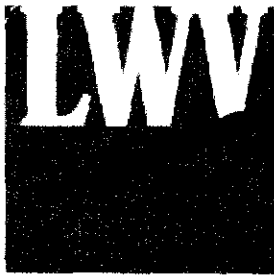
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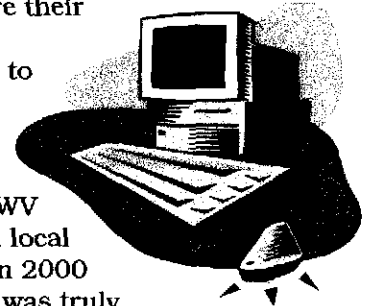
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The January meeting of the board reaped lively discussion regarding our local studies, upcoming programs, and the upcoming Bulletin. Of greatest interest to me, however, was our discussion of Voter Service activities for the upcoming spring primary and general election. In Appleton's 5th District, as many of you know, three candidates had filed papers. One candidate, upon learning the State has a regulation that prohibits direct contractors to serve in elected office sought to "pull" his papers. Although he was denied this opportunity and cannot hold office in this District, the City will have to incur the time and expense of conducting this primary, such that it is. Accordingly, the Appleton League will not sponsor any pre-primary voter service activity for this race. Consistent with our recent working protocol, we will sponsor a

the three declared School Board candidates to share their qualifications and experiences closer to the April election. Two seats are open.



The National LWV recently sent to all local presidents Election 2000 recap statistics. It was truly saddening to learn that only 50.7% of the eligible voters opted to turn out. (However, that was up 1.6% from the last presidential election.) This, when over \$3 billion total in hard and soft money was spent on the election. The gender gap – point spread between how men and women voted – widened to 22 points from 17 points in 1996 with 52% of eligible women voting versus 48% of men. And the League's voter service activities did seem to make a difference. GOTV results showed much higher turnout over 1996

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forum or other similar activity in advance of the April election for all contested races of the City Council.

The seven candidates seeking to head the Department of Public Instruction will have the opportunity to express their views on January 27 in Madison in a State LWV sponsored debate. I am hopeful that our local cable affiliate will pick up this program for broadcast in our area. A Voter's Guide is in the works. Contact the State League's web site for information on how to get your copy.

levels in targeted areas; there were over 2.5 million views of DNet and an average of 4,277 daily views of LWV web site from September 29 to October 26, increasing steadily to 25,000 views the day of the election.

It seems that everything the League does from the local level to the national level does have a significant impact. It concerns me that, despite all our efforts, turnout remains low and apathy in becoming politically active continues to increase. I am thankful each day to be involved with an organization so committed to political education and advocacy. And I thank each of you for your shared commitment.

The Appleton League will invite

A task for citizens: Find candidates!

Last fall before the presidential election, the Appleton League held a general meeting entitled, "Apathy to Action." At the meeting, to which the public was invited, we explored reasons why so many Americans fail to exercise their right to vote. Our purpose was to find ways League might help to reduce non-participation the electoral process. Among the possible reasons discussed were: excessively busy lifestyles, contentment with what seemed then to be a booming economy, general disconnect from government, and discontent with the candidates.

Since you are a member of the League of Women Voters, it seems fair to assume that you voted in the November election and will vote in the non-partisan election this spring, that you have not been infected with "voter apathy." Even so, you may be experiencing "discontent with the candidates" or the lack of candidates.

On this spring's ballot, five of the nine Appleton Common Council seats up for election are uncontested. This is a source for concern. Are all the citizens in those five aldermanic districts completely happy with their local decision-makers? Is there no one in those districts who feels that he (or she) would do a

better job than the incumbent? The purpose of an election is to choose the decision-makers. Where there is no contest, there is no choice.

While there is little that we do about busy lifestyles and while solving disconnect from government is probably beyond our capability, working

on the lack of candidates is feasible. League, with its "we do not support or oppose candidates" policy, cannot seek people to run for public office. It is a job that we have to undertake as individual citizens. The ballot for this year's election is already history. But think ahead. Look around you. Don't you have a friend or neighbor who would make a superb member of the Council and who with some encouragement and support would be willing to run? Or why not you yourself?! You are obviously interested in good government.

At the "Apathy to Action" meeting, Thom Ciske, with tongue firmly in cheek, quoted some homespun philosopher: "If the gods had meant us to vote, they would have given us candidates." He might have added another old saw: "God helps those who help themselves."

So let's get at it. Let's start seeking candidates now. Next year let's be sure that our aldermanic elections are contested.

If the gods had meant us to vote . . .

F.Y.I.: Voters First & Campaign finance reform

"Voters First" is a group of organizations, of which LWVWI is one, promoting campaign finance reform. In early January, its Media Committee met and worked out a plan/strategy to generate press coverage to engage the public and keep the issue in front of the legislature.

With the thought that the press and the legislature need to know that changing the campaign finance laws is being advanced by more than the usual reform groups, Voters First is seeking to organize the following:

1. Editorial board visits to the 35 daily newspapers;
2. Op-ed pieces to the dailies from the perspectives of coalition members;
3. Letters-to-the-editor and guest columns in weekly newspapers;

4. Communication to the members of the Voters First organizations;
5. Press releases to radio stations and participation in radio talk shows.

The local board discussed the foregoing information, received by Debra Cronmiller in an e-mail from State League staffperson Beverly Speer, and decided that, while the project is worthy, the already jam-packed schedule of the Appleton League does not allow time for it. The information is passed along with the thought that individual members of the Appleton League, as members of the LWVWI, may want to participate. If it sounds like your cup of tea, the board urges you to contact Beverly Speer directly. The address for your e-mail to her is [Beverly J Speer/LWVWI <genfund@lwvwi.org>](mailto:Beverly.J.Speer/LWVWI).



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TRUTH IN SENTENCING

THE LAW: 1997 Wisconsin Act 283

This law was passed by the Legislature & signed by the Governor to take effect on June 30, 1998. The law increases maximum sentences for felony convictions and changes the sentencing structure, including eliminating parole. It applies to all crimes committed on or after Dec. 31, 1999.

It is important to note that to qualify for federal funding, convicted felons must serve at least 85% of their sentence. The Wisconsin law says that convicted felons must serve 100% of their sentence.

This new law creates bifurcated sentences by splitting the sentence into two parts: the confinement time and the extended supervision time. These bifurcated sentences: 1) cannot exceed the total length of the maximum sentence allowable for the felony; 2) the court must set a definite term of confinement for the prison part of the sentence, which must be at least one year longer, but not more than, the specified prison maximum; 3) the court must set a term of extended supervision which, at minimum, must equal at least 25% of the length of the term of confinement. Also it should be noted that the "time off for good behavior" provision has been replaced, by prison time being extended for "bad behavior."

In the Criminal Code, felonies are classified in six categories: Class: A, B, BC, C, D, E.

Class A – Class A crimes are crimes that carry a life sentence with no parole. In these cases the Judge will: 1) determine that the person will be eligible for extended supervision after serving 20 years; 2) set a date beyond the 20 years on which the person becomes eligible for extended supervision; or 3) deny extended supervision.

This supervision covers the remainder of the person's life and can be revoked if any of the conditions of the extended supervision are violated.

NOTE: this act does not affect persons sentenced to life imprisonment without parole under the "three strikes & you're out" law.

Classes B thru E – Before this law took effect, crimes committed under these categories had a maximum sentence time with a mandatory release date of 2/3rds of the sentence, now that maximum sentence time has become the maximum prison time with the maximum sentence time including the extended supervision time added on. For example, before 12/31/99 a class B felony had a maximum sentence of 40 years. Now that same felony has a maximum prison time of 40 years but a maximum sentence of 60 years. The added 20 years is the extended supervision time.

LEAGUE'S POSITION

The League does not have a position *per se* on Truth-in-Sentencing, although we have made several statements opposing the extended mandatory prison time and severity of the sentencing do to cost and inhumane factors.

CURRENT STATUS OF THE LAW

As of this date (August 2000) an 18-member Criminal Penalty Study Committee is working to establish guidelines to review & re-classify the criminal code, and to set up the extended supervision rules.



The League depends on public support for its voter service projects.
Contributions to the Education Fund are tax deductible for charitable purposes.

Decision-Maker Lunch

This month's Decision-Maker Lunch will be at noon on Monday, February 26, at the Red Cross Building. Circuit Court Judge Joe Troy will be our featured guest. Bring your comments, questions, and suggestions. It should be a lively session.



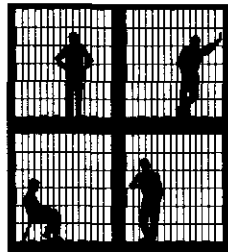
Call 738-7766 by February 22 to make reservations for yourself and for guests. (Yes, we want and welcome guests. The lunches are a great opportunity for prospective members to see League doing its thing.) The cost for the box lunch is \$6.50, and you are reminded that no-shows are charged for the lunch ordered but not eaten.

State Corrections Study

Our State Corrections meeting at the Public Library on February 20 will focus on the Truth in Sentencing Law, which is applicable for crimes committed after December 31, 1999. Outagamie County Sheriff Brad Gehring will fill the dual roles of speaker and resource person.

The local study committee, expecting us to be conversant with the summary of the law provided by the state committee, has outlined the following areas for discussion:

1. Questions and clarification of the Truth in Sentencing Law.
2. Status of the report from the 18-member



Criminal Penalty Study Committee. Are there any written public reports? What are the judges doing in the meantime?

3. What is the purpose of the law?
 - a. Is it doing what it was meant to do?
 - b. Does it eliminate judicial discretion?
 - c. Does it influence the types of cases that are prosecuted?
 - d. Is this law causing the explosion of our prison population? Or are there other factors?
 - e. Is the law part of the reason for the drop in crime rates?
4. LWVWI opposed this bill. Should we have? Are there changes in the law that we would like to see implemented?

Suggestions for the Nominating Committee?

OK. This is a second nudge. The Nominating Committee really does want your suggestions for members to fill the following slots on the slate to be presented at the Annual Meeting in

Legislative Day 2001

Legislative Day 2001, sponsored by the LWVWI and the Wisconsin Women's Network, is being held on Saturday, February 24, in the State Capitol. The program for this **every-member** event sounds good, well worth the \$30 member cost. *Y'all come!*

May: President, one Vice-President, Secretary, three Directors, and three members of next year's Nominating Committee. All of these offices are for two-year terms.



Think about it. You know somebody, or even several somebodies, who would enjoy doing this bit of service for the League. Call Marcia Hittle, this year's Nominating Committee chair, (731-8876) and give her their names. She'll be glad you did, you'll be glad you did, and the member(s) you will be particularly glad you did.

What, When & Where

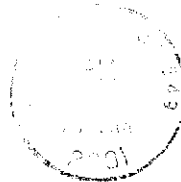
LWWI & WVN Legislative Day 2001
 Saturday, February 24, 8:15 AM - 2:35 PM
 State Capitol Building, Madison
 Reservations to Wisconsin Women's Network
 122 State St., Madison, WI 53703-2500

Decision-Maker Lunch
 Monday, February 26, Noon
 Red Cross, 1302 E. Wisconsin Ave.
 For reservations, call 738-7766
 by February 22

Board Meeting
 Monday, February 12, 5:30 PM
 Hoffman Financial Services
 126 N. Morrison St. - 2nd floor
Non-Partisan Primary Election
 Tuesday, February 13
 Polls open 7 AM - 8 PM
State Corrections
 Tuesday, February 20, 6:30 PM
 Public Library



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*Love may not make
 the world go round,
 but it helps.*



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of Appleton, Wisconsin

MARCH 2001

From my desk to yours: The President's Report

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This past month has been highly charged from an emotional standpoint. Barb Hoffman, sadly, recommended to the Board that the State Corrections study, being poorly supported by the state League, be discontinued by the Appleton League. Our local study of planning and controlling growth, a topic of great importance, is suffering from low interest levels. Our Governor was unanimously approved to the President's Cabinet and left his elected post. And the United Way has asked that all funded agencies sign a non-discrimination agreement including, for the first time, "sexual orientation."

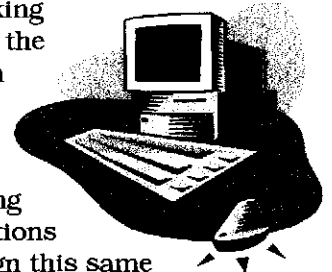
I was saddened to learn that so many folks in our community believe that this discrimination against homosexuals is to be tolerated. I was saddened, too, to learn that the Boy Scouts are not willing to consider the practice of non-discrimination - but are comfortable with their discriminatory practices regarding sexual orientation and religion.

Planning & Controlling Local Growth



The material for this meeting, including the consensus questions, will be sent to members under separate cover. Please note that the meeting time is 7 PM rather than the usual 6:30.

I am saddened, too, with some of our elected officials speaking negatively of the path the United Way has taken when indeed governments at all levels - local, state and federal - have long required all organizations seeking funding to sign this same agreement. Communities are made stronger through promoting inclusion, not by condoning exclusionary policies based on prejudice and disrespect of each person's intrinsic worth. There was a time when women were subject to these same unfair, discriminatory practices. Thank goodness the League was there to educate and advocate for doing the right thing. And thank goodness, to this day, we practice inclusion and work to eliminate discrimination in our communities through the fair and equitable practices of government.



What, When & Where

Board Meeting

Monday, March 12, 5:30 PM
Hoffman Financial Services,
120 N. Morrison St., 2nd floor

Consensus Meeting: Planning & Controlling Local Growth

Tuesday, March 20, 7 PM
Public Library

Decison Maker Lunch

Monday, March 26, Noon
Red Cross, 1302 E. Wisconsin Ave.
**For reservations, call 738-7766
by March 22.**

You belong to the League of Women Voters – at all levels

*"I joined and I pay dues to the LWV of Appleton, but I never joined
and I don't pay dues to either the LWV-WI or the LWV-US."*



Hey, as the guy says in the TV potato commercial, wait a Milwaukee minute! Somebody doesn't understand League structure and how it works (or is supposed to work).

First and foremost, League is a grassroots organization. Everything starts with the individual member – or, as we used to say, "the member in the unit." When she joins a local League, she is also joining the appropriate state League and the LWV-US. Her dues to the local League include her "dues" to the state and national organizations, which are paid by the local League and called "per member payments" or PMPs.

League is structured like the government, which makes sense since one of its purposes is to influence government action. As a citizen of your city, village, or town, you are a citizen of Wisconsin and of the United States. The local League works very much like town government, with Lively Issues + the Annual Meeting reflecting the annual Town Meeting where everyone has the opportunity to come and have her say. Such direct democracy for the state and nation is not practical either with government or with League, so both have

representative democracy. The state and national LWV conventions reflect the legislature and Congress. The annual meeting and the conventions are League's "sovereign bodies."

The League Board of Directors and their committees at all three levels are composed of members of local Leagues. Their function is to administer the decisions made by its sovereign body – to coordinate the studies chosen, to provide study material, and to act on the positions adopted after study produces a consensus. Does it always work? No, of course not. But unless it works most of the time, something is wrong.

If you feel disconnected from the state and national Leagues, possibly this an area we should be working on. Maybe we should be recommending our members for state and national board positions or to serve on state and national committees? If you were tapped, would you be willing to serve? Gripping when we don't get appropriate study material in a timely manner gets us nowhere. Think about it! We are, after all, the grassroots.

(And just what is a "Milwaukee minute"? How is it different from a Menasha minute or a Manitowoc minute? Whatever it is, it sounds catchy.)

Planning next year's program – Step I

Lively Issues was held on January 23 with only 8 members present.

Even though the discussion was spirited, it is disappointing that such a small group is deciding the direction for our League.

You will, however, have one more opportunity for input and that is at the Annual Meeting on May 22. Mark your calendars NOW! Details will follow in a future bulletin, but save that date. Come share your ideas.

The Lively Issues meeting chose and the board approved the following to be submitted for a state study:

A state water quality tax, similar to the forestry tax, to improve the states water

resources and to provide a predictable, dependable and equitable funding source.

For the local study item, the group chose and the board is recommending

Riverfront Development,

which would fit nicely with our recent work on both PCBs and smart growth.

The local study items discussed at Lively Issues but not recommended by the board are:

- 1. Public Health/Community Health Services;*
- 2. Regionalization;*
- 3. School Safety/Student Services.*

Reminder: Only items discussed at Lively Issues can be considered for adoption at the Annual Meeting.



Decision-Maker Lunch

This month's lunch will be at noon on Monday, March 26, at the Red Cross Building. Mayor Tim Hanna will again be our featured guest to continue the stimulating conversation we had in January. Bring your comments, questions,



and suggestions. It should be another lively session.

Call 738-7766 by March 22 to make reservations for yourself and for guests. The cost for the box lunch is \$6.50, and you are reminded that no-shows are charged for the lunch ordered but not eaten.

Spring Election Voter Service

All candidates for seats on the Appleton Common Council and the Appleton Area School Board have been invited for interviews on Cable Channel 4. At the time of this writing we do not know the dates and times of the telecasts, but we can tell you that they will be published in *The Post-Crescent*.



We have also invited the two candidates for State Superintendent of Schools to participate in a public forum. But until we receive their responses, we cannot give you a date, time, or place. So, again we ask you to watch for this information in *The Post-Crescent*.

We welcome a new member

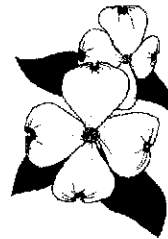
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Connie recently moved to the Fox Valley from Beloit where she was very active in and served on the board of the LWV of Beloit. Her League interests are varied: welfare reform improvements, how our state prisons are being used, and how to get people interested in the democratic process. At one time, Connie was the editor of the Beloit LWV bulletin. Her obvious energy and previous experience make her a valuable addition to her new LWV home.

... And we mourn our losses

In the past several months death has claimed two long-time members of the Appleton League. Berta Churchill passed away late last summer; Anna Faye Dodd, in early February. Both Berta and Anna Faye were active in a variety of organizations, and their contributions to the community were great. They will both be sorely missed. While we mourn their loss, we cherish our memories of Anna Faye and Berta and are grateful for the time and effort each of them gave to League.



No State Corrections consensus meeting

We are canceling the consensus meeting on the State of Wisconsin Corrections Budget. I don't think the Appleton League has declined to participate in a state study consensus in the 44 years that I have been a member. The action was taken by the board on the recommendation of the local committee.

You will receive a packet of information from the state board about the same time you receive this bulletin. Notice three things: 1) The original focus of the study was substantially reduced; 2) the consensus questions are drawn so broadly as to be meaningless; and 3) the material included, while interesting, has no information that would

support any position we could take.

We have spent three years trying to get a handle on this problem. I have, in fact, been a member of the state committee the entire time. The committee has met only once. I believe that, as Dianne Martin will explain, that it has been difficult to get information that is both current and useful. Regardless of this reason, I have too much regard for your time and your consideration to have a meeting on this failed study. I am chagrined that we were unable to pull the study together. It is very important and of some interest for our members.

- Barbara Hoffman

A strong League
needs your
participation.



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March comes in like a lion and
goes out, we hope, like a lamb.





The League of Women Voters

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APRIL 2001

**It's time for some strategic League
planning but, first, think . . .**

*My dream for League is . . .
My greatest concern for League is . . .
The thing that impresses me most
about League is . . .*

When: Saturday, April 21, 10 AM – noon

Where: Lawrence Guest House, 228 N. Park Ave.

Who: Every member — and that means *you!*

To Carrie Chapman Catt, who founded the League of Women Voters, "CTRL+ALT+DEL" would have been gibberish. Ms. Catt never had to dash to the daycare to pick up the kids after work — and she wouldn't have recognized the honorific "Ms." Neither Lillian Mackesy nor Erna McIntyre, who organized the Appleton League in 1939, ever received an e-mail. While these great ladies left us a magnificent legacy, they surely never meant for its details to be immutable.

Times change, and while

League needs to change with the times, it shouldn't be a matter of happenstance. We must plan thoughtfully and carefully. We must retain those aspects that are the essence of League while tweaking those details that make active participation burdensome. Our aim is to bring the Appleton League into the 21st century by making it more "member-friendly."

This strategic planning meeting is a "must attend" session. It's your League, and it's your involvement that is sought. What "tweaks" would increase your active participation? Be there! Chime in! We need your in-put!

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From my desk to yours: The President's Report

It is hard to believe we are entering the home stretch of the League season. As I evaluate how we've fared, I am both delighted *by our accomplishments and aware that some opportunities were missed for lack of womanpower* – as is the case every year.

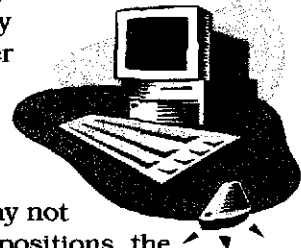
My personal goals for this season were two-fold. In the area of Voter Service, I hoped we would have debates and forums for all the contested races – and we did. I hoped we would sponsor one state-wide race in Appleton – but we did not. (Not for lack of trying.) I wanted to prepare Voter Guide information on local candidates on the DNet web-site. Although I was trained to be our local administrator and DNet is indeed up and running, our follow-through with local candidates could have been more complete.

In the area of League action, we boldly set out to increase local citizen involvement in government – a perpetual League goal. We started toward this end by sponsoring a wonderful forum on voter apathy, its causes and potential solutions. The event, ironically not as well attended as we hoped, was more interesting than even I expected – and I lined up the speakers! We learned (or had reiterated to us) that participation is the product of people's feeling able to make difference. Proposed reforms in campaign finance and the electoral college present the opportunity to change the players by pointing out the wonderful power of the individual in the political process.

For good measure, this year we also threw in our work on finishing up the PCB study and building the collaboration among the "River" Leagues. We observed nearly every meeting of the County Board and City Council. We invested many hours in pursuit of a better understanding of the State's corrections budget and of planning and controlling local growth.

Although these studies may not result in new or modified positions, the knowledge is wonderful. We raised \$670 doing what most all of us truly enjoy – Election Night Reporting. And early in May, the Appleton League will have a Web site to call its own.

We have accomplished much, but there is more to do. Shortly, Karen de Young will guide us through an important annual event, League's Finance Drive. Together, we must understand the nature of our activities and the costs, both monetary and human, to accomplish our goals. Any successful fund drive has as its root the underlying need for expending resources. We could continue to do what League has historically done, or we can choose a new path. In May, our strategic planning session will aim our future arrow. Please join us to offer your vision for our League and accept my thanks now for the contributions (financial and human) you have all made this past year in accomplishing so much.



Decision-Maker Lunch

This month's Decision-Maker Lunch will be held at noon on Monday, April 23, at the Red Cross building. At the time of this writing, it is indefinite just who our featured guest will be. Although invitations have been extended to both Brad Gehring, Outagamie County Sheriff, and Sharon Fenlon, President of the Appleton Area School Board, we don't yet have a "yes" or "no" from either. Each of them will spark a lively conversation,



and sooner or later we will have them both — but not at the same time. So mark the date on your calendar and come prepared with questions, comments, and suggestions for either or both.

Call 738-7766 by April 19 to make reservations for yourself and for guests — and bringing guests is encouraged. (The lunch is a good time to show League to prospective members.) The cost for each box lunch is \$6.50, and you are reminded that no-shows are charged for the lunch ordered but not eaten.

Appleton LWV Proposed Budget for 01-02

	99-00 ACTUAL TO 6/30/00	00-01 ADOPTED	00-01 ACTUAL TO 2/28/01	01-02 PROPOSED
INCOME				
A. Dues	2,320.00	2,299.00	2,183.00	2,400.00 [^]
B. Contributions				
1. Member	6,307.00	1,400.00	1,131.00	1,477.50
2. Member Ed. Fund	100.00	123.50		400.00
3. Non-Member	1,775.00	1,000.00	380.00	1,700.00
4. Non-Member Ed. Fund	300.00	1,000.00	750.00	1,000.00
C. Other				
1. Community Service				
a. Election Night Reporting	235.00	500.00	670.00	200.00
b. Speaker's Bureau		25.00		
2. Memorials				
3. Interest Earned	793.00	600.00	518.00	675.00
D. Miscellaneous				
1. Fall Event-Octoberfest		500.00	286.00	300.00
2. Holiday Brunch	475.00	500.00	463.00	500.00
3. Decision Makers Lunch	398.00	400.00	163.00	400.00
4. Annual Meeting Dinner	282.00	500.00		500.00
5. Transfer from LWV Ed. Fund		1,200.00		1,000.00
6. LWVUS			15.00	
7. PCB Meeting			90.00	
TOTAL INCOME	12,985.00	10,047.50	6,649.00	10,552.50
	99-00 ACTUAL	00-01 ADOPTED	00-01 ACTUAL TO 2/28/01	01-02 PROPOSED
EXPENDITURES				
A. Operating Costs				
1. General Supplies	59.00	200.00	296.00	200.00
2. Telephone	234.00	300.00	188.00	250.00
3. P.O. Box Fee	64.00	64.00	64.00	64.00
4. Phone Answering Service				
5. Audit				
6. Insurance			302.00	310.00
B. Board & Administrative Committees				
1. President	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
2. Secretary		75.00		50.00
3. Treasurer	56.00	50.00	28.00	50.00
4. Board Tools	13.00	100.00	150.00	100.00
5. Admin. Committees				
a. Finance	89.00	200.00	258.00	275.00
b. Membership		125.00	234.00	75.00
c. Public Relations		100.00		46.00
d. Membership Grant	36.00	76.00		80.00
[^] Based on 60 Members and \$40.00 Dues; Family, \$60; Sustaining, \$56.				

Appleton LWV Proposed Budget for 01-02

	99-00 ACTUAL	00-01	00-01 ACTUAL	01 TO 02
	TO 6/30/00	ADOPTED	TO 2/28/01	PROPOSED
C. Delegates, Travel & Workshops				
1. State Council	320.00			350.00
2. State Convention		700.00		
3. National Convention	1,469.00			1,500.00
4. Annual Meeting	20.00	100.00		120.00
5. Workshops		100.00	236.00	100.00
D. Financial Support for League				
1. Lake Michigan Interleague		25.00	25.00	25.00
2. State PMA	1,620.00	1,572.00	1,181.00	1,452.00*
3. Nat'l PMP (75%)	1,063.00	1,031.50	688.00	952.50
4. LWV Ed Fund (25%)	354.00	344.00	343.00	318.00
E. Bulletin				
1. Supplies	244.00	300.00	172.00	300.00
2. Postage	274.00	350.00	216.00	325.00
3. Printing		100.00		25.00
F. Educational Activity				
1. Member Directory	118.00	100.00	83.00	100.00
2. Program				
a. National		75.00		50.00
b. State		75.00		50.00
c. Local	6.00	100.00	230.00	75.00
3. Voter Service	173.00	300.00	1,173.00	1,000.00
4. Promotional Public Event		175.00		
6. Website			1,209.00	300.00
G. Position Support				
1. Action				100.00
H. Miscellaneous				
1. Corporation Filing Fee	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
2. Fall Event-Octoberfest		100.00	250.00	300.00
3. Holiday Brunch	489.00	500.00	431.00	500.00
4. Annual Meeting Dinner	282.00	500.00		500.00
5. Decision Maker Lunch	494.00	500.00	208.00	400.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	7,708.00	10,047.50	8,175.00	10,552.50
*Based on 59 members + 3 family members State PMA is \$24.00 and National PMP is \$21.00				

Budget Committee: Marlys Fritzell (chair), Debra Cronmiller, Karen de Young, Helen Nagler, Bev Wieckert.

A Finance Drive Heads-up



It's time! It's important! It's up to all of us!

April marks the beginning of our 2001 LWV Finance Drive. It's **your** opportunity to support the important work of our organization. League's financial viability is **our** responsibility. When you receive your letter, just quickly write a check, pop it in an envelope, and plop it in the mail. It'll be painless!

I know how much League means, and has meant, in my life. And I bet you know how much League means to you, too!

Happy spring and thank you!

- Karen de Young, Finance Drive Chair

The Slate for '01-'02

At the Annual Meeting, the Nominating Committee — Marcia Hittle (chair), Jane Garton, Sue Silton, Stevie Schmidt, and Cynthia Whitely — will present the following slate for member approval:

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 Secretary Deb Dillenberg
 Directors (2 years) Marlys Fritzell
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Nominating Committee: Karon Sandberg (chair), Pat McConnell, Cynthia Whitely

Annual Meeting 2001

Michiel's, 111 E. Kimball Street (off Lawrence Street)

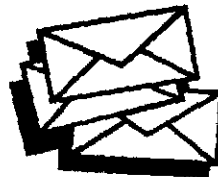
May 22: 5:30 PM, Social Hour (cash bar); 6 PM, Dinner; 7 PM, Business Meeting

Cost (incl. dinner, tax, & tip): \$15.50 per person

Check payable to **LWV of Appleton**

Send your reservation and check by **May 15** to:

Sue Eich
 8 Crestview Drive
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and I'm bringing the following guests: _____

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What, When & Where

Strategic Planning for the Appleton League
 Saturday, April 21, 10:00 AM - noon
 Lawrence Guest House, 228 N. Park Ave.

Decision-Maker Lunch
 Monday, April 23, Noon
 Red Cross, 1302 E. Wisconsin Ave.
 For reservations, call 738-7766 by April 19

Non-Partisan General Election
 Tuesday, April 3
 Polls open 7 AM - 8 PM

Board Meeting
 Monday, April 9, 5:30 PM
 Hoffman Financial Services
 120 N. Morrison St. - 2nd floor

17. Steve S. Hittle
16. Helen S. Hittle
15. Mary S. Hittle
14. Marcia Hittle
13. Bob Hittle
12. Bob Hittle
11. Karen Hittle
10. Bob Hittle
9. Corinne Goldgar
8. Helen Hittle
7. Bob Hittle
6. Cynthia Hittle
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It's League Finance Drive time!



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Strategic Planning – Off to a good start

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Vacant

In most respects, it was a typical League meeting – lively and thought-provoking with lots of give-and-take. In one respect, however, it could hardly have been more atypical.

My dream for League is . . .

On Saturday, April 21, nineteen Appleton Leaguers met in the Lawrence Guest House not to discuss a problem “solvable by governmental action” but rather to begin the process of determining “where does the Appleton League itself go from here?” With the League experience represented ranging from just over a year to forty-plus years, there was a variety of perspectives but more commonality than might have been expected.

Following introductions, Jan Quinlan, as facilitator, conducted the meeting in three “rounds.” The first round dealt with responses to the three “think” statements published as preparation for the meeting. The second concerned what the participants felt was unique about the Appleton League. The third called for detailing salient aspects of League both in the past and currently – or, as some choose to say, “old League” and “new League.” Each round included individually written comments, a division of the group into teams to organize and report on the comments, and a discussion of the reports. Finally, Jan asked each participant to write her response to the question: “For you to be a satisfied member, what does the LWV-Appleton need to preserve/change?”

Despite Jan’s best efforts, the discussion was, as is so often the

case with League discussions, free-wheeling and many comments in one round were often somewhat pertinent in another. Consequently, a complete summary of the responses will not be attempted here. We feel sure that Jan, as recorder as well as facilitator, will provide a thorough report.

On the plus side were: The quality of the women who belong to League – an almost unanimous comment! League is not a single-issue group and open to all comers. Our emphasis on governmental policy. Our studies and the positions come from the bottom up rather than from the top down. Our ability to disagree without being disagreeable. The introduction of electronic communication.

The minuses were: The time pressures which seem so much greater now than in an

The thing that impresses me most about League is . . .

earlier time. The lessened visibility – a point whose validity raised some dispute.

Considered both plus and minus were the formerly active Leaguers who have become leaders in government and a wide variety of community services.

Because of time constraints, indication of the responses to the “preserve/change” question has to await Jan’s report. And we should keep in mind that this meeting was just the first step in an on-going process.

Appleton LWV Web Site

The Appleton LWV web site will be up and running by the middle of May. Its details will be unveiled at the Annual Meeting. If you have questions about it, contact Carmen Schipper (991-9858 or schipper@execpc.com.)

From my desk to yours: The President's Report

In the new economy, four years is a long time to do anything. I have had the pleasure of being president of the League of Women Voters of Appleton for four years.

League, such a wonderfully well developed organization, deep in history and purpose, has not changed a great deal with me at the helm. However, a great deal of time has been invested in discussing what could be different and how these differences might enhance this fine organization. It's an exciting time for the Appleton League and all the nation's Leagues.

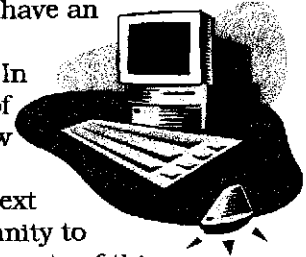
Today's League women are a wonderful mix of working mothers, seasoned professionals at the peaks of their careers, and what I enviously call the "old Leaguers" – those dedicated, educated women who choose to volunteer because the League has meaning to them and because they can make a meaningful contribution to League. Our mix is changing, however, and that represents both the greatest opportunities for League and the greatest challenge.

In the next two years, I will have a different vantage point of the League. Although I am on the slate to remain on the board, my duties will focus on the part of League I enjoy most – Voter

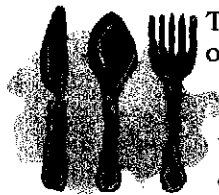
Service and Action. These elements of League are what drew me to this organization in the first place and what have truly sustained my interest.

This month we will all have an opportunity to attend the League's Annual Meeting. In addition to the business of this meeting – electing new officers and adopting the budget and program for next year – we have an opportunity to review all the accomplishments of this past season in a wonderfully charged social and commensal experience. In four years, I have never been disappointed by the quality of conversation, the stimulation of new ideas, and the camaraderie of fellow Leaguers. I encourage each of you to attend.

My friends and colleagues, my experience as League president has been more rewarding than I had ever imagined. Selfishly, I have learned from all of you and, truly, I am better for it. I am grateful for the opportunity I've had to represent the Appleton League and look forward with excitement to my future in League – whatever path that may take!



Decision-Maker Lunch



The last Decision-Maker Lunch of the '00-'01 program year will be held at noon on Monday, May 21, at the Red Cross building. The featured decision-maker guest will be our own Sharon Fenlon, who, in addition to bring a long-time member of the Appleton League, is president of the Appleton Area School Board. Given League's long-standing interest in education, a new governor, a new head of the State Department of Public Instruction, and the formation of a local School Board Focus Group to examine the system's facilities and needs, we should have plenty to talk about. So mark the date on your calendar and come prepared with questions, comments, and suggestions. Call 738-7766 by May 17 to

make reservations for yourself and for guests — and bringing guests is encouraged. (The lunch is a good time to show League to prospective members.) The cost for each box lunch is \$6.50, and you are reminded that no-shows are charged for the lunch ordered but not eaten.

Editor's Note: I have enjoyed "doing" the Appleton League's bulletin for the past two years. Thank you for the privilege. I have especially appreciated the favorable comments which the bulletin has received. And, once again, I apologize for its occasional glitches.



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To provide continuity, the term of all officers and *elected* directors is two years; however, when an elected board member does not complete her term, her replacement is elected for one year. The elected board may appoint for one-year terms a number of directors not to exceed the number of elected directors.

Continuing on board in '01-'02 are:
 Second Vice-President . . Sue Eich
 Treasurer Bev Wieckert
 Directors Deb Matz
 Stevie Schmidt

Proposed Program for '01-'02

As chosen by Lively Issues and approved by the board, the following proposed program will be submitted at the Annual Meeting:

For a state study:

A state water quality tax, similar to the forestry tax, to improve the states water resources and to provide a predictable, dependable and equitable funding source.

For the local study item:

Riverfront Development,

The local study items discussed at Lively Issues but not recommended by the board are:

1. *Public Health/Community Health Services;*
2. *Regionalization;*
3. *School Safety/Student Services.*

Reminder: Only items discussed at Lively Issues can be considered for adoption at the Annual Meeting.



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Consensus Meeting: Planning & Controlling Local Growth
Tuesday, May 1, 6:30 PM - Public Library

Late-breaking Announcement

What, When & Where

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Hoffman Financial Services
120 N. Morrison St. - 2nd floor

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Annual Meeting
Tuesday, May 22, 5:30 PM, social hour;
6 PM, dinner; 7 PM, business meeting
Michiel's, 111 E. Kimball St.

Reservations to Sue Eich by May 15
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Be there!

The Annual Meeting
Important
Stimulating
Fun



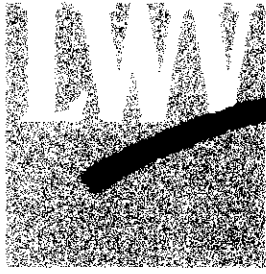
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May - what you waited for all winter





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Park Here with Holly
Write Here with Holly

The President's "Chatroom"

Fall is just about here and that means League is gearing up for another busy year. It is with trepidation and enthusiasm that I am taking over as League president after Deb Cronmiller's four wonderful years. Trepidation because it will be hard to follow Deb's efficiency and general breadth of knowledge in all things local. Enthusiasm because she made it seem so easy to get things done. I hope this year proves to be another involved and interesting one.

Although summers tend to be downtime for League, this year the board has met several times to try and brainstorm ideas for fall. Over time our membership has been slowly declining with a core group of loyal and true Leaguers giving their support and time. As with many organizations we are faced with attracting and involving new members and retaining current members.

One of our goals this year will be to focus on membership participation. We will be contacting all current members to "check in" and see what your interests are and what keeps you as a League member. We are also hoping that this year be a year of re-involvement for those who have taken some time out. No matter how small that involvement might be, it would be great to see or hear from everyone at least once this year, and also to attract some new members who can carry the flag of League grass root involvement.

Our calendar is looking quite full already and has many varied topics of interest. September brings a prospective member get together on Sept. 20th (see more in this bulletin) and we hope that, you and a

prospective new member will stop for an informal gathering on just how League works. Sept. 29th is the annual Octoberfest celebration and we need you to help Two or three hours of your time on that Saturday would be great.

[Please continue reading the rest of the President's Chatroom on pg. 2...]

Octoberfest



Saturday, September 29

8:00 am – 6 pm

Our League will once again be at Octoberfest selling bottled water and rice crispy bars.

It is a fun way to get League some public notice and an easy one time commitment for Leaguers to make. **Please save Holly some calls by calling her at 722-7322** if you can work a two hour shift between 8 am and 6 pm or help before or after with set-up or take down.

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President's "Chatroom"

Our local study, Downtown Riverfront Development, will prove to be interesting and timely with the new PAC and a changing downtown. State studies also will keep some of us busy.

An offshoot of the PCB study is state funding options for water quality issues, while privatization of prisons is a more focused study from the last two years prison study. And lastly, there is a state study looking at revenue caps in education and updating the league position regarding this issue.

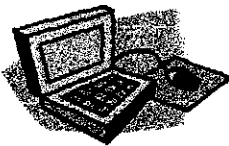
So, there is something for everyone in this agenda. Take your pick and let us know what you might be interested in pursuing.

We need you to make League work! The board and I hope to see your beautiful and intelligent faces throughout the coming year. I look forward to getting to know you personally. Thanks for the opportunity to serve League as President.



AND-Make sure you check out our website lwvappleton.org. It will keep you abreast of calendar info and let you connect to other helpful sources of information. It is our way of getting into the 21st century!

Holly Park



Visit our website: ~~appletonlwv.org~~
lwvappleton.org

Local Study Begins: Riverfront Development



The Riverfront Study Committee begins with its first meeting on Thursday, September 6th, 8:30 am at the home of Sue Silton, 540 W. River Road. A memo has been sent to those League members and non-members who have expressed interest in serving on the committee. To all who are interested, please do attend.

The meeting will begin with an overview of the League's study process by Jan Quinlan, Director of Alumni Relations at Lawrence University and a past president of the League of Woman Voters of Appleton. The group will receive materials about plans for the Fox River, including the Appleton Riverfront

Master Plan, Focus Fox River: A Master Plan, and additional findings. Copies of our position statements concerning the riverfront will also be shared.

This meeting will also include an overview of a conference which appears to relate to our riverfront study "Community Open Space Summit" that will be held October 11-13th at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel. Our local League will be co-sponsoring a reception during this summit on October 12th, 5:30-7:00pm. Information about this reception and invitations to the summit sponsored by the Urban Open Space Foundation will be available at the September 6th meeting.

Please call or email Sue Silton if you would like to attend this first meeting. Also feel free to invite nonmembers. Phone: 739-4898, email: siltons@new.rr.com

Appleton LWV Calendar

2001 - 2002

Date	Time	Event
September		
4	7:30 AM	Board Meetings at Sue Silton's, 540 River Rd., Appleton
20	4:00 - 6:00 pm	Membership Social, Lawrence U. Guest House, 228 N Park
29	8:30 am - 6:00 pm	Octoberfest, Downtown Appleton
October		
2	7:30 AM	Board Meeting
11 thru 13	more info: Sue Silton	Community Open Space Summit, Paper Valley Hotel
12	5:30 - 7:00 pm	League co-sponsors cocktail party for above event
22	Noon - 1 pm	Lunch with League
27	8:45 - 3:00 pm	Issues Briefing, Hilton Garden Inn, Oshkosh
November		
6	7:30 AM	Board Meeting
17	9:30 am- 12:30 pm	Tentatively set to meet at the Appleton Library
26	Noon - 1 pm	Lunch with League
December		
4	7:30 AM	Board Meeting
15	TBA	Holiday Brunch
January		
8	7:30 AM	Board Meeting
19	9:30 am- 12:00 pm	Lively Issues
28	Noon - 1 pm	Lunch with League
February		
5	7:30 AM	Board Meeting
week of 18th	TBA	Unit meetings on local study
25	Noon - 1 pm	Lunch with League
March		
5	7:30 AM	Board Meeting
week of 11th	TBA	Riverfront Development consensus meetings
25	Noon - 1 pm	Lunch with League
all month		Finance Drive
April		
2	7:30 AM	Board Meeting
week of 8th	TBA	Water Study consensus meeting
22	Noon - 1 pm	Lunch with League
May 7	TBA	Annual Meeting

Watch for updated calendar information in future mailing



Issues Briefing 2001

Clean Water, Clean Elections

Sponsored by the

**League of Women Voters of Wisconsin
Education Fund**

Saturday, October 27

8:45 am - 3:00 pm

(registration begins at 8:00am)

Hilton Garden Inn
Oshkosh, Wisconsin

Morning and afternoon sessions and luncheon keynote will discuss...

- Water Quality in Wisconsin
- Education Revenue Limits
- Campaign Finance Reform and Judicial Independence
- Private Prisons in Wisconsin
- Election Systems Reform (national/state)
- US Trade Policy
- Redistricting

See future Issues of *Board to Board* and *FORWARD* for registration and agenda.

Lunch with League

**Back by popular demand . . .
or if you haven't been demanding it, you should be.**

You are gifted with an opportunity each month to hear about an important issue while lunching with Leaguers and other welcomed guests. Topics will focus on either a local, state, or national study item.



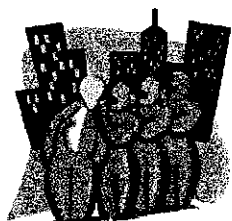
When? The fourth Wednesday, each month, from noon to 1 pm.

First scheduled lunch: October 22

Where? Tentative plans for the Red Cross Office

Look next month in the bulletin for more details.

Plans are being made to feature discussion of the impact of two-thirds funding on local education for our first October lunch.



**League
Membership Social
Sept. 20th 4 – 6 pm
Lawrence University
Guest House,
228 N. Park Street**

Many people in our work worlds have little idea what League is about.

What do League members do?

How do we do it?

How are we adapting to the lifestyles of today's women (and men?—they can join too).

What kind of commitment(s) can people make to League?

These are types of questions that will be addressed at our League Social on Sept 20 at the Lawrence University Guest House. Stop by after work or take a break from your routine to meet with other Leaguers and guests. Invite someone you know who may be interested in finding out a few answers to these questions.

The social is scheduled from 4 pm to 6 pm so that people can stop by anytime during that time. An informal group discussion begins at 5:00. And you guessed it . . . there will be some good eats there too!

Leagues from IL., IN, WI. and MI invited!

An annual meeting sponsored by League of Women Voters, Lake Michigan Inter-League Group

October 5 – 6, New Buffalo, Michigan

“Viewing Lake Michigan in 3-D, Drilling, Diversion and Dredging”

Featured speaker: Andrew Guy, Journalist and Policy specialist has a special slide program on problems related to both diversion and drilling in Lake Michigan and the entire Great Lakes ecosystem.

Call Martha Davis at 616-469-2480 regarding registration (due by September 20).

\$36 registration fee, \$71 room for one night (two double beds)

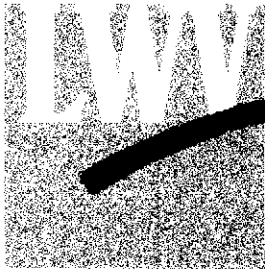
League's Dance Card



Sept 4	7:30 am	League Board Meeting	Sue Silton's, 540 River Rd., Appleton
6	8:30 am	Riverfront Study Committee	540 River Rd.
20	4 - 6 pm	League Membership Social	Lawrence U. Guest House, 228 N. Park
29	8:30 - 6 pm	Octoberfest	Downtown Appleton
Oct. 2	7:30 am	League Board Meeting	540 River Rd.
12	5:30 - 7 pm	League Reception	Paper Valley Hotel (see Local study art.)
22	Noon - 1 pm	Lunch with League	Tentatively, the Red Cross Office
27	8:45 - 3 pm	Issues Briefing 2001	Hilton Garden Inn, Oshkosh

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League Dues Envelope inside!



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Park Here With Holly the President's "Chatroom"



Thoughts on the month . . .

My heart has been heavy these last two weeks in the wake of such overwhelming destruction of life and property. Part of us has been changed forever because of this atrocious act of disregard for human life. As I move out of the "fog" which has enveloped me I realize just how important and precious our right to vote has become. I have taken for granted my freedoms and my ability to participate as a full citizen regardless of my gender, religion, or ethnicity. As we come together as a nation, and we have in ways I could not have imagined, let us rededicate ourselves to our nation by continuing with renewed vigor our commitment to educate voters and to encourage everyone to participate in the democratic process. This has always been League's mission but somehow it takes on another dimension in the aftermath of such tragedy. I hope we redouble our efforts in voter service, observer corp, and action so that we continue to make a difference in our community.

That being said, League has made efforts to reach the public this month. We have spot for Appleton's Oktoberfest on September 29th in front of the Radisson Hotel.

We will be selling bottled water and Rice Krispie treats as a fundraiser but we also will have information about League and the new city-redistricting map. We hope people will ask us what we do or where they vote.

Thursday, September 20, we held our first "membership social" for this year. It was a lovely event in which prospective members were given information on what League does and how we go about doing it. We also heard from Corrine Goldgar, Helen Nagler and Karon Sandberg on what League has meant to them and how they have been changed by League. Their stories made me want to sign up all over again. Hopefully, we will see some new faces in League because of this. Thank you for sharing your stories and thanks to the membership committee for doing such a nice job. The food was excellent. (Holly's report continues on next pg)

League Dues



It is time again to renew your League membership. In order to publish our updated membership list in the November mailing, please mail your dues this month (check payable to League of Women Voters of Appleton to Bev Wieckert at N2720 Evergreen Lane, Appleton, WI 54913. Regular membership \$40 Sustaining membership \$56 Household membership \$60. Thank you, all who have paid dues since last month's notice.

(cont.) **President's Chatroom**

It's not too late to get involved with the local study (a study of riverfront development in downtown Appleton. Please call Sue Silton 739-4898 if interested. October will be a busy month for this study. Please see info about the reception we are co-sponsoring for the Open Space Urban Planning Conference coming up. I look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it to this event. Get involved... we need you!

Holly Park



**Membership Tea
a Success**

The membership tea held at the Lawrence University Guest House on October 20 was very successful. We had nearly as many guests as League members, totaling approximately twenty people. Hats off to Connie Kanitz for bringing five guests, herself being quite new to our community and our League!

Thanks to Marcia Hittle, Jan Quinlan, Marlys Fritsell, Holly Park, Stevie Schmidt, and Connie for providing elegant and delicious hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. Thanks also to Jan, Holly, and Len Weis for providing background on League and our studies; and to Corinne Goldgar, Helen Nagler, and Karon Sandberg for sharing their League experiences. It was a lively and interesting group and we sincerely hope our visitors will consider joining us.

Gretchen Bambrick
Membership Chair

Lunch with League



When?

Monday, Oct. 22, Noon- 1pm

Who?

A representative from Appleton Area Schools will be present to lead the discussion.

Featuring:

The impact of two-thirds funding on local schools.

Where?

Emergency Shelter, 400 N. Division, Appleton
Lower level Learning Center

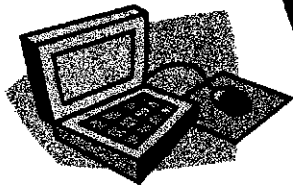
Bring:

A lunch or just come listen and dialogue. Guests are welcome.

**Reception Honoring
Sue Kinde**



By now you have received an invitation to the special tribute planned for Sue Kinde. The reception is Friday, October 12 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, 333 West College Avenue, Appleton. Join the Fox Cities Greenways, the League of Women Voters and Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust in congratulating Sue on her contributions. [Hors D'oeuvres and cash bar].



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[editor's apology for reversing parts of the website address in last bulletin]

Issues Briefing 2001

Saturday, October 27, 2001 - Oshkosh Hilton Garden Inn
Clean Water, Clean Elections

Attn. Appleton Leaguers:

Please call Holly Park at 722-7322 if you are interested in attending Issues Briefing so she can help coordinate registration and carpooling. Note—registrations will be due by Oct. 12.

Tentative Agenda (9/24/01)

Morning

8:00 - 9:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 - 9:15 Welcome

9:15 - 10:30 SESSION I

A. Overview of Water Quality Issues in Wisconsin

Lisa Helmuth, Water Resource Management Specialist, Wisconsin Dept of Natural Resources
Todd Ambs, Director, Wisconsin River Alliance (Invited)

B. McCain-Feingold and State Elections Reform

Jay Heck, Executive Director, Common Cause of Wisconsin

10:45 - 12:00 SESSION II

A. Water Quality panel discussion

Lisa Helmuth, Water Resource Management Specialist, Wisconsin Dept of Natural Resources
Linda Stoll, Director, Fox-Wolf Basin

Pete Van Airedale, Director, Winnebago Co Land & Water Conservation

B. U.S. Trade Policies

Gregory Shaffer, Assistant Professor, UW-Madison Law School

Afternoon

12:00 LUNCH

12:45 - 1:30 KEYNOTE: Education Revenue Caps

Tony Evers, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

1:45 - 3:00 SESSION III

A. Privatization of Wisconsin's Prisons

Barbara Lawton, Civic Activist and member of LWV-Greater Green Bay

B. Redistricting in Wisconsin Update

Peter Cannon, Senior Research Analyst, Legislative Reference Bureau

** Issues Briefing 2001 Registration **

Name _____

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Address _____

Organization or Member LWV- _____

Fee Schedule (✓ one):

_____ \$30 LWV Member _____ \$40 Non-Member _____ \$5 late fee* _____ \$20 full-time student

Total payment enclosed: \$ _____ (* registrations must be postmarked by October 12 to avoid late fee)

Lunch w/ dessert (✓ one): _____ Chicken/Beef/Shrimp skewer & wild rice; _____ Veggie Option

Continental Breakfast (circle one): Yes No

Make payment and return this form to: LWYWIEF, 122 State Street, Ste 405, Madison WI 53703-2500
(one copy per registrant) Ph 608/256-0827; Fax 608/256-2853; E-Mail genfund@lwwwi.org

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Holiday Brunch
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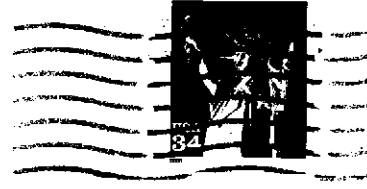
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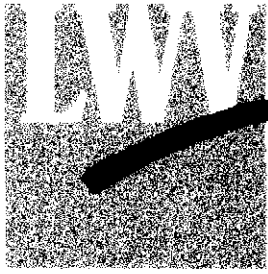
Sep. 29	8:30 - 6 pm	Octoberfest	Downtown Appleton
Oct. 2	7:30 am	League Board Meeting	Sue Silton's, 540 River Rd., Appleton
4	8:30 am	Riverfront Study Committee	540 River Rd.
12	5:30 - 7 pm	Reception for Sue Kinde	Radisson Paper Valley Hotel
18	8:30 am	Riverfront Study Committee	540 River Rd.
22	Noon - 1 pm	Lunch with League	Emergency Shelter, 440 N. Division, Ap.
27	8:45 - 3 pm	Issues Briefing 2001	Hilton Garden Inn, Oshkosh
Nov. 6	7:30 am	League Board Meeting	540 River Rd.



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The President's "Chatroom"

They say the older you get, the faster time goes. Whoever "they" are, I have to agree with them. October has certainly flown by and League has been involved in several events. The League, in conjunction with Greenways and the Northeast Wisconsin Landtrust sponsored a reception during the Urban Open Space Planning conference held Oct. 12th at the Radisson. Sue Kinde, a long time League member was honored for her leadership and commitment to these groups. I have always been in awe of her energy, her passion, and her unending generosity on behalf of all of these groups she loves so well. In true Sue style after several speakers acknowledged

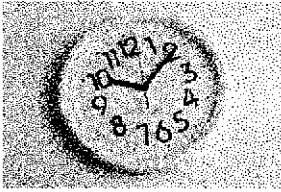
her efforts, Sue turned around and gave gifts to each of these groups. For the League, she gave a generous gift to the Education fund. Please thank her if you see her for her continued support of League in both time and money.

League also had a booth at **Octoberfest** on September 29th. For the second year in a row the weather was fabulous which made for a terrific turnout. Thanks to Marcia Hittle, Connie Kanitz, Deb Cronmiller, Anne Berry, Karon Sandberg, Deb Dillenberg and her husband, Anne Lemieux, Stevie Schmidt, and Marlys Fritzell for helping sell bottled water and Rice Krispie treats. We managed to clear about \$150.00 and we sold out of water! If the weather holds out again next year we could do even better. Several people stopped and asked for information or took a look at the new redistricting map for Appleton. Hopefully they will remember who we are and think about joining.

Lunch with League was held Monday, October 22 at noon in the Emergency Shelter conference room. Todd Grey from the Appleton area school district spoke on Revenue caps. Please read Deb Cronmiller's report for a recap of that discussion. (continued next page . . .)

League Calendar

Date	Event	Meeting Place
Tuesday Nov. 4, 7:30 am	Appleton LWV Board	540 River Road, Sue Silton's
Thursday Nov 15 8:30 am	Riverfront Study Com.	540 River Road
Saturday Nov. 17 9:30 - 11:30 am	State Study Unit Meeting, Water Quality & Privatization of Prisons	Appleton Public Library, lower level
Monday Nov. 26 Noon - 1:00pm	Lunch with League Taxes: Toby Paltzer, County Executive	Emergency Shelter, 400 N. Division Dr. Learning Center, lower level
Dec. 15 10:30 am - 1:00pm	Holiday Brunch John Forster, Develop- ment of our Riverfront	Paper Valley Hotel



(continued from cover page) . . . President's Chatroom

This is my chance to once again remind those procrastinating League members who haven't paid their dues to do so now. We want to include you in the membership directory, which will be out shortly so please send them in to Bev Wieckert, Treasurer.

Check your calendars for an upcoming meeting regarding **Water Quality and Privatization of Prisons**. These are state study topics and we are going to see if we can do a combined meeting with break out-groups to learn more about these issues. Please plan on attending, as I'm sure they will be interesting.

And last but not least, I want to encourage all of you to attend the **Holiday Brunch** which will be December 15th at the Radisson Paper Valley. Please bring a guest who you think might be interested in finding out more about League. This is always a nice event and one of the few "social" gatherings we have each year. Our membership motto is *each one reach one*, so we need you to come and bring a friend. Hope to see you all there.

Have a happy Thanksgiving everyone.

Holly

Tough Statistics on Crime

*From Barbara Lawton's speech on Privatization of Wisconsin's Prisons
Issues Briefing* summary by Connie Kanitz



Wisconsin

In 1998, Wisconsin had 3x as many prisoners as Minnesota

Wisconsin is the biggest exporter of prisoners (sending prisoners out of state).

In 1989 Wisconsin had 11,000 prisoners, in 1998--132,000 prisoners

At the same time that Wisconsin has enacted the truth in sentencing act, 3 other states have rescinded truth in sentencing in their states.

With the emphasis on truth in sentencing, rehabilitation is no longer the goal.

No politician will enter a conversation about fiscal notes of truth in sentencing. It would be political suicide because the people who voted for truth in sentencing are still in office.

Probation and parole officers need more social work training so that they can facilitate a successful reentry to society.

The U.S.

Whereas 13% of the U. S. population is nonwhite, 60% of the prison population is nonwhite.

The prison population has increased by 500% between 1970 and 1999.

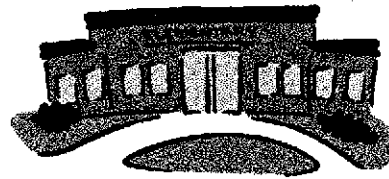
In 1996, each individual in the U.S. paid \$454 toward the justice system.

About private prisons

- If private prisons can do it for less, they are sacrificing quality.
- In private prisons there are more escapes, more attacks on guards, and more attacks between inmates.
- Workers are paid less in private prisons and there is a greater turnover of staff.
- The idea of private prisons is sold or adopted by rural communities as an answer to their economic crises.
- At the last federal election, the private prison industry gave more money to candidates than the NRA.
- Private prisons are given costly governmental incentives.
- Successful rehabilitation is not a high priority for private prisons, because a decrease in imprisonment would be bad for business and bad for stockholders.
- In using private prisons, a savings in implementing the program does not go back into the program, rather becomes profit for a private industry.
- Incarceration needs to remain as a sovereign power of the state.
- Senator Russ Feingold (WI) and Senator Sweeney (NY) have authored a public safety act which would bar federal funds to states that use private prisons.

Revenue Controls Negatively Impact Local School Districts

By Debra Cronmiller



On October 22nd, Todd Grey, Assistant Superintendent of the Appleton Area School District (AASD) joined Leaguers for lunch and candidly discussed the impact that the State imposed revenue limits (two thirds funding) have had on our local schools. Mr. Grey started with the presentation of a list of local school districts and the amount that each district can spend per pupil, per year. Unfortunately, Appleton was second to last on the list followed only by Oshkosh and significantly below the state average.

The local impact of the 1993 Wisconsin State Statute 121.90 has been a felt in a number of areas. First, because there is a real limit on revenue from the state and on the allowable levy, AASD has been forced to make some difficult decisions it would not have chosen to make before the limits were in place. In the early years of the limits, for instance, no monies were allocated to the purchase of textbooks. This large expenditure was unable to be budgeted and therefore was not. The impact of this decision was felt by area students forced to use outdated math and science books when better tools were available to them.

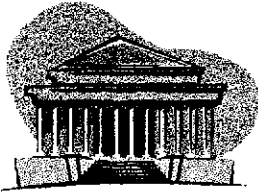
Additionally, the AASD district has felt the pinch on academic dollars under this revenue limited system. In the last years, the costs of some nonstudent expenses have skyrocketed for our district and others around the state. Last year, huge increases in heating costs, for instance, and the unprecedented increased in the cost of insurance coverage for district staff have forced the shift of money away from students to these other areas.

Additionally, the cost per pupil for children with special educational needs has far outpaced the cost of providing education to mainstream students. The caps result in a dilution of dollars available to the mainstream students since there currently is no system in place to adjust for the increasing numbers of students identified with special educational needs and the mandated provision of services to these students.

The future of the caps are in no way guaranteed. In all likelihood, the revenue limits in their current form will be lifted in the next biennial budget (almost definitely in the case of the election of a Governor from the Democratic party.) However, given the success of the caps in curtailing the double digit increases in tax rates seen in the late 1980s and very early 1990s, most believe there will continue to be some form of state imposed revenue limit.

Tony Evers, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, indicated to the League at the recent Issues Briefing, that perhaps the formula would change from its current two thirds funding to 50% funding. This would return some additional local control that has been lost since 1993, however, would still cap a districts spending regardless of significant changes in enrollment. Equalizing the money available per student will be important to any plan implemented. Since all the current equations are the result of a school districts spending in 1993, huge disparities exist around the state. In some communities, where one district may have had higher maintenance costs in 1993 than a neighboring district, children coming from the same property value base and same district size are locked into a per student difference in revenue of nearly \$2000.

The 1993 legislation limiting revenue has had a real impact locally on the decisions made regarding our students' education. This is an important issue that the State League will study over the next two years. As the study develops, more information will be available to you.



Campaign Finance Reform and Election Reform

Jay Heck, President of Common Cause
Issues Briefing summary by Connie Kanitz

On the national level:

History: The McCain-Feingold Campaign Finance Reform Bill (first introduced six years ago) passed in the U.S. Senate in April of 2001 and had been awaiting a vote in the House. The House equivalent bill (Shays-Meehan bill) had passed two times when previously introduced in 1998 and 1999. The bill was to be considered after July 4. Now that it was actually closer to the reality of becoming law, there was some dissent and a strategy was proposed to defeat it. The strategy, led by Republicans, was to break it into parts and vote on the separate pieces of the bill. The bill returned to committee with a procedural vote on July 12, although nineteen Republicans (including Congressman Petri) did not vote with the rest of the Republican party. This break in party line was in itself seen as a victory for campaign finance reform.

Next, there was an attempt to enact a discharge petition. This requires a simple majority (1/2 plus one=218) signatures of total number of the Representatives to ask for the bill to come out of committee back to the House for a vote. On September 10 there were 209 signatures. The momentum had been building, but September 11 changed all Congressional business and priorities.

What to expect now?

Although there still are a lot of "ifs", Heck believes that the time is right for campaign finance reform, more representatives will sign the discharge petition and campaign finance reform will pass. The McCain-Feingold bill 1) bans soft money, 2) bans campaign ads from groups outside the political party campaigns within 30 days of a primary or 60 days before a federal election.

On the state level

State Senator Ellis is leading state campaign finance reform, proposing to abolish the four partisan caucuses and using the money to pay for campaign finance reform. From *The Capital Times* 10/15/01: "Legislative leaders agreed to dissolve the caucuses, but many of the caucus staff members will end up working for the same legislative leaders who cut the deal with the [State] Elections and Ethics Board." Ellis is challenging the additional staff as being a "shadow caucus." The caucus issue is becoming somewhat of our own Watergate scandal.

The reform bill would provide 45% of campaign funds for those who agree to limit spending. It would provide taxpayer funds to match overspending by opponents or "interest" ad attacks by outside groups. It's aimed at putting candidates back in charge of their own campaigns. On October 8 this bill, S 104 was referred to the Joint Finance Committee. This bill faces a tough struggle.

Election Reform

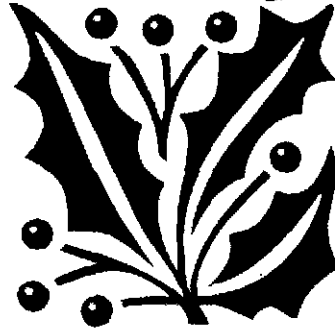
At the national level:

Although there had been appropriations of \$10 million to investigate what is needed to reform elections, election reform probably will not be a high priority because of the war, the economy, and minds forgetting problems of the past while being overwhelmed with crises of the present.

At the State level:

There seems to be a movement of trying to fix pieces that don't need fixing. There has been discussion of repealing same day registration and ideas about requiring a picture ID. Both measures would have a greater effect of keeping people away from their right to vote rather than preventing voter fraud. This is Assembly Bill 259. It appears to be irrelevant because Heck says no matter what happens with it in the Assembly, he was certain that it would not pass in the State Senate.

Annual Holiday Brunch



Saturday, December 15, 2001, 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Paper Valley Hotel, MacIntosh Room

333 W. College Avenue, Appleton

John Forster, President of Friends of the Fox

"Development of Our Riverfront"

Cost incl. tax and tip: \$14.50 per person—Check payable to LWV of Appleton

Send your reservation with check by **December 10** to: Gretchen Bambrick
403 N. Wood St.
Appleton, WI 54911
Questions: call 735-9784

Reservation Form



Yes, I am coming to the Holiday Brunch

Name _____

Address _____

and I am bringing the following guests: _____

My check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.

2001-02 STATE STUDY UNITS

Appleton Public Library - Lower Level

Saturday, November 17th

9:30-11:30am

Two Concurrent Sessions Addressing

1) Privatization of Wisconsin's Prisons

Cynthia Thorp, Winnebago Correctional Inst.

2) Wisconsin's Water Quality -

Is more money needed to ensure water quality now and in the future?

Water Quality Resource Specialist, WDNR

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARINGS

League will be following the budget process in the city of Appleton and Outagamie County. League members are encouraged to observe these sessions or attend the meetings in the community in which they live. The League president will be the spokesperson for League positions, but individual members are welcome to speak on their own behalf at the public hearings. For updated information, call the office of the county or city clerk.

LUNCH WITH LEAGUE

November 26, 2001

12:00 Noon - 1:00 pm

Emergency Shelter -

Learning Center, Lower Level

400 N. Division Drive

Reminder: Bring your own lunch

Are new taxes necessary in Outagamie Cty?

Speaker:

County Executive Toby Paltzer

Budget Review & Public Hearings

City Of Appleton, City Council Chambers

Sat. Nov. 10th, 8am - 5 pm, all day review

Mon. Nov. 12th, 6 pm Public Hearing

Wed. Nov. 14th, 7 pm Adoption of budget

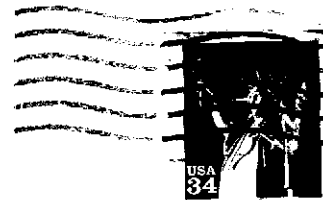
Outagamie County, County Board Room

Mon. Oct. 29th, 6:30 pm, Public Hearing

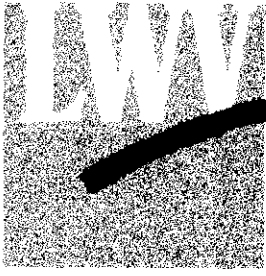
Mon. Nov. 5th, 9 am Full county board holds budget session



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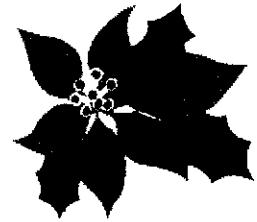
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"President's Chatroom"



Happy Holidays to you all! I trust your Thanksgiving was relaxing and flavorful. As usual, mine reminded me of the many blessings we all enjoy and that a diet will soon be in order.

Last spring I was very hesitant about becoming League President. I knew it would be a job that would require time and a certain amount of knowledge. My hesitancy grew mainly from feeling inadequate for the job. This month has shown me how quickly one can acquire knowledge and use it to feel a part of the political process. Both the county and city budget meetings were held this last month and as part of the League ritual, the President gives a statement at both public hearings. This required me to actually review the budgets, which I found interesting. After making a few phone calls to people in the know, I presented a statement to both the county and city at the public hearings. These statements are included in this bulletin so read on if interested. The city process was particularly interesting as a last minute budget resolution was attempted that I felt denied those involved a chance for rebuttal and explanation. It also would have denied public participation in the process if passed. Thankfully, after 3 hours of debate, the motion failed and the budget was adopted. This made me aware of just how important our Observer Corp is to being a watchdog over our elected politicians. Once again the League was the only organization to present a statement at the city public hearing. We need any and all members to let us know if they would be willing to observe a few meetings. I feel you truly learn what is happening at many different levels of government. Please volunteer a little of your time.

Coming soon is the Holiday Brunch on December 15th. Please join us for good food and an interesting speaker. This is one event which is mostly social. It is wonderful to catch up on what is happening in others lives and it also gives us a chance to bring someone we think might enjoy becoming a member. Please bring a guest and be sure to come even if you don't. The more the merrier! December is a relatively quiet month what with the holidays and all so may peace and goodwill be with you. See you at the brunch!

Holly

League Calendar

Date	Event	Meeting Place
Tuesday, Dec. 4 7:30 am	Appleton LWV Board Meeting	Note change! Sue Eich's 88 Crestview Dr.
Thursday Dec. 13 8:30 am	Riverfront Study Com.	540 River Road Sue Silton's
Dec. 15 10:30 am - 1:00pm	Holiday Brunch John Forster, Development of our Riverfront	Radisson Paper Valley Hotel
Tuesday Jan. 8 7:30 am	Appleton LWV Board Meeting	540 River Rd. Sue Silton's
Saturday Jan. 19 9:30-noon	Lively Issues	TBA

League's City Budget Statement

Good evening. My name is Holly Park and I am the President of the Appleton League of Women Voters. Thank you for the opportunity to give a statement before the council. For the past several years League has advocated changing the timing of the public hearing to fall before debate on the budget has already occurred. The public is invited to speak only after substantive debate has taken place not before. This is a hindrance to true public participation since the council will be adopting this budget shortly after the public statements. This leaves no time for reconsideration of budget items brought to your attention by the public. We urge you to plan next year to allow more time between the public statements and the adoption of the budget.

The League compliments the city on its comprehensive plan and its goals of land use, contiguous development, and making use of existing infrastructure. We realize what a challenge it must be in balancing new development with the cost of maintaining existing infrastructure. The council is responsible for ensuring that the vision from the comprehensive plan is realized. Decisions, financial and otherwise, if tied to the vision the city holds for itself will be easier to make. Growth and development are not accidents. We urge that the council make decisions that will not undermine the strengths of the plan.

The League also urges the council to take advantage of state funds available to help with the planning process for the Smart Growth Initiative. We realize that Appleton has difficulties being in three counties; however, it is time to start working with our neighboring communities to start addressing the Smart Growth criteria. Funding is available now. Leaders are in place who understand the complexities of the issues. How long will the state's financial resources be available? Shouldn't we act now to maximize the city's ability to tap into these assistance dollars?

Presently the League is studying the city vision plan and riverfront development. We are encouraged that the council has included \$75,000 for a study of the Vulcan Mill building. While we realize several studies have been necessary to determine needs and to act as a means of prioritizing some of the goals of the long-range plan, we feel not enough has been allocated to actually achieve some of these beautification efforts. Please allocate more funds in the future to allow some of these ideas to become reality. With the PAC and the upgrade of college Avenue, now would be the time to begin

riverfront development not only as an economic draw, but as environmental draw as well.

It has also come to our attention that the Neighborhood revitalization program may be under attack. From a personal perspective, I lived in the neighborhood in which the first revitalization program was initiated several years ago. I saw improvements in several of the homes in my area and I must say it brought us more in contact with our neighbors. I truly believe it made our neighborhood a better place to live and I would be disappointed if the money were distributed over a wider base. Please keep this program intact. It builds a stronger sense of community while at the same time making the neighborhood a more attractive place to live. This is in line with League's position on affordable housing. It makes possible investment in low to middle income housing. As you know, League was instrumental in forming the coalition and continues to support affordable housing for low-income families. We see a huge need for more affordable housing options in the Appleton area.

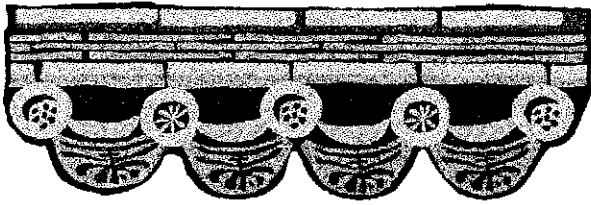
The League commends the council on reducing its size by two members. We also compliment you on the contract initiative to save \$200,000 if the College Avenue work is completed on time. We hope this comes to fruition. And lastly we applaud your efforts in the Fiber Optic Cooperative agreement. We think this will show great cost savings while keeping the city abreast with the latest technologies.

On behalf of the League I appreciate all your continued hard work. This budget shows responsible spending in uncertain time. We look forward to reviewing many of these projects as they are implemented. Thank you for your time.

Thinking of Running for Office?



Are you thinking of running for a seat on the City Council or the County board? Do you know someone whom you would like to see run? If so, now is the time to act. Nomination papers can be picked up December 1st and must be filed by January 2nd, 2002. So, as if you weren't busy enough in December, add this challenge to your list!



League's County Budget Statement

Good evening. My name is Holly Park and I am the President of the Appleton League of Women Voters. I appreciate the opportunity to give a statement before the Board. We would like to commend the Board on many levels this year. As always, we appreciate that the public has a chance to speak before the Board deliberates on the budget thus allowing the public to have true input on the budget process.

As to the budget itself the League supports your efforts in many areas. First, we support the development of a tri-county recycling and solid waste system and view that as a cost saving measure that will benefit taxpayers in all three counties.

Second, we support both the FoxComm project and the fiber optics installation within the educational system. Both these initiatives show sound long range planning that will keep many government departments abreast with the latest technology and hopefully create additional cost saving opportunities in the future.

From an environmental perspective we support continued funding of trailways that will link our communities and make possible additional recreational opportunities and transportation alternatives. We feel strongly that these improvements will make our communities a healthier and more beautiful place to live.

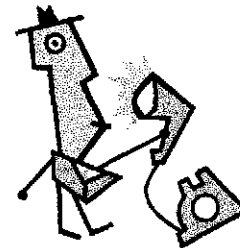
The League also applauds the decrease in the number of county supervisors from 39 to 36. However, there are two (continued in next column) . . .

areas, which concern us. First, we noted that the Health and Human Services Budget is remaining flat, with little or no increase allowed and at the same time state and federal funding is being reduced by 2%. With the cost of health insurance increasing 17%, this indicates that services will be reduced in this budget. We sincerely hope that juvenile, youth programs, and recipients of mental health services will not be adversely affected.

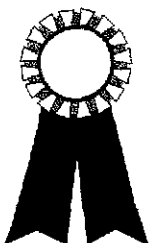
Secondly, while the grant writing cooperative with Winnebago and Calumet County sounds good, the League has concerns regarding how this will be administered. Won't this create competition within the three counties applying for the same grants, using the same grant writers? We hope that the counties are able to work out any difficulties.

Once again, the League commends your efforts in this budget cycle. It shows responsible spending while trying hard to contain costs. We appreciate your hard work and look forward to reviewing many of these projects as they are implemented. Thank you for your time.

Where do I vote?



Changes in voting districts brought about by the latest census will go into effect with the 2002 elections. This past month the office of Appleton City Clerk, Cindy Hesse, mailed out postcards to all registered voters in the city informing them of their aldermanic district, ward, and polling location pertaining to elections beginning in 2002. By the end of November the office had received 2000 responses about changes in voter names and addresses. More information will be made available to the public in the coming weeks. Do your part by checking out the changes and passing on the information to others.



Thank you, Deb Dillenberg for volunteering to chair the finance drive this upcoming year!

We thank Carmen Schipper for designing and updating our website.

Visit us at: www.lwvappleton.org



Updating Our Membership Biographies

Gretchen Bambrick, Membership Chair

On pg 5 & 6 of this bulletin you will find a LWV Membership Bio. Please take a moment to look it over. A Board member will be calling you to ask if you have any questions or concerns about the form or the League. This is our opportunity to touch base with you, our members, to hear what may be on your mind regarding our organization and where you see yourself fitting in. Whether you wait for the call from the Board or not, we hope you will take the time to complete and return the form so we can stay connected with you in the future. Please mail the form to Gretchen Bambrick, Membership Chair, 403 N. Wood St., Appleton, WI 54911.



Prisons: To Privatize or Not?

Summary of the November 17th Unit Meeting

By Debra Cronmiller

Cynthia Thorp, Oshkosh LWV and Department of Corrections, shared some of her personal viewpoints regarding the current prison system in Wisconsin. She began by confirming what many Leaguers have long believed; that Corrections is both complicated and politically charged. The recent addition of the 'SuperMax' prison in Boscobel, demonstrated the power of politics. Personnel involved in corrections had strongly advocated the creation of segregated, on-site security cells for difficult prison inmates, a manageable, cost effective way to deal with this population. Despite this,

then-Governor Thompson pushed through the development of a \$45 million 'SuperMax' facility that now is being closely monitored by Amnesty International for alleged civil rights violations.

Politics aside, the Department of Corrections invests a great deal of taxpayer resource into the care, rehabilitation and incarceration of inmates. Is it possible to successfully privatize this public function? Under the current politically charged system, cost-containing privatization seems unlikely. Barbara Lawton, in her remarks at the Issues Briefing, indicated that rehabilitation, at its heart, was counter-intuitive to a business whose profits are contingent on the number of inmates. Additionally, Cynthia pointed out that within the current Corrections environment, dollars going to outside, privately contracted businesses are much easier to access, though less efficient, than financial increases to the State's official corrections budget.

Barb Hoffman reminded us that profit is not a dirty word. In fact, in our capitalist system of commerce, profit is fundamentally important to the existence of government. However, paying a private provider to deliver service less adequate than that provided by the government providers is not so much a failure of the private provider but of the folks who hired the provider. And if government is going to hire private providers, then the role of the taxpayer is to ensure that the service we want is truly being provided.

Privatization, in and of itself, is not inherently good or bad. But private contracts with independent contractors can be if the work contracted for is not performed or is performed better than expected. And all the campaign contributions in the world won't be able to change the performance of private contractors. Taxpayers must demand contracts with private prison providers that parallel the expectations placed on state workers. If a state run prison has x number of staff, supplies, and program dollars for 1000 prisoners, then the private prison providers should be offered the same x dollars for their 1000 prisoners. By offering anything more would be cheating the taxpayers and our legislators should be held accountable. Corrections, by its nature, we assume is a dirty business. Legislative will is necessary to ensure that perfectly good capitalist theory doesn't run amuck at the tax payers expense.

Water Quality

Local Leagues around the State are exploring the water quality in their basin as part of the State Study of whether or not a dedicated water quality funding source is necessary.

The DNR, from their report at Issues Briefing, was clear that at the very least, additional financial resources are necessary to monitor both quality and quantity of water around the state. The water resource, though abundant currently, is diminishing in quality. The impact of pollution, invasive species, habitat loss, dams and other damage to our surface and ground water sources is truly unknown at this time for lack of sufficient monitoring.

Of the lakes and rivers currently being monitored, most are threatened or impaired. Locally, a small study committee will look at the Fox-Wolf Basin in terms of its water quantity and quality. This report will be merged with those from around the state to help the State Study Committee determine the next steps of the state study. If you are interested in being a part of the local study group, please contact Debra Cronmiller or Holly Park.



**League of Women Voters
Appleton Membership Profile Survey**

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Zip _____

Home telephone # _____ Home e-mail _____

Are you employed outside the home? Yes No

 If "Yes", name of employer _____ Position _____

Can we phone you at your workplace? Yes No

 If "Yes", at what number? _____

Can we e-mail you at your workplace? Yes No

 If "Yes", what is your e-mail address there? _____

Background info:

Service organizations you are now active with: _____

Year joined LWV:..... Member of Appleton LWV since: _____

Position(s) held in the Appleton LWV: _____

Which regular LWV activities do you like to participate in? Check all that apply.

- | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Election night reporting | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Observer Corps | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Octoberfest | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| League budget finances | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| League board | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Holiday Brunch | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Lively Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Annual Meeting | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Lunch with League | <input type="checkbox"/> |

LWV studies you have participated in:

Which of the following areas are you interested in?

- Structure of government
- Voter information
- Environment
- Health, Welfare, Education
- Parks & Recs
- Justice
- Housing
- Other

For planning, which of the following times can you attend meetings? Check all that apply.

<input type="checkbox"/> Morning	<input type="checkbox"/> Week Days
<input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon	<input type="checkbox"/> Saturdays
<input type="checkbox"/> Evening	<input type="checkbox"/> Lunch Hour during week

What keeps you as a League member?

Additional comments:

Date completed: _____

Please mail completed form to:

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403 N. Wood St.
Appleton, WI 54911

Ref: My docs/LWV membership 2001-2 Membership bio form

Outagamie County Concerns

Lunch with League, Nov. 26
Guest, Toby Paltzer,
Outagamie County Executive



Paltzer's Sales Tax Response
edited by Connie Kanitz

Throughout his time of service as County Executive, it has been Mr. Paltzer's goal to balance county services requested by the county's residents with the growing cost of providing those services. One avenue has been to explore and implement regional solutions to shared local concerns. An example is the plan to regionalize recycling and Brown. Hundreds of thousands of dollars will be saved by residents each year as the consolidation reduces overhead costs and greater volume provides better access to markets for recycled goods.

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The proposed .5% county sales tax in Outagamie was also intended to recognize the regional use of the county's industries and to help align the county's budget and services. A county sales tax distributes the local tax burden over a greater number of people including those who benefit from the county's programs yet live outside of the county borders.

A task force was formed in 1986 to "develop a vision of the future in terms of resources and needs and establish priorities including an examination of the way these needs will be met." Many recommendations of this task force have been implemented such as increased intergovernmental cooperation, a change in budgetary procedures, downsizing the county board, and long-range space needs planning. The entire task force approved looking at additional revenues such as a wheel tax and a sales tax as a means of funding county programs. The one recommendation that has not been enacted over fifteen years since its proposal is the county sales tax.

Over these fifteen years, the county has received reduced funding of state required services by the state. In 1993, the State of Wisconsin also capped the county's ability to increase the cap and the county has required the county departments to budget at a 0-1% increase on all things other than salaries and fringes which are largely controlled by union negotiations. Staff has also been reduced and rearranged to cut costs while striving to maintain quality services. Since federal funds are dispersed through grant applications, the county's staff has been asked to be more active in seeking grants and the county is looking at hiring a grant writer to better access needed program funding. The final alternative is enacting a sales tax, which the State Legislature offers as a recommendation when counties complain about reduced funding.

If the tax were to be implemented, in the first year of the sales tax would reduce the property tax levy rate by one dollar per \$1000 of property value. If you have a \$100,000 home, your property taxes would be reduced by \$100.

With the 2002 budget, there is a constraint between the county's budget and responsibilities. The Health and Human Services budgets do not reduce the waiting lists. New programs are being deferred because of the up front costs even if they provide cost savings over the long run, and the county is searching out cooperative efforts with neighboring counties wherever possible.

HOLIDAY BRUNCH Reservation Form (clip and return)

December 15, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm, Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, McIntosh Room,

Speaker: John Forster, President of the Friends of the Fox: "Development of our Riverfront"

Name _____ Address _____

I am coming and I am bringing the following guests _____

Cost incl. tax and tip: \$14.50 per person—Check payable to LWV of Appleton by December 10 to:

Gretchen Bambrick, 403 N. Wood St., Appleton, WI 54911. My check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Nancy Pourciau
514 N. Union St.
Appleton, WI 54911
734-6296

We welcome Nancy back to our fold after a hiatus of about five years. Prior to that Nancy was a longtime member, recruited by Corinne Goldgar "back in the eighties." Nancy taught Montessori for many years before starting up her own Montessori, The Children's School, two years ago. Nancy is the Mother of three: Sarah, 25, Seth, 23, and Emily 16. Her husband, Bruce, teaches mathematics at Lawrence University.

Ann Thomas (formerly Ann Berry)
228 E. Harris St., Apt. #4,
Appleton, WI 54911
738-6641

cohecopa@yahoo.com

Ann is a writer who moved to Wisconsin from Pennsylvania in 1999. She was recruited into the League by Gretchen Bambrick, immediately signed up to work at Octoberfest, and joined the riverfront development study. Ann enjoys painting and has ambitions to learn to row crew on the Fox River in the coming year.



Janice Wanek
1318 S. Oneida St.
Appleton, WI 54915
830-2767

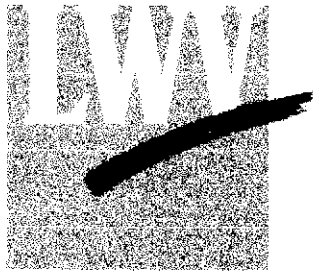
Janis strives to fulfill her life goals of quality health, equal relationships, and a greater mastery of internal and external communication skills. After hearing about League from Connie Kanitz, Janis joined to access quality information and have a better understanding of politics and policy to aid in her quest of being supportive of healthy lifestyles, safety, and people's ability to live their full potential. Janis facilitates a 16 step support group and encourages others to acknowledge their own truth and heal from emotional trauma.



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The President's Chatroom

As I welcome in the new year here are a few resolutions that I am hoping will remain in my consciousness even if I am not able to attain them. I resolve to...

- Keep my mind open to other cultures, faiths, and attitudes here in the valley and elsewhere in the world.
- Not feel guilty when I take time to read a good book at the expense of all else.
- Let my two boys become their own persons by making their own mistakes and learning from them.
- Donate a little more money to causes I feel are worthy because I know I can.
- Find inspiration in the people around us who are doing things large and small to help those in need.
- Participate just a little more in my community by volunteering.
- Take a family vacation.
- (of course this one makes the list) Lose weight.

As we look back at this year of horrendous change I am bolstered by the sentiments and deeds of many Americans. I am hopeful that we will continue to exercise the freedoms many fought to preserve and are still fighting to preserve by staying involved in our government at all levels. For League this means continuing to observe and participate at the local level where we can make a difference. It is not too late to run for alderperson in the spring election. I personally feel as if change can be a good thing. Please consider running if you have an itty-bitty interest in serving your community this way.

(more on p. 2)

League Calendar

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Tuesday, Jan. 8 7:30 am	Appleton LWV Board Meeting	540 River Rd. Sue Silton's
Thursday Jan. 17 8:30 am	Riverfront Study Com.	540 River Road Sue Silton's
Saturday, Jan. 19 9:30 -- noon	Lively Issues	88 Crestview Dr. Sue Eich's
Monday, Jan. 28 Noon - 1pm	Lunch with League Fox/Wolf Water Basin: Water Quality, Quantity Guest Speaker	Emergency Shelter 400 N. Division Dr. Learning Center Lower level
Feb 20	Unit Meeting, Riverfront Development	TBA
March 20	Unit Meeting, Riverfront Development	TBA



Lively Issues

Saturday

January 19, 2002

9:30 am until noon

88 Crestview Drive

Sue Eich's home

Directions:

From downtown Appleton: Go east on College Avenue. After crossing the Fox River turn left onto Newberry Street. Turn left onto Lynn Drive (North) and left onto Crestview Drive—88 Crestview Drive.

From 441. Take the CE (College Avenue) exit. Go west toward Appleton. Turn right (north) onto Kensington Dr. Turn left (West) onto Newberry Street. Turn right (N) onto Lynn Drive and left onto Crestview Drive—88 Crestview Drive.

President's Chatroom (continued from p. 1)

January is also the time League holds the annual meeting we call **Lively Issues**. This is a fun and sometimes hotly debated meeting in which we determine what our next local study topic will be. We do this by bringing ideas to discuss and debate. It can be suggestions on anything from annexation to Zebra Mussels (A-Z) or anything in between. This year we have been looking at downtown riverfront development and reviewing our position in relation to this. I would love to see as many League members as possible. The more members who participate the more fun it is. Many enjoy this meeting because it gives them a chance to voice an opinion and to hear the opinions of others. Then by democratic process we narrow down the topics until we agree on a new study issue. Please mark your calendars to attend and bring an issue or two or three or four to throw out on the table.

I hope many of you have filled out the "Biographical Information Sheet" that was sent in the last bulletin. I think we need to find out just what makes our League members tick. If you haven't done this, take a few minutes to fill it out. Someone should be contacting you personally to chat and see what keeps you as a member.

May many of your New Year's resolutions be met!

Holly

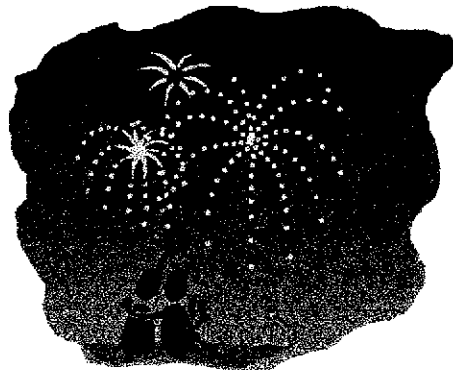
Let's Talk National Issues



Some League members have expressed an interest in getting together to discuss national issues on which the League has positions. The world trade series published in the four issues of the 2001 National voter could be the focus of such a meeting. Time and place for the meeting will be announced in the February bulletin. Call Marlys Fritzell at 731-0736 if you have questions or ideas for a meeting.

The Holiday Brunch was extreme . . .

ly well attended this year with 39 guests, including seven men. President of the Friends of the Fox John Forster spoke enthusiastically about the development of our riverfront and provided excellent displays of future plans for the river.



Thank you Sue Silton for arranging the speaker, Sharon Fenlon for providing the video player, Stevie Schmidt for inviting a Post Crescent reporter, and members who attended, brought guests, and made this event such a success. This was terrific member participation and hopefully sets a tone for 2002.

Happy New Year.

Gretchen Bambrick, Membership Chair.

[this League article found on lww.org website]

HOW MONEY IN POLITICS AFFECTS YOUR LIFE AND HEALTH

Political contributions have a major impact on health care and other issues. The issues citizens care about are influenced by big-spending special interests whose campaign contributions drown out the voices and opinions of individuals.

Consider the impact of campaign contributions on your health:

1. Industry interests opposed to new standards for patient care have stepped up their political giving.

- Just in the first six months of the 1999-2000 election cycle, industry groups have contributed more than \$4 million in soft money to political parties.
- Contributions by the two main trade groups for the industry, the American Association of Health Plans (AAHP) and the Health Insurance Association of America (HIAA), increased dramatically in the first half of 1997 compared to the same period in previous election years.

2. Drugs cost more because of campaign contributions from the pharmaceutical industry.

- Since 1991, the companies belonging to the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PHRMA), the trade group for brand-name drug makers, have given more than \$18.6 million in political contributions.
- With the help of that influence, brand-name drug companies have kept their bottom lines healthy by successfully convincing Congress to let them hold onto their drug patents longer.
- Loss of access to generic drugs costs consumers as much as \$550 million a year.

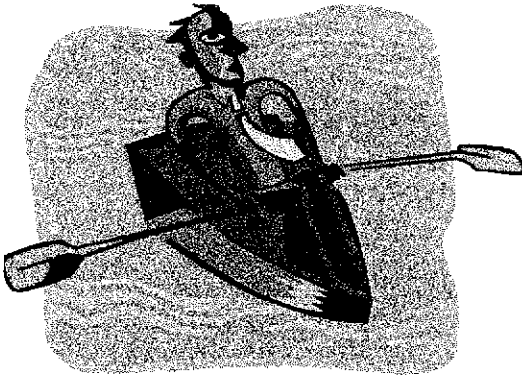
3. Campaign contributors are seeking to influence lawmakers' votes on health issues at all levels of government. For example:

- Corporations seeking to restrict the ability of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to enforce worker health and safety regulations increased their political contributions when the issue came before Congress in 1995.
- According to a Massachusetts study, the health care industry was the largest source of campaign contributions to members of the health care committees of the Massachusetts legislature between 1989 and 1991. The same study exposed a 250-percent jump in industry contributions during the two-year period, a time when health care legislation became a top priority in the state.
- A Los Angeles group established a link between insurance industry contributions to the state insurance commissioner and a host of pro-industry actions. The cost to consumers: \$221 million in the commissioner's first 30 days in office.

4. Congressional action against food poisoning is at a standstill in the face of millions in industry contributions.

- Thousands of Americans die each year -- and millions more become sick -- from the food they eat, and the number of disease-producing agents in the nation's food supply is growing.
- Congress, however, consistently has ignored the growing threat to the public health posed by the slaughter and meatpacking industry.
- Over the past decade, the food industry poured more than \$41 million into the campaign treasuries of Capitol Hill lawmakers and managed to kill every bill that has promised meaningful improvement
- Campaign contributions have an impact on the issues you care about. That means you should care about the role of money in politics. To find out more about campaign finance issues and how you can get involved in working for reform, contact the League of Women Voters today.

Lunch With League: Water Quality & Quantity



Leaguers wishing to hear about the Fox/Wolf Water Basin: Water Quality and Quantity are invited to this month's offering of Lunch with League, Monday, January 28, 2002.

*Lunch with League at the Emergency Shelter,
400 N. Division Dr. Appleton
Noon until 1:00pm.
Bring your lunch or come listen.*

A guest speaker will be present to discuss conditions of our waterways and uses and abuses. Please R.S.V.P. to our League phone at 738-7766 so that we have an idea of how many people plan to attend. You are welcome to come even if you have not called. As always, guests also most welcome.

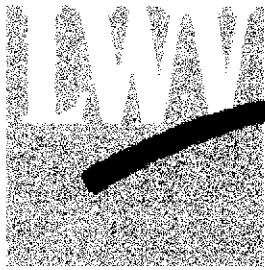
Corrections for the League Directory

If you have any corrections or additions for the League Directory, please call Bev Wieckert to update her records so we can share this information with members. (739-2773).

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The President's "Chatroom"

With the start of a new year comes discussion on what issues our local League should be studying and or reviewing. This occurs at our Lively Issues meeting traditionally held mid-January every year. With 12 members present we still managed to suggest five or six topics that could be recommended for study. Suggestions were varied and timely and encompassed the criminal justice system, the environment, and health and human services. I am reminded of the depth of our varied commitments to our community as we discuss ideas and come to consensus on study topics. More information is in the bulletin regarding recommended and non-recommended study topics so read on!

January is also the time to gather together the nominating committee and a budget committee. The job of the nominating committee is to fill board positions whose term is up in June. This year that will include a 1st Vice President (Voter Service), 2nd Vice President (Program), Treasurer, 2 Directors (Local Study, Natural Resources). I am hoping that a few of you would be willing to come on the Board and serve a two-year term. It really can be fun and not too time consuming! I realize that we all feel as if our free time is a precious commodity and it is. However, League is one organization that is truly feeling the crunch of losing some of its volunteer energy. We need you.

We are a small, but feisty group of individuals that still make an impact at the local level and are recognized as a leader in educating voters and encouraging active participation in government. Active participation cannot occur without you! Please consider giving your time. Ok, ok..., enough begging and pleading. Call Karon Sandberg if you are interested (954-1683).

The budget committee gets together once or twice to re-view the budget from the previous year and to set the budget for the upcoming year. Our League is in good shape financially

League Calendar

Date	Event	Meeting Place
Tuesday, Feb. 5 7:30 am	Appleton LWV Board Meeting	Note change! 88 Crestview Dr. Sue Eich's home
Thursday Feb. 14 8:30 am	Riverfront Study Com.	540 River Road Sue Silton's
Wednesday Feb 20	Unit Meeting, Riverfront Development	Appleton Yacht Club Meeting 6:30 - 8 pm Optional dine before: 5:30 pm
Monday Feb. 25 Noon - 1pm	Lunch with League Legislator from 56 th District, WI. Assembly, Terri McCormick	Emergency Shelter 400 N. Division Dr. Learning Center Lower level
Thursday, Feb. 28 1:30 pm	Discuss LWWUS position on trade	Joy Povolny's home 31 S. Meadows Drive call 731-0736 or 739- 2773 for a ride
March 20	Unit Meeting, Riverfront Development	TBA

President's Chatroom

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and we have managed to stay within our means every year. Our largest expenses have always been National dues, State dues, and bulletin costs. Here again is an opportunity to give just a wee bit of your time if desired.



Spring primaries are just around the corner. Although re-districting changed the boundaries of several districts, only District 2 and District 8 are contested races. District 2 has four candidates running; Helen Nagler, Justin Fleschman, Edward Ilg and Stephen Pugh. This will be the only primary since District 8 has only two people running. The County has contested races but not enough candidates for the primary. It is disappointing to me that so few people have chosen to run. This would have been an ideal opportunity because of the re-districting to level the playing field.

The National League is seeking concurrence on its trade position. They are encouraging all members to review the new trade position found in the December/January National Voter. A high level of individual member participation is needed to be sure they have the member understanding and agreement required for the new position. Please fill out the concurrence response form and send it to Nation. Our local League is trying to hold a trade meeting sometime in February so please look at the calendar. Let's see if we can come up with our own local concurrence!

Holly

Lively Issues

(and it WAS lively) was held on January 19th

The group recommended the following two local studies.

1. Continue with the Riverfront Development study
2. Alternatives to Incarceration

There were also four non-recommended items and an action proposal. All of this will go before the board at the February board meeting and members will receive a complete summary in the next bulletin.

Two recommendations for the national study are:

1. U.S. policy on population growth
2. Continue with items from last year's list of 5 topics.

This will also go before the board and you can expect an update next month.

Remember, if you were unable to attend the meeting, you still have another chance to voice your opinions at the annual meeting.

National Issues: Talk about Trade

Meeting scheduled for Feb. 28

Mail in concurrence form by March 18 [See next two pgs]

You are invited to meet with other Appleton Leaguers to discuss the proposed new LWVUS position on trade on **Thursday, February 28 at 1:30 pm at Joy Povolny's home, 31 S. Meadows Drive, Appleton.** Anyone wanting a ride to the meeting can call Marlys Fritzell at 731-0736 or Bev Wieckert at 739-2773.

The League's position on trade has been one of support for measures that expand rather than restrict trade. From the 1930s through the 1980s, the League played an active role in promoting major new trade initiatives and in countering protectionist measures. More recently, however, the League has not taken action on key trade proposals (e.g. NAFTA, creation of the World Trade Organization, fast-track authorization in the 1990s) because of uncertainty about members' views about how to reconcile trade liberalization with the League's environmental and human/labor rights goals.

A proposed new LWVUS position on trade has been developed and the LWVUS Board is seeking concurrence directly from individual League members. The proposed position and response form can be found in your December 2001/January 2002 National Voter. It is also included in this bulletin.

If you have time, you may read some or all of the articles on trade that have appeared in the last several issues of the National Voter. These are also available on the LWVUS website at www.lwv.org/join/trade/. Even if you have not had time to read these, please come and join the discussion. If you are unable to attend, you may still mail in the response form. Postmark deadline is March 18.

Lunch with League



At this month's lunch we will meet with area legislator:
Terri McCormick,
Representative of the 56th district
of the Wisconsin Assembly

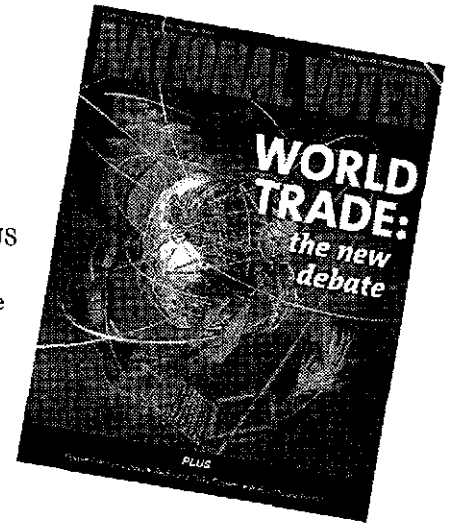
Monday, February 25 Noon - 1:00 pm
At the Emergency Shelter: Learning Center, lower level
400 N. Division Dr., Appleton

Bring a lunch and please R.S.V.P at the League phone 738-7766. If plans allow you to come at the last minute, please do come even if you have not called in.
Guests welcome.

Do You Concur with the Proposed LWVUS Position on Trade?

In this final phase of the trade-position update adopted at Convention 2000, the LWVUS Board is seeking member agreement with the proposed position statement below, which would replace the existing position in its entirety. Please register your view on the LWVUS website (www.lwv.org/members/trade_update.html), or by fax (202-429-0854), or mail your response to League of Women Voters, Trade Concurrence, 1730 M Street, NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20036. Background information is available on the LWVUS website or from your League president.

Postmark deadline: March 18, 2002. Online/fax deadline: March 22, 2002.



PROPOSED LWVUS POSITION ON TRADE

The LWVUS supports a liberal U.S. trade policy aimed at reducing trade barriers and expanding international trade. Such a policy helps foster international cooperation, democratic values, and economic prosperity at home and abroad as well as benefiting consumers through lowered prices, expanded choice and improved products and services.

The League believes that U.S. trade policy should be based on the long-term public interest, not on special interests, and should advance the achievement of other important policy goals, including

- improvement of basic living standards worldwide,
- reduction of inequalities within and among nations,
- protection of the environment and global natural resources,
- respect for human, labor, religious and political rights, and
- improvement of labor conditions around the world.

The League endorses the worldwide systematic reduction of tariffs, subsidies and quotas. The League also supports the reduction of non-tariff barriers to trade consistent with the goals and strategies set forth in this position statement. Administrative and customs procedures should be efficient and flexible.

The League supports U.S. participation in an international trade organization aimed at promoting worldwide economic growth via an open trading system. This organization should have the power to hold nations accountable for commitments made in multilateral trade treaties and should recognize the legitimacy of international agreements in the areas of the environment, labor, and human rights. Its proceedings should be open to scrutiny by the public, the press, and non-governmental organizations. The public should have timely access to a wide range of its documents, and its dispute settlement process should allow friend-of-the-court briefs.

The organization should recognize the legitimacy of a country's measures in the areas of the environment, health, labor and human rights that are more stringent than international standards or than those of its trading partners. These measures should not discriminate between domestic products and

imports and should not be used as a pretext for restricting the flow of trade.

The League believes that trade agreements should be negotiated multilaterally in the broadest possible international forum. Regional and bilateral trade agreements can be useful steppingstones to broader trade liberalization but should not be allowed to block progress in multilateral negotiations nor to marginalize poor countries.

The League believes that the U.S. trade policy-making process should be open, transparent, and efficient and should advance League trade policy goals. The President should be given the authority to negotiate trade agreements within prior guidelines and conditions set by Congress. Congress should have an adequate but limited time period to debate and accept or reject the resulting proposed agreements, without amendment. Congress should take an active part in the policy-making process, establishing trade priorities and negotiating objectives and observing and monitoring trade negotiations. Congress should have the resources and staff expertise necessary to fulfill its trade responsibilities. The trade policy-making processes of both Congress and the Executive Branch should include meaningful opportunities for input from a broad range of public interest perspectives, as well as from business interests, and should include timely assessment of the impact of proposed trade agreements.

The League supports a variety of trade-related strategies to protect the environment and promote labor, political, religious, and human rights, including

- trade negotiations and trade agreements that lead to progress on environmental and social objectives;
- monitoring and reporting of countries' practices and performance in these areas;
- recognition of the legitimacy of multilateral environmental agreements;
- strengthening the International Labor Organization and promoting ratification of ILO core labor rights;

- promoting ratification of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and similar international agreements;
- international sanctions aimed at ending egregious violations of human rights;
- legitimate labeling and certification programs (e.g., eco-labeling);
- protection of endangered species;
- elimination of environmentally and economically harmful subsidies and incentives (e.g., for fishing, timber, agriculture);
- codes of conduct to encourage responsible business practices in these areas (e.g., guarding against abusive child labor);
- domestic regulations and practices that advance environmental and social goals and that are not a pretext for restricting trade; and
- aid to developing countries to improve their ability to create and enforce national laws protecting the environment and human and labor rights.

The League supports trade and related policies that address the special needs of developing countries, with emphasis on economic growth and improving income distribution. The League supports such measures as:

- priority elimination of tariffs and quotas on exports of developing countries;
- longer adjustment periods and financial and technical assistance for implementation of trade commitments;

- special measures to ensure access to essential medicines;
- financial and technical assistance to enable developing countries to participate effectively in the world trading system;
- financial aid for infrastructure improvements; and
- policies that recognize the special circumstances of developing countries in the areas of food security and transition to the world trading system.

The League supports strong U.S. leadership in, and financial support of, international institutions and programs that reduce poverty and address the special needs of developing countries in the areas of the environment and human and labor rights.

The League supports measures to address the adverse impact of international trade on domestic workers, firms and industries. Training, education and safety net programs, such as cash assistance, relocation assistance, and health care, should be enhanced and made easily available to dislocated workers, whether or not a trade connection can be made. Portability of health care coverage, pension rights and other fringe benefits should also be assured. The League supports temporary trade barriers consistent with international trade rules to permit firms seriously injured by surging import competition to adjust to changed conditions.

Do you concur with the proposed LWVUS position on trade? (Check one answer.)

- Strongly support
- Accept
- Do not accept

What were your means of learning about this issue? (Check all that apply.)

- Read *National Voter* article(s)
- Attended a League meeting
- Joined LWV trade listserv
- Read outside material
- Other _____

The League should use this method of member agreement for future updates: Yes No

Name _____

League _____

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(Name and address required.)

Mail to: League of Women Voters, Trade Concurrence, 1730 M Street NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20036; or

Fax to: 202-429-0854; or

Log on to: www.lwv.org/members/trade_update.html

The Riverfront Development Study Committee

Brings Info to League: Unit meeting

Wednesday, February 20
Appleton Yacht Club
1200 S. Lutz Drive
(optional) 5:30 pm order dinner off menu (sandwiches, pizza, etc.)
6:30 – 8:00 pm: League unit meeting

Please review the following materials included in this bulletin:

1. Position statement from 1992 (second column this page)
2. List of strategies from CityVision's Appleton Riverfront Master plan (this is a condensed form. Focus Fox River – Master Plan will be available to all who attend the meeting. (Strategies printed below)
3. Questions to be considered at the meeting, (following page)

Strategies from CityVision

CityVision was the consulting firm that created Appleton Riverfront Master Plan. This plan was condensed by the City of Appleton as Focus Fox River – Master Plan and will be available to all at the February 20th Unit Meeting.

1. History. We need to start with recent history.
2. Focus on Heritage Corridor aspect of plan as primary, therefore relating the corridor in Appleton to the whole Fox Wisconsin Rivers Heritage Corridor.

The strategies from CityVision

1. Expand on the Fox River's part in more regional plans
2. Balance ecologic needs with existing and new development
3. Enhance the quality of development along the riverfront using such tools as the city code and city policies.
4. Preserve the existing historical significance of the riverfront and promote aesthetic sensitivity for new or improved developments
5. promote the riverfront as a destination and give it an identity through building on existing design elements and creating new amenities
6. Create a wayfinding system for the riverfront
7. Promote modes of transportation unique to Appleton's riverfront.
8. Improve street access to the riverfront
9. Increase and expand on the multi-modal opportunities around the riverfront.
10. Create opportunities for education about the history of the Fox River and the City of Appleton.
11. Designate redevelopment opportunities along the riverfront.
Water treatment plant? WEPCO site: park
Valmet for mixed uses, but parking a problem
M-I Drilling: residential.

Foremose Dairy: residential. (who says that it is available?)
St. Joseph's School as a connector: residential, office, govt., and commercial.

12. Improve public parks as an integral part of the riverfront.
Lutz Park, boating.
Edison Heritage Park and Paper Ind. Hall of Fame.
Jones Park

Appleton LWV—Local Support Positions

NATURAL RESOURCES

V. FOX RIVER CORRIDOR (1992)

A. Environmental goals

1. Water Quality
 - a. Continue improvement of water quality
 - b. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to remain in charge of water regulation through maintenance and operation of the dam system.
2. Natural Areas Protection.
 - a. Protect unique places like thousand Islands Conservancy area, and regulate harmful boating activities.
 - b. Promote wetland and shore land restoration.
 - c. Encourage native vegetation and wildlife; discourage harmful non-native vegetation and wildlife.
3. Riverbank Protection.
 - a. City of Appleton should adopt a shore land-zoning ordinance.
 - b. Prevent erosion.
 - c. Protect scenic qualities by restricted tree cutting.
4. Public Access.
 - a. Encourage hiking and biking trails near the river.
 - b. Provide public boat access, while protecting important natural areas.
 - c. Promote city parks along the river.

B. Economic Goals

1. The Lower fox River remains a working river, and requires water level management by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to assist its multiple uses.
2. Restore the navigation system; with the repair and ongoing maintenance of the historic locks, since a through navigation system could not be recreated if it were lost.
3. Encourage private and public development in the river corridor.
 - a. Promote historic buildings, museums, the locks, and excursion boats.
 - b. Avoid a "Dells" effect.
 - c. Discourage gambling.
4. Coordinate emergency rescue preparedness.

C. Historic Goals

1. Promote the Fox-wisconsin National Heritage Corridor.
2. Repair and continue operation of the historic locks navigation system.
3. Support a Landmarks Commission in the city of Appleton
4. Preserve the visual fabric of the river through adaptive reuse of historic structures.

Unit Meeting—Riverfront Development

1. Create an advisory board.
2. Create a guidelines committee.
3. How to coordinate all players?
4. How can public and private interest be balanced?
5. How to address public access to river?
6. Study access to riverfront from north, south and downtown Appleton.
7. How to coordinate financial resources (TIF, DNR, etc.)?
8. How to determine active and passive use?
9. What transportation methods will work?
10. How concerned should we (LWV) be about river cleanup?
11. How much control does the City of Appleton have regarding riverfront development?

Discussion Questions

Bring this sheet to the Feb. 20 meeting.

See more info about the unit meeting inside.

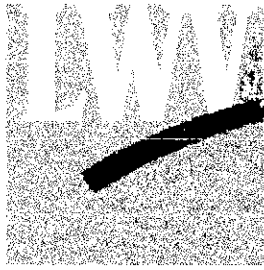
12. What should the City of Appleton's relationship be to the Historic Fox River Corridor?
13. How can ideas and entities be cross fertilized?
14. How to separate fantasy from realism, (i.e., how to focus on realistic goals?).
15. How to adequately disseminate information to the people of Appleton in order to obtain input and support?
16. How to develop a proposal to Appleton's City Council for a renewal of the Riverfront Committee in order to centralize information, make recommendations, provide coordination and oversight? How to reinstate advisory committee with staff person reporting to the City Plan Commission?
17. How to determine what has already been done, who is currently doing what, and what needs to be done?

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Park Here with Holly



The President's "Chatroom"

I have to admit that I am one of "those" who gets the late winter blues. Even though Wisconsin has had a wonderfully mild winter I am still affected by the lack of light and the warmth of the sun on my face. I was beginning to feel as if the League too was losing steam in the final throes of winter, but have come to realize that we are still working hard at what we like to do; learn, educate and participate.

In February the Riverfront Study Committee held the first of two unit meetings at the Appleton Yacht Club. The meeting was well attended and the group was able to identify key issues and areas of focus to take to the next unit meeting. Behind the scenes several people have been attending city committee meetings and making statements to the city for approval of the slope ordinance which has yet to be approved. Marlys Fritzell has been diligent in having the observer Corp focus on meetings that involve the riverfront, and Len Weiss has worked for approval of the slope ordinance. Sue Silton has kept the Riverfront Committee focused and on course. Thank you on behalf of the League. Marlys also coordinated a meeting to discuss the National League's updated position on trade. I understand this too was a lively discussion. This meeting was to talk freely about the proposed position and each member was then to send in his or her view to the National League by March 22nd. I hope that many of you have done just that.

During this month I received an inquiry about citizenship training and/or welcoming new citizens to the community. There is a desire by a committed local businessman to join with the League to help inform and welcome new residents whose first language is not English. It is my hope that this may turn into a regular League event in which we might join forces with the Literacy Coalition to educate and embrace new residents to our community. The League has also been contacted to help sponsor a forum in May with possible gubernatorial candidates.

Come walk the riverfront **April 21**. See article on back page. Note change in date for annual meeting. It is the **8th of May**. Please respond to the invitation and come! Happy Spring!

Holly

League Calendar

Date	Event	Meeting Place
April 2	Election Day	Polls
Tues April 9 7:30 am	Appleton LWV Board Meeting	540 River Road Sue Silton's
Sunday April 21 1 - 3 pm	Riverfront Walk/ Social (see back page)	Meet at Silton's 540 River Road
Tuesday, May 7 6:30 - 8:30	Public School Funding Focus Group (back pg)	Appleton Library Meeting Room Lower Level
Wednesday May 8 5:30 social	Appleton LWV Annual Meeting/ Dinner: 6:30	Mark's East Side 1405 E. Wisconsin Appleton, WI

APPLETON LWV – LOCAL SUPPORT POSITIONS: NATURAL RESOURCES

V. FOX RIVER CORRIDOR (1992, 2002)

A. Environmental Goals.

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2. Natural Areas Protection.
 - a. Protect unique places like Thousand Islands Conservancy Area. ~~and regulate harmful boating activities.~~
 - b. Promote wetland and shore land restoration.
 - c. Encourage native vegetation and wildlife; discourage harmful non-native vegetation and wildlife.
3. Riverbank Protection.
 - a. [Strive to persuade the] City of Appleton ~~should~~ to adopt a shore land-zoning ordinance.
 - b. Prevent soil erosion.
 - c. Protect scenic qualities. ~~by restricted tree cutting.~~
 - d. [Regulate harmful boating activities].
 - e. [Use natural landscaping principles to guide selection of trees to be cut].
4. Public Access
 - a. ~~Encourage~~ [Expand] hiking and biking trails near the river.
 - b. Provide public boat access, while protecting important natural areas.
 - c. Promote city parks along the river.
 - d. [Promote alternatives to automobile traffic along the riverfront area].

B. Economic Goals.

1. The Lower Fox River remains a working river, and requires water level management by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to assist its multiple uses.
2. Restore the navigation system; with the repair and ongoing maintenance of the historic locks, since a through navigation system could not be recreated if it were lost.
3. [Provide soil testing analyses to enable appropriate economic development].
4. ~~3.~~ Encourage private and public development in the river corridor.
 - a. Promote historic buildings, museums, the locks, and excursion boats.
 - b. Avoid a "Dells" effect.
 - c. Discourage gambling.
5. 4. Coordinate emergency rescue preparedness.
6. [Plan safe and cost effective public access].

C. Historic Goals.

1. Promote the Fox-Wisconsin National Heritage [River] Corridor.
2. Repair and continue operation of the historic locks navigation system.
3. Support a Landmarks Commission in the City of Appleton historic preservation along the Fox River Corridor.
4. Preserve the visual fabric of the river through adaptive reuse of historic structures.

D. [Implementation Goals].

1. [Establish a Waterfront Advisory Committee in order to ensure continuous citizen input].
2. [Encourage establishment of a master plan with specified goals to be implemented by the City Planning Department with input from the City Plan Commission and the Waterfront Advisory Committee].
3. [Create a comprehensive zoning district which allows for a variety of uses as well as continuity among building design and site layout].
4. [Encourage a cooperative regional effort].
5. [Require public access to the water as part of new developments].
6. [Encourage coordination among public/private funding sources].

APPLETON LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2002-2003

	ACTUAL 00-01	PROPOSED 01-02	ACTUAL TO 2/28/02	PROPOSED 02-03
INCOME				
A. Dues	2,183.00	2,400.00	2,280.00	*2,160.00
B. Contributions				
1. Member	1,966.00	1,477.50	679.00	1,560.00
2. Member Ed. Fund	75.00	400.00	1,000.00	227.00
3. Non-Member	740.00	1,700.00	330.00	800.00
4. Non-Member Ed. Fund	750.00	1,000.00	500.00	850.00
C. Other				
1. Community Service				
a. Election Night Reporting	670.00	200.00		200.00
b. Speaker's Bureau				
2. Memorials				
3. Interest Earned	759.00	675.00	385.00	500.00
D. Miscellaneous				
1. Fall Event-Octoberfest	286.00	300.00	342.00	300.00
2. Holiday Brunch	463.00	500.00	575.00	500.00
3. Decision Makers Lunch	234.00	400.00		300.00
4. Annual Meeting Dinner	310.00	500.00		500.00
5. Transfer from LWV Ed. Fund		1,000.00		1,000.00
6. LWVUS	15.00			
7. PCB Meeting	90.00			
TOTAL INCOME	8,541.00	10,552.50	6,091.00	8,897.00

* Based on \$40.00 basic, \$56.00 sustaining and \$60.00 Family (current dues)

	ACTUAL 00-01	PROPOSED 01-02	ACTUAL TO 2/28/02	PROPOSED 02-03
EXPENDITURES				
A. Operating Costs				
1. General Supplies	317.00	200.00	270.00	200.00
2. Telephone	270.00	250.00	163.00	250.00
3. P.O. Box Fee	64.00	64.00	80.00	80.00
4. Phone Answering Service				
5. Audit				
6. Insurance	302.00	310.00	302.00	302.00
B. Board & Administrative Committees				
1. President	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
2. Secretary		50.00		50.00
3. Treasurer	33.00	50.00	20.00	50.00
4. Board Tools	150.00	100.00		100.00
5. Admin. Committees				
a. Finance	507.00	275.00		275.00
b. Membership	234.00	75.00	36.00	150.00
c. Public Relations		46.00		50.00
d. Membership Grant		80.00	40.00	80.00

APPLETON LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2002-2003

	ACTUAL 00-01	PROPOSED 01-02	ACTUAL TO 2/28/02	PROPOSED 02-03
C. Delegates, Travel & Workshops				
1. State Council		350.00		
2. State Convention	204.00			500.00
3. National Convention		1,500.00		
4. Annual Meeting	69.00	120.00		120.00
5. Workshops	266.00	100.00	140.00	100.00
D. Financial Support for League				
1. Lake Michigan interleague	25.00	25.00		25.00
2. State PMA	1,572.00	1,452.00	1,107.00	*1,296.00
3. Nat'l PMP (75%)	1,032.00	952.50	646.00	*850.50
4. LWV Ed Fund (25%)	344.00	318.00	323.00	*283.50
E. Bulletin				
1. Supplies	206.00	300.00	21.00	25.00
2. Postage	277.00	325.00	204.00	325.00
3. Printing		25.00	147.00	300.00
F. Educational Activity				
1. Member Directory	83.00	100.00	114.00	100.00
2. Program				
a. National		50.00	25.00	50.00
b. State		50.00	25.00	50.00
c. Local	230.00	75.00	50.00	75.00
3. Voters Service	1,173.00	1,000.00		1,000.00
4. Promotional Public Event				
5. Website	1,494.00	300.00		300.00
G. Position Support				
1. Action		100.00	50.00	100.00
H. Miscellaneous				
1. Corporation Filing Fee	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
2. Fall Event-Octoberfest	250.00	300.00	199.00	300.00
3. Holiday Brunch	431.00	500.00	529.00	500.00
4. Annual Meeting Dinner	355.00	500.00		500.00
5. Decision Makers Lunch	299.00	400.00		300.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	10,397.00	10,552.50	4,701.00	8,897.00

***Based on 12/31/01 membership of 52 regular and 4 family memberships
National dues of \$21.00 and state dues of \$24.00.

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League Annual Meeting and Dinner

**Note: There has been a change for the annual meeting and dinner.
The correct date is Wednesday, May 8**

Local and National Study

Recommendations

The results of our January lively issues meeting were discussed at the Feb. 4th board meeting and the following items have been approved to be brought before the general membership for a vote at the May 8 annual meeting. Further discussion is welcome at the meeting before voting on local and national study.

Recommended: Two local studies

1. Continue studying riverfront development with emphasis on transportation, environment, and active vs. passive use.
2. Alternatives to incarceration.

Proposed action: Advocate for local money to be used in pursuit of adequate and affordable housing.

National study items recommended

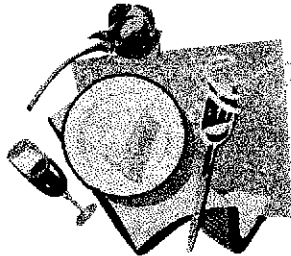
U.S. policy on population growth---sustainability.
Finish studying last year's five topics.

Non recommended local studies

1. Prioritizing county services in terms of funding.
2. Urban/suburban sprawl---balancing the infrastructure.
3. Regional law enforcement---who pays.
4. Cluster or density of residential development

Board Nominations

V.P. Program	Carolyn Mewhorter
Action V.P.	Karon Sandberg
Treasurer:	Kathy Kamp
Local Study	Sue Siltan
Natural Resources	unfilled at this time



Wednesday, May 8, 2002

Mark's East Side

1405 E. Wisconsin, Appleton

5:30 p.m. social hour with cash bar

6:00p.m. dinner and annual meeting

Clip and return reservation, menu choice, and check by May 4 to:

Sue Eich, 88 Crestview Dr., Appleton, WI 54915

Make checks payable to LWV Appleton, \$13.95 per dinner, (includes tax, tip).



Riverfront Walk: Sunday, April 21, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

We will walk come rain or come shine.

We have talked about the riverfront. Some members of the study committee have walked it and now you can too. Bring a guest and/or prospective member if you can. We will meet at Sue Silton's house, 540 River Rd., Appleton at 1:00 and then caravan either to the Telulah Park for a longer walk or to Old Oneida St. bridge for a shorter walk. After the walk, we will return to Sue's for wine, cheese, and fun. Please leave a message with Sue at 739-4898 or on her email, siltons@new.rr.com

Focus Group on Public School Funding: May 7

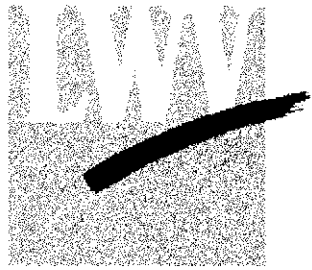
Plans are being made for the Appleton League and Appleton PTA Council to co-sponsor a focus group concerning adequate funding for public schools. IWF (Institute for Wisconsin's Future) staff will facilitate the meeting. IWF has identified a variety of revenue options and seeks feedback from citizens concerned about education. This is one of many meetings around the state. It is our goal to gather a small sampling of our community—a group of twenty people comprised of parents, teachers, school administrators, business members, retired citizens, younger citizens without children, school board member, and an elected official. The date is May 7, 6:30 – 8:30 pm at a meeting room in the Appleton Public Library. If any League members have recommendations for who to invite or if you wish to attend—only need 3-4 Leaguers, please contact Connie Kanitz at 722-6438 or email rckanitz@milwpc.com. More discussion will follow at the board meeting.

League's Watchdog Role

The League has been following a number of issues being addressed by various governmental bodies this winter. Topics include proposals for use of the old water treatment plant and Valmet property which are both located on the riverfront, a new slope ordinance, revisions to the natural landscape ordinance, as well as options to incarceration being studied by an ad hoc committee of the Outagamie County board. Members have been attending meetings where these and other issues are under discussion including the City Plan Commission, community Development committee, Appleton redevelopment Authority, City Council, and County Board. Information about meeting dates, times, and places is published weekly in the Sunday edition of the Post-Crescent or is available from the offices of the City Clerk or County Board Clerk.

These meetings are open to the public and provide good insight into the issues of the day and how government operates. Because League's role as a watchdog for good government begins at the local level each of us should get involved in this process. Marlys Fritzell, Observer Corp chair, or any other League Board member would be happy to get you started.

WARNING: Observing might become addictive!



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The President's "Chatroom"

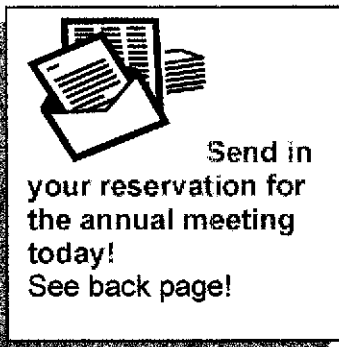
Although this is my first year as League President, I realize looking back that I have been a member for thirteen years already. It can not be possible that much time has gone by while I haven't changed in the least! I guess that must make me one of the "old" members now.

I look back at the last year and take heart that we continue to study, observe, and take action. In the area of study our League has participated at all levels.

- **Local Study**- Fox River development along the downtown Appleton area. Thank you especially to Sue Silton for chairing this committee. This has proved a very interesting and timely study with the committee made up of members and non-members alike. As a result of interviews, committee meetings, and unit meetings the committee has made revisions to our local position and is asking for its adoption at the annual meeting.

- **State Study**- Study and evaluate the funding mechanisms to address issues of water quality around the state. To that end we have had discussion with a watershed DNR local expert and have compiled information from various sources to begin evaluating the possibilities. Other Leagues around the state have been involved in this effort also. Special thanks to Deb Cronmiller for taking a co-chair position.

- **National Study**- Review of the Leagues position on the United Nations. This has been National's most active study this year. Our local league held a discussion meeting to review material presented in the National Voter over the past several months. It was then up to us individually to send in our own consensus form. . .



Send in
your reservation for
the annual meeting
today!
See back page!

League Calendar

Date	Event	Meeting Place
Tuesday, May 7 7:30 am	Appleton LWV Board Meeting	540 River Rd. Sue Silton's
Tuesday, May 7 6:30 - 8:30	Public School Funding Focus Group	Appleton Library Meeting Room Lower Level
Wednesday May 8 5:30 social	Appleton LWV Annual Meeting/ Dinner: 6:30	Mark's East Side 1405 E. Wisconsin Appleton, WI
Thursday, May 16 Noon- 1 pm	Discussion on LWVUSproposed UN position	Emergency Shelter 400 N Division Bring a bag lunch

President's "Chatroom" (continued)

After several years of being "off schedule" we have finally managed to get the finance drive back to springtime. Karen De Young was excellent at sending out material in the fall in which non-member contributed approximately \$2,200. At present we are just sending out the spring finance drive letter. If you can give a little extra it would be appreciated!

Voter Service was active when possible. Time Warner Cable again allowed us to invite candidates to answer questions for the aldermanic election. Turnout by the candidates was low however, and it remains disappointing not to have had more involvement from all involved. Our Lunch with League has also been a disappointment this year. Deb Cronmiller has done an excellent job of finding interesting and knowledgeable speakers, however our membership turned out in too few numbers to make this a continuing event.

Observer Corps has quietly and efficiently done its job this year too. Marlys Fritzell has covered many meetings and reported back to the Board on issues of concern, particularly meetings which involve the riverfront or planning issues. Thank you for the job well done.

State Council at Manitowoc

June 1, 2002

8:00 am - 3:30 pm

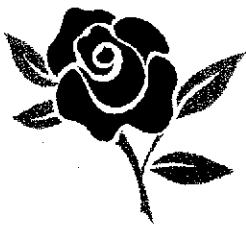
Senator Mike Ellis to speak on Campaign finance reform

Workshops include:

Making the media work for you
Fox River and Water Quality
Adult Rehabilitative Programs in Wj.
Correctional System

If you are interested in attending, please contact Bev Wieckert. Registrations need to be mailed by May 11 to avoid a late fee.

A Huge Thank You . . .



Words can't begin to express the gratitude my husband, Mike, and I have for fellow League member, Karon Sandberg. On May 8, 2002 Karon will be donating one of her kidneys to Mike.

Mike has been suffering from end stage renal disease for about 8 years. Brand new hypertension drugs and great doctors have kept him healthy till now. Karon, hearing of Mike's situation at the League Christmas brunch in December 2001, graciously volunteered to be tested as a possible donor.

On May 8 Mike and Karon will be at UW-Madison undergoing the kidney transplant Mike so sorely needs. Please wish both of them a speedy recovery.

League members are the most remarkable women!!

Beth English

Program-Sue Eich and Membership-Gretchen Bambrick have joined together and hosted a membership tea and a very successful Holiday Brunch tying in the Fox River Study with John Forrester as the guest speaker. It was one of the largest turnouts in several years. Membership has been trying valiantly to get member biographies into a format which members might be able to access on our website.

Secretary Deb Dillenberg, Treasurer Bev Wieckert, and Bulletin Editor Connie Kanitz have done remarkable jobs keeping the organization running. The Bulletin remains a beautiful and informative piece of work and I appreciate the effort it takes to do these jobs every month.

This spring has shown me that while we may not always be as active as we would like, we are a well-respected name in the community. Valley Packaging has contacted us in hopes of pursuing an ongoing citizenship event, The American Muslim Association would like to do a candidate forum in the fall which we would co-sponsor, and just recently, Shawano County Extension asked about the League helping with a leadership class. I feel honored and excited that the League as an organization is so well regarded. It is an indication that as a League we are involved in issues important to our community.

All of these activities happen because of the volunteer efforts of all our members. I look forward to the new Board and will look to their guidance in my second year as President. Next year's schedule is already looking exciting and varied, with new opportunities for our League. Check the website for a summary of the annual meeting. Please stay involved and ask a friend to join. We need each and every one of you.

Holly

Do You Concur with the Proposed New LWVUS Position on the UN?



Come to a meeting on Thursday, May 16
At The Emergency Shelter
400 N. Division Drive, Appleton
Noon – 1 pm, Bring a bag lunch
To help study the question and prepare your answer

If you have time, please prepare by reading the articles on the UN that have appeared in the recent issues of *The National Voter*. (December/January 2001 and March/April 2002. These are also available on the LWVUS website at www.lwv.org/join/un/.

You may explore additional background information posted on the LWVUS website. [Go to www.lwv.org Then click on members site, [this info printed in lwv members bulletins only : enter lwv for username and carriecatt for password], enter site and scroll down to UN information. There is an excellent article Q& A about the Proposed New Position—but be forewarned it is nine pages—not too difficult to get an overview by skimming, however.

The History of League's Relationship with UN

The League of Women Voters has long been among the staunchest supporters of the United Nations. In 1944, the League went on record in support of "U.S. membership in an international organization for the peaceful settlement of disputes, with the machinery to handle economic, social and political problems."

In the months before the UN was formally established, the League launched an unprecedented nationwide campaign to help build public understanding of the international agreements setting up the UN. The League trained more than 5,000 speakers and distributed more than a million brochures during a six-month period. At the UN Charter Conference in San Francisco in 1945, the League was one of 42 non-governmental organizations invited by President Truman to serve as a consultant to the U.S. delegation.

The League has reexamined its UN position on several occasions in the intervening years, most recently in 1976-77. Although the current position remains sound, it does not address the range of new strategies the UN pursues in promoting world peace and security. Nor does it speak to other recent developments, including the proposed establishment of the International Criminal Court.

Convention 2000 adopted a process to update the UN position in order to address these gaps and examine other changes that have taken place since the League's last study 25 years ago. A task force of state and local League representatives has been working with the LWVUS Board and staff to guide the update process. **Now your input is needed!**

Every member's opinion counts.

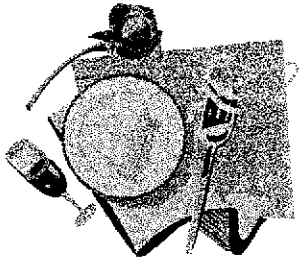
A proposed new LWVUS position on the UN has been developed, and the LWVUS Board is seeking concurrence directly from individual League members. You will find the proposed position, along with a response form, in your March-April 2002 *National Voter*.

It's easy to participate.

We are being asked whether we strongly support, accept, or do not accept the proposed position. After you have studied the position and formed your opinion, send in your concurrence response to the LWVUS office, preferably online in the Members Only UN Update section of the LWVUS website (www.lwv.org). Or you may respond by mail or fax.

Postmark deadline is May 21, 2002. Fax/online deadline is May 24, 2002.

LEAGUE



**League's Annual Meeting & Dinner
Wednesday, May 8, 2002
Mark's East Side
1405 E. Wisconsin, Appleton
5:30 p.m. social hour with cash bar
6:00p.m. dinner and annual meeting**

Return reservation, menu choice, and check by May 4 or call Sue to let her know it is coming in the mail. Sue Eich, 88 Crestview Dr., Appleton, WI 54915 Phone: 733-4823
Make checks payable to LWV Appleton, \$13.95 per dinner, (includes tax, tip).

Name _____ Phone _____
Any additional guests _____

Note to members: If you bring more than one guest, League will ask that you pay for the first guest and your meal and League will pay for dinners of any additional guests that you bring.

Write a check to LWV Appleton for \$13.95 per each reservation. This price includes tax and tip.

Entrée choice --Please check one: ___ tenderloin tips ___ chicken cordon bleu ___ haddock

Guest's choice _____

Choice of potato or rice--Please check one: ___ french fries ___ baked potato ___ rice

Guest's choice _____

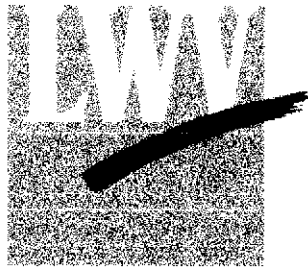
Dinner will include cheese and crackers, salad, rolls, dessert _____

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Fall is off with a Bang!

COME TO OUR EXCITING EVENTS

Hear It From Holly--President's Message:

This President's message I am asking you to join me in attending a forum we are co-sponsoring with the American Muslim Alliance (AMA) on September 21 to be held at the Thompson Community Center entitled **"A Lesson In Civics - Making Democracy Work"**. The AMA asked if we would be interested in helping them host a "Civics Day" which would include speakers and a candidates forum. The AMA's mission is education then action. The Board felt this would be a way to reach out to a wider audience and fulfill our mission as well. I am very excited about the opportunity to hear some interesting speakers, meet many of the candidates for most of the races (Governor included!) and to meet new members of our community. I sincerely hope that you can show your support of what League does by attending. It is a day long event, however, come for any portion of the day that you are able. I will also need some help from members to set-up, and for the candidate forum to collect questions from the audience. Please help me in making this a successful event! **See the included invitation** to learn all the details.

The following weekend is Appleton's annual **Octoberfest** in which we will have a booth selling bottled water and candy bars. While this event may not be as "enlightening" as the previous weekend, it is a lot of fun! You might get to answer questions regarding League, but more likely you will just get a chance to people watch and help League earn a few dollars. I need volunteers for 2 -3 hour shifts on Saturday the 28th starting at 8:00 a.m. and going until 6:00. Please call me if you are willing to help out.

Lastly, but by no means least, Deb Matz-LWV member has arranged to conduct a **"How to Run for Office"** class on October 17, to be held at the Grand Chute Community Building (continued ..)

League Calendar

Date	Event	Meeting Place
Tuesday, Sept. 10 Noon-1:30pm	Appleton LWV Board Meeting Bring bag lunch	540 River Rd. SueSilton's—Can bring used book donation /AAUW
Wed. Sep 18, 8:30am	Riverfront Study Committee	540 W. River Rd. Sue Silton's
Saturday, Sept. 21 8:30 - 3:30	"A Lesson in Civics" Speakers & Candidates Forum	Thompson Center 820 W. College (invitation inside)
Saturday, Sept 28 8:00 - 6:00	Octoberfest	College Avenue
Sept. 28	Issues Briefing	Fond du Lac

Hear it From Holly: the President's Message

("Run for Office workshop . . .

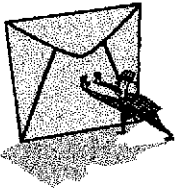
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October 17th, Grand Chute Town Hall, 6:30 - 9:00

Look for the particulars in this bulletin. While you probably are not thinking of running, put this one on your calendar as well for I am sure you will learn just what it takes to become a candidate and why or why not you should try your hand at local politics. Pass this information to any of your friends and neighbors who you think should be running.

As you can see, our fall has several action events which will suit the tastes of all our members. **Please be active and bring friends** we need all members to take part in shaping our community.

Holly Park



It's Membership Renewal Time

Enclosed is an envelope for this year's membership dues to return to our treasurer: Kathy Kamp. The dues are indicated on the envelope. Be sure to fill in all the information on the flap and make your check payable to the League of Women Voters of Appleton.

Just so you are aware, national dues increased \$3.00 for this fiscal year through a vote at the national convention. This is a one year increase to help fund the national study about the presidential election. We are not raising our Appleton LWV membership dues. However, if you are able and if you want to help, please add any additional contribution you wish to help cover this unexpected expense. We also will work to make adjustments in our budget as needed. Thank you for your support, interest, and participation in League.

This year's League program promises to be exciting and informative. Mail in your dues now while you are thinking about it so that you can be a part of this year's activities.

LWVUS Position on the United Nations

Here is the first part of the position that was adopted at the National LWV convention in June. The rest will be included in next month's bulletin.

The LWVUS supports a strong, effective United Nations and endorses the full and active participation of the United States in the UN system.

The League supports UN efforts to

- promote international peace and security;
- advance the social and economic well-being of the world's people;
- ensure respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms;
- foster trust and cooperation among nations by encouraging adherence to conventions, treaties, and other international agreements;
- protect the integrity of the world environment; and
- achieve the full and equal participation of women in all aspects of civil and political life.

The United Nations should be an important component of U.S. foreign policy. The League supports U.S. policies that strengthen the UN's capacity to solve global problems and promote prosperity throughout the world. The United States should work actively and constructively within the UN system, exercising diplomatic leadership in advance of decision-making. The United States should not place conditions on its participation in the United Nations, except in the most extreme cases, such as flagrant violations of the Charter.

The League supports UN leadership in a comprehensive, multi-faceted approach to promoting world peace and security that includes ongoing efforts to eliminate the underlying causes of conflict.

UN peace operations should include such strategies as

- an increased emphasis on preventive diplomacy and the use of such techniques as an early warning system to identify possible threats to peace and mediation to help resolve disputes;
- preventive deployment of UN peacekeepers to forestall the outbreak of hostilities;
- enhanced capacity to respond rapidly and effectively to contain conflict and establish a just and stable peace;
- UN peacekeeping operations that have strong political and financial support from the world community and the consent of the local parties;
- military intervention, as a last resort, to halt genocide and other crimes against humanity and to prevent the spread of conflict;
- protection of civilian populations, including protection of displaced persons;

THE APPLETON LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
AND
THE AMERICAN MUSLIM ALLIANCE

Cordially Invite you to

"A Lesson In Civics - Making Democracy Work"

September 21, 2002

Thompson Community Center
820 West College Avenue
Appleton, WI

This free day long event is an opportunity to hear interesting speakers on the topics of **Homeland Security, Civil Liberties, and Racial Profiling** during the morning session followed by a **Meet the Candidates Forum** in the afternoon. The agenda for the day is tentatively as follows:

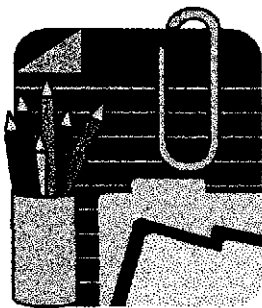
- 8:30-9:00 Registration
- 9:00-9:15 Welcome by Mayor Tim Hannah
- 9:15-9:50 Keynote Address by Dr. **Aga Sayeed** (Nationally know Civic leader and Professor)
- 9:50-10:05 Presentation on **Homeland Security** (FBI agent from Milwaukee, WI)
- 10:05-10:20 Break
- 10:20-10:40 Presentation on **Civil Liberties** (John Peterson Attorney, ACLU Appleton, WI)
- 10:40-11:00 Presentation on **Civil Rights** (Dr. David Mussat, US Commission on Civil Rights. Chicago IL)
- 11:00-11:30 Presentation on **Racial Profiling** (Maxine A. White, Circuit Court Judge, Milwaukee, WI)
- 11:30-12:00 Questions and Answers for the A.M. speakers
- 12:00-12:30 Box Lunch provided by AMA and LWV
- 12:30-1:00 **Assembly District 54 Candidates**
- 1:00-1:30 **Congressional District 8 Candidates**
- 1:30-2:00 **Attorney General Candidates**
- 2:00-2:30 **Lt. Governor Candidates**
- 2:30-3:00 **Gubernatorial Candidates** (pending confirmation)
- 3:00-3:45 Questions and Answers, Wrap-up

In order for our organizations to provide lunch and seating arrangements we are asking for your **RSVP No Later Than Tuesday, September 17** to Holly Park-Appleton LVW President **(920-722-7322)** Or Mrs. Nasreen Majid Sec. AMA **(920-731-0889)** to confirm your spot. The Thompson Community Center can accommodate approximately 275 people and we anticipate a full house. This is a **Free Event** and we encourage anyone interested in learning more about these issues as well as a chance to hear from the candidates to attend. Please come and participate in the **Democratic Process!**

Holly Park, President
League Of Women Voters of Appleton

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American Muslim Alliance--Fox Valley Chapter

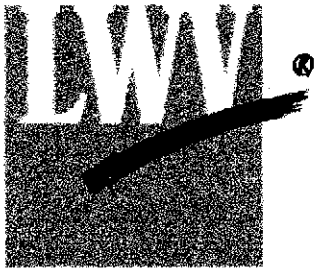
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Date & Time	Event	Location
September		
10 th , Tue. noon-1:30	League Board Meeting	Sue Silton's, 540 W. River Rd.
18 th , Wed. 8:30	Riverfront Committee Meeting	Sue Silton's 540 W. River Rd.
21 st , Sat. 8:30 - 3:30	Civics Day, Speakers/Candidates	Thompson Center, 830 W. College
28 th , Sat. 8 - 6 pm	Octoberfest	College Avenue
28 th , Sat. 9 - 3 pm	Issues Briefing	Fond du Lac
October		
1 st , Tue. Noon - 1:30 pm	League Board Meeting	TBA
16 th , Wed. 6 - 9 pm	"Women's Accomplishments"	TBA/ Business & Professional Women
17 th , Thur. 6:30 - 9 pm	How To Run For Office workshop	Grand Chute Town Hall, see Deb Matz
November		
5 th , Tue. Noon - 1:30	League Board Meeting	Sue Silton's
Week of the 11 th	Membership Event	TBA
December		
3 rd , Tue. Noon - 1:30	League Board Meeting	Sue Silton's
14 th , Sat. TBA	League Holiday Brunch	Radisson- Paper Valley Hotel
January		
7 th , Tue. Noon - 1:30	League Board Meeting	TBA
18 th , Sat. TBA	Lively Issues	TBA
February		
4 th , Tue. Noon - 1:30	League Board Meeting	TBA
TBA	Unit Meeting	TBA
March		
4 th , Tue. Noon - 1:30	League Board Meeting	TBA
TBA	Consensus Meeting	TBA
April		
1 st , Tue. Noon - 1:30	League Board Meeting	TBA
May		
6 th , Tue. Noon - 1:30	League Board Meeting	TBA
TBA	League Annual Meeting/Dinner	TBA

* Here is our tentative calendar of events. More information will be made available to you in the mailing of the 2002- 2003 Appleton LWV Directory.

What Can I do for League?

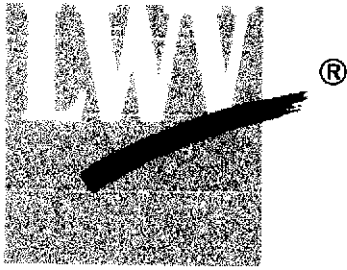


- Vote Sept. 10, Primary Election
- RSVP by September 17 for the September 21 "A Lesson in Civics—Making Democracy Work" (see invitation inside)
- Send in your League dues (see enclosed dues envelope)
- Call Holly to sign up to work at League's table at Octoberfest (Sept. 28)
- Look over the calendar and let us know what more you want League to do and how you want to participate.

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Hear it from Holly



The President's Message

Use www.dnet.org for voter guide

It's Fall and for League that signals elections and budgets. This is a particularly interesting election with a real possibility of change happening at the Governor's mansion. For the first time in 16 years we essentially have two new candidates to evaluate, and several independents that are trying to get their voices heard. It is more clear to me than ever that unless there is change in the election process, League is the only venue for the non-Democratic and non-Republican candidates to be heard. This was made apparent at our recent forum in which these candidates pleaded for the League to put pressure on "public" television and radio to broadcast debates which would include them in their coverage. In order to become a part of that "public" debate you must have garnered 13% of the vote in the primary and have at least \$50,000 in campaign money. In essence this all but eliminates many, if not all non major party candidates from participating in major debates. I think it a sad commentary that League is perhaps the only organization that lets every candidate be heard if their name is on the ballot. This has always been League's mission to invite all candidates to debate and to voice a variety of perspectives on a single issue. We need to maintain this ideal and take action wherever possible to open up the airways to new voices.

City and county budgets are in the process of being prepared but this year the city has finally listened to a League suggestion. The city budget will be available towards mid October for anyone to review. However, this year the city will hold the budget session on a Saturday, there will then be over one week before the public hearing, and one more additional week before the budget is adopted. This will allow the public a week to respond and analyze, and another week for the aldermen to review after public comment.

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League Calendar

Date	Event	Meeting Place
Tuesday, Oct. 1 Noon-1:30pm	Appleton LWV Board Meeting Bring bag lunch	Housing Partnership, 611 N. Morrison
Thur. October 10 6:00	"How to Be an Aldersperson"	City Hall Call city clerk, Cindy Hess to register 832-6443
Thur. October 17 6:30 - 9 pm	"How to Run for Office"	Grand Chute Town Hall 502 W. Northland
Tue. Nov 5	Election Day!	Polls
Tue. Nov 5 Noon - 1:30	Appleton LWV Board Meeting	540 W. River Rd. Sue Silton's
Tue. Nov. 12 4 - 6 pm	Membership Tea	Gretchen's 403 N. Wood St.

President's Message (continued)

Prior to this the whole budget process from start to finish was approximately one week, which we as League felt was insufficient to allowed debate and analysis. I applaud Mayor Hanna for making this change and allowing all of us more time to review a lengthy document. With cut-backs in shared revenue threatened, this could be an interesting year to listen in. If any League member would like to help sit in on those proceedings, please call our Observer Corp chairperson, Marlys Fritzell. I am sure she would appreciate your participation.

I have also been approached to sponsor a debate between the two District Attorney candidates and will pursue that in the upcoming days. No specific date has been set but please keep your eyes and ears open to that possibility. Maybe it will be possible to include the Attorney General candidates in that debate also as both those candidates are local to the Fox Valley. Stay tuned!

Read further to find more information on the Forum held September 21st and on "How to Run for Office" which is coming up. Stay involved!



Have You Paid This Year's Dues?

Remember to send in your dues so that your name can be included in the League directory which is in process. Anyone wishing to help with the directory, call Carolyn Mewhorter.



Please write your check payable to LWV of Appleton and mail it to Kathy Kamp, 229 S. Durkee St., Appleton, WI 54911. Remember sustaining membership cost is \$56, Regular membership is \$40, Household membership is \$60. Include your name, address, telephone (w) and (h) and email address if you have one.

As mentioned in the last bulletin, the cost of national League dues went up \$3 this year. League gratefully accepts any additional donation you may wish to include in your check. Thanks for your continued support of League (national, state, and local).

"How to be an Alderperson"

Here is another workshop available from the city clerk's office.

**Thursday, October 10, 2002
6:00 pm, Appleton City Hall**

If you are interested in hearing this presentation call Cindy Hess, city clerk, to let her know you will be coming. She wants to know how many packets to prepare and can give you additional information.

Celebrating the Accomplishments of Women in Northeast Wisconsin

October 23rd

6-9pm

Hilton Gardens Hotel,
Kimberly, WI

Regional recognition of National Business and Professional Women's Week: The opening speaker is Judge Pat Roggensack, "Looking Forward - 21st Century." followed by a panel of speakers. See Deb Matz. for more info.

Help someone find their destiny.

Come to the Membership Tea. They may not know it yet, but they are destined to be Leaguers.

Tues. Nov. 12, 4 - 6 pm



Membership Tea

Gretchen Bambrick is hosting a membership tea in her home Nov. 12, 403 N. Wood Street. Please be thinking of people you would like to invite. Call Gretchen at 735-9784 to let her know you are planning on attending and if you are bringing one or more guests. Have some fun. Join us.

"How to Run for Office"

Thursday, October 17, 2002

6:30-9:00

**Grand Chute Town Hall
502 W. Northland Avenue**



"How to Run for Office" will be held on October 17 at the Grand Chute Town Hall. Learn how to run for office and come away knowing how to do it. City, Town and County Clerks will be informing you on what it takes and the process required. There will be a speaker discussing what it will take to run a campaign at a larger level and that will be followed by some brainstorming sessions focusing on issues ideas. Even if you have no plans on running, this will be a informative discussion on what it takes to become involved in politics at the local level. Tell your friends and neighbors about this, and especially those people who have shown some interest in running for office.

We need good candidates!

Deb Matz, organizer



A review of educational issues

Bob Borch, Assistant Superintendent of the School District of Elmbrook.

The one commonality with all the programs in the following list is that they each need funding.

- *The No Child Left Behind Act* (President's Bush initiative) requires yearly testing of all students. It includes mandates for student achievement, low-performing schools and highly qualified staff.
- *I.D.E.A.*, another federal program is the Individual with Disabilities Education Act. It focuses on the needs of students with disabilities. It imposes national standards for meeting needs of these students and is up for review this year.
- There has been a marked increase in number of students eligible for *special education* and an increase in the number of high cost students. Since this is a mandated program and not sufficiently funded by the state, funds must be diverted from other programs.
- *S.A.G.E.* (Student Achievement Guarantee in Education) allows for smaller classes in grades 1 – 3. There are some eligibility requirements. There is a desire to expand the program.
- Many schools are going to all-day *kindergarten* for five year olds. Some provide a program for four year olds. There is a desire to expand the program.
- *E.L.L.* English Language Learners (formerly English as a Second Language) has a growing number of students. The funding level is currently restrictive.
- *PI 34* (Policy Initiative 34—DPI Rules) changes requirements for teacher and administrator certification and requires a review panel, mentoring, and in-service. This will result in demands for teacher extra pay and other costs.

Health insurance has greatly strained school funds. Some increases have been as high as 50%. If the QEO (which allows districts to implement a contract settlement with teachers with a 3.8% package increase) is eliminated, additional funds would be needed. Borch also talked about the additional stress placed on some school districts because of open enrollment/choice/ and virtual schools.

Borch did not speak extensively on what the revenue caps have done to public education, although he did say that school districts with declining enrollment have been greatly affected by revenue caps. Salaries and benefit package for teachers usually make up about 80% of the school's budget. Many costs are fixed such as maintenance costs, energy, transportation. Yet declining enrollment means losing thousands of dollars per each student.

Funding our Future:

An adequacy model for school finance

Tom Beebe, Education Outreach Specialist, Institute for Wisconsin's Future & Wisconsin Alliance for Excellent Schools (WAES)

Borch pointed out all the areas where schools need more funding. Beebe talked of linking adequate funds to the specific needs of each school district and how to raise the money for it.

WAES (Wisconsin Alliance for Excellent Schools) is a diverse, statewide coalition that is working to include comprehensive school funding reform in the 2003 –05 biennial budget. The legislation being written by the group ensures that resources are sufficient to guarantee that all children—regardless of where they live or their special circumstances—have the opportunity to meet Wisconsin's

academic standards. The group has adopted the following 5 core principles.

1. More resources. Wisconsin's public schools need additional resources—not just improved efficiencies.
2. Foundation system (adjusted for local circumstances). Districts should be guaranteed funds based on a statewide per-pupil foundation level. Funding levels should be adjusted for individual district characteristics, including special needs populations (special education, children in poverty, students with limited English skills), rural status, declining enrollment, and regional wage variations.
3. State tax reform: additional revenue should come from some form of state taxes—not local property taxes. [the plan calls for a shift away from property taxes] (\$1 billion cut)
4. Local control—individual school districts should control how their additional funding is utilized and be accountable over time for improved student performance.
5. New school finance system in 2003-05 budget—School funding reform legislation based on the preceding principles should be enacted as part of the 2003-05 budget.

With all the standards and state and federal mandates, schools are being asked to do more and more, but their resources do not increase to meet those demands. For children to be truly proficient, schools must have sufficient staff, facilities, technology, learning materials and the funds to cover these costs. This is adequacy
... a funding floor, but districts can choose to spend more.
... a funding base, but children with special needs may require more resources to achieve academic standard.

The adequacy formula is designed to be phased in over ten years.

The first phase establishes

- a base of \$7,000 per student,
- an additional \$2,000 per students who are in grades K-3 in poverty)
- an additional \$700 per student who are grade 4-12 in poverty
- an additional \$265 per students in "sparsity"—includes rural districts and areas of low density.
- an additional \$4,500 per student in special education
- an additional \$1,200 English Language Learners (English as a Second Language)

How to get funding?

There is a need for tax reform in Wisconsin.

- The manufacturing share of property tax is decreasing 17.7% in 1970 to 4.8% in 1999.
- There has been a property tax shift to homeowners—50.6% in 1970 to 66.2% in 1999.
- \$3 billion in sales tax exemptions
- Federalizing Wisconsin's capital gains exclusion would mean \$257 million
- Largest corporations "rarely if ever pay" fair share (Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel, 4/13/2002)

The plan being developed by WAES is not complete, but this is how it looks at this point for first year phase.

Where would the money come from?	
<u>Additional revenue required</u>	
Added K-12 resources	\$500 million
Property tax-cut	\$ 1 billion
Fix the deficit	\$1.3 billion

Sources of additional revenue

1% sales tax increase	\$750 m
sales tax on services	\$750 m
other taxes	\$1.3 b
(corporations, etc.)	

*Note from Connie Kanitz: I am a member of WAES. This plan is bold and controversial, but it is also worthy of discussion and the only discussion happening on how to adequately fund schools and shift some school funding away from property taxes and raise the additional funds through a fairer tax structure. See excellentschools.org for contacts for presentations or ask me more information. (722-6438) Better yet, come with me to the next meeting.

LWVUS Updated Position on the United Nations

[The first part of this position was included in last bulletin]
UN Peace operations should include such strategies as:

- Long-term commitment, both pre-and post—conflict, to establishing the institutions and conditions needed for real economic and social development;
- Enhanced capacity at UN headquarters to plan, manage and support UN peace operations.

The United States should support all aspects of UN peace operations, Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) have an important role to play in peace operations, including participating in behind-the-scenes diplomatic efforts and providing humanitarian aid.

The League strongly supports the central role of the United Nations in addressing the social, economic and humanitarian needs of all people. The advancement and empowerment of women is fundamental to achieving peace and prosperity and should be a high priority for UN programs. Other areas for emphasis include:

- eradicating poverty and hunger;
- improving basic living standards worldwide;
- promoting the well-being and potential of children, with special attention to the girl-child;
- promoting human and political rights;
- ensuring access to a basic education for all;
- ensuring a basic level of health care for all;
- protecting the environment and the world's natural resources.

The League supports efforts to strengthen the development and humanitarian work of the United Nations through greater coordination among agencies, more efficient use of resources, additional funding as required, and more partnerships with NGOs and other non-state actors. UN-sponsored world conferences are valuable forums for building international consensus and developing practical plans of action to solve global problems.

The United States should provide strong leadership and financial support to the UN specialized agencies, participate constructively in international conferences, and fulfill all agreed-upon commitments.

The League believes that world peace and progress rest in part on a body of international law developed through conventions, covenants, and treaties and on the judgments of international courts. Disputes between nations should be considered and settled in the International Court of Justice, and its judicial decisions should be honored. All court procedures must meet the highest judicial standards, including guarantees of due process protections and the integrity and impartiality of the courts' officials.

The League supports full U.S. participation in the international judicial system and U.S. ratification and observance of international treaties and conventions consistent with LWVUS principles and positions.

The League supports the basic principles of the UN Charter. The League supports one-nation, one-vote in the General Assembly, the veto power in the Security Council, and a strong, effective office of the Secretary-General. The League supports measures to make the Security Council a more representative body that better reflects the diverse interest of UN member nations and the world's people. The United States should work to encourage member nations to consider

the needs of the world as a whole and avoid divisive politicization of issues.

Member nations have the collective responsibility to provide the resources necessary for the UN to carry out its mandates, with each providing financial contributions commensurate with its ability to pay. The United States should meet its financial obligations to the UN on time, in full, and without conditions.

A Lesson in Civics: Making Democracy Work



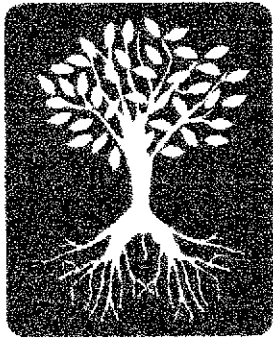
Our first ever collaborative effort with the American Muslim Alliance was a great success! The AMA had asked League for their help in sponsoring a "Civics Day" last spring. Debra Cronmiller and I had been meeting and planning with the chair of the AMA for several months to determine the format. With

their help we brought together speakers for a morning session that included John Peterson, ACLU Attorney speaking on Civil Liberties, Dr. David Mussat and Emraida Kiram from the Commission and Civil Rights, David Mitchell, FBI Agent from Milwaukee, Maxine White, Circuit Court Judge Milwaukee, and Dr. Agha Saeed, Civics leader and professor. This was a particularly enlightening morning, all speakers giving voice to their perspective of where the law and government stand on many issues since September 11 of last year. This could easily have turned into an all day event in itself with numerous interesting questions from the audience and in depth answers from the panel. The speakers themselves were grateful for the opportunity to come together to discuss weighty issues to a crowd of about 200, and a very diverse crowd at that. This was a great opportunity to meet members of our community who are actively involved in encouraging their members to become educated on the issues.

The afternoon portion of the program was devoted to a candidate forum with candidates from Assembly District 54, 57, and 5, Congressional District 8 and 6, Attorney General, Lieutenant Governor, and Governor all participating. The only candidates who did not appear were Jim Doyle and Scott McCallum, every other candidate attended! (All 16 of them!) Each candidate received 10 minutes to respond to questions given to them in advance. Several did respond to these questions, but quickly reverted to ideas and issues important to them. As disappointing as it was not to have the major two party Gubernatorial candidates, the 5 others that attended were all interesting and "colorful" in their own right. As we ended this long and eventful day I was grateful for the opportunity to see all candidates up close and personal, however brief.

As a League we received nothing but praise for putting this event together with this group. We would be hard pressed to undertake an event like this on our own. Thank you to Nasreen and Dr. Abdul Majid for the tremendous amount of time and dollars they spent in helping organize this event. What a great way to meet new people, make new connections, learn more about diversity and adversity within this group, and to reach out to the wider community to educate. We also benefited by good press from the Post-Crescent, WBAY and Cablevision. Let's continue to be leaders with others to encourage the active participation of all citizens!

Holly Park



Roots

This a new column for Leaguers's participation. You can describe some of your experiences with League, what League has done for you, and perhaps even what surprises you in your League involvement. The column may be based on an interview; sometimes the member will write a very

brief "memoir". If you have a story you're willing to share, let's have it. By remembering our roots, we not only maintain where we find ourselves today, but we also foster growth for the days to come.

Marian Ming

Interviewed by Connie Kanitz

Marian tells me she was not a founder of the Appleton League, but close to it. Many of the founding women and early Appleton Leaguers were her friends, including Mary Agnes Trutchell, Zoe Cloak, Joan Hoffman, Erna McIntyre, Addie VandenAkker, and Fay Sigman. Before being a member of League, Marian didn't recall having great interest in candidates, issues, and politics. Her friends gave her a little push into League but she has been ready for each of her commitments that she made from that day onward.

Marian came to Appleton in 1944 and joined sometime within four to five years after her arrival. One vivid memory that Marian has about issues in the early days of League was city garbage collection. League members went about doing their homework gathering information how other cities made the change from collections by many private haulers to a city plan. Leaguers spoke to people in the community, attended many city council meetings, and did business in much the same way as League still does today. And just like today, it took time, but they persevered and reached their goals over a few years time.

Marian recalls membership holding pretty steady at 50 – 60 people. They always targeted getting 100 and did at one time along the way. There was some growth in Leagues during the Joseph McCarthy years. However, here in McCarthy's hometown there was a fierce division among Appleton citizens. Marian knows of some life-long friends who parted over their heated discussion of Joe McCarthy.

Marian stressed the importance of candidate forums and reported there was a good turn-out for them. Can you imagine. . . there were no ads in the newspaper about the candidates! League educated people about the candidates. People enjoyed the forums and found them helpful. A person can find out just as much by what a candidate does say as what (s)he does not say. Once Marian recalls hearing a quiet exchange amidst a yawn between two observers, "Oh, if he would only say something!"

When asked about membership dues, Marian wasn't able to remember, but she did say they always tried to keep dues affordable. They did not want dues to be so high as to turn women away from League. Women became members because someone asked them to join. Marian tells of one Leaguer talking to two of her friends boldly telling them that they were wasting their time in their current organizations and should resign from every last one of them and join League. She assured them that League could do more for them than all of their other organizations combined. And believe it or not, the women joined!

Marian served as President of our local League and also served two years on the state board. She recalls a study on water pollution. Lots of officials from local paper companies were present at these public meetings. The executives were a little anxious and wanted to know what League was doing.

League always stressed nonpartisanship and gained great respect from the community because of it. Marian still has high praise for League. She knows that League helps people to be more informed about issues and candidates. It helps women to build skills, fosters personal development, and teaches women to be effective. She is proud of the many Leaguers who have gone on to serve in public office and important positions in the community. And if you ask Marian for advice, she will tell you: "Believe in what you're doing, learn to present it, and don't be afraid to present it."

Keynote Speaker at Issues Briefing

[summary by Connie Kanitz]

Professor Joel Rogers, Director, Center on Wisconsin Strategy, UW Madison was keynote speaker following lunch. Professor Rogers was a delightful speaker. Overall he delivered a whole host of bad news, but his dry humor, his wealth of knowledge, and his sharing of all kinds of interesting insights and research was very entertaining. Go figure.

It won't seem very entertaining when I tell it, but you had to be there.

The bad news is that the National Campaign finance reform is really no reform at all because politicians are finding a way around it. Something about funneling soft money through a formation of a "527". It is not a familiar term to us, but after you start hearing it, you can say you heard it from me first. And now since Congress thinks they have solved campaign finance reform there is no incentive to do anything more!

On the election reform front, in any election in any state 2-5% of all votes are either not counted or not counted correctly. It usually is either a technology problem or the use of the technology. It is recommended to go consistently to more low technology—the paper ballots—optically scanned. But the news is that nothing is being done in this area to fund making the changes. Joel assures us that what is true in Florida, is true elsewhere.

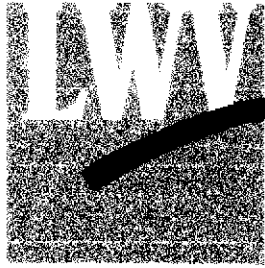
We learned some interesting things about fusion. Ask Debra C. or me about it. It has to do with minor political parties.

The other very shameful news is that Wisconsin has not been a good place for black children or black families to live. Whereas Wisconsin has the 5th best record in the country for white children in poverty, it has the 2nd worst record in the country for black children in poverty. Whereas Wisconsin has the 2nd best high school graduation rate for white students, Wisconsin has the worst graduation rate in the whole country for black students. Wisconsin has the highest black prisoner rate in the country. It is 23 times more likely for blacks to be sent to prison than a white person for the exact same crime. And furthermore if it is a drug related crime it is 52 times more likely that the black person will be sent to prison than a white person. While it is true that Wisconsin has geographical areas of concentration of blacks in poverty, it is the whole state's responsibility to see that this problem is addressed and change indeed needs to happen folks.

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Hear it from Holly



The President's Message

Use DemocracyNet.com for voter guide

Finally, the elections are upon us. I personally have felt this campaign to be a long one especially at the state level. The negative campaigning makes me want to pull my hair out and stomp my feet. I hope all of us in League have taken some time to really find out where the candidates stand. The National League office has joined forces with DemocracyNet.com (same website as dnet.org) to help inform all citizens on the issues. This has taken the place of the traditional Voter's Guide that in the past has served to educate the voters on what the candidate believes in. If you haven't had a chance to check out Democracynet.com, take a few minutes, as it is an easily navigated website. All candidates have been asked to respond to certain issues and their responses have been posted. This is a handy and useful tool so please let others know about it.

I would like to thank all of you, members and non-members, who have volunteered to help with election night reporting. Voters New Service has again asked us to report from every precinct in Outagamie County. That means 52 polling places needed to be filled. It was with some trepidation that Karon Sandberg and I divided up the list and set to work. Much to our surprise we had no difficulty finding people to take on this hour or two of effort. Many Town Clerks are helping us with this job and are willing to report for us as soon as they finish tallying votes in their precinct. Thank you in advance for continuing to enthusiastically volunteer to do this. It seems Outagamie is a "hot" county to report as it is sometimes divided.

I would also like to thank Jan Quinlan for joining me in presenting to a Newcomers Luncheon last week. We gave an overview of League, its history, mission, how we work, and what we do to a group of about 15 women. Only a few knew or had heard about League and I hope we sparked an interest in a few members to check us out. Jan relayed that her involvement with newcomers

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League Calendar

Date	Event	Meeting Place
Tuesday, Nov. 5 Noon-1:30pm	Appleton LWV Board Meeting Bring bag lunch	Sue Silton's 540 W. River Rd. Appleton
Tuesday Nov 5	Election Day	Polls
Tuesday Nov. 12 4 - 6 pm	Membership Tea	Gretchen Bambrick's 403 N. Wood St. Appleton
Saturday, December 14 10:30 - 1 pm	League's Holiday Brunch	Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, McIntosh Room

eventually led her to League. You never can tell what connections will lead you in entirely new directions! Don't forget that on November 12 there will be a membership get together at Gretchen Bambrick's house. This will be an informal and fun gathering so please come if you can and bring an acquaintance or two who you think might enjoy joining the League. And looking ahead put the Holiday Brunch on your calendar as well on December 14th.

I know all of you will vote on November 5th but studies have shown a larger turnout when you take a friend or neighbor with you so.....

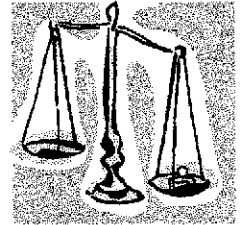
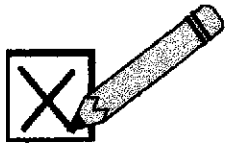
TAKE A FRIEND TO VOTE!

Holly Park

Election Day, November 5: Be an informed voter

www.DemocracyNet.com

www.execpc.com/wiwomen



Pass along information about Registration:

If you know of someone who is not registered or who has moved since the last election, remind them that they can register at the city clerk's office up to 5:00 pm the day before the election. Another option is that they can register and vote at their polling place on election day. To register they need to bring a proof of residence such as a driver's license or identification card with their name and current address—picture is not required. Also acceptable are a telephone or other utility bill, lease agreement—the key is that it has the name and current address of the resident. They must have resided at that address for 10 days prior to the election or else they should be voting at their previous ward. They may want to call the city clerk's office preceding election day (to avoid excessive calls throughout election day) to find the polling station that is associated with their address or ask their neighbor where they vote. The phone number for the Appleton City Clerk is 832-6443.



More websites about the candidates and politics:

Although there have been several televised debates for the governor's race, voters may still be looking for additional information for an informed vote for all races on the ballot. There are numerous websites to get more information. League recommends using DemocracyNet.com which is also accessed as dnet.org These are responses from candidates' questionnaires, including background information, goals, and responses to questions about various issues. You enter your zip code to find out all the races and candidates that you will be voting on. Also available is a basic civic lesson in providing a job description of the positions of secretary of state, state treasurer, attorney general, etc.

If you want to compare what is available for information from a variety of websites go to www.execpc.com/wiwomen This is a sampling, compiled by Wisconsin Women's Network, of the many diverse resources available for voter information. Click on "Voter Resource Guide" in purple letters. Some list responses from candidates, others list voting record of incumbents. Some websites listed include:

wi-citizenaction.org

WI Council on Children and Families—www.wccf.org

WI Democracy Campaign—www.wiscdc.org

WI Federation of Business and Professional Women—www.bpw-wi.com

www.youthvote.org, (95 diverse national organizations urging people 18-30 to get involved)

many others are listed. Mark the WI Women's network as a favorite or a bookmark. Lots of valuable info.

other websites about government also listed on this website--

for information that may be useful at any time of the year:

WI State Elections Board—www.elections.state.wi.us

Wisconsin State Legislature www.legis.state.wi.us, —all kinds of information about WI Senate & Assembly,

www.politics1.com, and multiple others.

Look now, save them as favorites for future use.

League of Women Voters of Appleton

Come meet my friends in League

Membership Tea
Tuesday November 12th
4:00 – 6:00 PM

5:15 Presentation
"What role does the League play in
elections?"

Location: home of
Gretchen Bambrick
403 N. Wood St., Appleton

RSVP by November 11th: 735-9784

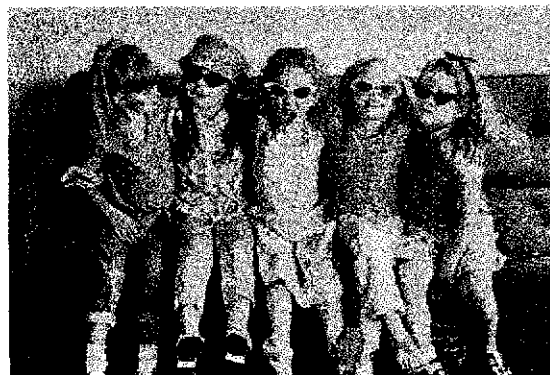


Photo by Gail Goodwin

Welcome New Members

Sue Swanson



We welcome Sue back to League. Sue was a member some years ago and we are delighted to have her rejoin the League. Sue is a practicing physician whose specialty is pediatric gynecology. She is also a very busy mother of three children, 15, 14, and 11. Somehow in her schedule she is able to devote time and leadership to Community Hospice, the YMCA Campaign for Strong Kids, Executive Committee of the Appleton YMCA and she volunteers time in her children's schools. Sue says she appreciates the work of the League in the community and the fairness of our study process. She sees herself as apolitical but believes in the

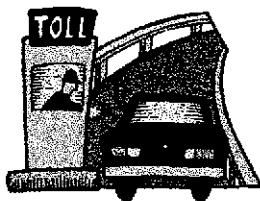
political process so League is a good fit. True to her statement, Sue has already signed up for Election Night reporting.

Alan Button

Alan has been a member of the national League for several years and we are now delighted to welcome him to our local League. Alan joined the River Study/Action committee last year, as he is very interested in and concerned about the future of our riverfront. He felt the League would have a good vision (with no economic axe to grind) and be a valuable assistance to the community in determining its direction for riverfront development.

Alan is a consultant in the pulp and paper industry and has lived in the area for twenty years with his wife, Christina, and two children. Christina is a prominent art consultant in the Valley; his grown son is starting a new business in Florida; and his daughter is completing her Ph.D. in Philosophy and lives in Chicago with her husband. Alan is active in the development of the International Paper Hall of Fame as well as in several other professional and social organizations.

Alan joined the League because he respects the well thought out and well presented positions of the League. In his view, the League has a progressive worldview without dogma or political partisanship and appreciates the League publications and interesting League members.



Dues Reminder

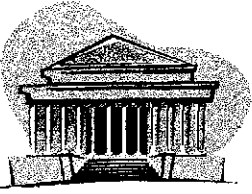
If you haven't sent in your dues, please send them ASAP so that your name can be included in this year's Membership handbook.

Send your check payable to LWV of Appleton, mail to Kathy Kamp, 229 S. Durkee St.
Appleton, WI 54911.

Sustaining Membership is \$56, Regular membership is \$40, Household membership is \$60.

Include your name, address, telephone number (w) and (h) and email address. Optional donations to help cover \$3.00 increase in national dues.

National/International Issues



[Here is a copy of a letter regarding Iraq sent by LWV US President Kay Maxwell to President Bush]

September 27, 2002

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The members of the League of Women Voters across the country were deeply shocked by the attacks of September 11, 2001, on the United States. Since the League firmly believes in international cooperation to solve world problems, we strongly support multi-lateral action to protect against further such attacks against any nation, particularly those that may involve nuclear, chemical or biological weapons. We, therefore, urge you to work with the United Nations to develop clear policy goals and actions designed to protect against these threats.

Over the past year, the grassroots members of the League nationwide have reviewed, updated, and reaffirmed our long-established position in support of the United Nations. For many decades League members have strongly supported the role of the United Nations in developing, maintaining and protecting peace around the world.

We believe that the United Nations should be an important component of U.S. foreign policy. We support U.S. policies that strengthen the UN's capacity to solve global problems and believe that the U.S. should work actively and constructively within the UN system, exercising diplomatic leadership in advance of decision-making.

Working with the UN provides the United States with many foreign and domestic policy advantages. First, it ensures a full and exhaustive debate of a range of alternative policies and actions. Second, it builds unity of purpose and resolve by clearly defining the objectives to be fulfilled. Third, it assures the world that the U.S. is not acting solely for its own benefit while reassuring the American people that the U.S. is not acting alone. Fourth, it provides the legitimacy of international law. And fifth, it increases the chances of long-term success through international peace-keeping and nation building efforts.

As was demonstrated when coalition forces ousted Iraq after its invasion of Kuwait, working with the United Nations can enhance achievement of U.S. foreign policy goals. We urge you to follow that precedent.

Sincerely,

Kay J. Maxwell
President

Election Reform

[The House passed the bill—Help America Vote Act—on Oct. 10, and President Bush said he would sign it into law. Congress has not yet approved the \$3.9 billion the bill requires to become effective, however.]

Washington, DC- "The U.S. Congress has passed compromise election reform legislation and voters can now expect real changes in the voting process and at the polling place," stated Kay J. Maxwell, president of the League of Women Voters of the United States. "Fair implementation of this bill will be key to ensure that the votes of all eligible voters are counted and that all of the votes count the same," Maxwell said.

"Despite the disagreements about some of the key provisions of the bill, [from Oct 9th statement, "We are concerned that the discriminatory identification provision in this legislation will erect barriers to voting. The identification requirements place additional burdens on poll workers and may create a mess at the polls in 2004."] everyone recognizes the importance of the federal funding promised by the legislation," added Maxwell.

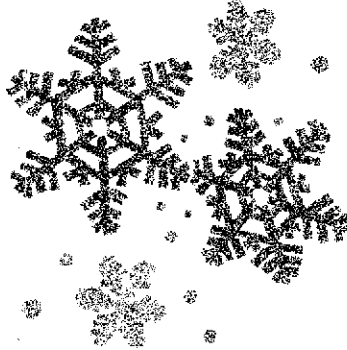
"We hope that the U.S. Congress and the President are not making an empty promise," Maxwell noted. "Funds must be appropriated - and quickly. Ultimately, voters will lose if the Help America Vote Act is nothing more than a lottery ticket with no prize," she said.

The legislation:

- Requires that individuals registering to vote must provide a driver's license or Social Security number to election officers for identification purposes. First-time voters also would be required to present proof of identity, either when they register or when they vote.
- Allows any voter whose identification is challenged or who does not appear on a registration list to cast a provisional ballot. Those ballots will be set aside until election officials ascertain the qualifications of those voters.
- Authorizes \$325 million to replace chad punch-out and lever-voting election machines.
- Creates a new federal commission--the Election Assistance Commission--to issue guidelines for federal elections.
- Requires states to maintain statewide voter registration systems.

Earlier this year Congress approved \$400 million to update election systems across the country, but the Bush administration has refused to release the money, citing budget constraints. Former President Jimmy Carter, who led a post-2000 commission on election reform with former President Gerald Ford, urged Bush to release the money.

Annual Holiday Brunch



Saturday, December 14, 2002, 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Radisson-Paper Valley Hotel, MacIntosh Room
333 W. College Avenue, Appleton
"Alternatives to Incarceration"
Speaker: Brad Gehring, Outagamie County Sheriff

Cost incl. tax and tip: \$14.50 per person—Check payable to LWV of Appleton

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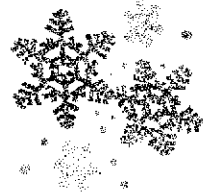
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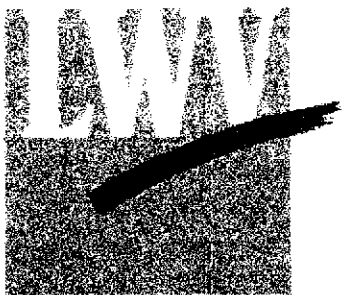
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My check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.





What Can I do for League?

- Vote on November 5
- Take someone to vote
- Involve others in discussions about issues.
- Pay your League membership dues ASAP, membership directory coming soon.
- Any volunteers to help Carolyn Mewhorter with directory, please contact Carolyn--(i.e. helping to gather maps, city, county, state

government info, accessing info from internet, keyboarding, assembling, mailing, etc.)

- Bring a guest to the membership tea, Nov. 12. RSVP by Nov.11 (see inside article)
- Attend a city or county government meeting: see dates below
- RSVP by Dec. 9 for December 14 Holiday Brunch
- If you want to write an article about your history, highlights with League, you have articles, ideas for bulletins, or can help with collating, mailing bulletin (one time or regularly)—contact Connie Kanitz
- If you want to volunteer for or suggest a League activity, talk to any Board member.

City and County Government Meetings

There was a Outagamie County Budget Public Hearing on Monday, Oct. 28 (the whole County Board will review and adopt the budget the first week of November).

Appleton City Budget Public Hearing, Wednesday, November 6, 6:00 pm, Council Chambers, City Hall

The Common Council will review and adopt the budget on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 7 pm at City Hall.

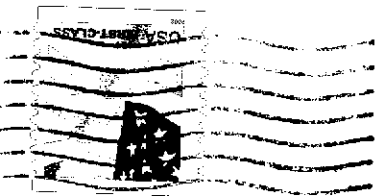
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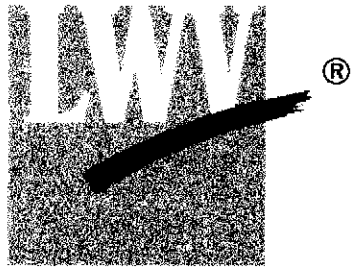
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Hear it from Holly

The President's Message

A warm holiday greeting to all of you! The elections are over (I'm glad) and this means we go from a bombardment of negative advertising to inundation of Christmas advertising. If you are like me, my shopping has not even started. By the 14th of December you will not want to go to the mall and fight the traffic and crowds so instead you should attend our annual Holiday Brunch at the Radisson in downtown Appleton. (See the invitation) This will stimulate your beleaguered body by relaxing and talking with League friends and hearing from Sheriff Ghering and Judge Luebke regarding alternatives to incarceration. This will be sure to take your mind off your shopping lists for a while and give you something to ponder regarding the way we deal with convicted felons.

During October the League was busy observing the budget process at the County and the City level of government. This year the budget was not cut drastically in any department. Monies were allocated and dispersed differently in the city-housing budget which did cause some discussion from various groups affected, but overall much of the budget was passed without debate. I did give a statement to the city regarding the proposed housing development as did several other people. I suspect that next year may be quite different due to the huge deficit at the state level which will trickle down to every level of government in a more tangible way. Observer Corp will really have to be on their toes in the upcoming months.

On November 12th, Gretchen Bambrick hosted a wonderful membership tea. Honestly, many of us drank the wine instead and ate of a splendid array of goodies provided by many members. (cont. . .)

League Calendar

Date	Event	Meeting Place
Tuesday, Dec. 3 Noon-1:30pm	Appleton LWV Board Meeting Bring bag lunch	Sue Silton's 540 W. River Rd. Appleton
Saturday, December 14 10:30 - 1 pm	League's Holiday Brunch	Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, McIntosh Room
Tues. Jan. 7 Noon-1:30pm	Appleton LWV Board Meeting Bring bag lunch	TBA
Jan. 18th	Lively Issues	TBA



President's Message

(continued)

It was a lovely gathering of about 30 people with several newer and potential members. I hope that we sparked an interest in those perspective members and that we will see them more in the future. It really was nice to meet new people and put names to faces of people I have often heard of but never met. Thank you to Gretchen and the membership committee for putting together this event. I would love to do this more often.

Looking ahead after the holidays will be our Lively Issues meeting in January which determines the direction for next year's local study issue. We also give our recommendation to the State/National League on an issue for study. Our recommendation is then ranked with other leagues, which in turn decides the study issue at the State level. Please attend this important meeting and come with ideas so your voice can be heard. Attendance at this meeting has been dwindling in the past several years and this is one that we could really use your input. Put January 18th on your calendar.

May the spirit of peace and compassion be with you this holiday season.

Membership Tea was a Delight



Gretchen Bambrick

The membership tea was held at my home on November 12. Well over 25 people attended, including a delightfully di-verse group of guests and new members. Thanks to the members who provided tantalizing sweets and hors d'oeuvres. Under the graceful moderation of Pat McConnell, Holly

Park, Sue Eich, Terry Bergen and Karen DeYoung gave a thorough yet entertaining overview of League's involvement with the election process. I look forward to the opportunity of welcoming some new members as a result.

Welcome New Members

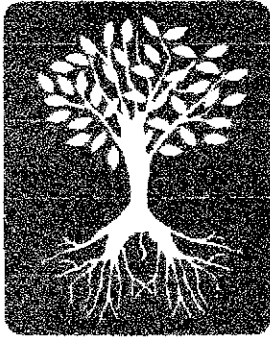


Shirley Adams

Shirley has lived in Appleton for ten years. After retiring from the administration at the Fox Valley Technical Institute, she found that she missed the structure of having a set schedule, so she has returned to work part-time at the Tech. She also works as a volunteer in the FIST program. Her spare time pursuits include playing bridge and traveling, and family activities with her four children and eight grandchildren. The League's study of Alternatives to Incarceration particularly interest her, so she is looking forward to hearing our speakers at the Holiday Brunch.

Nadine Miller

Nadine's interest in League goes way back to when she was growing up in Janesville and she joined the League there with her mother. She feels that her mother set a good example for her by being committed to League's non-partisan positions and its educational mission. Now, she hopes that her own League involvement will transmit the same values to her two daughters. Nadine is employed the the Land o' Lakes company in Minneapolis, working from an office in her home. She is a very active member of the Umitarian Universalist Fellowship. She jokes that, like many working mothers, her primary leisure activity is getting caught up with the laundry! She's looking forward to meeting members and getting involved.



Roots

(written by Connie Kanitz)

Barbara Hoffman is a League landmark. I recalled meeting her at a state convention my Beloit League hosted several years ago at Beloit College. One of our board members held a reception at her home for the State board members and that's when and where I first met Barbara. That deep husky voice, laugh, and her storytelling abilities are memorable. I didn't know her name when I came here, but I knew exactly where it was I saw her last.

Now to be honest, and I'm trusting Barbara won't take offense when I say this, I sense in the first round of getting to know Barbara, people either really like her or they don't. Barbara is right out there with her ideas, questions, debates, and sometimes a little intimidation. Barbara likes people to carefully consider all sides of a question and I have seen her argue some positions possibly just for the sake of that idea being explored a little more fully. But even by chance, of those that may get a little annoyed with Barbara, they respect her and she has earned that respect. Some of the fiercest debaters are also the best of friends in League.

The Appleton League has been the one and only League Barbara has been associated with since she joined somewhere about 1955. A favorite university professor advised her class that no matter where they may go, each should join the League of Women Voters because it would slice off just the group of women they would want to meet. Barbara has been satisfied in following that advice. When I asked her how League impacted her life or how she may be different had she not been in League, she readily identified her connection with the women from League. "These are women I most likely would never have met, had it not been for League."

Yet she affirms that the League is much more than interesting women. It has other qualities that keeps members engaged for the long term. One very important quality is study. "League gathers information and learns about the issues, comes to consensus on what government can do and we lobby for that position. It is amazing what this process does. Sooner or later we leave a trail of legislation or members go on to serve on commissions/boards, or run for elective office, or head non-profit organizations."

She recalls some of the old and new studies League has done involving different levels of government—local, state, and national interest. She says, "You can see our sticky fingers on a whole range of issues. . . from local concerns: separating storm and sanitary sewers (the first for me) to the Fox River study (current); state concerns: tax policy (first for me) to Corrections (current); National concerns: UN (first for me) to Trade policy (current)." And along the way she also remembers studies involving the library, school, housing, marital property and divorce law, state/local relationships, transportation, environment, term limits, DC home rule, China policy and "others that strained my brain."

Also Barbara has fond memories of League's work with candidate forums. She has found these to be fun and extremely informative—from the credible to the absurd. When you hear it close, personal, and live from the candidate's lips, you know far more than any reporter can tell you or any slick or slippery ad from the campaign. One striking memory is one of Barbara and Mina Weiner having come with their husbands to hear JFK speak in Appleton-- however not sponsored by League. They did not get in so they diverted their attention to socializing at one of the downtown bars. Well it just so happened that Barbara and Mina were leaving the same time that JFK was coming out of his engagement. Mina rustled and hustled her way up to JFK and repeated a question to him. "Senator, what will you do about the Suez Canal?" Well she was successful in getting an answer to her question. One more example where Leaguers can be determined and to the point at a moment's notice! We're thankful for Barbara's contributions and steadfast connections to League.

League's Address to the City Council Regarding the City Budget

Presented by Holly
Park



Good evening. My name is Holly Park and I am President of the League of Women Voters of Appleton. Thank you for the opportunity to address

the council tonight. First of all I would like to applaud the council for the change in timing for adopting the budget. You have heard us ask for the last several years to give the public more time to review the budget and its adoption. We feel everyone benefits by having the extra week to look over and reflect upon certain departments and their impact on the community. Thank you very much for making this change. With the likelihood of serious budget constraints in the upcoming year, we hope you will adopt this timeline again for next year's budget as well.

Overall, the League commends you on this budget. We think great effort has been applied to making this a fiscally responsible document while not cutting necessary services to the community and not increasing our debt. We do see that next year however, may not be quite so easy to determine priorities and we do not envy you the task ahead.

The LWV supports feasible projects which promote the development of affordable housing in our community. We commend the City for considering the need for affordable housing in the development of the budget. We do, however, have significant concerns about the feasibility of the housing project being proposed. There are a large number of families that are currently living in these housing units that would be displaced by this project. The costs for relocation for these families will be very high -- it does not seem like the best use of tax dollars to pay for RELOCATION rather than housing development. If this proposed project should go through as planned the League also is concerned with how this project will be developed and its impact on the residential quality of the area. We hope that consideration will be given to how these units will enhance the aesthetic quality of the area as well as contribute to a sense of community rather than of isolation as a "low income" housing development. The city should concentrate on inclusion within the wider community incorporating recommendations of the smart growth initiative which take into account how to

encourage and develop housing that is efficient and architecturally compatible with its surroundings.

THE LWV believes the Focus Fox River Master Plan must remain a strong influence in budget making decisions. We are pleased to see \$300,000 budgeted for the Riverfront Initiative along with improvements for Tallulah, Jones and Lutz parks, which line the Fox River. We are concerned that the majority of dollars budgeted for the Initiative are forecasted out into the next 5 years. With the strong possibility of budget cuts in the upcoming years, we ask that the City keep these dollars targeted for these projects so that the Riverfront can become a desirable destination and centerpiece of our community.

We thank the council for its service to our community and look forward to seeing what this next year will bring.

Be Thinking of Studies you would like to recommend at Lively Issues Meeting . . .

Is it time to revisit education funding? [C. Kanitz]

Here are some news headlines:

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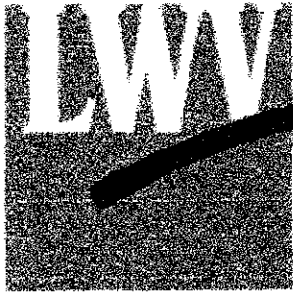
- Summer school, 4-year old kindergarten in trouble in LaCrosse

April 2002

- Clintonville schools drop staff positions
- White Lake forced to four-day school week
- Superior sells alternative school, lays off staff
- Superior hikes drivers ed fees to find new money
- Jefferson cuts staff
- Antigo closes 4 schools
- Mukwonago students walk to protest cuts in school budget

May 2002

- Oconomowoc needs vote to save programs
- Manitowoc parents, teachers, students march
- Madison struggles with a \$7.25 million shortfall
- Butternut fears for district's future
- Prentice might be forced to close school
- Kettle Moraine parents protest teacher cuts
- MPS needs \$20 million. June 2002:
- Verona going to voters to increase low teacher pay
- Poorest Wisconsin children in oldest, unsafe schools



**Send in your reservation for the Annual Holiday Brunch by Dec. 9
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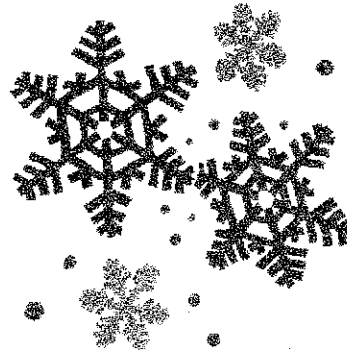
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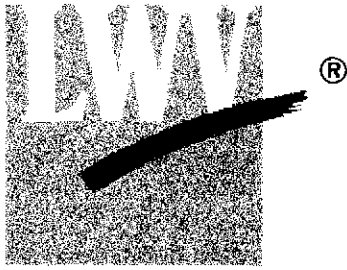
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Hear it from Holly



The President's Message

The calendar has once again reminded us of the passage of time. I have noticed that the older I get the easier it is to automatically change the year when writing checks. I assume this means I am gracefully accepting time's progress although my body is fighting it every step of the way and losing. I hope you all had holidays filled with warmth and love and were able to avoid the stress and anxiety that often accompany the shopping and family dilemmas.

It is time for League to look ahead to the remaining winter months and to spring. Remember, January 18th is our scheduled "Lively Issues" meeting in which we all have a chance to voice our opinion on which issues might be worthy of study next year at the local level. It is your opportunity to let League know what is important to you and what issues and policies need to be revised, implemented, researched, studied or otherwise put under the microscope for action on our part. Without study and position League cannot take action and impact policy so this meeting is an important one. I have to confess that attendance at this meeting has dwindled in the last several years and we need to have your input. Even if you do not come with suggestions for study, please come and vote on the ideas presented by others. It will be at the Appleton Library on Saturday, January 18th at 9:30 a.m.

Looking well ahead to May, the Appleton League along with help from Oshkosh, Fond du Lac and Green Bay will be hosting the State Convention the weekend of May 31. I will need your help with volunteering your time for this weekend. I am hoping that many members will attend the sessions and presentations along with helping in a variety of ways from checking people in to setting up and making sure that things are running smoothly. (rest continued on p. 2)

League Calendar

Date	Event	Meeting Place
Jan 13: 5:30	Jail Options Com.	Outagamie
Jan 14: 5:00	Law Enf. Com. (see inside article)	Court House, Board Room
Saturday, Jan. 18 th 9:30 - 11:30	Lively Issues Come! We need you!	Appleton Public Library lower level mtg. room
Tues. Feb. 4, Noon-1:30pm	Appleton LWV Board Meeting Bring bag lunch	Housing Partnership 611 N. Morrison
Tue. Feb 11 7:00 pm	Consensus Meeting Water Quality Study	TBA
Coming May 30-31	LWV State Convention	Radisson Paper Valley Hotel

President's report (continued from p. 1)

I hope one of your resolutions for the new year is to stay engaged in your community no matter how small a thing that might be. Actually small is good since small gestures are easy to accomplish, whether it be donating items or money to a well deserving charity, or investing your time in your favorite organization. I hope League continues to play a part in your lives. Please make a resolution to attend at least one more meeting than you did last year. You do make a difference! Happy New Year!

Holly Park

Alternatives to Incarceration



If your interest about alternatives to incarceration was aroused by our speakers at the holiday brunch, you will want to attend county board meetings to learn more about this complicated topic. The following two meetings will be focused on various facets of the study: January 13 at 5:30 – ad hoc Jail Options Committee. January 14 at 5:00 pm – Law Enforcement Committee. Both meetings will be in the Board Room at the Outagamie County Court House. After the Jan. 13 meeting, League members are invited to continue a dialogue at Trim B's. Call Marlys Fritzell if you have questions.

Spirited Holiday Brunch

By Gretchen Bambrick

Attendance at the Holiday Brunch was excellent, topping last year's at 40 and included a nice mix of "old", new and prospective members. I was delighted to see ten non-member guests join us that morning. Judge Luebke and Sheriff Gehring provided a lively, provocative, and informative presentation on Alternatives to Incarceration, the topic of one of our local studies this year. Thank you Deb Cronmiller for arranging our speakers.

My Holiday Brunch report for 2001 expressed the hope that last year's excellent attendance would set the tone for 2002. My thanks to my membership committee and our members for making this happen. Happy New Year!

Writing Our History . . .

Is it time to write a local League history? Some members think it is. Would you like to help out? So far these members have indicated a willingness to do some research: Corinne Goldgar, Karen DeYoung, Sue Kinde, Marcia Hittle, Donna Weis, and Marlys Fritzell. We plan to have an organizational meeting in early February. Call Marlys to volunteer. Meanwhile start digging in your files for old League material such as minutes, study material, action statements, and newspaper clippings. What an opportunity to clear out closets, basements, attics, and under beds!

Glossary

GPS – Global Positioning System
EMP – Electronic Monitoring Program
OWI – Operating While Intoxicated
OAR – Operating After Revocation
LSI – Level of Service Inventory
OBC – Objective Based Classification
CSW – Community Service Work

"The Future of Corrections in Wisconsin"

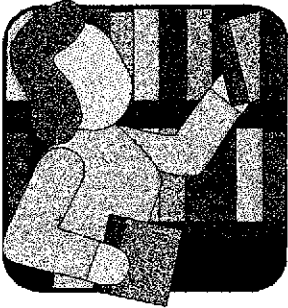
Topic of forum sponsored by LWV of Fond du Lac

Speaker: Walter Dickey—well known and influential Professor of Criminal Justice at the UW-Madison Law School, Faculty Head at the Frank J. Remington Center at UW which tackles such policy issues as the "Innocence Project"—handling claims of innocence by imprisoned individuals and current studies on sentencing & correctional policy. Former Director of Department of Corrections 1983 – 1987. Headed governor's task force on sentencing and corrections in the 1990's.

When: Thursday, January 23rd, 7:00p.m.

Where: Legislative Chamber of the Fond du Lac City/County Government Center, Fond du Lac

We Need Your Ideas and Your Vote at Lively Issues



Lively Issues is scheduled for January 18, 2003. We will meet in the lower level of the Appleton Public Library from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This is an important planning meeting where members decide which issues might be worthy of study next year at the local level. It is your opportunity to let League know what is important to you and what issues and policies need to be revised, implemented, researched, or studied. Please plan to attend.

Your League Directory

Two LWV-Appleton directories were published and mailed in December. The bulletin with the blue cover is the one to keep. The first mailing (red cover) was missing several pages. If you find any errors that need correction in the latest edition, please contact Carolyn Mewhorter. The directory is now up on disk and changes, corrections, additions, etc., will be easy to make.



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Add these new members to your directory and read about them in the bulletin soon!

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Welcome New Member: Katie Drescher



Katie has been practicing law for thirteen years. Up until recently, she and her husband, Park, shared a law practice specializing in real estate and estate planning. Park has moved on to work with Bank One and Katie is relishing her time at home with their two sons, William and John who are now in grades one and four. As a family, they love the outdoors, hiking and tennis and they all love to read. Katie has long had an interest in politics, campaigns, and local issues and feels that the League is a good way to get more involved in these issues in a non-partisan way. She has expressed an interest in our current study of Alternatives to Incarceration so we look forward to her participation.

The Water Quality Study: Consensus Meeting, February 11

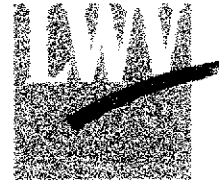


You will find the consensus questions for the Water Quality Study on the following page. Our consensus meeting is scheduled for February 11, at 7:00 pm, location to be announced. The complete packet of study materials is available on State League website. Go to www.lwvwi.org Click on "Consensus Material for Water Quality Study." It is located just beneath the colored table.

We did not mail copies out with the bulletin because the packet is 32 pages long. There will be copies available at the consensus meeting. You may preview the information now if you download a copy from the website. If you would like to receive a hard copy of these materials before the consensus meeting, please contact Holly.

Fox Valley Area Leagues to Host May State Convention

The Radisson Paper Valley Hotel has been reserved as the site for the State League Convention May 30 -31. Green Bay, Oshkosh, Fond du Lac, and Neenah-Menasha Leagues will be invited to work with the Appleton League to host the convention. Any League members wishing to help with planning or helping at the convention, please contact Holly Park or Debra Cronmiller. Early planning is good! Lots of small tasks will be available.



"By the People" National PBS Broadcast, January 12, 2003 "America in the World"



Happy Holidays from the LWVUS. We ask you to read about this exciting new PBS series beginning in 2003.

The League of Women Voters is participating as an "alliance organization" in By the People, a major project of MacNeill-Lehrer Productions that aims to bring more citizens into a national dialogue about America in the world.

The project kicks off from Philadelphia with the National Issues Convention - a town meeting with 350 citizen-delegates who comprise a carefully selected representative sample of the United States. League representatives will be present. Jim Lehrer will be the anchor of a two hour special broadcast on Sunday morning, January 12, 2003, highlighting this national conversation.

The By the People project is working with the LWVEF and other alliance organizations, including local public broadcasting stations, to undertake community dialogues on topics related to "America in the world" throughout 2003. The project has purchased for distribution at By the People events 2,000 copies of the League's new publication "A Citizen's Guide to Global Economic Policymaking." More details about how local Leagues can undertake or participate in community dialogues will be forthcoming.

LWV-WI WATER QUALITY STUDY OUTLINE

October 2002

Contact: Kathy Propp, Chair

1936 Hazel St., Oshkosh WI 54901, prokat@execnc.com, 920-231-4770

WATER STUDY ADOPTED AT JUNE 2001 CONVENTION

Study and evaluate funding mechanisms to address issues of water quality across the state.

WATER STUDY CONSENSUS QUESTIONS

1. Given the water quality issues in the state, does Wisconsin need additional dedicated sources of revenue to fund water quality projects?
2. Given a list of possible *state* dedicated sources of revenue, how would you prioritize these options for funding water quality projects?

DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR LEAGUE MEETINGS

1. What are the major water quality issues in Wisconsin?
2. How well are these issues being addressed in your area water basins?
3. How well are these issues being addressed statewide?
4. What revenue sources currently fund water quality programs?
5. What alternative state funding sources are possible? realistic? dependable? equitable?

INFORMATION PACKET

- Outline of consensus questions, process, and deadlines
- Consensus Form
- Attachment A: Wisconsin's water quality issues
- Attachment B: Basin surveys with basin map, chart, and introduction
- Attachment C: Water quality program organizational flow chart
- Attachment D: DNR water program funding FY 01 and 03
- Attachment E: Sources of funding for Wisconsin water quality programs
- Attachment F: List of alternative funding options
- Attachment G: Bibliography of background materials

CONSENSUS TIMETABLE

1. October 4, 2002: Complete consensus packet goes out to Leagues.
2. **Consensus Deadline: February 15, 2003**
3. Late February 2003: Water Quality Committee meets to evaluate consensus results.
4. March 8, 2003: LWV-WI State Board meets to approve the consensus.
5. May 30-31, 2003: LWV-WI State Convention adds consensus to LWV-WI positions.

What Can I do for League?

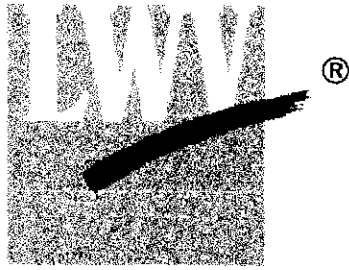
Come to the Lively Issues
Meeting
Saturday, January 18,
Appleton Public Library,
lower level meeting room.
9:30 am - 11:30 am.
We need you!

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Hear it from Holly



The President's Message

Snow is falling as I write this month's message. I must admit that I rather enjoy seeing it settle on everything as it makes a barren landscape more beautiful. My enjoyment will most likely only last through the first shoveling however. The weather was not a factor in the League's annual Lively Issues meeting held on the 18th. There was a nice turnout at the library for discussion on next year's study items. This year we needed to determine what we would like the State League study topic to be. Every other year we chose a State study and the opposing year a National study. Our suggestions, along with all the other Leagues in the state will be sent to the State Board who will tally the list and determine the winner. During the convention in May, the voting members will decide which of these topics will be the chosen study item.

Lively Issues is also the time when those in attendance come up with issues we want to study at the local level. As per our usual, discussion was lively and informative. Topics ranged from health care, to education, to beautification, to consolidation of services. Look for the list inside the bulletin to see just what we decided should go to the Board for recommendations. The annual meeting is ultimately where we vote on which item will become our study for next year.

Convention will be held here in

Appleton the Weekend of May 30th, 31st, and June 1. The Appleton League, along with Oshkosh, Fond du Lac, and Green Bay will be co-hosting. I am really hoping that many of you will attend for at least part of the weekend. There will be workshops and interesting speakers, one of which will be Barbara Lawton, our new Lieutenant Governor. She has been a long time League member in Green Bay (cont. next page)

and I have always found her to be a knowledgeable and interesting speaker. We will need to

League Calendar

Date	Event	Meeting Place
Tue. Feb. 4 Noon-1:30pm	Appleton LWV Board Meeting Bring your lunch!	Housing Partnership 611N Morrison
Thur. Feb 6 12:30 pm	Study Committee Alternatives to Incarceration	Housing Shelter 400N Division
Tue. Feb 11 7:00 pm	Consensus Meeting: Water Quality Study	1012 W. 4 th St. Deb C. home
Tue. March 4 Noon-1:30pm	Appleton LWV Board Meeting	Housing Partnership
Coming May 30-31 June 1	LWV State Convention	Radisson Paper Valley Hotel

(President's Message continued)

and I have always found her to be a knowledgeable and interesting speaker. We will need to provide volunteers as well to help register, set up rooms, and provide information and general help. Any time you might be able to give would really be appreciated. Please call me if you can lend a hand. More information will be coming in the next couple Bulletins so stay tuned. With the new look on College Avenue, the new PAC, and new businesses downtown, we have a lot to offer League members from around the state. (That is, if there is any free time from a most stimulating convention!) A block of rooms has already been put aside at the Radisson -Paper Valley for this event.

Don't forget the water quality meeting on February 11th. This is a wrap-up to the state study. There is a lot of quality information to read that has been compiled mostly by Kathy Propp of the Oshkosh League along with Deb Cronmiller from Appleton. It seems like a lot of information, but it is interesting reading and the background is helpful to come to consensus. You can find this information by going to the state website LWVwi.org and clicking on "Consensus material for Water Quality Study". It's as easy as that! Please mark your calendars to attend the meeting.

February is also the month that the nominating committee puts together a slate for the next year. If you are interested in serving on the Board, and I hope that several of you are, step right up and say so!!! We need you to keep the League running. It requires a desire to stay abreast of topics of interest to you and a commitment of some time (not a huge amount!) Please say you will help League stay strong and vibrant. Thanks in advance to all those who will say yes.

Holly Park



Consensus Meeting: Water Quality State Study

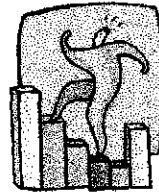
Tue. Feb. 11, 7:00 pm
Debra Cronmiller's home:
1012 W, 4th St. Appleton

See the following two pages for a summary of the study materials. You can preview the entire study at the State League website. www.LWVwi.org Click on "Consensus material for water quality study."

The consensus questions are:

1. Given the water quality issues in the state, does Wisconsin need additional dedicated sources of revenue to fund quality projects.
2. Given a list of possible state dedicated sourced of revenue, how would you prioritize these options for funding water quality projects?

Alternatives to Incarceration: Our Local Study Begins



Up until Jan. 18, we had been unable to find a chair for this study. We accidentally found a chair of the study at the Lively Issues meeting. What a delightful surprise! Bev Wieckert said she would gladly chair the committee.

She held a meeting on Jan. 23 with League members who have been following the County Board's committee reports on Alternatives to Incarceration. The study committee plans to have material for the League before a general membership meeting in March. Bev Wieckert has contacted the sheriff's department to arrange a tour of the jail fairly soon. If you wish to participate in the tour, look for the date on the web site or call Bev at 739-2773. The next committee meeting will be at the Housing Shelter Thursday, Feb. 6 at 12:30 P.M. Any member is welcome. Bring a bag lunch if you plan to attend and have lunch. The League committee members are Gretchen Bambrick, Deb. Cronmiller, Sue Eich, Marlys Fritzell, Helen Nagler and Bev. Wieckert, Chairman

Lively Issues: Study Recommendations

reported by Deb Cronmiller

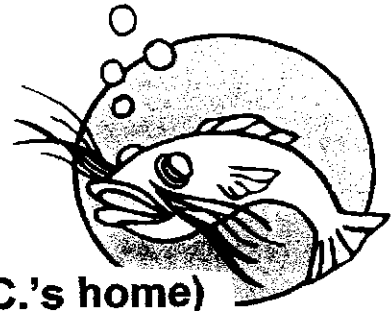
On January 18th nearly twenty members of the Appleton League assembled at the Public Library for the 2003-2004 Lively Issues meeting. For new members, Lively Issues is the League's euphemism for setting the program.

The group had two primary tasks. The first was to recommend to the State Board a study topic for the next two years. The State League had provided a number of excellent ideas but what was recommended after a great deal of discussion was to study the barriers to regionalization followed closely by implementing universal health care in Wisconsin.

Our next task, no less lively, but certainly of greater interest to many local Leaguers, was to recommend items for study, recommend one of these items and after a vote of the membership-[viola]-a local study is borne. The study topics the Board can consider (in order of preference by the group) are: Regionalization of services, non-traditional education (home schooling, virtual schools, charters, etc), legislated beautification, bicycle safety issues, reviewing all local positions, and streamlining government funding sources. Two items discussed but referred as possible action items are affordable housing and alternatives to incarceration.

Water Quality In Wisconsin Consensus Meeting

7:00 PM, February 11 at 1012 W. 4th St. (Deb. C.'s home)



BACKGROUND: Why alternative funding for water-related issues is necessary.

The conservation, preservation and quality of Wisconsin's water, both surface and ground, is of vital importance to the citizens of this state. Protection and management of Wisconsin's water is vested in the Department of Natural Resources. To provide funds for this management, the Legislature has established a number of financial systems including the General Fund, the Conservation Fund, the Environmental Fund, and the Environmental Improvement Fund. Additionally, the federal government has financial resources available to the states for the management of water quantity and quality. Special income derived from program fees, (licenses, stamp taxes, etc.) and water-related projects (The Great Lakes Protection initiative) also generate some financial resources.

Unfortunately, according to DNR staff and other interested parties throughout the state, these combined resources are not adequate to meet Wisconsin's needs for the management of its water resource.

To address this need for additional financial resource, the League of Women Voters has assembled a brief list of funding options. Certainly this list is not all inclusive but does suggest a number of options that appear predictable, dependable and equitable.

The options for funding are separated into three categories determined by addressing the "Who Pays?" questions. In the first category, general taxes of services or systems are collected resulting in revenue. This set of taxes could be considered "vice" taxes. The predictable revenue from these sources would be earmarked for the DNR. You will note that some states are already collecting and utilizing these taxes.

The second category is "user" specific taxes. Listed here are just those taxes that are capable of generating larger sums of revenue. Many other potential revenue sources exist in this category such as volunteer monitoring donations, park stamps, sale of non-game photos/art, habitat credit cards, though none of these options are predicted to generate over \$1 million and would be administratively difficult to monitor. Since these taxes fall heavily to the state's gamesmen (a group already heavily taxed), the viability and predictability of these revenues seems more tenuous. In this category, one could also add water utility taxes (sewer, waste water, etc.). These systems are local municipal systems for the most part. Determining the fair and equitable formula for taxation and generating a method for the state to collect these funds makes this option nearly impossible to apply and administer.

Finally, there are sources of revenue that neither tax the general population or the users of water specifically. These include revenue generated from the Lottery system and Mitigation Trust Funds.

More On Water Quality

Source of Funds	Amount	Description and Analysis
1. General Taxes		
A. Auto Registration Fee	\$2 per vehicle: \$6 million per year	currently levied in CA and FL
B. Beer Tax	additional \$1 per barrel: \$4.6 million per year	\$2 per barrel is currently being assessed proceeds to Gen Fund
C. Cigarette Tax	unrestricted	some taxes are currently levied
D. Gas Tax	2 cent per gallon increase: \$60 million per year	Currently levied in FL, ID, VT
E. Segregated Property Tax	1/10 of a mil: \$23 million per year	Similar to the forestry mil tax currently levied at 2/10 of a mil
F. Non-metallic Mining Tax	1 percent of net proceeds: \$4.4 million per year	No states currently using this tax
G. Real Estate Tax	\$1 per \$1000 of purchase price: \$6.3 million	Wisconsin currently has a tax of \$3 per \$1000 of purchase price
H. Sales Tax	1/8 of 1%: \$67.6 million	MO and AR are already taxing for \$37 - \$78 million
I. Soft Drink/Software Tax	1% sales tax on soft drinks and software: \$10 million	IL is currently using proceeds for Parks and Conservation bonding.
2. User Taxes		
A. Hunting/Fishing Supplies Sales Tax	limited by amount of tax	Already hits constituents paying for licenses. NC collecting \$2 million per year.
B. Motor Boat Gas Tax Formula	\$5.0 Million: changes current formula assumption of 50 gallons per boat to 74 gallons per boat (annual use)	Already in place in Wisconsin. Updating formula to better reflect current actual usage.
3. Other		
A. Lottery funds	\$3 to \$40 Million	WI funds currently used exclusively for property tax relief.
B. Mitigation Trust Funds	up to \$200 million	Mitigation is a prerequisite for these funds.

2 page summary from Whitewater League



Roots

Goldgar

(written by Connie Kanitz)

Corinne Goldgar is another stellar member of League, having joined in Jan. 1958, six weeks after Barbara Hoffmann became a member. Corinne understands our history and values what League has brought to her life. She always has an eye for detail and when she commits to doing something, you will know that she will give her best efforts and will not settle for anything less than perfection. Overachiever? . . . maybe . . . but more accurately she has worked hard to fine tune a variety of skills, gives when she knows she can give her best, and has pride not only in her work, but also by what is accomplished within our group. Corinne is very succinct with her words. She gets right to the point. A glimmer in her eye accents her dry humor.

Corinne recognizes that League usually defines our goals as informing our members and encouraging active participation in government. The goal often is reached, but Corinne believes that what ultimately happened to her was that League encouraged her development. She has seen this happen to women in League over and over again. Often when women take on a task in League, they may not understand all that will be required of them and may doubt that they have all the needed qualities. League helps to provide guidance. One only needs to ask questions and find people in and out of League who can contribute to the answer. Upon completing the task, a League member may want to go a little deeper into advocacy, study or other aspects of League. (Although sometimes we need time off and step a little off to the side to reenergize or to address priorities within our personal lives. This too is an important part of League). Frequently League members end up taking on responsibilities and positions in local government and/or community programs. League can be a building block.

Corinne believes League helped her to find out who she was. "I thought my goal was to be a housewife and mother. It had never occurred to me that I had particular talents. I had a college education and I knew I was fairly intelligent." Corinne hadn't thought much about her talents, how they could be used, as well as how she wanted to use them. Early in her League membership, Corinne offered to summarize a particular health study. She was amazed to find how pleased they were with the report she had written. Later, as editor and chairman of the 3rd edition of a "This is Appleton" publication, Corinne listened to comments of someone who interviewed her about the piece. Corinne discovered her gift of writing and has kept writing for the League. Just about every job in League has had Corinne's touch except chair a study. She was president of our Appleton League in 1971-73. At one special League dinner at which Governor Patrick Lucey addressed our group, Corinne decided to introduce the League to the Governor, rather than introduce the Governor to the League. After all, everyone knew who he was. She spoke about some of the issues that League was addressing. The Governor responded that there was no need to introduce the League to him. He said the League was practically his board of directors.

There is an interesting story of how Corinne came to be Executive Assistant to the Transit Commission. Previously Corinne had answered the call of the mayor to serve on a local committee for transit. Eventually, she got a call from the governor's office asking if she would like to be on the Urban Mass Transit Commission. They had decided they didn't have enough women on the commission and had even called the State League office asking for suggestions for members. Corinne told them that she could only serve for six months since she would be going to England for the summer with her husband on work assignment. While she was gone, Barbara Hoffman was asked to take her place on the commission. When she returned, the commission decided it was time to create a paid position for an executive assistant. It was much of what Corinne was doing before, but now she had set hours, a salary, and what Corinne refers to as "a fancy title."

Corinne also learned in League how to beg. She says, "You can get anything out of anybody if the cause is right and they have it to give." She used this skill in getting Valley Transit underwritten. Corinne also learned how to use League's format for making a public statement. She continued to use that format in her job at Valley Transit. She retired as marketing coordinator for Valley Transit after working 23 years for them.

A quality within League Corinne values deeply is that League members learn how to disagree about topics without being disagreeable with each other. This is a delicate skill and we may not get it right all of the time, but it always is our intention.

We are fortunate to have Corinne as a League member and to have her share some of her story.

Primary Election Candidates Forum for WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

FEBRUARY 1, 2:00 – 3:30 pm (Limited seating available)

Madison City Channel 12 studios

2nd floor of the Municipal Building, Martin Luther King Blvd.

(across from City/County Building & Monona Terrace Convention Center)

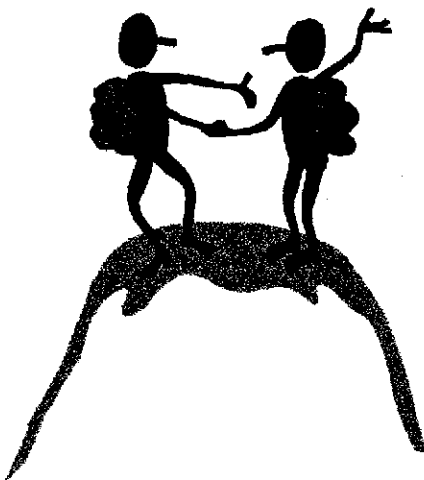


Primary elections are Tue. Feb. 18. There are three candidates: Judges Pat Roggensack (Madison), Paul Higginbotham (Madison), and Ed Brunner (Rice Lake). There is an open seat as Justice William Bablitch retires this year at the end of his term in July. Responses to the LWVWIEF candidate questionnaire will be published in a Voter's Guide at www.lwvwi.org.

WRITE SENATOR KOHL TO SUPPORT FREE AIR TIME BILL

Senators John McCain, Russ Feingold and Richard Durbin are expected to reintroduce their free air time bill in the next few weeks. It is an important part of campaign finance reform.

Contact Senator Herb Kohl. Ask him to co-sponsor the McCain-Feingold-Durbin free air time bill. You can call (in Washington 202-224-5653, or in Madison 608-264-5338), e-mail (senator_kohl@kohl.senate.gov) or write (330 Hart Senate Office Building, United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510).



HERE ARE SOME OF OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Miriam Douglas

Miriam grew up in Maine, went to college in the Midwest, and received her PhD in Chemistry from Northwestern. The East wind was blowing, and she went to New Jersey, where she worked as a research chemist for Colgate Palmolive, and after that, taught chemistry at Rutgers University. The Midwest was her final destination, however, and she has lived in Appleton for four years where she studied computer information systems at the FVTC and now teaches Chemistry there. She plays the recorder, hikes, canoes and built a home on a lake in Maine where she spends her

summers. She was a member of League in New Jersey for 25 years and has found a new League "home" with us. Her main interests are in environmental issues. Welcome Miriam!

B Alford

B is a singer, songwriter and an enthusiastic bicycle advocate. In fact, she is riding her bike across North America to prove it! This summer she will ride from Vancouver to St. John's in Canada. She would like to see Appleton become a more bicycle-friendly community and joined League to network more with people who know how to affect change. B owns her own yoga studio, The Yoga Studio of Appleton on College Avenue and looks forward to meeting members of League, which she considers an "interesting, well-informed group".

Welcome, B!

Marlyce Reed

Marlyce has lived in Appleton for 23 years and has worked as the Gifted and Talented teacher at Einstein Middle School for the past 12 years. She particularly enjoys coaching "future problem solving" with her students and says it keeps her current with what is on the cutting-edge of issues. Her other interests are wilderness backpacking, reading, music and tennis. She joined League because policy making is a particularly intriguing topic for her. Welcome Marlyce!

"Civil Liberties in the Times of Terror:

The Balance Between Security and Freedom"

Susan Estrich, author, law professor, legal and political commentator, spoke at Lawrence University, Jan. 30.



[Editor's note: I had the pleasure of hearing Susan Estrich speak today. Here is my late night attempt at a quick summary]

When we are not afraid, we are wonderful as a nation and we have lots of freedoms. When we are afraid, we are not so good. We cannot rely on our court system to protect civil liberties. During WWII courts upheld the detainment of Japanese in interment camps.

Whenever any government or private entity is attempting to employ security or surveillance, it is important to question what their policy is. Enforcing a policy is one thing, leaving it up to the discretion of the individual is particularly dangerous. People who have something to lose cannot be the ones to question the policy. They can be harassed, detained, deported, etc. Those of us who have nothing to lose need to be challenging the policy and asking the hard questions. We must help to protect civil liberties.

Since 9/11 the nation has been gripped by fear. The nation quickly moved to limiting freedoms after 9/11. Fear is healthy to protect us from real dangers, but when it turns into hysteria we make bad choices. Profiling by race, age, gender has been a classic problem throughout our history. It is true that the 9/11 terrorists were all of a certain ethnic background, came from a short list of countries, and were within a certain age range. But if we stop everyone of that description, (apply racial profiling) we are infringing on an overwhelming majority of people who are innocent. After all, 99.999 % of men of this description are not terrorists. The dilemma comes: should we take away liberty from all of us or just take away from some or is neither acceptable?

If we were to go to another country and be detained for some reason, we would want to talk to the embassy. We would demand our rights. What would we say if we were told, "What rights?" What if we were told that we can't access the proof that we need to clear ourselves because that has become classified information, not available.

Racial profiling is very prevalent in police departments even though we try to establish policies to prevent this. A correlation has been made between race and crime. There are some additional variables which certainly can include whites: poverty, lack of a good education, and no opportunity. But instead of just pointing at some possible correlations between a certain profile and crime, we need to break down that correlation. Teachers of K and first grade can often identify high risk children. Instead of preparing for that child by making more cells in prison we need to invest in prevention. If we know who is at risk, we can and should intervene. Did you know that the fastest growing lobbying group is prison guards?

Susan warned us that the greatest dangers to civil liberties are things we don't see. Because of modern technology, we can't know what private information is being surveiled. We need to know.

Susan congratulated the Lawrence students who participated in a protest preceding the event. She said college campuses have been too distant from politics. The tendency has been that half of college kids don't vote. They have become politically illiterate and would not be able to effect change if their life depended on it. Political literacy is a necessity in today's world. She is happy to see students becoming more active on campuses.

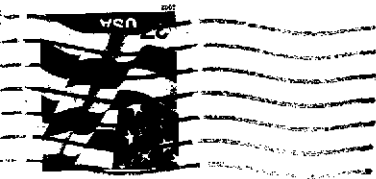
Susan gives the following advice: Learn politics. Learn how to move a stop sign. Learn the steps. If you can move a stop sign, you can do politics. Know where the power is and know how to impact that chain of power. Use your power, be creative, try embarrassing them. Write a letter, write a letter to the editor. Just a handful of letters to a congressperson can make an impact. One person can't do it, but look what a group can do. Organize. If you don't have the attention of the media, find a way to be heard. Your voice isn't listened to unless you find an effective way to have it heard. We need to understand how the media works. Pick your fights and know when to go to fight. You can't just be pissed. You have to be constructive. People say Susan's powerful. She says "I'm not powerful. I'm just not scared."

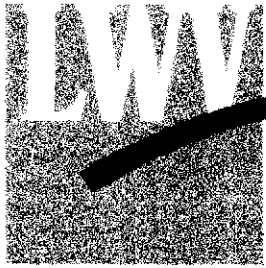
What Can I do for League?

- Come to the Local Study meeting
On Alternatives to Incarceration: Feb.6
- Come to the Consensus meeting:
Water Quality on Feb. 11
- Introduce yourself to one of our new
members and offer to bring them to a
League event
- Keep informed on world issues
Act accordingly

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The President's Message

Congratulations go out to **Carolyn Mewhorter** and **Stevie Schmidt** for their success in the Primary Election! These two League members are running for Appleton City Council and I can only say "You Go Girl"! While Stevie has been on the Council before, Carolyn is new to the political scene and we wish them well in the April general election. Please make sure and find out if your alderperson is up for election and what the issues are in your district.

The League is attempting to put together a candidate forum for the office of County Executive. The date and time are not yet determined but please keep an eye out for further information in the Post-Crescent. If you are willing to help with this let Debra Cronmiller know (830-2284). In the past, Time Warner has allocated free time for taping debates and for taping the candidate's response to specific questions the League has asked. Apparently with the AOL buyout of Time-Warner this free air time has come under question. Each municipality negotiates Public Education Access time with the local cable provider. That contract is up for negotiation with the city this year and I am hopeful that in the future Time Warner will be willing to provide this much needed service to the voters of our community free of charge. Did you know that a small percentage of your cable bill goes for this public education? Let your alderperson know that Time Warner has an obligation to provide this service!

Although spring does not feel near at hand it will be here soon and the coming of spring means the League Annual Meeting is just around the corner. The date has been set for April 29th, however the place has yet to be determined. Please put that date on your calendars and come for business and pleasure alike. It is always enjoyable to see League members come together and get to know each other a little more each year. Think Spring!

Holly Park

League Calendar

Date	Event	Meeting Place
Tue. March 4 Noon-1:30pm	Appleton LWV Board Meeting Bring your lunch!	Housing Partnership 611N Morrison
Thursday, March 6 6:45 pm	Tour of Jail, CALL BEV 739-2773 BY MARCH 4 TO RSVP	Tour of Jail
Saturday, March 15 10:00 am	Study Committee Alternatives to Incarceration	Appleton Public Library Lower level
April 29 6:30 social 7:00 dinner	Appleton LWV Annual Meeting At 7:45 pm	TBA
May 30/31	LWV WI State Convention	Radisson, Appleton

[This letter was submitted to the Post-Crescent by our Appleton League board, but the article did not appear. For those of you who have been watching for it, this is what happened. We were told that the paper considered it a form letter and they have a policy of not printing form letters. If we were to rewrite it in our own words, they would print it]

LETTER-TO-THE-EDITOR/OPINION PIECE

Working With the United Nations Provides the U.S. with Many Foreign and Domestic Policy Advantages

February 3, 2003

The League of Women Voters urges President Bush to continue working with the United Nations to resolve the situation with Iraq. International cooperation is an essential element in guarding against terrorism and protecting all nations from attack, particularly those that may involve nuclear, chemical or biological weapons.

Working with the United Nations provides the U.S. with many foreign and domestic policy advantages. First, it ensures a full and exhaustive debate of a range of alternative policies and actions. Second, it builds unity of purpose by clearly defining the objectives to be fulfilled. Third, it assures the world that the U.S. is not acting solely for its own benefit while reassuring the American people that the U.S. is not acting alone. Fourth, it provides the legitimacy of international law. And fifth, it increases the chances of long-term success through international peacekeeping and nation building efforts.

For these reasons, the UN should be an important component of U.S. foreign policy. We should work actively and constructively within the UN system, exercising diplomatic leadership in advance of decision-making. Resolution of past crises has shown the effectiveness of multilateral action in dealing with international problems.

For decades, the League of Women Voters has supported the role of the UN in developing, maintaining and protecting peace around the world. Today, when multilateral action is needed to combat terrorism, to establish the institutions and conditions for real economic and social development in post-war Afghanistan and other countries, and to guard against weapons proliferation, the active involvement of the international community and the United Nations is even more important.

Julie Arneth, President
League of Women Voters of Wisconsin

Preparations for Consensus Meeting:

March 15: 10:00 A.M. at the Appleton Public Library

Local Study—Alternatives to Incarceration



The County Board created a Jail Options Ad Hoc Committee that has been looking at what could be done to relieve the condition of overcrowding in the jail as an alternative to building another jail. The County Committee compiled a great deal of information addressing the subject. The LWV committee

summarized much of the available material as resource for our study and some material in summarized form is available on the Appleton League website.

The LWV of Wisconsin has several positions in the area of The Administration of Justice and some of these are also posted on the web site for your information. The positions apply toward the state prison system but the principals apply equally to the local jails. If you are unable to access the League web site, please call Marlys Fritzell at 731-0736 for hard copies of the material.

The question for the local League is whether we wish to support Alternatives to Incarceration when we have the opportunity and what criteria do we wish to apply?

Discussion questions:

- Does the alternative provide justice to the perpetrator and victim
- Does it provide safety for the public
- What are the comparative costs associated
- Does it lessen the possibility of recidivism
- Does it provide rehabilitation by provision of help where needed

The above material will be discussed and consensus reached at the consensus meeting scheduled for Saturday, March 15.

Go to Jail (for a Tour that, is . . .)

There are two calendar dates associated with the Alternatives to Incarceration Committee. A tour of the jail has been scheduled for Thursday, March 6 at 6:45 P.M. If we have more than 20 people wishing to go on the tour, we will have to split the group and schedule two dates. I must know the number of people going so arrangements can be made. Please call Bev. Wieckert at 739-2773 by Tuesday, March 4 if you plan to attend a tour.

Background Information for the Private Prison Update

[can be found in full by going to www.lwrwi.org and click on

Corrections Consensus Materials. Following is a portion of those materials. These materials are for the state study on corrections]

Discussion Questions

1. In reviewing the philosophical pros and cons of private prisons which do you rate as valid or questionable? What others should be included?
2. In reviewing the economic pros and cons of private prisons which do you rate as valid or questionable? What others should be included?

Consensus Question

Do you support or oppose the use of private correctional facilities in Wisconsin? Why?

PRIVATE AND PUBLIC PRISONS – STUDIES COMPARING OPERATIONAL AND OTHER COSTS

Proponents of privatization believe that private contractors can operate prisons at less cost than the government, without reducing the levels or quality of service. Others involved in the corrections field, say there is very little or no real evidence that privatizing corrections will ensure a cost savings compared to publicly run facilities. Public prisons account for over 95 percent of the prison beds in the U.S., and considering the recent surge in private prison building, there needs to be a careful review of the advantages and disadvantages of each system.

Documents from the Government Accounting Office (1.996), Federal Bureau of Prisons(1 999) and the State of Florida, Office of Program Policy Analysis (1 997) reviewing studies comparing public and private prisons suggest that more study is needed to reach valid conclusions in comparing the two types of facilities.

In order to compare private and public prisons the analysis should be based on similar facilities. The problem cited by all studies is that there is no uniform comparison available. The comparison should be based on similarities of design, capacity, security level and types of inmates. Otherwise, any comparison of costs or quality of service will be invalid. For instance, higher security prisons generally have higher operating costs than lower security prisons because of the higher staff-to-inmate ratios for high security institutions. Facilities operating at 90% of capacity are more expensive than those operating at 130% of capacity.

Comparing quality of service can be more difficult than comparing costs. For example, the American Correctional Association (ACA) sets accreditation standards for prisons, yet accredited facilities can vary widely in terms of overall quality. According to these officials, these variances occur because ACA accreditation means that a facility has met minimum standards.

Four of the five studies reviewed by the GAO assessed operational costs of the two types of correctional facilities and there was little or no indication of differences in operational costs. In one study the costs of the existing private prison was substantially lower but the comparison was to a hypothetical

public prison and the methodology was questioned. However, a more recent study in Louisiana (1996) did show some cost savings in the operation of a comparable private vs. public prison. The conclusion of these studies is similar: valid comparisons need to be made on prisons of similar size, location, types of inmates and programs offered. That information is not available yet.

It might be useful to review some of the purported economic pro and cons of public and private prisons:

- A) **Pro** privatization argues that the normal operation of a free market insures that only service providers who provide a quality product at a competitive market price will survive. Con privatization notes that two corporations (Coffebbons Corporation of America and Wackenhut Corrections Corporation) control over 70% of the market.
- B) **Pro** privatization argues that a free market introduces discipline and efficiency through the mechanisms of supply and demand. Con privatization states the first and foremost goal of a private prison is to generate a profit for shareholders of the company.
- C) **Pro** privatization argues that public prisons are more labor intensive than necessary and those workers are unionized and not dedicated or known for their zeal. Con privatization argues that workers are lower paid and less skilled.
- D) **Pro** privatization argues the private firms have cost reduction opportunities to design and build facilities. Con privatization, argues designs to improve prison efficiencies, whether public or private sector, can be used by everyone for prison construction.

PROS AND CONS OF PRIVATE PRISONS - IDEOLOGICAL ARGUMENTS

(Prepared by members of the Corrections Committee based on information gathered from the complete bibliography).

Since research on the relative economic efficiency of private vs. public prisons is as yet inconclusive, the debate is frequently carried on at the ideological, or theoretical level. Those opposed to privatization of prisons often place more emphasis on these arguments.

The General Argument:

Certain functions of government that are a nation's primary responsibility toward its citizens should be carried out by the state, and not be contracted out to private individuals or groups. Such, for example, is national defense. U.S. citizens would not consider allowing the government to contract out our military forces to privately run, for profit, armies, navies or air forces. The same could be said for our local defenses, our police forces and corrections facilities. One of the primary functions of our system of corrections is to ensure public safety. The state should run and control every aspect of its corrections system.

- A) **CON:** The most extreme sentence against an individual

that the state can exact, besides the death penalty, is depriving him/her of personal freedom. Responsibility for carrying out the terms of imprisonment should rest with the state...This responsibility should not be turned over to private individuals or corporations.

PRO: The government should not have a monopoly of services to its citizens, in prisons as well as in other community services. Private companies have successfully run a number of government services, such as water utilities, health, sanitation, and education.

- B) **CON:** The state has a larger concern with the successful rehabilitation of the prisoner, so that when he/she returns to the community the former prisoner will not be a danger to society, but rather have become a better citizen, less likely to end up in prison again. A corporation has little stake in rehabilitation, or in the health of society as a whole.

PRO: Private institutions have more flexibility in treatment, including faith-based alternatives, than public institutions, which are bound by numerous laws, rules and regulations.

- C) **CON:** In carrying out its contract with the state regarding treatment of prisoners in its facility, a private prison company is primarily interested in making a profit for the company, not in the treatment of the prisoners. The temptation to cut corners is greater.

PRO: Private prisons do not have to carry the weight of excessive state bureaucracy, union contracts, and state employee fringe benefits. They can maintain quality with less expense.

- D) **CON:** Taxpayers pay the costs of both public and private prisons. Adding a layer of profit to the other costs of prisons does not make them less expensive for the taxpayer, other things being equal, such as the cost of safety, personnel, supplies, programs, maintenance, etc.

PRO: Even if they do not cost less, private prisons provide jobs where they are located and market opportunities for those selling products to them, thus benefiting the general economy of the locality and the state..

- E) **CON:** Public prisons, like all public institutions, are open to public scrutiny. Privately run prisons are less open to public oversight, less transparent. Infringements of contracts are difficult to correct.

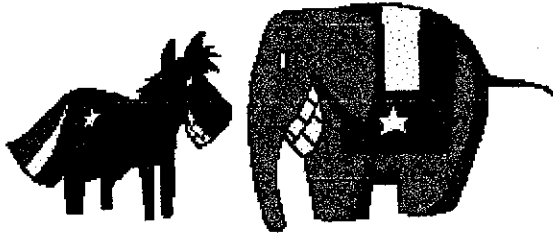
PRO: States contracting out the operation of prisons to private companies inspect to be sure the contracted services are being implemented. A good contract ensures the desired services.

- F) **CON:** The state has an incentive to decrease the prison population, thus saving expense and taxes. The private prison company has an incentive to increase the prison population, thus increasing their profits. They develop powerful lobbies to influence public policy.

PRO: The prison company does not determine the laws under which criminals are sentenced – the legislature does. Laws placing more law-breakers behind bars for more time and less serious offenses reflect a reaction to the public outcry against crime, not the wishes of private companies.

The Update on Presidential Selection

By Xandra Kayden, LWVUS/EF Oversight Trustee



The League of Women Voter's position on presidential selection calls for the promotion of the election of the President and Vice President by direct popular vote, the abolition of the electoral college, and the support of uniform national voting qualifications and procedures for presidential elections. It recognizes that the ideal may not be achievable and suggests several fall back positions the League might support, as well as other factors that have a bearing on the selection of the president and his or her running mate, such as the role of parties, campaign finance, and the media. Based on work adopted by the League in 1970, it is a prescient perspective and could stand on its own today.

The evolution of the process over the last thirty years, however, merits the new look we are taking. The balance has changed between the media and the parties. The money has grown enormously. And the primaries have dramatically altered the role of conventions. Election procedures became critical in the 2000 election and a new law has been written in response. It has yet to be implemented, although a number of states did act to alter their procedures. The campaign finance system has also been recently reformed, although it is not clear what impact that will have on the process, since it, too, is just going into effect. And the media has shifted its role from newscasts on what the candidates were doing and saying to paid negative ads. In fact, a whole new world has emerged in communications with the Internet and email. Perhaps the most significant change over-all is the decline in partisan identification. Even though new, smaller parties have emerged, the trend is toward political independence on the part of eligible voters, and along with that, an apparent decline in voting participation.

The Update will raise the question of presidential selection in as broad a context as possible. It will identify League values that we want to bring to the table in this discussion. What is the balance between the individual voter and the role of states in a federal system? What is the role of the presidency in a system of separated powers? The Update will compare possible outcomes with our current positions and what seems feasible in the future.

At its October, 2002 meeting, the LWV Board of Directors/LWVEF Board of Trustees agreed to launch the Update with this broad perspective. The Task Force, named this December, will meet in January to flesh out these and other ideas, and begin the work of identifying and evaluating resources and direction. The goal will be to educate our members on the issues and if possible, identify opportunities to help us, and the nation, move toward a process in whose legitimacy we can all trust.

The Task Force will meet twice (the second meeting around Presidents' Council), and conduct most of its work through e-mail and teleconferencing. We hope to establish a listserv and publish several articles in the *National Voter* to explain the background of our work, possible new directions, and other sources for information. Given the recent experience with the updates on trade and the United Nations, we will explore the possibility of using a weighted combination of individual members and league responses to reach concurrence.

The 2002 convention gave the Update a year, which will begin in December or January, now that the scope has been approved by the Board. A staff person will be hired in December. The Update will be submitted to the Board in October of 2003, or January of 2004 for approval of the wording of the proposed update. It will then be submitted to the membership for concurrence, with an expectation of adoption at the 2004 convention.

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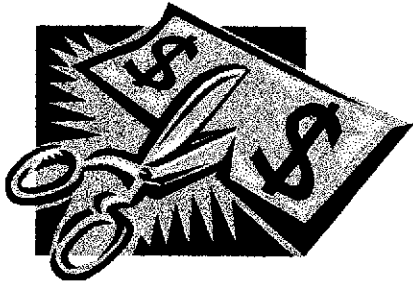
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Governor's Budget Abandons the 2/3 Commitment for Schools



[Summary from Wisconsin Alliance for Excellent Schools, a statewide coalition who advocates for comprehensive school funding reform using an Adequacy model, www.excellentschools.org]

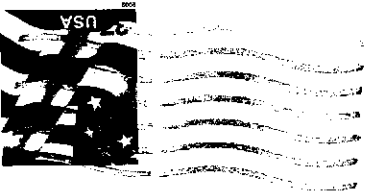
Governor Doyle's budget proposal would reduce aid to public schools by \$400 million in the next two years, compared with what schools would get under the two-thirds funding commitment. This will force cuts in critical staff and programs, already stretched by nearly a decade of spending caps.

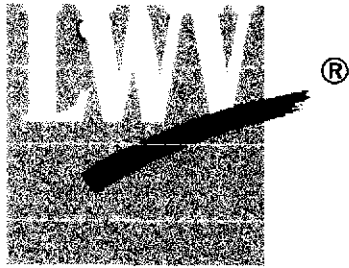
The governor does propose adjusting the school aid formula to redistribute aid to lower-spending districts. But this creates only an illusion of greater equity, not the real thing. Low spending districts would have to impose higher property taxes to take advantage of the redistribution of state aide, a big hardship in poorer districts. And many higher-spending districts are in rural areas, where vacation property creates high property values but where year-round residents have some of the highest poverty rates in the state. Spending in these rural districts is higher because transportation costs and diseconomies of scale require more dollars per pupil.

The governor's proposal does not link state aid to actual students' needs. The proposed change in the legal requirement for two-funding suggests a permanent cut in the state's support for public education, and opens the way to further erosion in schools' capacity to fulfill the federal No Child Left Behind Act as well as state and local mandates.

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Hear it from Holly

The President's Message

As my Presidency draws to a close I'd like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to the Board. Everyone has done a splendid job on their portfolio and I feel as if we have continued the League mission of educating and encouraging citizens to actively participate in government. I am particularly pleased with the direction that Observer Corps, Local Study and Action have taken over the last year. All three have worked together to attend meetings paying particular attention to the Riverfront, Alternatives to Incarceration, and issues on housing and the City Clerk's position. By taking action and being visible we can continue to influence policy at the local level.

Voter Service has continued to arrange debates and work with Time Warner to give candidates air time. We worked particularly hard to set up the day long event with the American Muslim Alliance last fall in which speakers discussed important issues of the day followed by a debate of the Governor. This was a well attended event and I hope one that reached a wide audience.

Membership has been quite successful as well. Although we have lost several members we managed to gain about 10 new members this year keeping us at about 62 (continued next page)

League Calendar

Date	Event	Meeting Place
Tue. April 1	Election Day Vote!	The Polls
Tue. April 8 Noon-1:30pm	Appleton LWV Board Meeting Bring your lunch!	Sue Silton's 540 River Rd. Appleton
Thursday, April 10 1:30 pm	Carla Salmon: Archive Procedures	1st Cong. Ch. 724 E. South River St.
April 29 6:30 social 7:00 dinner	Appleton LWV Annual Meeting At 7:45 pm	Simpson's Red Ox 2318 S. Oneida
May 30/31	LWV WI State Convention	Radisson, Appleton

62 members for the Appleton area. Although we would of course prefer to grow in membership, it is wonderful that we are keeping steady and attracting new individuals who take an interest in shaping local policy. (Both men and women I might add!)

I do not mean to minimize any of the other Board positions. Treasurer, Secretary, PR, and Bulletin have diligently and efficiently done their jobs and I am very grateful for all the time and effort everyone has given on behalf of the League. The Bulletin continues to be informative as well as beautiful and our website is a good source of information as well. As each of us goes off-Board I hope others of you will get involved and help in any way you can.

The annual meeting will be April 29th at Simpson's Red Ox. See the Annual Meeting Notice and Reservation in the bulletin. Please come if you are able since we have several items to discuss. These include: voting on the local study, reviewing positions, and discussing the addition of a board position to facilitate filling the Presidency. So mark your calendars and don't forget Appleton is the place for State Convention on May 30th and 31st. Lots to look forward to!

Holly Park

[Bev Weickert deserves a great thank you for chairing the Alternatives to Incarceration study. She volunteered just when we all thought we might not be able to complete this study. Bev and her committee have managed to pull together and sift through a lot of information provided by the County's Ad Hoc Committee and then to come to consensus after much discussion at a meeting held March 15th at the Library. Following is the consensus reached by those attending the meeting].

ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION CONSENSUS

The LWV State position on Alternatives to Incarceration reads:

"There is a strong need for further development and primary reliance on alternatives to incarceration except for the most dangerous offenders. Citizen education and participation should play an important role in the reintegration of the offender into the community. Use of community based treatment centers and halfway houses should include professional staff, each with a reasonable number of cases, use of trained volunteer aides, paraprofessionals, and wider use of community resources through purchases of services by the Department of Corrections. Unnecessary and unenforceable restrictions on behavior should be eliminated. Pre-trial intervention should be used to provide rehabilitation alternatives to a criminal record for adults who commit minor offenses, particularly first time offenders, and those whose lack of income would ordinarily doom them to jail before trial."

The Appleton League supports the State position but is specifically advocating the following criteria for our local community. When evaluating alternatives to incarceration the criteria should:

- 1- Be fiscally responsible and advocate programs over the building of a new jail facility.
- 2- Meet public safety issues.
- 3- Satisfy justice for both the perpetrator and the victim.
- 4- Focus on models that reduce recidivism.
- 5- Enhance the return to the community at release (i.e. job placement, housing, anger management).
- 6- Support new innovative models and /or existing models which would include the above criteria.
- 7- Support prevention and early intervention programs in the community which have shown a direct correlation to the justice system numbers.

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF APPLETON:
PROPOSED BUDGET 2003 -2004**

INCOME	2002/2003		2003/2004	
		Budget		Proposed Budget
A. Dues	\$	2,160.00	\$	3,400.00
B. Contributions				
1. Member	\$	1,560.00	\$	1,500.00
2. Member- Ed Fund**	\$	227.00	\$	-
3. Non-Member	\$	800.00	\$	1,000.00
4. Non-Member-Ed Fund**	\$	850.00	\$	-
C. Other				
1. Community Service				
a. Election Night Reporting	\$	200.00	\$	-
b. Speakers Bureau	\$	-	\$	-
2. Memorials	\$	-	\$	-
3. Interest Earned	\$	500.00	\$	500.00
D. Miscellaneous				
1. Fall Event-Octoberfest	\$	300.00	\$	-
2. Holiday Brunch	\$	500.00	\$	620.00
3. Decision Makers Lunch	\$	300.00	\$	-
4. Annual Meeting Dinner	\$	500.00	\$	500.00
5. Transfer from LWV Ed Fund*	\$	2,000.00	\$	500.00
6. LWVUS			\$	-
7. PCB Meeting			\$	-
8. National Member Rebate			\$	-
E. Other-Transfer from Savings			\$	1,570.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$	9,897.00	\$	9,590.00
EXPENDITURES				
A. Operating Costs				
1. General Supplies	\$	200.00	\$	150.00
2. Telephone	\$	250.00	\$	250.00
3. PO Box fee	\$	80.00	\$	80.00
4. Phone Answering Service	\$	-	\$	-
5. Audit	\$	-	\$	-
6. Insurance	\$	302.00	\$	300.00
B. Board and Committees				
1. President	\$	200.00	\$	200.00
2. Secretary	\$	50.00	\$	50.00
3. Treasurer	\$	50.00	\$	50.00
4. Board Tools	\$	100.00	\$	100.00
5. Admin. Comm				
a. Finance	\$	275.00	\$	150.00
b. Membership	\$	150.00	\$	150.00
c. Public Relations	\$	50.00	\$	300.00
d. Membership Grant	\$	80.00	\$	80.00
C. Delegates Travel and Workshops				
1. State Council	\$	-	\$	500.00
2. State Convention	\$	500.00	\$	-
3. National Convention	\$	-	\$	1,500.00
4. Annual Meeting	\$	120.00	\$	-
5. Workshops	\$	100.00	\$	100.00
D. Financial Support for League				
1. Lake Michigan Interleague	\$	25.00	\$	25.00
2. State PMA	\$	1,296.00	\$	1,500.00

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF APPLETON:
PROPOSED BUDGET 2003 -2004**

3. National PMP*	\$	1,412.68	\$	1,050.00
4. LWV Ed Fund	\$	283.50	\$	350.00
E. Bulletins				
1. Supplies	\$	25.00	\$	75.00
2. Postage	\$	325.00	\$	350.00
3. Printing	\$	300.00	\$	325.00
F. Educational Activity				
1. Member Directory	\$	100.00	\$	120.00
2. Program				
a. National	\$	50.00	\$	50.00
b. State	\$	50.00	\$	50.00
c. Local	\$	75.00	\$	75.00
3. Voter Service	\$	1,000.00	\$	400.00
4. Promotional Public Event*	\$	1,500.00	\$	-
5. Website	\$	300.00	\$	200.00
G. Position Support	\$	100.00	\$	50.00
H. Miscellaneous				
1. Corporate Filing Fee	\$	10.00	\$	10.00
2. Fall Event-Octoberfest	\$	300.00	\$	-
3. Holiday Brunch	\$	500.00	\$	500.00
4. Annual Meeting Dinner	\$	500.00	\$	500.00
5. Decision Makers Lunch	\$	300.00	\$	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	10,959.18	\$	9,590.00

Budget assumes 65 members, with 25 paying regular dues and 40 paying sustaining dues. Proposed budget assumes that dues for regular membership stay at \$45 and for sustaining members dues increase to \$65. We assume a \$1570 transfer from savings to cover expenses.

*changed from the original budget to reflect actual amounts.

**removed from the budget because they are designated funds, not available for cash flow. Transfers from funds are indicated.

SHOULD APPLETON BY-LAWS BE CHANGED?

The Nominating Committee explored the concept of adding a Vice President position to the Board of directors and making the President's position a one-year term. The V.P. position would be a one-year term assisting the President, learning the position and helping where needed. The second year would require the V.P. to assume the Presidency for one year.

The Board feels this proposal merits discussion at the annual meeting. It seems that finding a President has become very difficult and the Board is open to discussion on other options and ideas to perhaps make this a more palatable position. We are asking members to ponder this idea and come to the annual meeting with pros and cons and/or other suggestions.

**NEEDED:
VOLUNTEERS TO HELP
AT STATE
CONVENTION,
May 30/31**

Please call or email Holly if you can help out at Convention for a shift at registration or other needs.

League Annual Meeting and Dinner

Local and State Study Recommendations

The results of our January lively issues meeting were discussed at the March 4 board meeting and the following items have been approved to be brought before the general membership for a vote at the April 29 annual meeting. Further discussion is welcome at the meeting before voting on local and state study.

Recommended Local Study

Regionalization of Services

Nonrecommended items in order of preference (votes at Lively Issues)

1. Nontraditional education (home schooling, virtual schools, charter, etc.)
2. Legislated beautification
3. Safety issues

4. Reviewing all local positions
5. Streamlining government funding sources

Recommendation for State Study

Barriers to regionalization

Nonrecommended as State Study

Implementing universal health care in Wisconsin

Board Nominations

Executive Board

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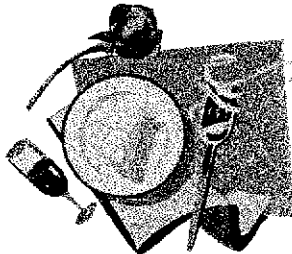
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Nominating Committee for 2004

Chair: Holly Park
Marcia Hittle
Jan Quinlan



**Annual Meeting
Simpson's Red Ox
2318 South Oneida Street
6:30 p.m. social hour with cash bar
7:00 p.m. dinner and annual meeting**

Presentation by Carla Salmon:

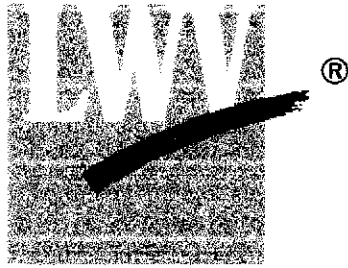
Archival Procedures

Thursday, April 10, 1:30 – 3:30 pm
First Congregation Church
724 E. South River Street, Appleton

Our League is beginning to assemble records, newspaper clippings, studies, and all various kinds of historical materials as a presentation of the history of the League of Women Voters of Appleton. April 10th Carla Salmon will offer a presentation to League members and any interested guests who would like to learn how to prepare archives.

We are asking all current and former members of the Appleton League to share with us any League materials they may have. The materials sought include (but are not restricted to): membership directories, study materials, minutes (both board and annual meeting), bulletins (newsletters), publications, clippings, annual meeting kits. Marlys's home (1015 Nawada Court) will be the collection point for materials beginning April 2. If you would like the items returned, please indicate and the materials will be photocopied and returned to you.

Marlys Fritzell, Karen de Young, Corinne Goldgar, Marcia Hittle, Barbara Hoffman, and Sue Kinde have volunteered to take part in this project, but anyone wanting to take part will be welcome; the only requirement is attending the training session on April 10.



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The 2003-4 Board

& Message from our New President

The 2002-3 board is still listed in the sidebar. Here are the newly elected board members: Debra Cronmiller, Karen de Young, Katie Drescher, Sue Eich, Susan Alger, Miriam Douglas, and Jodie Kacer. Returning board members include: Karon Sandberg, Carolyn Mewhorter, Kathy Kamp, and Gayle Hardt, The Nominating Committee for 2004 will be: Holly Park, Marcia Hittle, Jan Quinlan.

[Here is a letter to Holly from our new president, Debra Cronmiller]

Regretfully, I am unable to attend the Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters on April 29th. I am formally requesting that you accept on my behalf the office of President for the next two years. I am both honored and excited to begin this service on behalf of all the members, new and experienced, in League.

Due to the conflict in timing with the National Low Income Housing Coalition Annual meeting in Washington, DC, I ask that you preside in my place for that portion of the meeting for which I would have responsibility. My inability to attend due to this conflict with my paid employment, in no way minimizes the enthusiasm I have for beginning this new round of volunteer service to the Appleton League.

In the last few years of my League volunteerism, I have seen a great deal of change at all levels of League, National, State and Local. I am humbled that the nominating committee has deemed me an appropriate leader to continue to spearhead the changes both foreseeable and unforeseen in the next years. I welcome the opportunity of continuing the mission of the

League and to encourage the active participation of members, both new and existing, in all the important work that League pursues.

Thank you again for this opportunity and for your leadership.
Sincerely,
Debra Cronmiller

League Calendar

Date	Event	Meeting Place
May 30/31	LWV WI State Convention	Radisson, Appleton
May 20 & June 3 3- 6 pm	Collect materials for the LWV Appleton archives (see article inside)	Appleton Public Library
Tues., July 29 7pm	Board to Board Training This past year's board meets with the newly elected board.	Debra Cronmiller's home, 1012 W. Fourth St.
Reminder will be in your mail.		

Come to LWVWI Convention,

May 30/31, the Radisson

Since we're hosting the convention in our city with other area Leagues, we're encouraging as many people as possible to attend all or part of the convention. See the next few pages for highlights and registration information. Get a complete itinerary by looking at the www.lwvwi.org

website. Call Holly or Debra C. if you have questions. Registration must be postmarked by May 15 to avoid late registration fee.

City Assessor : Appointed vs. Elected

As you know, our League has had a long standing position that administration offices, such as the assessor, should be appointed.

As stated by Assessor Washatka, in a memo to Appleton council, "the property owners' and citizens should never have to be concerned about assessments being set based on political leanings nor should the assessor ever be concerned about doing what is right according to statutes verses doing what is needed to get elected."

Reasons the assessor position should be appointed are:

- State Statutes require specific certification of Assessor 2 to hold this position.
- (currently only 9 people living in the city hold this certification)
- Marshfield and Waukesha are the only two other cities that have elected assessors. (In the last four years, West Allis, Muskego and Sheyboygan all converted to appointed positions by making a charter ordinance change.)
- This is not a position that we can afford on the job training. Appleton's assessments are complicated. We are in three counties, have four school districts, have six TIF districts, and four sanitary districts.
- In addition to the technical skills needed, the assessor needs strong leadership and supervisory skills, to be a team player, and have strong public relation skills.
- The only requirements to run for the office are to be 18 years old and get 200 signatures on the nomination papers. Worry about the certification later.

The debate, on the council floor, is ongoing and a call to your alderperson in support of the position being appointed is encouraged. A council sponsored referendum is currently being considered so talk to your neighbors too.

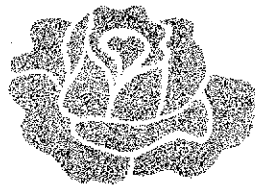
Karon Sandberg, Action V.P.



Collection for Appleton LWV Archives May 20 & June 3

In the next six months, the League of Women Voters of Appleton will establish a permanent archival collection to be housed at the Appleton Public Library. This project needs your help! Committee members will be at the Appleton Public Library on May 20 from 3-6 pm and June 3 from 3-6 to receive your LWV materials. This is a great opportunity to clean out your attic, basement or office. If you have a box full, a few photos or just a few This Is Appleton publications—now is the time to unload. If you wish to retain your materials we will be glad to photocopy or scan and return the originals to you.

If you have any questions regarding this project call Karen de Young 739-3079 or Marlys Fritzell 731-0736.



Welcome, Nasreen Majid

[interview by Gretchen Bambrick]

Nasreen Majid joined the League last fall. Last September Nasreen represented the American Muslim Alliance in the partnership with League to present "A Lesson in Civics – making Democracy Work".

Upon completion of her degree in cyto-technology and his residency in Neurology, she and her husband moved to Appleton thirty-one years ago from Chicago. Since then she and her husband have given generously of their time and resources to our community. In the eighties, they were instrumental in building the mosque where she volunteered as treasurer for ten years and organized social activities for the Muslim community. She worked with Father Orville Janssen and other caring citizens to establish the Saturday feeding program at the Salvation Army. What began with a handful of volunteers has matured into a large program today.

She and her family have actively supported and assisted Kurdish Iraqis, Bosnians, and Somalis to get established in their new country and community. Within 24 hours of 9/11 she single-handedly raised \$10,000 for the Red Cross.

In between and simultaneous to her community commitments, Nasreen raised two daughters, one of whom is a psychologist in California, the other a psychologist with the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation in Milwaukee. During the past year Nasreen has been struggling with serious health problems which have only slowed but far from stopped her community involvement. We wish her a successful recovery and welcome her to League.

ACTION ALERT FROM LWWVI

The Wisconsin Legislature is poised to vote on legislation that would weaken compliance and enforcement of Wisconsin's environmental laws.

Ask your state senator and Gov. Doyle to oppose this bill. Draft letter follows.

Dear Senator,

cc: Governor Doyle

I urge you to oppose Senate Bill 61, which will weaken compliance and enforcement of Wisconsin's environmental laws and increase threats to our health and environment.

While the original intent of the "Environmental Results and Environmental Improvement" program was to give incentives to industries that commit to voluntarily reducing their environmental impact, this bill actually rewards illegal polluters and creates a dangerous precedent of granting immunity from enforcement of state laws.

Under this law, industries that are regulated under Wisconsin's air and water laws in order to protect human health and the environment would have the opportunity to enter into contracts with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). These contracts would eliminate or severely limit the ability of the DNR to inspect the facility for illegal pollution and grant immunity from enforcement actions if the facility does pollute illegally.

Not only does this proposed legislation weaken our existing laws, but it will also cost money to implement. In the midst of this budget crisis, you should not be asking taxpayers to foot the bill for a program that rolls back Wisconsin's air and water laws.

Please oppose this attempt by polluters to evade Wisconsin's air and water laws. I ask that you oppose Senate Bill 61.

Sincerely,

Write:
The Honorable [firstname] [lastname]
Wisconsin Senate
PO Box 7882
Madison WI 53707

OR:

Call: your state senator directly or use the toll-free state legislative hotline: 1-800-362-9472.

OR:

E-mail: Sen. [lastname]@legis.state.wi.us (insert the lastname of your own senator in place of [])

To contact Governor Doyle: e-mail his office at wisgov@gov.state.wi.us or call (608) 266-1212 or send a fax to (608) 267-8983. To send a letter, the address is: 115 East, State Capitol, Madison, WI 53702.

If you would like to receive action alerts directly from Planned Parenthood, sign up at www.ppawi.org

The medical community opposes the following proposal.
The State Medical Society, Council on Children and Families, Wisconsin Nurses Association, Wisconsin Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association, Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin, United Council of UW Students Inc, and the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin all oppose this effort.

Defunding of Family Planning Programs & PPWI

Assembly Bill 231 / Senate Bill 84

Lead Author(s) Representative Suder / Senator Leibham

Description Ban on the use of public funds to organizations that provide all-options pregnancy counseling, provide patients with information on abortion providers (even in life-threatening situations); advocate for reproductive freedom; engage speakers who advocate for reproductive freedom; pay dues to a group that advocates for reproductive freedom; or offer abortion services using their own private funds.

Problem

Would effectively dismantle Wisconsin's family planning program. Family planning clinics providing all-options pregnancy counseling would lose state funding that enables low-income women access to reproductive health care. Prohibitions of certain affiliations between family planning clinics and abortion providers most likely unconstitutional.

Status

Introduced 03/26/03. Senate bill referred to Committee on Judiciary, Corrections and Privacy. Assembly bill referred to Government Operations and Spending Limitations.

Talking Points to oppose attack on family planning programs

- This proposal would add to our deficit & cost Wisconsin taxpayers millions of dollars
- The fiscal note on this issue concludes that without the continuation of Planned Parenthood's services "in many areas of the state there would be no other cost-effective provider and it would be very costly for the state to maintain current levels of services as required by law."
- This proposal puts the health of women, children and their families at risk
- The state's family planning program is a critical piece of the Wisconsin Plan to Prevent Adolescent Pregnancy. Access to cancer screenings, sexually transmitted infection testing and treatment and contraception would be eliminated in many areas because many current family planning providers would be ineligible to receive funds supporting the healthcare needs of thousands of low income women, children, and their families.
- There is widespread public support for funding of family planning programs because they are proven to reduce unintended pregnancy and abortion.
- Family Planning is cost effective and works to prevent abortion.
- Each dollar spent on family planning services saves an estimated \$3.00 that would otherwise be spent in medical care and other social services to women who by law would be eligible for such services if they became pregnant (Alan Guttmacher Institute)
- It is estimated that Wisconsin's family planning clinics avert 24,200 unintended pregnancies and 12,100 abortions each year (Alan Guttmacher Institute)
- State statutes already prohibit the use of state funds for the promotion and performance of abortion services [s.253.07(1)(b)]



58th Biennial State Convention
LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS of WISCONSIN

*Leading the Way in the 21st Century:
Democracy at Work in Wisconsin*

Friday, May 30 – Saturday, May 31, 2003
Radisson Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton

Come Prepared. . .

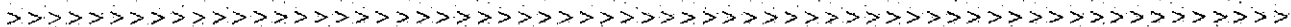
- ✓ **To Celebrate...**League community leadership and outreach
- ✓ **To Learn...**skills and information from our program workshops
 - **Innovative Fundraising**
 - **Increasing League Communication Through Computer Technology**
 - **Volunteer Recruitment and Retention**
 - **LWVWI Positions and Taking Action**
 - **Universal Health Care for Wisconsin**
 - **League Program Making OR League Voter Forum**
- ✓ **To Listen...**to Keynote Addresses by
 - **Edward Huck, Executive Director, Wisconsin Alliance of Cities, Inc.**, on Regionalization in Wisconsin
 - **Peg Lautenschlager, Attorney General of Wisconsin**, on the Role of Women in Politics in Wisconsin
 - **Kevin Kennedy, Executive Director, State Elections Board, and Carolyn Castore, LWVWI Representative on the Help America Vote Act Committee**, regarding HAVA in Wisconsin
- ✓ **To Relax...**Appleton visitors may visit a variety of facilities with our *Go-See Tours* scheduled for post-convention enjoyment on Saturday
 - **Heckrodt Wetland Reserve.** Visit a 65-acre forested wetland located in Menasha, featuring a 2-mile self-guided boardwalk trail. Take delight in marsh marigold, iris, jack-in-the-pulpit and many bird species.
 - Tour the new \$46 million **Performing Arts Center** in Appleton, followed by a stroll to the nearby **Appleton Art Center and Outagamie County Museum.**
- ✓ **To Party...**at our Friday evening Social Hour (cash bar), our Tribute to Excellence Awards Dinner, and our President's After-Hour Gathering
- ✓ **To Think About...**existing and potential League leadership and our impact on significant issues relevant to Wisconsin... to give directions to the new board... and to lobby during caucus opportunities throughout the weekend
- ✓ **To Work...**
 - Adopt our budget for 2003-2004 and our Program for 2003-2005
 - Elect our Board of Directors and Board Officers for 2003-2004

If you are interested in attending as a local delegate contact your local League president.
For more information or if you are a member-at-large interested in attending, call the state League office at
608/256-0827 or visit www.lwvwi.org.

Registration Form

Name _____ Local League _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Phone: () daytime: () evening: E-Mail _____

One person per form -- please feel free to duplicate this form.



Registrations need to be prepaid.

- 1. Please circle one of the following:** President Delegate Alternate Visitor

Each League is allowed as many alternates as there are delegates, including an alternate for the president; the delegate quota must be filled before visitors are allowed.
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- 2. Please indicate your registration preferences.**

<u>Registration Options</u>	<u>Price/person</u>	<u>Enclosed</u>
Full Registration (postmarked by Thursday, May 15) <small>(Includes: Workbook, Friday lunch, breaks & social hour, Saturday breakfast & lunch)</small>	80.00	\$ _____
One Day Registration (FRIDAY Only) <small>(Includes: Workbook and Friday lunch, breaks, and social hour)</small>	50.00	\$ _____
One Day Registration (SATURDAY only) <small>(Includes: Workbook, and Saturday breakfast buffet and lunch)</small>	60.00	\$ _____
* Late Fee (received postmarked after May 15).....	10.00	\$ _____
Friday Tribute to Excellence Dinner	35.00	\$ _____
Extra Workbook(s)	5.00/ea	\$ _____
TOTAL		\$ _____

- 3. Please Indicate Menu Options:**

Friday Lunch:	Turkey Foccacia	Spinach Salad
Friday Banquet:	Chicken Wellington	Marinated Portabella Mushroom
Saturday Breakfast:	President's Breakfast Buffet (local League Presidents)	Buffet Breakfast (others)
Saturday Lunch:	Baked Haddock	Veggie Stir-Fry

- 4. Return this completed form along with payment to: LWVWI, 122 State St Ste 405, Madison WI 53703.**

Fees are transferable but NOT refundable.

EARLY Registration Deadline is postmark of May 15.
ALL Registrations must be received by May 23!!

Call to LWV State Convention, Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, May 30/31

You will find information about the May 30/31 convention inside this bulletin, including registration. If you have questions about who are our delegates, can you be an alternate, are there any free or discounted registrations available for workers at the convention, call Holly Park. We encourage as many of you to attend as possible since it is here and hosted by our area Leagues. The registration deadline is a postmark of May 15 to avoid a late registration fee.



Update on Annual Meeting

You can watch for minutes of the annual meeting. We hope to have them on our local website when they are ready. A brief summary of actions includes: the budget and board nominations were accepted as presented. The local study approved is regionalization of services. New board members and nominating committee are listed on front page.

Action Alert from LWVWI: Urge Support for Free Air Time Bill

Write Senator Feingold to thank him for introducing the free air time bill. Ask Senator Kohl to co-sponsor the bill.

Senators McCain, Feingold and Durbin will soon introduce legislation that will require television and radio broadcast stations to provide free air time to candidates and political parties before elections. This will ensure that candidates can get their messages to voters at a reasonable cost and that the public can hear about the issues and candidates on which they must decide.

Escalating campaign costs drive out potential candidates and require those running for office to spend too much time raising money ^ too often from special interests. The Free Air Time legislation will help level the playing field for political candidates.



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From Debra's Desk



The President's Message

I am truly excited to begin a new season with the Appleton League. There are few things I do that give me as much pleasure and satisfaction as participating in League.

As I was preparing to write down a few thoughts for this column, I kept coming back to the notion of what is League. Of course we have a wonderful, defined mission of being a non-partisan organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase the understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Beyond this mission, though, is the heart of League and is what gives me and so many others the desire to participate. It's about our members. Wonderful women and a growing crew of men who are genuinely concerned about our community, locally and globally. Their collective passion, intellect and activism is League. And it's more exhilarating every year to be a part of this organization.

I have the honor of serving on the State Board and we have just completed the process of hiring a new Executive Director to lead the state League into the next stage of this organization's development. If I wasn't already eager to participate, the enthusiasm of the many candidates that applied

League Calendar

Date	Event	Meeting Place
Tuesdays	Appleton LWV	Housing
Oct 7, Nov 4,	Board Meetings	Partnership
Dec 2		611 N. Morrison
4:30 pm		
October 25	LWV WI Issues	Madison
8:00 - 3:00	Briefing 2003	
November 8	General	TBA
	Membership	
	Meeting to	
	review Position	
	Papers	
December 13	League's Holiday	TBA
10:30-1:00	Brunch	
December 19	Constitution	PAC
	Performance	



would have motivated me to join right in. It was very satisfying to see so many well-qualified candidates all competing for the privilege of leading our members. Ultimately, LuAnn Bird accepted the Board's offer. LuAnn is a Leaguer from Oshkosh who has been an elected official, active in education and environmental issues, and has recently completed her degree in Community Leadership and Development and is currently pursuing graduate work in Political Science. She has both the desire and capacity to bring an improved efficiency to the State League, create greater exposure for our good work and to stabilize our none too healthy financial situation.

Working with LuAnn the last couple of weeks has reaffirmed my commitment to making League function at its maximum capacity. Through study and advocacy we do make a difference.

Our local board has met twice thus far, once for training and once for a traditional Board meeting. I am sure that this is a group that is going to get much accomplished this year. Their energy is contagious. Please watch your bulletin for upcoming study meetings, special events and League activities and feel free to catch their enthusiasm for League and for making our community better for all of us.

Local Study 2003-2004 – Regionalizing Government Services

The League of Women Voters of Appleton this year will study the pros and cons of regionalizing government services in the Fox Cities. This study will focus not so much on how to regionalize, though many have offered wonderful suggestions in this area already, but more specifically, should there be regionalization and if so, what obstacles are present. Since our current local positions do not address this topic well, this will be an important opportunity to not only discuss a very timely local issue but to forge a new League position.

Beth English, a seasoned League member, has graciously offered to chair this study and many Leaguers and non-Leaguers have offered their expertise and commitment. The more voices and viewpoints, as always, will enhance and strengthen the process.

Please watch for meeting times so you, too, can be a part of this year's study.

Membership Dues

This is the month to renew your LWV membership. An envelope to be returned to the Treasurer is included for your convenience. The dues have increased due to increases in the state and federal dues, which are a part of your membership with the local league. Please understand that our regular membership dues DO NOT cover all of the cost associated with being a LWV member. The sustaining membership is higher, and comes closer to covering all of the costs of membership. Please consider paying sustaining dues to cover these costs (or while you are at it, consider giving even a little more!). Also, when you are submitting your dues, please provide your email address. *This will only be used by our local league to send you information on topics of interest to you. We will not provide this address to any other groups.* THANKS for your continued LWV-Appleton membership.

Electronic Bulletin

Some of you have asked if you can receive the Bulletin by Email rather than the hard copy we send out. You certainly can! And it will save the League money for printing and postage. Just add the word "Bulletin" next to your Email address when you return your dues. You will be sent the copy in pdf format that you can read with Adobe Acrobat Ver. 4.0 or higher. This is a free program that you can download from the website www.adobe.com by pressing their AdobeReader® button.



Our Membership Drive is Underway!

And you could be the KEY to our success!

We are aiming to increase our membership base by at least 2 new members this fall. If you have a friend, neighbor, co-worker or acquaintance whom you think would be interested in LWV, please call Susi Alger at 731-5048. And watch your mailbox for notice of the upcoming Membership Tea tentatively planned for the end of October or early November.



Observer Corps---The Eyes and Ears of the League

A local League observer is the eyes and ears of the League in learning how government works and about issues that may be appropriate for local study and action. Furthermore, consistent League presence at government meetings increases our visibility and credibility.

We like to cover three areas with our observers – City Council, Outagamie County Board, and the Appleton School Board. Sometimes, in areas of special interest, it may be more effective to attend committee meetings of these governmental bodies.

City Council meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7 pm. The County Board meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 6:30 pm and the School Board meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7 pm. It is especially important to attend the city and county budget meetings which will be in October. Remember, it is our money being spent! The President of the League usually will speak for our interests during the public portion of these meetings.

We need people who are willing to attend two or three meetings during the year and report back to me. You only need to observe and fill in a report sheet. It is an easy way to be involved and you may be surprised how interesting it can be to see local government in action. Call me-----I have the perfect job for you!!

Sue Eich, Observer Corps Chair, 731-1855 (new phone number)

League of Women Voters of Wisconsin Issues Briefing 2003

Saturday, October 25

Comfort Inn – 4822 East Washington Madison

AGENDA

Morning

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 9:15 a.m. Welcome and Introduction:

Julie Arneith, President, League of Women Voters of Wisconsin

9:15 – 10:30 a.m. SESSION 1

I. Individual Liberties: A panel discussion on privacy issues

The U.S. Patriot Acts 1 & 2 and more...

Barbara Dimick, Director of the Madison Public Library System

John Nichols, Editor for the Capitol Times

Steven Porter, Chair-Elect of the Individual Rights and Responsibilities

Section of the Wisconsin Bar Association and ACLU Board member

II. Education: How will the "No Child Left Behind Act" Impact Wisconsin's Public School Children?

Mike Thompson, Federal Policy Advisor, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

10:45 – 12:00 SESSION 2

I. Individual Liberties: Immigration and Foreign Residents

The U.S. Patriot Act and other homeland security measures

Bernie Trujillo, Assistant Professor of Law, University of Wisconsin Law School

II. Election Reform: Implementation of HAVA Begins.

An Update on the Help America Vote Act (HAVA)

Carolyn Castore, LWVWI Representative, WI HAVA Implementation Committee

Afternoon

12:00 – 12:45 p.m. LUNCH

12:45 – 1:30 p.m. KEYNOTE ADDRESS: *Civil Liberties: A Historical Perspective*

Professor Larry Church, University of Wisconsin Law School

1:45 – 3:00 p.m. SESSION 3

I. Health Care: Health Care Security for All!

Linda and Eugene Farley, Retired Physicians, Members of LWVDC

II. Education: Virtual Schools: Can Children Learn with a Class Size of Fifty to One?

Nicole Schweitzer, Principal of Wisconsin Connections Academy of Appleton

Register by October 15. Rooms must be reserved by October 3. See the LWV Wisconsin website www.lwvwi.org for registration details.

Directions to the Comfort Inn in Madison:

From Chicago, Milwaukee and Minneapolis/St. Paul: I-90-94 take exit 135A-151 or East Washington and take a right. Hotel is located on the north frontage road on the hill by Perkins Restaurant.

LWV Wisconsin 2003-2005 Study Programs

At the LWVWI State Convention last May the following two studies were adopted for the 2003-2005 Program:

Civil Liberties

"Study the state and local governments' role in protecting individual liberties, including the National Patriot Act."

The Committee has determined the following objectives and timetable

Objectives

1. To educate League members as to what individual liberties are guaranteed by the Constitution and to bring members up to date on the threats to these liberties in times of national crisis, including the current post 9-11 federal legislation
2. To educate the public about about these liberties and the current threats.
3. To reach a state consensus on protection of individual liberties in the current situation in order to provide the basis for state and local action.

Timetable

The state committee on individual liberties decided to accelerate the study for the purpose of being timely and effective. The aim is to reach consensus in time for adoption at the LWVWI Council Meeting in June, 2004.

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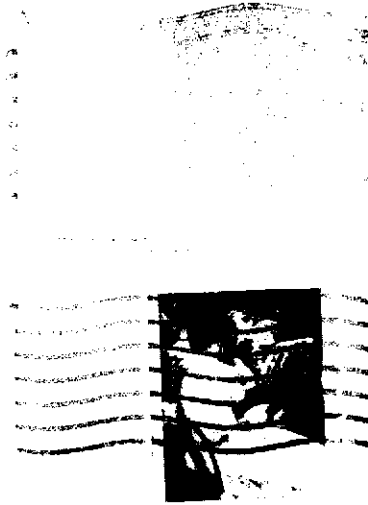
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The President's Message

Though the League season is still relatively fresh, League activities already have many of us humming. Statements to be presented to the City Council and County Board on their proposed budgets are being drafted for presentation early this month. Meetings across all local government units are being observed by League members. We are working with the Oshkosh and Neenah/Menasha Leagues to sponsor a forum on the proposed Patriot Act Two and the threat to civil liberties that this new act and the original pose. In addition to all this, Appleton's mayor, Tim Hanna, has offered to provide information to the members of the League who are engaged in this year's local study on the barriers to regionalization.

I know I do not have the history of years of participation in League that some of our valued members have, but never in my 10 year journey has so much meaningful activity been occurring simultaneously. Susi Alger has a dedicated membership team working diligently to meet the National and State League membership goals of expanding our membership by 10%. The activity at all levels of League is very high. What a wonderful time to bring in new members interested in the grassroots efforts ongoing to 'help America vote', to study the impact of charter schools and home schooling on the K-12 system in Wisconsin, to determine the impact of the Patriot Act(s) on our civil liberties, and to examine local regionalization. Please remember

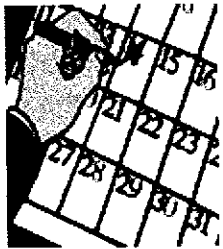
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4:30-6:30 PM		
November 18	Patriot Act Forum	Coughlin Center
7:00-8:30 PM		625 E County Rd Y
		Oshkosh
December 19	Constitution Performance	PAC
January 10, 2004	Lively Issues	TBA

to bring a friend to any League event you attend this year. I am confident they, too, will want to join in.

The President of the League of Women Voters United States will be coming to Wisconsin at the invitation of the State League. Kay Maxwell will be speaking on November 19th at Alverno College in Milwaukee at 7:30 pm. She will be addressing issues around the California recall election and the many recalls in the Milwaukee area in the last year. We may hear from her how joining the LWV will help voters to make better choices to begin with and avoid all of this recall business. Watch the state website for details, www.lwvwi.org.

The Holiday Brunch and new member events are just around the corner. Continue to watch the Bulletin and website for information on places and times or contact any League member to determine how you might be able to help sustain our democratic society.



Fall Membership Tea
Thursday, November 13th, 4:30 – 6:30
At the home of Susi Alger, 71 Brentwood Lane, Appleton
RSVP by November 11, 731-5048

You should have received your invitation to this event by now. Please plan to join us, share time with old friends and meet new ones. If you have a friend or co-worker you think would be interested in League or can help by bringing an hors d'oeuvres, contact Susi Alger.

Local Study 2003-2004 – Regionalizing Government Services

The local study committee has just begun meeting this month. There is still plenty of opportunity to join us as we take a look at regional cooperation in local government.

It's easy to see the many obstacles to consolidation. Perceived loss of local control, potential loss of local identity, and a short sighted view of potential benefits are some of the barriers. The committee would like to propose a position that would allow League to speak on behalf of the consolidation measures that make sense.

All are welcome to join this local study. There will be opportunities to attend unit meetings in December and we expect to have consensus meetings in February. We also need eyes and ears at the local meetings where consolidation ideas first germinate. So, if you haven't already contacted Sue Eich to get on the Observer Corps team, do so. We can really use you.

Watch for meeting dates—Beth English, Local Study Chair, 735-9917

Observer Corps---The Eyes and Ears of the League

Observer Corps is still in need of people who would be willing to attend two or three meetings between now and May. We particularly need people to cover school board and also help to cover county board meetings. School board meets the 2nd and 4th Mon. at 7 p.m. and County Board meets the 2nd and 4th Tues. at 6:30 p.m. This is a great way to participate in League without giving up a lot of time. You need merely observe the session and fill in a form. Call me if you can help. Sue Eich 731-1855

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Date: November 18

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Place: Coughlin Center
625 E. County Road Y
Oshkosh

Moderator: Laurel Munger, LWV-Oshkosh

Speakers:

Dr. Tony Palmeri, UW Oshkosh Communications Dept

Dr. Martin Gruberg, UW Oshkosh Political Science Dept

John Nichols, Director, Oshkosh Public Library

Dr. Kim Wong, UW Oshkosh Political Science Dept

(Tapes will be available for anyone unable to attend.)

LWV Wisconsin 2003-2005 Study Programs

At the LWVWI State Convention last May the following two studies were adopted for the 2003-2005 Program:

Civil Liberties

"Study the state and local governments' role in protecting individual liberties, including the National Patriot Act."

Objectives

1. To educate League members as to what individual liberties are guaranteed by the Constitution and to bring members up to date on the threats to these liberties in times of national crisis, including the current post 9-11 federal legislation
2. To educate the public about these liberties and the current threats.
3. To reach a state consensus on protection of individual liberties in the current situation in order to provide the basis for state and local action.
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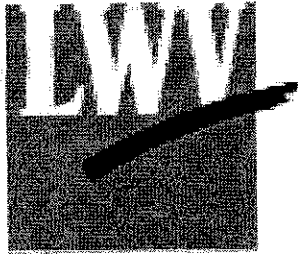
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My check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed



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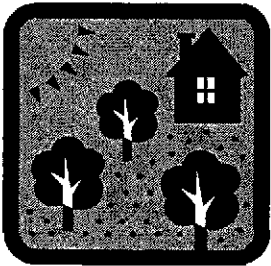
The Holiday season is always a time of reflection for me. I am invigorated by the awareness of how much I have to be thankful for in my life. The information I receive from League and my friendship with so many of our members, both locally and throughout the State, is always on the list of things that I truly appreciate and value. League meetings, like the ones I have been attending on the barriers to regionalizing services in the Fox Cities and the discussions of civil liberties and the Patriot Act, are not only interesting and intellectually stimulating, they are a refreshing change from both my work and

League Calendar

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Tuesday, Dec 2 4:30 PM	Appleton LWV Board Meeting	Emergency Shelter 400 N. Division St
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Saturday, Dec 13 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Appleton LWV Holiday Brunch	Radisson - Paper Valley Hotel
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my other endeavors. My participation in League adds value to my life in so many ways.

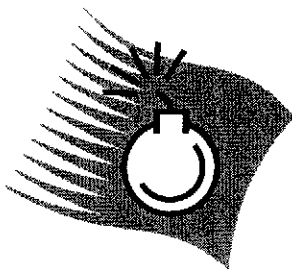
This season, as you reflect on all you have to be thankful for, think about sharing League with those you know and care about. A membership to League is a wonderful way to bring both awareness and education of political issues, as well as an opportunity to engage our community in their government. Participating in League can enhance anyone's life. Very few League members haven't reaped the benefits of our discussions, our calls to action and for some of us, the career doors that were opened as a result of the networking opportunities League affords. So if you're vacillating between oven mitts and fruitcake think outside the box, think LEAGUE.



Focus Group
City Assessor: To Appoint or Select?
Tuesday, December 9, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
At the home of Carolyn Mewhorter
315 N. Drew St, Appleton

Dawn Washatka, City Assessor, will be joining us. Bring a brown bag lunch. Drinks will be provided.

The Appleton League has a position, the result of a study in the mid-60s, supporting appointment, rather than election, of the Appleton city assessor. At that time, Appleton had five charter offices - - the mayor, clerk, treasurer, and attorney. Of the five, only the mayor was a policy-making position; the other four were administrative. A referendum to make the four administrative offices appointive - - a referendum in which the League was very, very active - - was held . . . and soundly defeated. (Later, another referendum deleted the elected treasurer and gave the office's duties to an appointed finance director.) The League's position that only policy-making offices should be elective is as valid today as it was 30+ years ago.



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Individual Liberties Study Committee, LWV Wisconsin

Letter to Local Leagues

Hello,

We want to keep in touch, share information, concerns, and suggestions.

More materials for the Individual Liberties study.

Many of you are planning or have held some excellent educational forums for your communities on Individual Liberties and the Patriot Act and other Homeland Security measures. League has received a number of favorable comments from the media and the public on League's organization of these meetings! Just out is a tool from the LWVUS, a new website on "Civil Liberties Organizing Materials". It contains suggestions for organizing public meetings, and lists other possible groups to ask to co-sponsor the event. Local League contact people have probably already received this notification, but if not, a link to this material is posted on the LWVWI web page: <http://www.lwvwi.org/liberties.htm>. (Click on bibliography at the top of the page.)

Clarification of the Individual Liberties Study Goals

The LWVWI study on Individual Liberties is a two-part program. The first part is educational and does not include a consensus, the phase of the study we are currently in. The goal is to inform our members and our communities about the Patriot Act and other federal measures which erode our Constitutionally guaranteed civil liberties. This educational effort is based on the national League position adopted in 1976 and reaffirmed in 1982: "The League of Women Voters believes in the individual liberties guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States. The League is convinced that individual rights now protected by the Constitution should not be weakened or abridged." This educational part of our study is not only a prerequisite for our own study on the role of state and local governments in protecting civil liberties, these educational forums also fulfill the LWVUS goal of having local Leagues take on the task of public education. Before any action, be it on the national, state, or local level, we need to know what the new and proposed federal laws and rules are and how they affect our Constitutional rights before deciding what to do about them.

We do not need to take consensus on whether to protect individual liberties in this time of crisis – our national position, and the history of crises which form its background, clearly state and imply that these individual rights, even in times of crises, "should not be weakened or abridged". Letters to Congress from the national League have already been sent in July and again in September questioning sections of the Patriot Act, and urging Congress to oppose legislation expanding it (under so-called Patriot Act II). National will be tracking bills that come before Congress to limit or repeal parts of the Patriot Act, and will send out Action Alerts to local Leagues concerning them. In brief, we have a strong national position, and LWVUS will be taking care of needed action on the federal level.

The second part of our state program, and the area concerning which we will be proposing consensus questions, and sending out pro and con analyses is, in the words of the study, "the state and local governments' role in protecting individual liberties". The committee will be working on these materials at its upcoming meetings. We eagerly invite members' input on the direction of the study, and materials members think would be helpful to it.

The Individual Liberties Committee is gratified that so many Leagues have jumped in and organized community forums, and forums of such topnotch quality. This is vintage League in action! More forums will take place this winter. Then in late winter and early spring, we will discuss and take consensus on what local units of government in Wisconsin can and should do to protect the civil liberties of their residents. The consensus will have to be completed by April 30 in order to be confirmed by the State Board and Council Meetings on June 4 and 5.

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Material for LWVWI Individual Liberties Website: Ellen Rosborough - emr819@centurytel.net.

State Study: Civil Liberties
Thursday, February 19, 7:00 PM
Location – TBA

Important background material is contained in the letter above from the State LWV. The Appleton LWV still needs a local chairperson for the consensus portion of this study. Call President Debra Cronmiller, 830-2284, if you can do this for the League.

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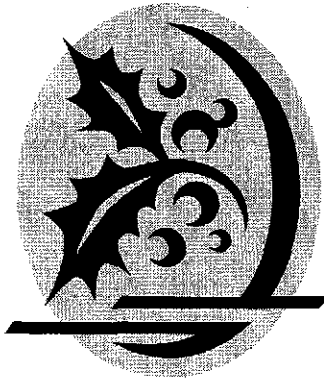
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Happy New Year friends of the League. What a year it is shaping up to be. Of course, 2004 will bring a Presidential election in addition to local and state elections. The Appleton League will have an opportunity to educate local voters in anticipation of the Spring referendum regarding moving the Assessor from elected to appointed. Since the early 1960's, the League has had a position in favor of moving this non-policy making office from elected to appointed. Watch your bulletin for more details as we approach the Spring election.

The State League continues to reorganize itself to maximize its impact in creating and preserving our democratic society. Under the direction of the

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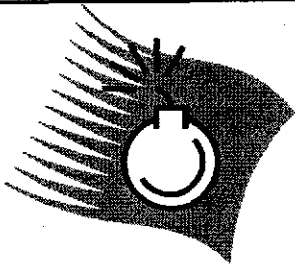
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new State League Executive Director, LuAnn Bird, new technology is being secured and installed, better use of volunteers is underway to maximize KidsVote and general office administration, a new League has been formed in Sauk County with some additional help by members of the Dane County League, and Ozaukee County is thinking outside the box to try to figure out how to integrate an eight year old who is seeking membership because she wants to be a "League of Women Voter".

Wisconsin will hold it's out of the ordinary Presidential primary on February 17th. State Council will be held on June 5th and National Convention in Washington, DC will be held June 11-15. Our local Issues Briefing is fast approaching and consensus meetings on Civil Liberties and Regionalizing services in the Fox Cities are fast approaching.

Please contact Marlys Fritzell if you are interested in reviewing the local position papers and bylaws in anticipation of the Annual Meeting. Our positions are most valuable when they are kept updated and complete. Draft copies of the updated documents will be available for members to review in hard copy in advance of the Annual Meeting and on-line. Make sure you take time to review these important papers so we can adopt them formally at the Annual Meeting with any revisions the membership feels appropriately represents our current positions and practices.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

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Regionalizing Government Services

Local Study

Barriers Encountered in Regionalization – Monday, January 19, 11:30 AM, Appleton Public Library, Lower Level. Contact Beth English (tel: 735-7610, e-mail: mbenglish@juno.com) if you plan to attend and want a lunch ordered.

Speakers: Tobie Paltzer - Outagamie County Executive, Phil Stecker - Outagamie County Landfill, Brad Gehring - Outagamie County Sheriff, Rick Myers - Appleton Police Department

Consensus Meeting – Thursday, February 12, 7:00 PM, Home of Susi Alger, 71 Brentwood Lane, Appleton

Campaign Finance Reform in Wisconsin

Action Alert

In Wisconsin we are at an important juncture in the long struggle for campaign finance reform. We need to repair the strong system which was created in the 70's and which has disintegrated because of loopholes and related new practices developing in the 1990's.

AB 155/SB12 is a proposal for comprehensive campaign finance reform. Its provisions address and make changes in the 1970's statute which currently regulates campaign financing in Wisconsin.

The hope in the 1970's was that the state funds provided would assure that candidates would have adequate resources to reach the voters, that contributions and special interest influence would be controlled and disclosed through contribution limits for individuals and committees and spending limits in exchange for public funding.

The public funds are designated via a \$1 income tax checkoff. Until about 10 years ago most candidates used the state funds in exchange for keeping spending under the limits, and there was enough money to provide full grants.

By the 1990's several things had changed. The fund was gradually depleted as the checkoff numbers dropped. Full grants were no longer available, and candidates began to fear high spending opponents. It came to be perceived as too risky by candidates to apply for the ever smaller grants while at the same time needing to raise larger amounts of additional money and be subject to 1970's spending limits against big spending opponents who chose not to take the money and keep to the limits.

The League, based on our national CFR position originally reached in the mid '70's, believes that the following key provisions in these bills are exactly what is needed for Wisconsin to regain its position as a state with a strong, well regulated campaign finance system:

- 1) Increase spending limits by amounts appropriate for viable campaigns with cost of living adjustments - to assure that candidates have adequate funds to effectively reach voters with their messages.
- 2) Set the checkoff at \$5 and provide general purpose revenues as needed - no chance should be taken that funds are not available to provide candidates with full grants or that candidates will be discouraged from applying.
- 3) Set grants at 45% of spending limits for partisan offices. While a higher level would be desirable this percentage will provide the needed funds in the context of spending limit increases.
- 4) Reduce individual contribution limits - this is a way to lessen the possibility of special interest influence by decreasing the advantage for candidates who can access large contributors.
- 5) Bring so-called issue ads into regulation as independent spending (which is what they are) by providing supplemental grants for candidates faced with independent spending and opponents spending beyond the limits. This means that big spending by both candidates and independents will be discouraged, but if it happens it will be fully disclosed.

6) Eliminate transfers between committees including candidate committees and the special status now given legislative campaign committees – these activities have become ways to conceal special interest influence and to insure incumbent/party control of the process.

There are so many other good things about this bill. We mention a few by list only:

- the many tightened reporting requirements,
- the reduced limits on candidates' own contributions,
- limiting lobbyists' contributions to districts where they live and eliminating their business tax deductions for lobbying expenses,
- the new 5-day requirements for getting contributor information and making deposits, conduit transfers,
- 5% for public information about the purpose and effect of the state fund.

This is a very comprehensive bill which deals with the abuses we are currently experiencing. It has bipartisan sponsorship in both houses, (Ellis and Erpenbach in the Senate), which is absolutely necessary in the current climate. Despite this legislative leaders and most legislators would prefer not to change the system which has come to benefit them significantly. This bill and substantive legislation in many areas will not be brought to the floors unless public interests - such as the League - demand that such legislation be debated and voted up or down.

Now is the time that reformers have decided to proactively demand that the Legislature deal with campaign finance reform. And, the timing has proven to be ideal thanks to the recent US Supreme Court decision. The Supreme Court decided that it is not unconstitutional to regulate and require disclosure of "issue ads" when they appear during campaigns and are essentially campaign ads. The Wisconsin Legislature can no longer delay because of constitutional concerns.

Campaign finance reform is a LWV-WI action priority this legislative session (2002-2004). It's also a governance/citizens rights issue for which the League has a unique strength and role precisely because it's about the health of our legislative process and our democracy. We can carry out this unique role by proactively refusing to allow our legislators to ignore this issue at this time. We do this by letting them know when we meet with them that it's our priority before this session ends.

(Written by Sue Lloyd, LWVWI Legislative Committee)



The Holiday Brunch

The Holiday Brunch provided a festive and stimulating break for many of our members and one new prospect, Cynthia Barkley. Most arrived chuckling and somewhat relieved as finding the Paper Valley Hotel's Redwood Room, tucked away beyond the desk area rather than in the more familiar meeting hall, was more of a challenge than anticipated. Socializing with old friends and meeting new ones was enhanced by the great food and attentive service. We all enjoyed our speakers, John Peterson, a local attorney, and Terry Dawson of the Appleton Library, who spoke about the Patriot Act and the loss of civil liberties. We learned about the specifics of the law, the impact it's having on our institutions and discussed it's ramifications on personal freedoms and democracy. If you couldn't make it this year, mark your calendar for next: December 11, 2004.

Happy New Year

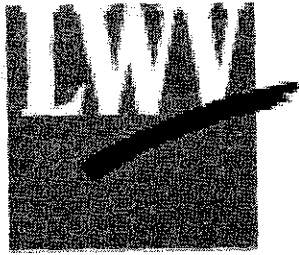


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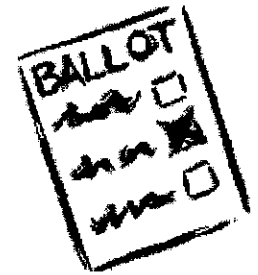
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The President's Message

The League is an enigma to me at times. Since this is not my first year as President, I had a greater level of confidence coming into the year that we had the people and organization to really accomplish a great deal. True to expectation, we are. Voter service activities are really starting to pick up in advance of the upcoming elections, the bylaws are being reviewed, the proposed updates to the Position Papers will hit the streets very soon and we are fully engaged in our local study of regionalizing government services and the state study on Civil Liberties. About all of this, I am very pleased.

Last week, however, Susie Alger as part of her duties as Membership Chairperson, reported that the membership for the Appleton League has dropped to 47 from last year's 56. Just ten years ago, the Appleton League had over 100 members. This recent drop really surprised me. This year's meetings have been well attended. The turn out at Issues Briefing was greater than in

League Calendar

Date	Event	Meeting Place
Tuesday, Feb 3 4:30 PM	Appleton LWV Board Meeting	Housing Partnership 611 N. Morrison
Thursday, Feb 12 7:00 - 9:00 PM	Consensus on Regionalizing Government Services	Susi Alger's 71 Brentwood Lane
Tuesday, Feb 17	School Board, Mayoral, and Presidential Primaries	
Thursday, Feb 19 7:00 - 9:00 PM	State Study - Civil Liberties	Housing Partnership 611 N. Morrison
Thursday, Mar 18 7:00 - 9:00 PM	Consensus on Civil Liberties	Housing Partnership 611 N. Morrison
Thursday, May 6	Annual Meeting	TBA

the last two years, yet our paid membership is down. Too few are participating in League and too few are participating in our democracy.

In this year when so much ink is being given to the disenfranchised citizen, I can think of no organization better positioned than the League to be growing in its membership. We are now and have always been an organization committed to increasing voter participation through education and advocacy. As members, we all know now is the time we must act to encourage voters to get involved and to participate in the democratic process. We will need you to recruit others to ensure that we succeed in carrying out our mission in the upcoming election year. We must sustain our democracy, the consequences of allowing it to slip away are too terrible to imagine.

My thanks to each of you who have renewed your commitment to League with the payment of your dues and your active participation. I encourage everyone to not only bring a friend to vote on February 17th, but to bring a friend to League. We need you now more than ever.

Regionalizing Government Services

Local Study

Consensus Meeting

Thursday, February 12, 7:00 PM

Home of Susi Alger, 71 Brentwood Lane, Appleton.

If you need directions, contact Susi at 731-5048 or salger@crp.org.

Barriers Encountered in Regionalization

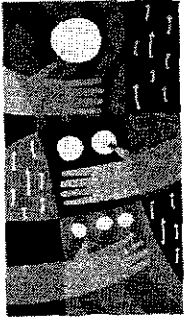
Parochialism and politics were just two of the barriers identified by our speakers to regional cooperative arrangements. Fourteen League members and spouses discussed landfill and law enforcement over lunch with area officials January 19. Phil Stecker, Director of Solid Waste, and Toby Paltzer, Outagamie County Executive, told League members about the creation and first year of the tri-county landfill and recycling facilities. Three years of talks and the vision of leaders resulted in the sharing of a single landfill and specialized recycling facilities for Brown, Outagamie and Winnebago Counties. Implementation teams dealt with changing state statutes, changing perceptions and changing minds. The result is a model being copied in other areas of the state.

Appleton Chief of Police, Rich Myers, and Outagamie County Sheriff, Brad Gehring, spoke of continually looking for ways to consolidate and cooperate. FOXCOMM, a communication link between fire, police, rescue, emergency medical and emergency government between Brown, Outagamie, Calumet and Winnebago Counties, is the most recent example of efforts to consolidate services. Both officials are continually looking for ways to serve their communities better by forming cooperative agreements.

The barriers that threatened to derail these cooperative arrangements were loss of control, "what's in it for me", equitable funding mechanisms, ultimate management, and disparate priorities among participants.

There were many examples cited showing that the cost benefit of consolidation is not the ultimate decision maker. All panelists summed up any successful efforts they participated in as being the result of vision, courage and setting personal ego aside for the greater good. Ideas that they could trace back several years did not get off the ground until there was good leadership.

League has the ability to make a difference. Each of these panelists saw several challenging opportunities for the future. Please plan on attending our consensus meeting. Remember, League needs consensus to form positions on which we base our public views. Participate and be part of the process.

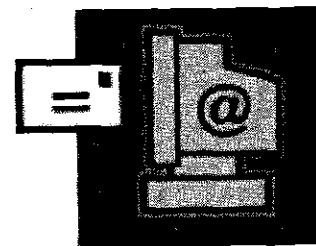


Women's Groups Collaborate

Appleton League has formed a coalition with AAUW and NOW. Our intention is that representatives from each group will meet twice a year to inform each other of their activities. This information then will be taken back to each group's membership. It will be a great way to take information or concerns to a larger audience and open up opportunities for support and collaboration on issues and activities.

Our first meeting will be in February. LWV will be sharing our concern and support for the upcoming referendum concerning changing the City Assessor position to an appointed position. We will encourage these groups to get out and vote as well as attend our debates. At a future meeting we will be able to share our regionalization study consensus and offer opportunities for their members to participate in future studies that interest them.

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Civil Liberties – State Study

Discussion - Thursday, February 19

Consensus – Thursday, March 18

Both meetings at 7:00 PM, Housing Partnership, 611 N. Morrison, Appleton

This State LWV study is focusing on the state and local governments' role in protecting individual liberties, including the National Patriot Act. The consensus reached will provide a basis for state and local action.

The LWV has a long history of protecting civil liberties. In 1942, during World War II, the League worked "to preserve the greatest degree of civil liberties consistent with national safety". That concern continued during the "witch hunt" period of the early 1950s. As of 1982 the national League's position on individual liberties has been *The League of Women Voters of the United States believes in the individual liberties guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States. The League is convinced that individual rights now protected by the Constitution should not be weakened or abridged.*

Kay Maxwell, President of the LWVUS, has testified several times before Congress expressing the League's concern about the US Patriot Act such as illustrated by several excerpts from her July 8, 2003 testimony to the House of Representatives.

"The League of Women Voters strongly believes that basic civil liberties must be preserved and protected as the nation seeks to guard against terrorism and other threats to national security. We are particularly concerned about the impact of provisions of the USA Patriot Act passed by Congress in October 2001, the possible extension of the sunset provisions of that Act and Administration proposals for a new Domestic Security Enhancement Act (DSEA), also known as Patriot Act II."

..."Today, American citizens and their elected representatives must remain vigilant to protect against encroachment on basic civil liberties. The additional powers that would be given to the government under the proposed Domestic Security Enhancement Act being discussed in the Administration would endanger many key rights of individuals. It is our understanding that the proposed DSEA would incorporate and expand on some of the most controversial and threatening aspects of the USA Patriot Act by:

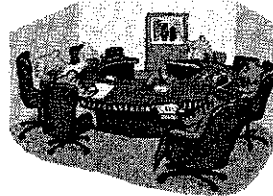
- Including an overly broad definition of terrorism so that government action could be directed against protesters and organizations that voice disagreement with the policies of the leadership of the United States;
- Authorizing government officials to obtain data, such as financial records and library records of individuals, without a warrant or involvement by the courts;
- Providing for indefinite detention of individuals, including American citizens, without disclosure of names or filing of charges;
- Ending existing court-imposed limits on law enforcement spying on political and religious organizations.

In addition to our concerns about the proposed DSEA, the League of Women Voters is concerned about the impact of the USA Patriot Act on the free and open exchange of knowledge by patrons of libraries and bookstores. We support the Freedom to Read Protection Act, H.R. 1157, sponsored by Representative Bernie Sanders (I VT) to exempt libraries and bookstores from the provision of the USA Patriot Act that allows law enforcement to obtain personally identifiable information regarding patrons without their knowledge and without a subpoena."

The League has provided good background information for our State LWV study.

- On November 18 LWV-Oshkosh sponsored a forum on the Patriot Act featuring panelists Dr. Tony Palmeri, UW Oshkosh Communications Dept, Dr. Martin Gruberg, UW Oshkosh Political Science Dept, John Nichols, Director, Oshkosh Public Library, and Dr. Kim Wong, UW Oshkosh Political Science Dept. Debra Cronmiller has a tape of this forum. Contact her at 830-2284 or debracronmiller@new.rr.com, if you would like to borrow it.
- On December 13 our Appleton LWV presented The Loss of Civil Liberties: An Overview of the Patriot Act featuring speakers John Peterson, Attorney and Terry Dawson, Director of the Appleton Public Library. Many of you attended.
- Follow the links on the State LWV website, www.lwvwi.org: Information on 2003-2005 program, Civil Liberties, Online bibliography and resource material for study. To access information on Civil Liberties from the LWVUS website, on the latter page click material (no login id or password is required), then click What has the League Done to Support Civil Liberties?

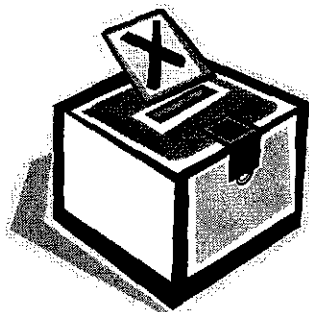
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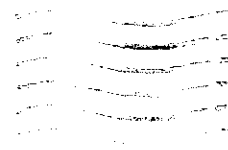
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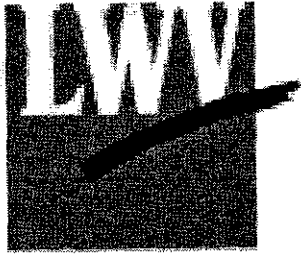


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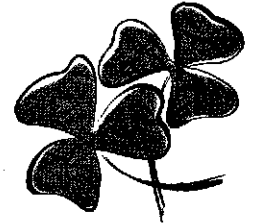
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The President's Message

Social work is not only what I do for a living, but it is what we all do as League members. I'm not talking about the social worker kind of work, though this is my 9-5 gig, I'm talking about building a better community, heightening awareness of social injustices, fighting for a better world. We can all cite too many examples of good community building, or builders, gone bad. Where greed or ego have turned social work into something destructive.

As a person interested in social work (the community building kind), I often see printed in literature the Margaret Mead quote, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world: indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." I saw the quotation again the other night embedded in a presentation about the homeless sponsored by some very aware young adults at Lawrence University given by the National Coalition to End Homelessness. I see it on the Housing Partnership's materials. I think the United Way may have used it when they introduced their new community impact approach to funding services. I've seen it at church.

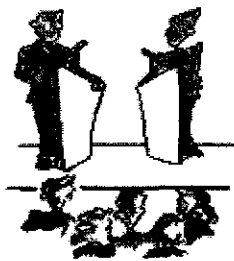
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Tuesday, Mar 2 7:30 AM	Appleton LWV Board Meeting	Housing Partnership 611 N. Morrison
Tuesday, Mar 9 6:30 - 8:30 PM	Mayoral Forum and Assessor Referendum Forum	Appleton Public Library
Thursday, Mar 18 Cancelled	Consensus on Civil Liberties	**Cancelled**
Friday, Mar 26 4:15 PM	WHBY Assessor Discussion	1150 WHBY
Thursday, May 6 6:00 PM	Annual Meeting	Wilber's Blackened Blues 100 E. College Avenue

To recognize that real change comes only at the hands of people who can vision a better life and a better world, is the battle that must be waged. The suffragettes worked first to achieve voting rights for women, but always had their eyes on the bigger target; an informed electorate actively participating to ensure our democracy.

The League continues to play a role today in creating positive change in our community. Through education and study, action and lobby, we are working to sustain our democracy by ensuring that every voter has the information they need and the motivation to act on that information. On February 17th, 41% of Appleton's voter's exercised their right and responsibility to vote. This is much improved from previous Primary turnouts but indicates that more change is needed. Change in how we think about our democracy, change in how we view ourselves in the process, and perhaps even change in the process itself.

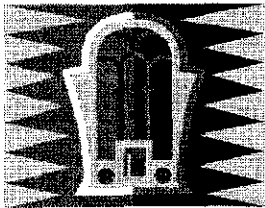
Through all this change, one thing we know will remain the same. The mission of League of Women Voter's will not change. We will continue the social work of encouraging the active participation of all informed citizens in the political process. We will sustain our democratic society.



Mayoral Forum

The Appleton LWV will be sponsoring a Mayoral Forum for the community on March 9th at the Appleton Public Library. Mayor Tim Hanna and Alderman Charlie Goff will attend. The Debate will occur 6:30 – 7:30 and and the Assessor Referendum Forum 7:30 – 8:30.

Please plan to attend and bring a guest (or two).



Assessor Discussion

Karon Sandberg, LWV Appleton and Dawn Washatka, the city assessor can be heard on WHBY "Jay Talking" at 4:15 PM on March 26. They will discuss the upcoming referendum to change the assessor position from elected to appointed. Please encourage friends and neighbors to listen in so that everyone can go to the polls on April 6 with a clear understanding of the issue.

Regionalization – Local Study

Our study committee was charged with examining the pros and cons of regionalizing government services in the Fox Cities, not looking at how to regionalize, but questioning if there should be regionalization and if so, what obstacles are present.

The committee began meeting in October of 2003. Committee members were Sue Alger, Gayle Hardt, Deb Cronmiller, Betty Nordeng, Helen Nagler and Beth English. At the initial meetings we examined the current positions. Although there are many National, State and local League positions addressing cooperation between jurisdictions and agencies, no single position specific to regional cooperative agreements exists. For our study material we turned to the experts and held an open forum in January with speakers Phil Stecker, Director of Solid Waste, Toby Paltzer, Outagamie County Executive, Rich Myers, Appleton Chief of Police, and Brad Gehring, Outagamie County Sheriff. Fourteen members and guests attended. These local officials outlined consolidation efforts that have been successful, such as the tri-county solid waste and recycling, combined dispatch center and MEG unit. They outlined partnership projects in process, such as the FOXCOMM communication agreement. When asked what were the biggest obstacles to intergovernmental delivery of services, they cited differing needs and expectations, funding sources, parochialism, and a loss of control and lack of vision as the most prevalent obstacles. All of the elected officials worry if their efforts will carry on after they leave office.

The consensus meeting was held February 12, 2004 with 11 members and guests present. Mayor Tim Hanna was asked to speak from his experience on both the state Kettl Commission and Sheehy Study. He outlined the need to reform local government financing. Betty Nordeng, of East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, shared a presentation outlining the governmental complexities of the Fox Cities. Her maps demonstrated the multiple taxing authorities and the overlapping jurisdictions of the Fox Cities.

CONSENSUS:

1. Local culture makes it difficult to promote regionalism. Residents see themselves as belonging to a municipality rather than the Fox Cities community. We were told that a number of small steps are being made toward cooperation in many areas. The question was raised if regional efforts are succeeding because they are taking place behind the scenes. Should League work toward bringing out these small steps to show people that cooperative efforts can and do work?
2. Open communication is the key to continuation of cooperative efforts. We also need the willingness of elected officials, staff and residents. Elected officials need to create the vision. Residents can push elected officials. Staff can work quietly behind the scenes to develop cooperative efforts. League should participate in the public meeting whenever there is an opportunity and educate the public about the benefits of cooperation.
3. State laws need to be changed to eliminate barriers to regionalism. Current funding fosters competition between municipalities. The idea of a state constitutional convention to change state law was raised. Those in attendance supported more immediate measures to change. We would like to see renewed cooperation between local Leagues as a means to lobby for regionalism. We see the need to work with the State League. Identify the state laws that impede cooperation. We need to increase lobbying on cooperation. Support small steps toward regional cooperation as a way to get to the big ventures. We would encourage supporting officials with a regional vision. Hold candidate forums at which we would craft questions that center on regional cooperation.

The following CONSENSUS STATEMENT was formed by the study committee:

The Appleton League of Women Voters supports regional intergovernmental services when it improves services and/or contains costs.

Civil Liberties – State Study

On February 19, 2004, a sub-committee of the Appleton League of Women Voters met to discuss the following proposed Consensus Positions drafted by the state committee:

Proposed Consensus position #1:

The League of Woman Voters of Wisconsin believes in the individual liberties guaranteed by the Wisconsin Constitution. The League is convinced that individual rights now protected by the Wisconsin Constitution should not be weakened or abridged.

Proposed Consensus position #2:

The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin believes that individuals and groups have the right and responsibility to oppose by any non-violent means government actions that weaken or abridge the individual rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution and the Wisconsin Constitution.

Proposed Consensus position #3:

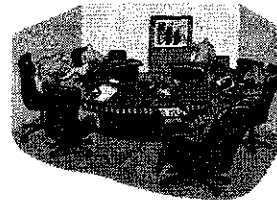
The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin believes that state and local government officials have the responsibility to uphold their oath of allegiance to the U.S. Constitution and Wisconsin Constitution by protecting the individual rights of their constituents in the face of federal laws and executive orders that weaken or abridge them.

The local committee was charged by the state committee to either agree or disagree with the position statements exactly as written. The desire of the state committee is to reach a consensus in favor of the new positions so that LWVWI and local leagues would be able to act on timely issues in this election cycle.

After much discussion, the local committee (Debra Cronmiller, Karen DeYoung, Miriam Douglass, Gayle Hardt, Kathy Kamp, Carolyn Mewhorter, Helen Nagler, and Karon Sandberg) agreed with Positions #2 and #3 and disagreed with Position #1. The committee cited two primary reasons for its disagreement. First, the position only cited the Wisconsin Constitution and not the U.S. Constitution. Secondly, the negative wording of the position caused collective confusion over the need to better define weakened and abridged. A more positive wording such as "...The League is convinced that individual rights now protected by the U.S. Constitution and the Wisconsin Constitution must be upheld" would have been more agreeable to the committee.

The committee will submit to the state committee its results. The State Board will have one more opportunity to review the recommended positions before they are presented for adoption at Council on June 5th. There will be no further local action on the adoption of these positions.

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Annual Meeting and Dinner May 6, 2004

Local and National Study Recommendations

The following items resulting from the January Lively Issues meeting were approved by the Board at its February 3, 2004 meeting and will be brought before the general membership for vote at the Annual Meeting. Further discussion before the vote on local and national study is welcome.

Recommended Local Study:

1. How to encourage qualified people to run for office.
2. How to improve the building and infrastructure aesthetic within our community.
3. To study disposal methods for PCBs.

Proposed Action: Riverfront

Not recommended items in order of preference (votes at Lively Issues):

1. Incarceration
2. County policies related to the Special Needs Population.

National Review and Update Positions (see website for details of the positions):

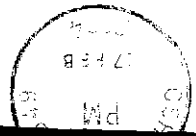
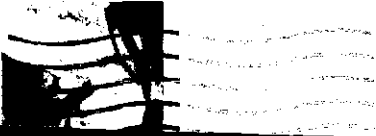
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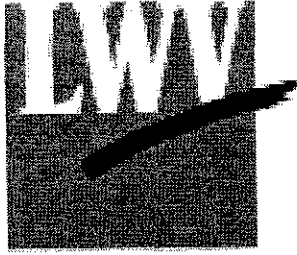
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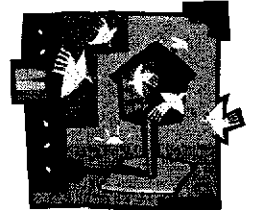
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From Debra's Desk



The President's Message

The League of Women Voters continues its work of educating and encouraging participation in our democratic society as we enter another election season. In addition to the Mayor's debate, I had the opportunity this month to represent the League on Dorothy Johnson's Access show. Dawn Watschatka and I tried hard to make the case for appointing an assessor in Appleton in the future to ensure that the most qualified professional holds this important city position. This past year, Leagues across the State have studied the impact of the Patriot Act on our Civil Liberties in an effort to form a more clear position. These discussions, for me, affirm why I am a member of the League. Together, our collective devotion to good government will ensure the democracy we all seek despite the changing times and continual assaults on the principals we hold most dear.

Changes in our local government officials and processes are a natural result of the democratic society we are trying so hard to get folks to participate in. And like our government, aspects of League are changing, too. This upcoming year each member of League will be asked to contribute more to support the State League through our per member payments. This will ensure that the State League can continue to be active in such important activities as Kids Vote, Issues Briefings, and advocating for such important League positions as women's reproductive choices and the ability to take on the NRA and win on important legislative issues like concealed carry.

League Calendar

Date	Event	Meeting Place
Friday, April 2 7:30 PM	Mayoral Debate	Time-Warner Cable
Thursday, May 6 6:00 PM	Annual Meeting	Wilber's Blackened Blues 100 E. College Avenue

Locally, change is also inevitable. In this Bulletin, you will see the slate of officers and see our many changes. Karen DeYoung is nominated to take the reigns as I step down to concentrate more on the responsibilities of my State League Vice Presidency, the ever pressing demands of fund raising for the homeless (our budget is nearly \$1 million this year) and taking care of my wonderful family (including me!). I encourage each of you to take the time to attend the annual meeting and to participate more actively all throughout next year. As much as things change, nothing stays so much the same as the satisfaction of knowing you are making a positive impact in the community. League makes a difference in a way that no other local organization does. By participating in local studies, attending meetings, being on the Board or any number of other volunteer roles, you all make the League what it is. By participating in League, you help to sustain our democratic society. You are the positive impact this community needs! Thank you for the opportunity to represent this wonderful organization.

LWV Supports an Appointed Assessor

In a continued effort to educate the general public on the upcoming referendum to change the assessor's position to an appointed position, League member Karon Sandberg and current city assessor Dawn Washatka were on WHBY Jay Talking on March 26th. Dawn was able to explain the education and training required for the job as well as state certification requirements. According to Dawn there are only a handful of qualified candidates in the entire state who are able to fill the position. She also described the appointment process. Contrary to most appointments, a candidate for assessor would have to undergo an in depth interview process with the mayor as well as with city department heads. Karon explained that the Appleton League had studied this issue as far back as 1960 and has recommended that our city change the position to an appointment since that time. Appointment would allow the best qualified candidates to fill the position, not just someone who received the most votes. Appointment also allows an incompetent candidate to be released, whereas an elected candidate would be in office until her/his term expired. Appleton is one of 3 remaining cities that still allow this position to be an elected position. Both Dawn and Karon stressed that it is time for our community to come forward and vote to change this position to an appointment.

Look for an upcoming editorial in the Post Crescent concerning this same issue.

Information for the Annual Meeting, May 6, 2004

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Proposed By-laws – You will receive these in a separate mailing.

Local Support Positions, Suggested Changes and Revisions – See our website www.lwvappleton.org

PROPOSED BUDGET 2004 - 2005

	2003/2004	2004/2005
INCOME	Budget	Proposed Budget
A. Dues	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,400.00
B. Contributions		
1. Member	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
2. Member- Ed Fund**	\$ -	
3. Non-Member	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
4. Non-Member-Ed Fund**	\$ -	
C. Other		
1. Community Service		
a. Election Night Reporting	\$ -	\$ -
b. Speakers Bureau	\$ -	\$ -
2. Memorials	\$ -	\$ -
3. Interest Earned	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
D. Miscellaneous		
1. Fall Event-Octoberfest	\$ -	
2. Holiday Brunch	\$ 620.00	\$ 500.00
3. Decision Makers Lunch	\$ -	
4. Annual Meeting Dinner	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
5. Transfer from LWV Ed Fund*	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.00
6. LWVUS	\$ -	
7. PCB Meeting	\$ -	
8. National Member Rebate	\$ -	
E. Other-Transfer from Savings	\$ 1,570.00	\$ 1,947.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 9,590.00	\$ 9,597.00
EXPENDITURES		
A. Operating Costs		
1. General Supplies	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
2. Telephone	\$ 250.00	\$ 252.00
3. PO Box fee	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
4. Phone Answering Service	\$ -	
5. Audit	\$ -	
6. Insurance	\$ 300.00	\$ 350.00
B. Board and Committees		
1. President	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
2. Secretary	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
3. Treasurer	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
4. Board Tools	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
5. Admin. Comm		
a. Finance	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
b. Membership	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
c. Public Relations	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
d. Membership Grant	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00

C. Delegates Travel and Workshops		
1. State Council	\$ 500.00	
2. State Convention	\$ -	\$ 500.00
3. National Convention	\$ 1,500.00	
4. Annual Meeting	\$ -	
5. Workshops	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
D. Financial Support for League		
1. Lake Michigan Interleague	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
2. State PMA	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
3. National PMP*	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 2,000.00
4. LWV Ed Fund	\$ 350.00	
E. Bulletins		
1. Supplies	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
2. Postage	\$ 350.00	\$ 500.00
3. Printing	\$ 325.00	\$ 500.00
F. Educational Activity		
1. Member Directory	\$ 120.00	\$ 150.00
2. Program		
a. National	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
b. State	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
c. Local	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
3. Voter Service	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
4. Promotional Public Event*	\$ -	
5. Website	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
G. Position Support	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
H. Miscellaneous		
1. Corporate Filing Fee	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
2. Fall Event-Octoberfest	\$ -	
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Budget assumes 65 members, with 25 paying regular dues and 40 paying sustaining dues. Proposed budget assumes that dues for regular membership stay at \$45 and for sustaining members dues increase to \$65.

Annual Meeting and Dinner
May 6, 2004

Local and National Study Recommendations

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1. Incarceration
- ~~2. County policies related to the Special Needs Population.~~

National Review and Update Positions (see website for details of the positions):

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Annual Meeting
Wilber's Blackened Blues
100 East College Avenue
6:00 PM social hour with cash bar
6:30 PM dinner and annual meeting

Please return reservation, menu choice, and check by April 30 or call Carolyn to let her know it is coming by mail. Mail to Carolyn Mewhorter, 315 North Drew Street, Appleton, WI 54911. Telephone: 739-0000. Make checks payable to LWV Appleton, \$16.95 per dinner (includes tax and tip).

Name _____ Telephone _____

Any additional guests _____

Note to members: If you bring more than one guest, League will ask that you pay for the first guest and your meal and League will pay for the dinners of the additional guests you bring.

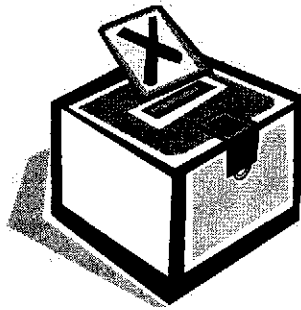
Dinner Selections – please check one:

	Self	Guest
Shrimp Diane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
Cajun Fried Catfish	_____	_____
Deep Fried Catfish	_____	_____
Blackened Tenderloin	_____	_____
Regular Tenderloin	_____	_____
Chicken Creole	_____	_____
Crawfish Etouffee	_____	_____

Your meal will include soup, bread, coffee or tea. Dessert will be ala carte.

April 6

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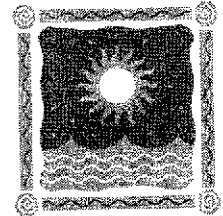
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Some things changed and some stayed the same as a result of the local elections in April. The process of the election itself somehow seemed different. The League was active as usual in helping to bring the views of the candidates to the electorate, local media seemed more eager to help us get out not only information but real pre-election encouragement for everyone to exercise their right and responsibility of voting. Still, too few candidates came to the table and too often, the 10 second sound bite seemed to prevail over more in depth discussion of the issues that Appleton and the surrounding communities will face both in the immediate future and the longer term. I look forward to next year's discussions of how the League can encourage more qualified candidates to participate in the process.

A big thank you to all of the election night reporters for their help in generating a little income for the League and for their role in bringing the election results to the people accurately and quickly. I want also to point out that our recent study on regionalizing services has drawn the attention of both City of Appleton leaders and County leaders. Once again, the League will have an opportunity to be a part of the discussions that will form policy of the future. My applause for all the members of the committee and the local members and at-large participants in this study.

With the local elections behind us and a study in cue to analyze how we can be more proactive in achieving greater enthusiasm of potential candidates, I turn my attention to a summer event that will concentrate on both educating and increasing the number of voters. In collaboration with AAUW, the United Way, and a few members of the Women's Fund we will present a forum for

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community leaders from around the state, including both women's groups and minority groups. The agenda currently features information on how to get out the vote; educational break-outs on women's equity issues, education, environment, and social justice; and a keynote address by distinguished author and community activist, Frances Fox Piven. Ms. Piven has written many important books including *Regulating the Poor - The Functions of Public Welfare*; *Work, Welfare and Politics - Confronting Poverty in the Wake of Welfare Reform*; *Why Americans Don't Vote*, and her recent update, *Why Americans Still Don't Vote and Why Politicians Want it That Way*. This event is geared toward giving community leaders the tools and information they need to go back to their own members and encourage active participation in the Fall elections. The Fox Valley Technical College has graciously offered to host this important event on July 24, 2004, the Saturday before Art in the Park. Please set the date aside in your calendars.

The National Convention and State Council are fast approaching. Feel free to contact me or visit the websites for information on times and places if you are interested in attending as either a visitor or delegate.

I have truly enjoyed this last year as local president. Thank you for the opportunity. I encourage all of you to get involved at whatever level is right for you. I know from experience, that you will get more from your participation than you could ever have imagined. We are making a difference.

Annual Meeting, May 6, 2004

Dinner at

Wilber's Blackened Blues

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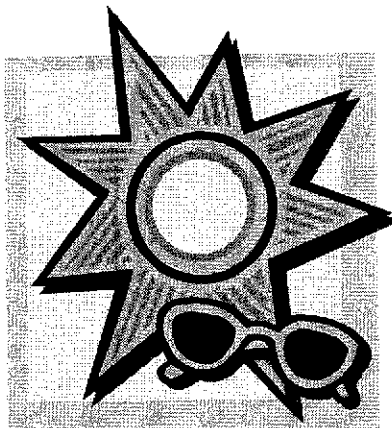
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This is the last LWV Bulletin you will receive until September. **Have a great summer!!**



Annual Meeting - May 6, 2004

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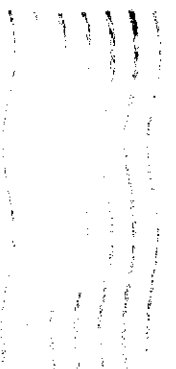


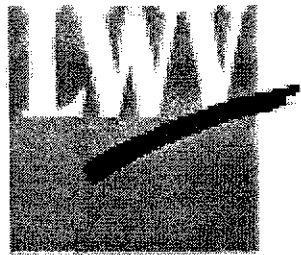
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From Karen

The President's Message

Why did you join league? I know why I did. I wanted to be heard and make my voice and vote count. I wanted to get to know the power structure and the who who are part of it. I wanted to learn and do something about current issues. I wanted to learn how the political process works and how decisions are made. And most importantly I wanted to work with a diverse group of doers.

I'm sure many of you share my reasons for membership. Here's a list of ways you can actively participate in the "group of doers".

- Do attend the October 13 Third Educational forum on the Status of Women in Wisconsin Report from 8:00-10:30 am at the Girl Scout Service Center (see article for details).
- Do take a friend to vote.
- Do send in your league membership renewal. A \$65.00 sustaining membership is a great way to additionally support the league.

League Calendar

Date	Event	Meeting Place
Saturday, Oct 9 8:00 AM-3:00 PM	LWV WI Issues Briefing 2004	Madison
Tuesday, Oct 12 6:00-7:30 PM	Appleton LWV Board Meeting	Appleton Public Library Lower Level Meeting Room
Wednesday, Oct 13 8:00-10:30 AM	Wisconsin Women, Political Participation and Leadership	Girl Scout Service Center 4693 N Lynndale (near Bubolz Nature Center)
Tuesday, Nov 16 7:00 PM	"Where Do We Stand?" Appleton LWV Positions	Appleton City Hall Committee Rooms A & B 6th Floor
Saturday, Dec 11	Appleton League's Holiday Brunch	Paper Valley Hotel

(Karen's message continued)

- Do bring a prospective member to the next league event.
- Do contact Barb Kelly about the opportunities to be a part of the local league study "Running for Office".
- Do call Connie Kanitz (722-6438) to be a part of the state League study on Education K-12.
- And do remember that the League of Women Voters of Appleton needs your participation. We have a long history of making a difference in our community. Join in!!

Membership Dues

Just a reminder to pay your annual dues (\$45 regular, \$60 household, \$65 sustaining). **Please** consider paying the sustaining membership amount as it allows us to cover most of the costs associated with your membership in league. If you lost your envelope from the September Bulletin, send the dues to Barbara Hoffman, 627 E Brewster St, Appleton, WI 54911. If you have an email address, include it with your dues, so that we can send you Action Alerts. Please mail your dues ASAP as we need to get the count of members accurate for purposes of state and national dues. THANKS!

Status of Women in Wisconsin

October 13, 8:00 – 10:30 AM

Girl Scout Service Center (near Bubolz Nature Center)

The Women's Fund will be holding its third educational forum on the Status of Women in Wisconsin Report. The forum topic will be Wisconsin Women, Political Participation and Leadership. Jan Quinlan will be one of the featured speakers. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. It will be a very informative meeting.

Political participation continues to be an important issue for women in Wisconsin and the U.S. Political participation allows women to demand that policymakers address education, health care, reproductive rights, family issues, social services, childcare and other priorities.

Overall, Wisconsin is graded at a "C" level for composite political participation with a rank of 15 out of 50 nationally and a rank of 2 out of 5 for the region. The region includes Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

Disposal of Fox River PCBs

The PCB Committee consisting of members from the four River Leagues has reassembled to examine the options for disposing of the PCBs in the Fox River. The earlier study of this multi-League Committee had assumed that the only viable disposal method for the PCBs dredged from the Fox River would be landfill disposal. The Committee recommended that local landfills be identified to hold our sediment since we should take responsibility for our own problem.

In the last three years, new technologies are emerging that may be economically viable and may, in fact, permanently destroy the PCB molecules, so no further harm to humans or the environment would be possible. In our second meeting, staff from Minergy came to explain the viability of vitrification for the sediments being removed from the Fox River. Additional disposal methods are being researched by the Committee.

Anyone interested in participating on the committee can call Debra Cronmiller at 830-2284 for meeting times and dates.

**League of Women Voters of Wisconsin
Issues Briefing 2004
Saturday, October 9
Clarion Hotel, 2110 Rimrock Rd, Madison**

Registrations must be postmarked by **September 30**

Agenda (see www.lwvwi.org for details)

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|-----------------|--|
| 8:00 – 9:00 am | Registration and Continental Breakfast |
| 9:00 – 9:15 am | Welcome and Introduction |
| 9:15 – 10:30 am | I. Women and Politics: Increasing Women's Participation in the Political Process
II. Education |
| 10:45 – 12:00 | I. Individual Liberties: Community Resolutions to Defend the Bill of Rights Post-PATRIOT Act
II. Funding State Services |
| 12:00 – 12:45 | Lunch |
| 12:45 – 1:30 pm | KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Wisconsin Women = Prosperity, Lt. Governor Barbara Lawton |
| 1:45 – 3:00 pm | I. Education: Challenges Facing Public Education in Wisconsin
II. Financing Wisconsin's Future: Alternatives to TABOR |
| 3:00 pm | Adjourn |

See next page for the registration form.

Directions to the Clarion Hotel in Madison:

From I-90, Exit 142A (Hwy 12/18) west to Exit 262 (Rimrock Road). North on Rimrock Road to Rusk Ave (first light). Left on Rusk to hotel parking lot.

*** Issues Briefing 2004 Registration ***

Name _____ Organization or Member LWV _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

_____ \$35 LWV Member

_____ \$40 Non-Member

_____ \$25 full-time student

Total payment enclosed: \$ _____ registrations must be postmarked by September 30th

Continental Breakfast will be served from 8 to 9 am _____ Yes _____ No

Box Lunch Choice: Sub Sandwich choices: _____ Turkey _____ Ham _____ Roast beef _____ Vege

Box lunches also include chips, carrots, cookie and beverage.

Make payment and return this form to:

LWWWI Education Fund
122 State Street, Ste 405,
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Check out the LWWWI Website

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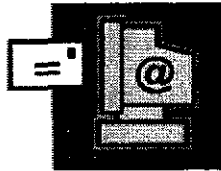
- **DNet up and running**
- **Link to New Voters Project and Kids Vote**
- **Easy to find Information on voting**

Quick Fact

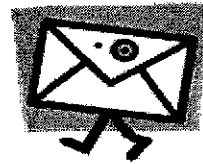
Youth Voting - In Presidential election years between 1972 and 2000, the national youth voter turnout rate declined by 13 percentage points (among 18-24 year old voters). In 2000, 42% of 18-24 year old citizens voted; 70% of citizens 25 and older voted. (Source: *Youth Voting Has Declined By Any Measure*)

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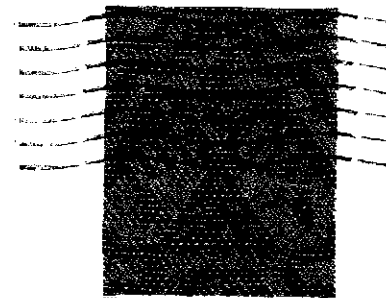
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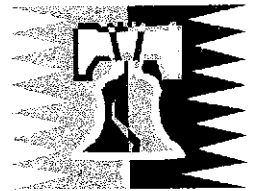
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From Karen

The President's Message

The League year is up and running. That seems to be the thing to do this time of year. Here's what's up!

At the Annual Meeting:

- Deb Cronmiller clarified that our League would be working on what to do with the PCBs. This will be in conjunction with the other Leagues who worked on the original river clean-up issue.
- The recommended program for this year was adopted. The local study will focus on how to get qualified people to run for office.
- The Observer Corps and Action Vice-President were asked to monitor the issue of improving the building and infrastructure aesthetic within our community.
- The By-laws were discussed and no recommended changes were made.
- The Local Positions will be reviewed (accomplished this summer) and will be presented to the membership this fall.

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Tuesday, Sept 14 8:00 AM-8:00 PM	Partisan Primary Election	
Tuesday, Sept 21 6:00-7:30 PM	Appleton LWV Board Meeting	Appleton Public Library Lower Level Meeting Room
Wednesday, Oct 13 8:00-10:30 AM	Wisconsin Women, Political Participation and Leadership	Girl Scout Service Center 4693 N Lynndale (near Bubolz Nature Center)

(Karen's message continued)

- A "Back to Basics" approach to League was presented and the focus of this project will be on membership retention and recruitment. The approach will also target greater involvement of the members in all League activities.

For this year:

- A senior at Lawrence University with a double major in English and Gender Studies may intern with our League for either the fall or winter term. I will meet with her soon.
- A Senior Girl Scout, as part of her Gold Award, is designing a pamphlet to encourage young people to vote. I am hoping our Voter Service Committee can work with her.
- I have lined up several speaking engagements to area groups for the fall. The subject will be voter registration and getting out the vote.
- The Board of Directors has had two organizational meetings this summer and a work group (Barb Grant, Jan Quinlan, Carolyn Mewhorter, and I) met to review our local position papers. Thanks to the Board and committee members I think we are off to a good start.

I look forward to seeing you at League activities this year. I will welcome your e-mails and telephone calls regarding your in-pur on how to enhance our League's effectiveness and continued growth.

Membership Dues

This is the month to renew your LWV membership. An envelope to be returned to the Treasurer is enclosed for your convenience. The dues have increased due to increases in the State (now at \$27.00/member) and National (\$23.80/member) LWV dues, which are a part of your membership with the local league. The \$45 regular membership dues to the Appleton LWV do not even cover these State and National dues. The \$65 sustaining membership provides \$14.20/member for our Appleton League expenses. Please consider paying sustaining dues to cover these costs our local Leagues expenses (or while you are at it, consider giving even a little more!).

Please provide your e-mail address when you submit your dues,. *This will only be used by our local League to send you Action Alerts and other information of interest to you. We will not provide this address to any other groups.* **THANKS** for your continued LWV-Appleton membership.

State Education Study

Connie Kanitz, a member of our local League, is a member of the State Education Study. The charge given to the committee is: *Find the impact of alternative forms of education in the public K-12 school systems with emphasis on virtual, home and charter schools, and study the effect of the No Child Left Behind Act.*

Connie is working with Linda Dawson, Assistant Superintendent - School Services, in a charter school survey. She could use some help! The survey results are to be returned to the state office by the end of September. Local League members will be asked to review and respond to consensus questions any time during November through mid-February.

If you would like to be part of this study, contact Connie at 722-6438.

Program Opportunities

September 7 at 7:30 PM at the Appleton Public Library - The local AAUW has invited members of our League to attend a program that addresses the question: *Does the Media Serve the Public Right to Know?*

Erik Eriksson is the speaker. Erik has devoted his career to news reporting. He will discuss the implications of shrinking broadcast coverage, decline in newspaper readership and increased ownership of the media by entertainment conglomerates. Can our society remain free in an age of managed news? His talk will relate in particular to election coverage.

October 13, 8:00 - 10:30 AM, at the Girl Scout Service Center (near Bubolz Nature Preserve) - The Women's Fund will be holding its third educational forum on the Status of Women in Wisconsin Report on. The forum topic will be Wisconsin Women, Political Participation and Leadership. Jan Quinlan will be one of the featured speakers. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. It will be a very informative meeting.

Report on LWV National Convention

Karen Sandberg

I was fortunate enough to be able to go to our national convention this June in Washington DC. Although I have been at convention before, I was still amazed at the energy and power of that many women all gathered together. Women who believe they can make a difference and do so on a daily basis. The role call of states is always very moving. This year state presidents were invited to share a 2 minute description of what their League accomplished this year. Wisconsin received a roar of applause when President Julie Arneith declare our success in blocking legislation to allow carrying a concealed weapon. Over 700 voting delegates attended this year's convention with about 18 from Wisconsin.

Issues that were discussed in plenary sessions and caucuses focused on protecting civil liberties, electronic voting and how to safe guard it, abolition of the death penataly, education and the No Child Left Behind legislation, just to name a few. As aways, heated discussions insued but in true League fashion, all were heard.

One of the main issues of discussion was membership. Once again National LWV needs to raise the PMP as costs have increased greatly to do the work that League does so well. But in turn our membership is down across the country and so National feels they have no option but to raise membership fees. An interesting statistic was mentioned. If each league across the country would just increase their membership by one member the entire organization would be financially in great shape. It may be that simple. I walked away from that presentation thinking that maybe we shouldn't beat ourselves up so much. Gaining one or two members a year (along with keeping and engaging our current members) might be the best way to approach membership. Slow growth, but solid steady growth. We have not always been so good about immediately engaging new members or providing mentoring for them as they enter into our fold. By focusing on one or two makes the challenge seem less daunting.

Socially, I enjoyed a wonderful dinner and presentation at the Chinese Embassy. The Chinese Ambassador spoke emotionally about the rights of women in China and the changes that she has seen over the last two decades that have helped to improve the lives of women in China. The political satire group "Capitol Steps" providing a hilarious and sometimes searing look at both political parties in another evening's fund raiser for east coast leagues.

The most memorable event was listening to Helen Thomas, White House Bureau chief and correspondent for the United Press since 1961. She was the guest speaker at the evening banquet. An outspoken and opinionated woman, Ms. Thomas told the tales of how she began her career by being assigned fashion and hairstyle topics but through her determination and drive became one of the best reporters in

came to candidates but she declared that she had opinions of her own and would not hold her tongue for us. In fact, her biggest concern was the lack of outrage in the main streets of our communities and in the nation. She has reported on and befriended every president since Kennedy. Traveling with them on Air force One, attending Camp David retreats, reporting at the White house. She sees these men not only in their role as president but also as a person or friend. She reports that the current Bush administration is the most frightening she has ever observed. The secrecy, the lack of collaboration, the attitude, the rolling back of years of environmental and civil protections scared the living day lights out of her and she was there to ask "Where is the outrage?". Knowing that she had observed so many great presidents, Republicans and Democrats, over the years, I found her observations to be quite chilling.

I thought to myself, that we should be outraged, we should be yelling in the streets, we should be writing and calling our state representatives.

So my call to you, as we come into this election year - whatever political party you prefer, whatever candidate you side with - be outraged! Shout in the streets, make your voice and vote be heard.

Quick Fact

Youth Voting - In Presidential election years between 1972 and 2000, the national youth voter turnout rate declined by 13 percentage points (among 18-24 year old voters). In 2000, 42% of 18-24 year old citizens voted; 70% of citizens 25 and older voted. (Source: *Youth Voting Has Declined By Any Measure*)

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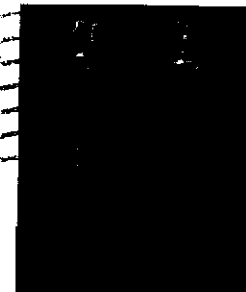
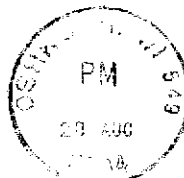
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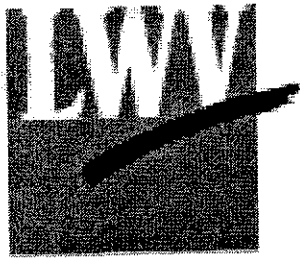
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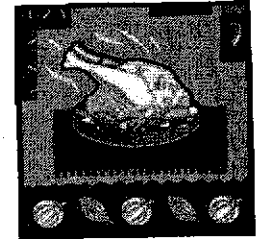
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From Karen

The President's Message

The League year is kicking into high gear. Connie Konitz and Phyllis Dintenfass have been doing the survey work for the State Education Study. The study is examining the No Child Left Behind program and charter schools (see article). They will present information on this important study via our Holiday Brunch with a presentation from an Appleton Area School District representative and with informational and consensus programs in January and February. This study is timely and will give you a great opportunity to be "in the know". It will also afford you with the chance to express your opinions on these two critical educational issues.

The local study, as adopted at the Annual Meeting, on "Running for Office", has at least two leaguers very interested. But the study requires a chair. If you would like to join the committee now is the time!! The study will focus on why people run for office, and why they don't. Our local league

League Calendar

Date	Event	Meeting Place
Tuesday, Nov 9 6:00-7:30 P.M.	Appleton LWV Board Meeting	Appleton Public Library Lower Level Meeting Room
Tuesday, Nov 16 7:00-9:00 P.M.	"Where Do We Stand?" Appleton LWV Positions	City Center Plaza, 100 E. College Ave Board Room 1st Floor, East Wing
Wednesday, Dec 1 7:00 P.M. 9:00 P.M.	Observer Corps in Action Appleton City Council Meeting Cheyenne's Sports Bar and Grill	(see article) 100 N. Appleton Street 124 N. Appleton Street
Thursday, Dec 2 7:00 P.M.	No Child Left Behind Bill Video & Panel Discussion	Appleton Public Library Lower Level Meeting Room
Saturday, Dec 11 11:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M.	LWV Holiday Brunch "Appleton's Charter Schools"	Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, 333 W. College Ave Appleton

(Karen's message continued)

members who have run for office will be our best resource. Call Carolyn Mewhorter or me today and we'll help you get this important local study in high gear, too!!

The November 16th general meeting "Where Do We Stand" (see article) is the perfect setting to get yourself in gear. Learn about our local league positions and see how those positions have, over the years, impacted the civic environment of your community. This is the perfect opportunity for all of us, veteran and new league members, to review how league studies proceed, the consensus process and how we take action. League positions drive the effectiveness of our organization. Gear up! See you at the November 16th meeting.

And finally, remember we need your active participation. Give yourself a civic "tune up". Send in your membership renewal today and give any board member a call to see how you too can get into high gear!!

LWW-Appleton: Where Do We Stand?

Tuesday, November 16, 2004, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
City Center Plaza (formerly The Avenue Mall)
Board Room, 1st Floor, East Wing

Prospective, new and veteran Appleton League members are warmly invited to learn more about where our local League stands on issues of importance to the Appleton area — and why we support what we do.

Since 1939, the Appleton League has been studying local issues to advocate for good decision-making by our elected officials. This means our Local Support Positions are both important and extensive. Karen de Young, Carolyn Mewhorter, Barb Grant, and Jan Quinlan recently reviewed various editions of our Local Support Positions to create easy access to this information for our current members.

Please join us for this important meeting. After discussing our support positions, we will take action on accepting the new document, so we hope to have many League members participating.

Observer Corps in Action

Wednesday, December 1
7:00 PM Appleton City Council Meeting
9:00 PM Social at Cheyenne's Bar and Grill

Who: Open to all League members and friends

What: Observer Corps in Action. We'll attend the Appleton City Council meeting and then adjourn to a social hour where we'll discuss what happens during—and behind the scenes at—a City Council meeting. Helen Nagler, former City Council member and current County Board Supervisor, will help provide color commentary and answer your questions.

When: Wednesday., December 1. City Council meeting starts at 7 p.m.; Social follows at about 9 p.m.

Where: Council Chambers, Sixth floor, City Center 100 N. Appleton Street; Cheyenne's Sports Bar and Grill, 124 N. Appleton St.

Why: To learn a little about how our Observer Corps works, what really goes on at local government meetings and to laugh a lot with long-time and new League members.

How: No need to RSVP. Just come to the Council meeting as your schedule allows or meet us for the social afterwards.

Participate Locally in State Education Study

The State Education Study is a study of the impact of alternative forms of education on the public K-12 school system with emphasis on virtual, home and charter schools, and the effect of the "No Child Left Behind Act." Come participate in this study locally: December 2, at 7 pm at the Appleton library to view a videotape of a panel discussion about the No Child Left Behind bill, (video from a meeting of the Stevens Point League). Also come to the holiday brunch Dec. 11 to hear about an overview of the Appleton Charter schools given by Linda Dawson, Assistant Superintendent, School Services.

Connie Kanitz is our local League member on this committee. Additional study materials are available on the League website www.lwv.wi.org Look under information for 2003-5 program and then click on "education." More materials and consensus questions will be arriving. Consensus is due back to the study committee by mid February (contact Connie at 722-6438 or rckanitz@milwpc.com).

The No Child Left Behind Act is described at the end of this Bulletin in an article from the Neenah-Menasha LWV Bulletin.

Speaking Engagements and Community Voters Education Outreach

In September and October many phone calls were made to our local league about voting procedures, polling places and voter registration - all were answered and many callers expressed their gratitude for league assistance. League was also asked to provide a speaker for several organizations about voting and elections. These groups included PAC (People Advocating Choices), a church group and a women's business organization. These contacts underscore once again the importance of the League of Women Voters in community.

League Debate Canceled

We tried! Shirley Adams and Karen de Young tried to organize an early October debate between Mark Green and Dottie Le Clair, but our efforts were unsuccessful. Although we are very disappointed in the outcome, we remain committed to providing forums whenever and however possible.

Marian Ming: a Life Member

With the 2004-05 dues year, the Appleton League of Women Voters is recognizing Marian Ming as a Life Member. (For those of you who don't know, and we suspect that's almost everybody, a Life Member is one who has been a dues-paying member for fifty years.)

Actually, we think Marion probably qualified as a Life Member before now. In any case, we didn't go back and dig through a lot of dusty ledgers to find when "Mrs. James Ming," as she would have been recorded circa 1950, first appeared on the membership list. Instead, we relied on organizational memory; that is, Barbara Hoffman and Corinne Goldgar remembered Marion's being president when they joined in the winter of 1957-8 and her gracious welcoming of new members. Further, Corinne recalled interviewing

Marian for the wonderful Fiftieth Anniversary project and her description of being a Leaguer during the McCarthy era.

Marian's contributions to the Appleton League over the years have been countless. Most recently, in the spring of 2000, she gave the local League \$5000, a significant gift with no strings attached, the largest financial contribution it has ever received. This gift makes the one "perk" that comes with Life Membership — after fifty years your dues are suspended — a bit of a giggle. \$5000 would more than pay dues for several lifetimes.

Marian, we're grateful for your long membership, for your grace and dignity, and the example you set for us.

No Child Left Behind

Under The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB), states must improve the quality of their schools from year to year. NCLB is based on the goal that all children will be proficient in reading and math by 2014. The percentage of students proficient in reading and math must grow until the schools reach 100 percent proficiency. States must individually help high-poverty schools meet the same academic standards as non high-poverty schools.

States have to set their own standards in reading, writing, math, history, and science for students in each grade level.

States must then create tests that are aligned with the standards they have created and are expected to meet those standards - this is called Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). Test results must be divided up into several categories, including minority groups, students with disabilities, economically disadvantaged, and students that have limited English proficiency. Ninety-five percent of the students in every subgroup must be included in the tests.

Performance by schools will be public knowledge and schools will receive a report card on the results of the student's scores. If schools do not meet the state standards, they will be held accountable. For instance, any school that fails to achieve AYP for two consecutive years will be identified by the state as "needing improvement" and must offer students the opportunity to transfer to another school within the district.

After a third year, schools must offer supplemental services, such as tutoring. Schools that do not show adequate progress after five years may be forced to take tough corrective action, such as replacing school personnel or extending the school year.

The accountability standards, however, only apply to Title I schools. NCLB applies differently to Title I schools than to schools that do not receive Title I grants. However, one way or another, this law covers all public schools in all states.

The No Child Left Behind Act has fallen under much criticism since its passage, with particular focus on inadequate funding. In 2002 through 2004, Congress authorized between \$26.4 billion and \$32 billion to be spent on the No Child Left Behind initiative. While Bush's budget request rose in each of those years, it still fell far short of the authorization. And in the past two fiscal years, the president's request of about \$22 billion was less than what Congress had appropriated the year before. Both years, Congress provided more than Bush requested. The president's 2004 budget proposal would underfund the act by \$9 billion, leaving local communities to make up the difference.

Critics of the law also argue that the way the federal grading system works isn't fair in some cases because it requires yearly progress not just from a school but from every subgroup of students, including those with disabilities or those who speak English as a second language. NCLB emphasizes accountability and teaching methods that work. A large focus of this law is on reading achievement. Only 32% of fourth graders are proficient readers who read at a fourth grade level. Schools that receive Title I funds may apply for Reading First grants to pay for classroom-reading instruction for grades K-3. These Reading First grants are only available for reading programs that are proven successful based on independent research. Reading First grants will fund classroom-reading instruction for 90-minute blocks, 5 days a week. Schools may use part of this money to train K-3 teachers in these research-based methods. They may also use a portion of this money to train K-12 special education teachers.

This law raises the requirements for teachers. Because all states have accepted Title I funds, this quality standard applies to all public school teachers in all states. Any new teacher, or any teacher working in a Title I program, must meet the criteria for being "highly qualified." That means they hold at least a bachelors degree and have passed a state test of subject knowledge. Elementary school teachers must demonstrate knowledge of teaching math and reading. Teachers in higher grades must demonstrate knowledge of the subject they teach, or have majored in that subject. Other teachers have until 2005-2006 to obtain at least a bachelor's degree, licensure and/or certification. Teachers with license and certification waivers, even if for an emergency basis, will not meet this standard. New para professionals who assist in Title I programs must have completed two years of college or pass a test. The test will assess their ability to support teachers in reading, writing and math instruction. Paraprofessionals already employed have until 2006 to meet these requirements.

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No Child Left Behind information - continued

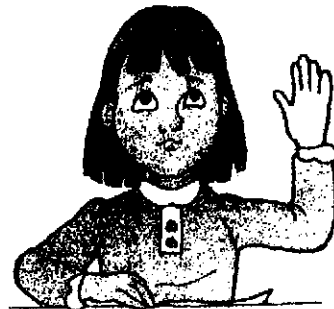
Beginning in 2005, your school must test all children in grades 3-8 every year in math and reading. By Fall, 2007, science assessments are required. These test scores will determine if your school is making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) towards the goal of proficiency for all children by the 2013-2014 deadline. Proficiency means the child is performing at average grade level. All subgroups of children, as well as the school as a whole, must meet the AYP goal or the school will fail.

The law provides parents with different options depending on whether or not your child attends a school that receives Title 1 grants. If your child attends a school that does not receive Title 1 funds, you will simply know whether your child's school is improving at the required rate. You will know which subgroups your school teaches successfully. If your child attends a school that receives Title 1 grants, you will have more choices.

If your Title 1 School fails to meet its AYP goal for two consecutive years, all the children in the school may choose to attend a non-failing school in your school district. If all schools in your district fail, you may send your child to a school in another school district. All eligible children were not able to transfer out of failing schools at the beginning of the 2002-2003 school year. Some districts did not make cooperative agreements with other districts which prevented parents from exercising this option under the NCLB.

The school district may also limit the amount of money it spends on transportation to other schools. If there is not enough money under a designated formula to pay for transportation, the district may give preference to the lowest achieving children from the lowest income families.

If your child transfers to a better school, your child may stay there until he or she completes the highest grade in that school. Your sending school will provide transportation to the school you have chosen until the sending school raises its AYP rate to an acceptable level. If your Title 1 School fails to reach its AYP goal for three years, your school will provide supplemental services to the children remaining there. These supplemental services include tutoring, after-school programs, and summer school. You may choose a tutor, or other service provider, from a state approved list. The state will ensure that all providers on this list have a history of success. Children will receive these services at no cost. Again, under a formula, the district may give preference to the lowest achieving children in the lowest income families who request supplemental services. There is nothing in NCLB that prevents the school from providing transfers and transportation to all children in the failing school who request it. There is nothing in the law that prevents the district from providing tutoring to all children in the failing school who request it.



If the school fails to make its AYP goal for four years, the school may replace school staff responsible for the failure. The school may hire an outside expert to advise the school on how to make progress towards its AYP goal. The school may implement a new curriculum. The new curriculum must address the weaknesses in the old one. The school will train teachers in implementing this new curriculum. The school may also reorganize its management structure. If your Title 1 School fails for five consecutive years, the school district may replace the principal and staff. The district may contract with a private firm to run the school. The school may reopen as a charter school. If all these options are unsuccessful, the state will take over management of the school.

For more information and fact sheets, visit the No Child Left Behind website at <http://www.nochildleftbehind.gov/>

To learn about the status of your school or learn more about No Child Left Behind Act in your state, visit the No Child Left Behind site or call 1-800-814-6252 for the name of your state NCLB contact person.

Issues Briefing Recap

The 2004-2005 Issues Briefing sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin was held on October 9th. Two concurrent tracks were presented during the day to help facilitate both discussion and education on important issues facing communities and voters. The following report recaps the track not pertaining to K-12 education (also in found in this bulletin.)

The morning kicked off with a historical review of women's participation in the political process. Professor Georgia Duerst-Lahti outlined the history of women in politics with special emphasis on how women's under-representation impacts policy. Fewer policy discussions that impact families, child care, and other workforce access issues for women are had due to this under-representation and the gendered atmosphere in our current electorate. Important impacts she noted, are the \$.60 on the dollar earnings ratio for working women, the resurgence of punitive reproductive legislation, and a lesser participation in community impact roles for women such as Board memberships (where resources are distributed.)

Paul Linzmeyer, President of Bay Towel, presented ideas on how regionalization can be accomplished. He discussed that regional partnerships cannot be legislated and legislation such as TABOR will hurt efforts to create business initiatives that work and cited the decreased quality of life in Colorado due to similar legislation enacted in 1992. He offered that obstacles are present to more cooperation and collaboration in our current system. Government, businesses, and the non-profit sector must work to create meaningful partnerships to enhance economic development in the state.

Barb Lawton and Jane Crisler presented an update on the Wisconsin Women = Prosperity initiative and encouraged women to not just participate at the polls but to be more active in elected offices, on boards and committees that drive decisions and to stop the general thinking that one needs to be an expert to participate. Men, it was pointed out, more typically hold that they can learn as they go while women want to know before they commit to participate. This difference needs to be acknowledged and it was suggested that women need to overcome this predisposition and recognize that our ability to learn on the job is equal to our male counterparts.

The final session of the day was presented by COWS and focused on some of the issues facing Wisconsin regarding the budget (huge structural deficits), ability to provide services (federal reimbursement deficits, aging population) and the disjointed and numerous government systems. Trends with regard to Wisconsin's lagging attraction of new investment capital, issues created by the brain drain and our projected inability to educate at the K-12 level were discussed.

Membership Dues

Just a reminder to pay your annual dues (\$45 regular, \$60 household, \$65 sustaining). Please consider paying the sustaining membership amount as it allows us to cover most of the costs associated with your membership in league. If you lost your envelope from the September Bulletin, send the dues to Barbara Hoffman, 627 E Brewster St, Appleton, WI 54911. If you have an email address, include it with your dues, so that we can send you Action Alerts. Please mail your dues ASAP as we need to get the count of members accurate for purposes of state and national dues. THANKS!

Annual Holiday Brunch



Saturday, December 11, 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, Redwood Room
333 W. College Avenue, Appleton
"Appleton's Charter Schools"
Speaker - Linda Dawson,
Assistant Superintendent, School Services

Cost incl. tax and tip: \$16.00 per person – Make check payable to LWV of Appleton

Send your reservation with check by **December 7** to:

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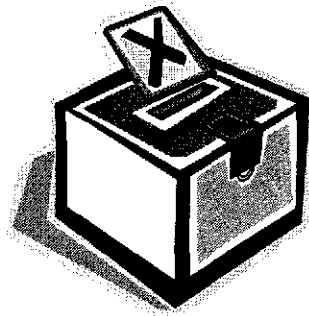
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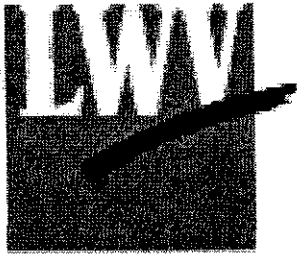
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From Karen

The President's Message

Happy Holidays!

This is the time of year that people try to organize their lives with "to-do" lists, shopping lists, Holiday card lists, lists, lists, lists.

I thought I would make it easy on you with an already proposed "to-do" list.

League To Do List

- Do send in your reservation today for our Holiday Brunch. (see last page of the Bulletin)
- Do attend our December 1st visit to the Appleton Common Council meeting. Stimulating discussion after the meeting is promised. (See article)

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Saturday, Dec 11 10:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M.	LWV Holiday Brunch "Appleton's Charter Schools"	Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, 333 W. College Ave Appleton
Tuesday, Dec 14 6:00-7:30 P.M.	Appleton LWV Board Meeting	Appleton Public Library Lower Level Meeting Room
Saturday, Jan 22, '05 10 A.M. - noon	Lively Issues	TBA

(Karen's message continued)

- Do attend our December 2nd program on No Child Left Behind at the Appleton Public Library. That's back to back League meetings... Twice as interesting! (See article)
- Do consider a contribution of time, talent or treasure to League. Consider a \$1.00 gift to the National 19th Amendment Society. (See article)
- Do make a New Year's resolution to become actively involved in League. (Sure beats losing that ten pounds again!!)

Karen

P.S. Do have a great Holiday!



Reminder

Please call Carolyn Mewhorter (739-000) by December 6 to let her know that you will be attending the Holiday Brunch on Saturday, December 11, 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

You may give her your check at the brunch or mail her the form found on the last page of this Bulletin.

Observer Corps in Action

Wednesday, December 1

7:00 PM Appleton City Council Meeting

9:00 PM Social at Cheyenne's Bar and Grill

Who: Open to all League members and friends

What: Observer Corps in Action. We'll attend the Appleton City Council meeting and then adjourn to a social hour where we'll discuss what happens during—and behind the scenes at—a City Council meeting. Helen Nagler, former City Council member and current County Board Supervisor, will help provide color commentary and answer your questions.

When: Wednesday., December 1. City Council meeting starts at 7 p.m.; Social follows at about 9 p.m.

Where: Council Chambers, Sixth floor, City Center 100 N. Appleton Street; Cheyenne's Sports Bar and Grill, 124 N. Appleton St.

Why: To learn a little about how our Observer Corps works, what really goes on at local government meetings and to laugh a lot with long-time and new League members.

How: No need to RSVP. Just come to the Council meeting as your schedule allows or meet us for the social afterwards.

Participate Locally in State Education Study

Start Preparing for Consensus Questions from the Education Study

The charge given to the Education Committee from 2003 State Convention: Find the impact of alternative forms of education on the public K-12 school system with emphasis on virtual, home and charter schools, and study the effect of the "No Child Left Behind Act".

All WI Leagues are invited to respond to consensus questions by February. A list of resources sent to League presidents is included in this bulletin. Some have online websites. Please start familiarizing yourself with the topics. Here are some events for Leaguers to address these issues together:

- 1) Thursday, Dec. 2, 7 pm at the Appleton Library, lower level meeting room, there will be a viewing of a videotape of a panel discussion that the Stevens Point League made regarding the No Child Left Behind bill. Also, summaries of responses from surveys completed by individual Leagues will be available at this meeting.
- 2) Linda Dawson, Assistant Superintendent, School Services will speak about Appleton's charter schools at our Holiday Brunch on Saturday, December 11.
- 3) Meeting in January to be announced in the next Bulletin to review resources.
- 4) Local League consensus meeting in late January or early February to be announced in next Bulletin.

Please contact Connie Kanitz, local League member on the state education study committee, at 722-6438 or ckanitz@new.rr.com if you are interested in reviewing materials. If Leaguers can do a little homework prior to the few opportunities that we have to review materials, we may be able to make the best use of our time together. Consensus questions will be shared in next month's Bulletin. Karen DeYoung and board members have a copy and check the www.lwvwi.org website for a copy (click on "Information on 2003-2005 Programs" and then click on "Education.") There are no consensus questions regarding the No Child Left Behind Act, but it is useful for Leaguers to understand the bill and to hear the impact of the bill as reported by Wisconsin school district administrators.

LWVWI Education Study 2003-2005

Resources Included in Packet sent to League Presidents

Virtual Charter Schools and Milwaukee Parental Choice Schools (Private Schools that Students Attend with Public School Vouchers)

Public School Open Enrollment and "Virtual" Charter Schools June 5, 2004

Mary Jo Cleaver, Open Enrollment Consultant at Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
Power point presentation at the LWVWI Council 2004.

Virtual Schools and Programs Online www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/dlsis/onlinevir.html Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction These selected topics from the web site are included in the packet: Challenges, Benefits, Plusses and Minuses and Implications

Annual Report Finds Number of For-Profit Schools Continues to Increase as Virtual Charter Schools Emerge as a New Trend in For-Profit Education News release from the Commercialism in Education Research Unit and the Education Policy Studies Laboratory at Arizona State University

Word format <http://www.asu.edu/educ/eps/CERU/Documents/EPSSL-0402-101-CERU-press.doc>
PDF format <http://www.asu.edu/educ/eps/CERU/Documents/EPSSL-0402-101-CERU-press.pdf>

Home School

Home School Legal Defense Association –Home School Laws Map showing levels of regulation in the states
<http://www.hslda.org/laws/default.asp?PrinterFriendly=True>

Questions and DPI Responses Relating to Home-Based Private Educational Programs

Information from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
<http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/dfm/sms/homeb.html>

Home Schooling Issues paper from Education Week

Charter Schools

Wisconsin Charter Schools State Summary WI Department of Public Instruction
<http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/dfm/sms/pdf/chsyrbk1.pdf> This comes from the book Wisconsin Charter Schools 2003-2004 The book is free upon request from DPI at (888-245-2732 ext.5)

Charter Schools in Wisconsin: An Overview WEAC February 2004 Included is a list of charter school bills introduced in WI legislature 2003-04

Milwaukee and Racine Charter School Program and Milwaukee Parental Choice Program Legislative Fiscal Bureau **This is 1 page of a report to the Wisconsin Legislature which describes funding for the programs**

No Child Left Behind Act

No Child Left Behind Act an overview from Issues Briefing 2003
No Child Left Behind League of Women Voters of Neenah-Menasha
Built to Fail Cover Story...Vol 25. Issue 1214 Published 3/10/04
www.citypages.com/databank/25/1214/article11955.asp

National 19th Amendment Society

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Carrie Clinton Lane Chapman Catt, born in 1959 in Ripon WI, worked 40 years for the passage of the 19th Amendment granting all women the right to vote; then formed the League of Women Voters in 1920 to educate women regarding issues so they could vote intelligently. The National 19th Amendment Society was formed in 1991 to purchase and restore Catt's girlhood home, located south of Charles City, Iowa for the purpose of recognizing and promoting her life and accomplishments and to further emphasize her ideas for future generations through seminars and studies for the advancement of women.

Five acres of the home site were purchased in 1991 and the 1866 brick home has been restored. The group is seeking funds to cover the recent purchase of the remaining five acres of the original Lane farmstead and construction of a welcoming center. The Society is hoping that the League of Women Voters will contribute \$1 per member. Please send your contribution to them at the above address.

Annual Holiday Brunch



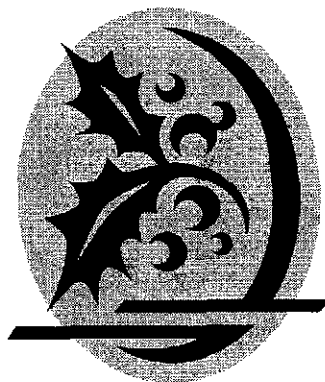
Saturday, December 11, 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, Redwood Room
333 W. College Avenue, Appleton
“Appleton’s Charter Schools”
Speaker - Linda Dawson,
Assistant Superintendent, School Services

Cost incl. tax and tip: \$16.00 per person – Make check payable to LWV of Appleton

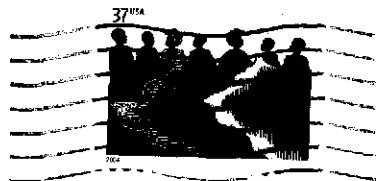
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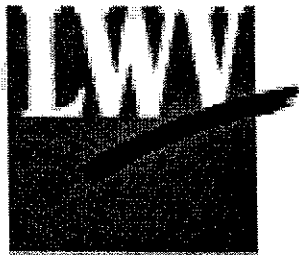
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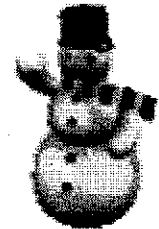
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From Karen



The President's Message

A little light reading this month... This issue of the Bulletin includes consensus questions for our State Education Study. Please read the questions carefully and come to the February 3 meeting at the Appleton Public Library prepared with your concerns and opinions. We have also included a resource guide from the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin with a myriad of options for learning more about this important study. Take the time to check out a few of the resources. Another quick read is included in this Bulletin. It's an edited version of a Voter's Guide to Judicial Elections courtesy of the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles Education Fund. In preparation for the local judicial election in April, I think you'll find this information thought provoking.

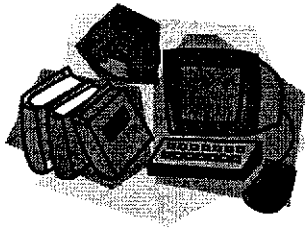
This is a great time of the year to curl up with a good book. In addition to that experience add a little League "light" reading.

Karen

P.S. Only a Leaguer would consider the above "light" reading!!!

League Calendar

Date	Event	Meeting Place
Thursday, Feb 3 6:00 P.M.	State Education Study Consensus	Appleton Public Library Lower Level Meeting Room
Tuesday, Feb 8 6:00-7:30 P.M.	Appleton LWV Board Meeting	Appleton Public Library Lower Level Meeting Room
Tuesday, Feb 15	Appleton Public School District Referendum, State School Superintendent Primary	



Consensus Meeting
State Education Study
Thursday, February 3, 6:00 PM
Appleton Public Library
Lower Level Meeting Room

Consensus questions and some background information are included in this bulletin. Your input is needed for our local League's response to these questions. Additional resources are available on www.lwvwi.org Click on State Education Study, Resources, or Consensus Questions. If you are unable to attend and have some individual comments or questions you would like to make, contact Connie Kanitz, 722-6438 or ckanitz@new.rr.com

Observer Corps: League's eyes, ears and face

Observer Corps volunteers are not only the League's eyes and ears in our community—we are the face of League. When the City of Appleton's Common Council was on the evening news debating a smoking ban, did you recognize any League members in the background? Members took up seats in the first and second rows of the audience and were a visible presence.

Whether it's at a budget hearing at the county level or at a school district board meeting, Appleton League members are there—listening and reporting to the board on issues of importance to us and to our community. Here are just a few highlights we've received from recent observers:

- **Kathy Kamp** attended the Jan. 5 City Council meeting and reported that an Alderperson stated his intention to introduce a resolution that would combine the city's aldermanic and the county's supervisor positions along common boundaries. She also was approached by a judicial candidate asking if the League was planning to sponsor a candidates' forum. She made the League visible.
- **Liz Schneider**, a friend of League, attended the Nov. 22 school board meeting and outlined the three questions on the spring referendum: 1. Upgrade buildings and technology; 2. Lower class sizes and update textbooks and instructional materials; and 3. Expand world languages and the Healthy Kids physical education program at elementary schools. For more information, go to the Appleton Area School District's Web site at: <http://www.aasd.k12.wi.us/> or call the referendum hotline at 832-6109

We need more volunteers beginning this spring for meetings of the city council, county board and school board. The more members who participate, the fewer meetings each of us must attend. You can choose the night of the week which works best for you or the unit of government you're most interested in. The commitment involves one or two meetings, with a short form to help you report. You can send the report, e-mail it or just leave a phone message with any items of interest or concern from the meeting.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Nadine Miller at 733-0012 or nadinemiller@tds.net. Thanks for being the eyes, ears and face of the Appleton League of Women Voters.

LWVWI Education Study 2003-2005

Consensus Questions, November 2004

Virtual Charter Schools and Milwaukee Parental Choice Schools (Private Schools that Students Attend with Public School Vouchers)

Background: Currently public school districts must file reports with the Department of Public Instruction detailing how much was spent on teachers, administrators, support staff, transportation, etc. Districts must also have a yearly audit of their books. Recently, the Milwaukee Parental Choice schools have been required to file financial reports similar to those filed by the public schools. Districts that contract with a private entity to provide educational services (as has been done in the case of some virtual schools) show only how those funds are used by the district. There is no public accounting of costs/profits by private firms.

The students in K-12 public schools including Virtual charter schools must take the tests required by the state and federal government. Districts must publicize how their students perform by providing a district report card to their community. Students in the Milwaukee Parental Choice program are not required to take any of the state or federal tests – or any other tests. This makes it impossible to track performance of those students whose tuition to private schools is funded through public dollars.

Consensus Question:

1. Should any institution or organization receiving public funds for K-12 education be held to the same requirements as K-12 public schools in

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| a. accounting for the use of those public funds | yes _____ | no _____ |
| b. performance standards for their students | yes _____ | no _____ |

Home School

Background: After all states made home schooling legal in the 90's the number of students in home school have grown. In 1999, the federal government estimated the number of students being home schooled to be around 850,000. By 2003, the number is estimated to be between 1.7 and 2.1 million students nation wide, according to data from the National Home Education Research Institute. These numbers are difficult to estimate because each state defines and tracks home school enrollment differently. Many studies of the performance of home-schooled students have been made but all face the problem of no standard assessment given to these students. Many states monitor home-schooled students' educational progress by requiring either a test, portfolio or teacher evaluation. New York, Rhode Island, and Pennsylvania require home-schooled students to take tests and require parents to submit their curriculum for approval as well as undergo professional evaluations. Wisconsin law requires no teacher qualifications, record keeping or testing for home-schooled students. The only requirements for home schooling in Wisconsin are:

- Must provide "at least 875 hours of instruction each year"
- Must provide "a sequentially progressive curriculum of fundamental instruction" in reading, language arts, math, social studies, science, and health; such curriculum need not "conflict with the program's religious doctrines" and
- Must file a statement of enrollment with the state department of education by October 15 each year.

Consensus questions:

2. Should the law be changed so that the Department of Public Instruction requires for the home-schooled student the following:

- a. qualification guidelines for the person providing instruction? yes__ no __
- b. record keeping of student's learning? yes __ no __
- c. assessment of student's learning on a standardized test? yes__ no __
- d. enforcement of these requirements should be
 - 1. at the local school district level yes __ no __
 - 2. at the Department of Public Instruction yes__ no__
 - 3. a shared responsibility of both state and local yes__ no__

Charter Schools

Background: Wisconsin law grants all school boards in the state the authority to create charter schools within their particular district. The state legislature also grants chartering authority to the University of WI-Milwaukee, Milwaukee Area Technical College, The Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, and the University of WI-Parkside. Schools chartered by these entities are called Independent Charters. CESA's (Cooperative Educational Service Agencies) also have chartering authority.

Each Independent Charter school receives a set state aid per student payment. The Department of Public Instruction is directed by the state legislature to proportionally reduce the state aid payment of each school district in the state in the amount needed to fund the Independent Charters. Local districts are allowed to make up the reduction in their state aid by increasing the tax levy in their community.

The entities that are the chartering authority have oversight responsibilities for the charter school. The public school districts in Wisconsin have elected school boards that are accountable to the electorate in their district. The universities and technical schools have appointed boards and no elected officials therefore these independent charter schools lack local public control.

Consensus question:

3. Should charter school authority be given only to K-12 public school districts? yes__ no __

Public School Employee Requirements:

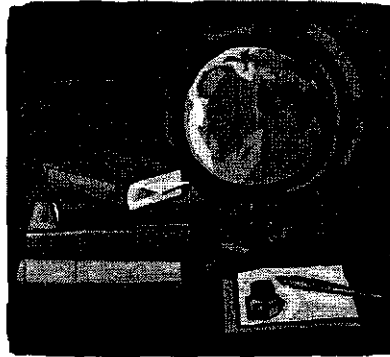
Background: All teachers and administrators of traditional, charter, and virtual schools must meet requirements for a Wisconsin teacher's or administrator's license.

- The charter school license as compared to a traditional Wisconsin Teacher's license allows teachers to teach courses and levels outside the areas of their certification. A 1-year charter school instructional staff permit can be granted upon request to DPI if certain positions cannot be filled, if the applicant has a bachelor's degree in the subject assigned to teach or has proof of mastery in a trade assigned to teach, and takes courses toward certification.
- Teachers and administrators of private voucher schools have no state license requirements.

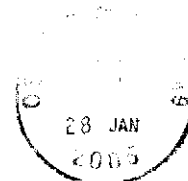
Consensus question:

4. Should employees of Wisconsin schools receiving public funds or educating publicly funded students (including Milwaukee Parental Choice schools) meet the same state standards as those that are required of all public school employees? yes__ no __

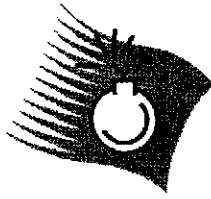
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Lively Issues

Determined Leaguers battled unplowed streets to meet for a small but productive meeting of Lively Issues on January 22nd.

President Karen deYoung suggested that Jan Quinlin review items from the general meeting where League members reviewed our current positions. Suggestions brought forth ideas for looking into regionalization reviews of our positions on billboard control and recycling but members felt most strongly about the need to re-examine our education positions.

Present members voted to recommend reviewing our current educational positions with an eye towards comparisons to the current state education study and issues related to No Child Left Behind legislation.

President Karen de Young shared an upcoming opportunity for our League to participate in a state project called "Women Equal Prosperity" in which Barbara Lawton is inviting teams of League members to come to Madison in March to attend a conference on encouraging and training women to run for office. Last year our League chose to study why more women or other qualified candidates do not run for office and our local study never quite got off the ground. Members felt this project would be a good opportunity to address and proceed with last years recommendation. Membership committee members had planned on organizing a membership activity based on this topic and supported having our own League send a team to Madison to participate in this project.

Discussion then turned to recommendations for study for our state League. Items suggestion were election voting procedures and continuation of the current education study. A vote was taken and our League suggested that the state continue the current education study, as we felt it needs more details to address No Child Left Behind legislation and financing.

League visits Wisconsin Connections Academy

On January 19, nine League members visited Wisconsin Connections Academy, Appleton's virtual school and one of the 9 charter schools of Appleton. It has 9 teachers, a part-time psychologist, and a speech and language clinician. There are about 380 students (26 are from Appleton).

Students come from districts all across Wisconsin; however, they appear to be clustered in population centers of Wisconsin. 75% of the students have formerly had some home schooling. The other 25% is a mixture of students with special needs, such as a debilitating illness, a few students focused on gymnastics, students from the public schools who have not been able to succeed in a regular public school setting, and other students with a variety of needs. Whereas Wisconsin has very few requirements for home schooled students, the virtual school brings more accountability with reaching these students.

A virtual school differs from a cyber school because learning does not take place entirely on the computer. Each student has a computer, but it mainly is a way to communicate with the center. Students use the computer for some research, etc, but they use regular textbooks far more than the computer. Virtual students are required to take the same standardized tests as other students in public schools.

League members learned additional information including teacher certification, ways socialization needs are met, curriculum, interaction between teachers, parents, and students, what seems to be working well and what remains a challenge, how the academy coordinates with some public school programming, and some feedback from the parents, public, and participating school districts.

Trust Agreements for the LWVWI Endowment Funds

Note: The Board of the LWV of Appleton approved publication of this letter in its Bulletin.

To: LWVWI Members

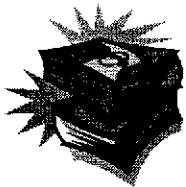
From: Mary Jo Tietge (former LWVWI President), Dotty Juengst (original Endowment Fund Trustee),
Barbara Hoffman (former LWVWI Treasurer) and Jan Quinlan

Re: Trust Agreements for the LWVWI Endowment Funds

In 1995 the biennial convention of the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin established endowment funds for the State League and for the State League Education Fund. Their purpose was to insure the financial stability of the State League and its Education Fund, and to provide a vehicle for gifts other than cash. These funds were specifically not to compete for local or national contributions. Subsequently, because of the apprehensions of the local Leagues, trusts were established to protect the integrity of the two Endowment Funds.

Recently the current State Board rescinded the two trust agreement. This action was disturbing because none of the women participating in this vote had ever contributed in any way to the funds nor did they communicate their intentions to anyone outside the Board, neither to the donors nor to anyone who had worked on the project. This was a breach of trust, not only the financial trusts, but also between the donors and the state organization.

We feel that the Board's action was improper and that it should be set aside until it can be brought to the 2005 convention for action. At the least, the Trusts should be reestablished or their contributions returned to the donors.



Changes to the Appleton LWV Directory

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The edited version of a Voter's Guide to Judicial Elections courtesy of the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles Education Fund, mentioned in Karen de Young's message, will appear in the March issue of this Bulletin.

No Child Left Behind Act

Background: The NCLB Act is Federal legislation for improving proficiency for all students. It states that by 2013-14 100% of the students score at state-defined proficiency levels on reading and math assessments. Also schools and districts must meet annual targets for the percent of students at or above the proficient level, with those targets rising over time for both all students and for subgroups of students who are poor, speak limited English, have disabilities, or come from racial-or ethnic-minority backgrounds.

Since this is federal legislation state and local leagues can only act on a LWVUS position or national principal with the permission of the national Board of Directors of LWVWU. The committee, therefore, has no consensus questions about this legislation. However a summary report of information from the NCLB survey conducted by local leagues will be posted on the LWVWI web site and sent to each league.

At the national board retreat, the LWVUS board voted to start an LWVUS/LWVEF sponsored list on the impact of NCLB. Members can join the on-line discussion group through the Members Site on www.lwv.org or by sending an e-mail to subscribe-lwv-nclb@lists.lwv.org.

Time for Action

Time for Action

Way back when...local Leaguers received Time for Action alerts mostly through Bulletin articles or phone call "trees". These action alerts were posted when local, state, or national legislation was facing our elected officials. If the LWV had positions on pending legislation, we encouraged our membership to "take action" by contacting their appropriate elected officials or by supporting direct legislation in other ways.

Now that we're into the 21st Century, we plan to distribute Time for Action alerts via email. Email is more timely and for many of us way more efficient for communicating with our elected officials. Also, email can provide links to websites for background information and also to the appropriate legislators or other action groups.

So far this year, we've received no Time for Action alerts from the state or national Leagues – but when we do, we'll forward them to those of you with email addresses. If you do NOT want to receive action alert emails, please let Jan Quinlan (quinlanj@lawrence.edu) know.

Local Time for Action

LWV-Appleton wants to alert you that NOW is the Time for Action on an important local issue. Our support positions on education clearly support the February 15 Appleton Area School District's referendum. Karen de Young and Jan Quinlan are composing a formal letter from our local league to the Post-Crescent stating the reasons we support the referendum.

What can you do?

- * Become informed by visiting the AASD website at: <http://www.aasd.k12.wi.us> or the citizen's action group at: <http://www.strongereducation.com/>
- * Join the volunteers calling voters to urge their support - the citizen's action group website provides you with information on how to do this.
- * Vote YES on February 15



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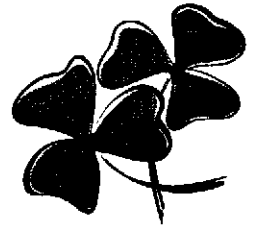
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From Karen



The President's Message

This month I thought I would give you a list of options so that you can be actively involved in our League. There are lots of ways you can participate. Please look over the list below and check off those activities that interest you.

Check one or more:

Vote on April 5th and take a friend to the polls.

Call Karen (739-3079) and volunteer your yard for a "Vote Tuesday" yard sign.

League Calendar

Date	Event	Meeting Place
Tuesday, March 22	Wisconsin Women Forward	Madison
Tuesday, April 5	Election	Polls
Thursday, April 7, 7:00 PM	Education Funding Forum	Appleton East High School Commons
Tuesday, April 12	Legislative Day 2005	Madison
Tuesday, April 12 7:30 PM	AAUW Program on Carrie Chapman Catt	Appleton Public Library
Tuesday, May 3	LWV Appleton Annual Meeting	Mark's East Side 1405 E Wisconsin Ave Appleton
Saturday, June 4	LWV State Convention	Janesville

- _____ Join other local Leaguers by attending Wisconsin Women Forward 2005 Convention in Madison on March 22nd (details in this bulletin.)
- _____ Attend the AAUW event on April 12th, "A Talk with Carrie Chapman Catt, the Winning Plan: Women Get the Vote!" (Details in this bulletin.)
- _____ Sign up for Legislative Day 2005 on April 12th (registration in this bulletin). Carpooling is available.
- _____ Join Board members in organizing a Finance Drive in April. Give Karen a call and volunteer.
- _____ Call Carolyn Mewhorter (739-0000) with the name of a prospective LWV member. Winnie Doxsie will do the follow-up.

Thanks for your help!! That little "stroke of the pen" will ensure that our League will continue to be a vital community asset.

Karen

WW = P

A Great Opportunity

The Institute for Women's Policy Research gave our state a low C- grade for the status of Wisconsin women. In May of 2003 an influential group of women, leaders from around the state, were determined the report be put to use to inform private practice and drive better public policy. They gave shape to **Wisconsin Women = Prosperity**, an economic development initiative launched from the office of Lieutenant Governor Barbara Lawton. Today, this unprecedented, non-partisan public/private partnership to "raise the grade" for Wisconsin women regularly turns diagnosis into action and challenges into solutions. *WW=P* has evolved into a broadband movement whose very existence catalyzes progress for women in diverse situations, inviting citizens at every turn in the road across the state to make their own contribution to raising the grade for Wisconsin's women – once and for all, for us all.

Appleton League members have the opportunity to participate in this process by attending *Wisconsin Women Forward 2005* on March 22 at Monona Terrace, Madison.

Wisconsin Women Forward 2005 will bring women of all ages, diverse by any measure, from every region of this state, to power up implementation of our shared agenda. The aim is to set this state on track to be the best in the nation where women may work, raise a family, and live out their dreams. More information on the conference can be found at:

www.wisconsinwomenequalsprosperity.org/convention.html

The registration fee for the conference will be paid for you by the Appleton League, so we hope many Leaguers will be able to attend. We plan to get together and car pool down to Madison for the day. To reserve your space contact Winnie Doxsie at 739-7593 or Karen de Young at 739-3079 by **March 3rd** to give us your registration information.

Related link - Center for Public Policy and the Status of Women

<http://www.lafollette.wisc.edu/womenspolicy/WWPP.html>

Education Funding Forum

There will be a forum on public education funding Thursday, April 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Appleton East High School Commons. This forum will cover some history of public education funding; the problems faced by school districts today, proposed solutions and actions we can take to effect change. More information will be available in the next newsletter or contact Winnie Doxxie at 739-7593 or winnie@mapsolutionswi.com.

2005 – 2007 State Budget Review

The Wisconsin Council on Children and Families and League of Women Voters of Wisconsin is sponsoring a series of 10 Brown Bag lunch meetings across the state. Bring a bag lunch and learn about what the budget means in understandable terms. Each session will feature an overview of the 2005-07 State Budget, the ongoing fiscal challenges and an analysis of provisions that impact children and families. The meetings are scheduled from noon to 2:00PM and will include time for questions and answers about the state budget document and the budget process.

See the Brown Bag schedule below:

Madison -- March 7 (Room 202 in the downtown library, 201 West Mifflin Street)

Waukesha - March 8, 2005, Milwaukee - March 10, 2005, Portage - March 11, 2005, Sheboygan - March 14, 2005, Neenah - March 15, 2005, Green Bay -- March 16, 2005, Wausau - March 21, 2005, Menomonie - March 22, 2005, La Crosse - March 23, 2005

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LWVWI Education Study 2003-2005 Consensus Response Sheet

League: Appleton LWV Date: February 3, 2005

Meeting type:

General Meeting _____ How many members participated? 9

Specific Meeting x How many members responded? _____

E-Mail _____

Consensus Questions

Virtual Charter Schools and Milwaukee Parental Choice Schools (Private Schools that Students Attend with Public School Vouchers)

1. Should any institution or organization receiving public funds or educating publicly funded students for K-12 education be held to the same requirements as K-12 public schools in

a. accounting for the use of those public funds? yes x no _____

b. performance standards for their students yes x no _____

Home School

2. Should the law be changed so that the Department of Public Instruction requires for the home-schooled student the following:

a. qualification guidelines for the person providing instruction? yes _____ no x

b. record keeping of student's learning? yes x no _____

c. assessment of student's learning on a standardized test? yes x no _____

Enforcement of these requirements should be

1. at the local school district level yes _____ no x

2. at the Department of Public Instruction yes x no _____

3. a shared responsibility of both state and local yes _____ no x

Charter Schools

3. Should charter school authority be given only to K-12 public school districts?

yes x no _____

Public School Employee Requirements

4. Should employees of Wisconsin schools receiving public funds or educating publicly funded students (including Milwaukee Parental Choice schools) meet the same state standards as those that are required of all public school employees?

yes x no _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE APPLETON CONSENSUS MEETING. Question 2 for Home school section of Consensus questions. The only question which we did not agree on consensus is for the League to require guidelines for the person providing instruction for home schooling.

We would hope that the parent at least has a high school education him/herself and we would really not like to see a cognitively impaired individual home school a child or for example a deaf parent home school a hearing child. However seeing that many of the states that do have more legislation than Wisconsin regarding home schooling focus more on the accountability aspect, perhaps this is the best way to start. Any minimal requirements of the person responsible for home schooling will not ensure quality education. Looking at the outcome appears to be a key focus and one that is lacking in current WI requirements of home schooling.

Question 2. c of Home school section

We would like to add "or other assessment"

We understand that the standardized test would be easiest to require and evaluate and we understand that anything more would require money and someone's time to perform, evaluate, and follow up on an assessment but many of us struggle with the limited value of a standardized test.

We do think it is important for all students to have experience in taking standardized tests, as this will be required of them in pursuing higher education also.

A Talk with Carrie Chapman Catt

The Winning Plan: Women Get the Vote

This program sponsored by the Appleton chapter of AAUW will be held at 7:30 PM on April 12 at the Appleton Public Library. League members are welcome to attend.

Voters Guide to Judicial Elections

(The following information was excerpted from information provided by the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles.)

Judges are different from other elected officials; their role is to uphold the law, not represent voters. This difference can make it challenging to make decisions in a judicial election.

What should the public expect from a judicial candidate?

- Impartiality
- Commitment to the law, rather than public or personal opinion
- Campaign conduct consistent with judicial rules and ethics

What should the public look for in a judge?

- Experience: demonstrate exposure to legal issues and substantial and diverse experience with the justice system
- Integrity: high moral character, honesty, dedication and diligence
- Judicial temperament: unbiased, courteous, open-minded, understanding, fair attitude and commitment to the rule of law
- Professional competence: intellect, knowledge of the law, writing and analytical capability, judgment, and courtroom and trial experience
- Service: demonstrated commitment to justice for all

What standards should a voter consider when voting on judges? Voters who place a very high value on judicial independence may want to use the type of job performance standards that many bar associations recommend. They will expect judges to decide the cases as they think the facts and law require without regard to their personal views on the issue and without bending to public or political pressures. They think that elections should not be referendums on a judge's philosophy.

Voter who place a higher value on political accountability will also take into consideration specific decisions made by judges. Voters may look for a candidate whose views on social issues match their own. They may think this is especially relevant for Supreme Court justices because their decisions are binding on major constitutional issues and in the lower courts.

Why vote for judges? Judges decisions have as great an impact on our lives as decisions made by the governor or legislator. Voting for judges exercises an important opportunity to maintain the balance between judicial independence and accountability.



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12:30-1:45 p.m.	LUNCH Keynote: Health and Health Care in Wisconsin Patrick Remington, M.D., Ph.D., UW Medical School	Luncheon room
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3:00 p.m.	Report-back session Discuss your lobbying experience with others and plan for future action. Facilitated by Melanie Ramey, LWVWI Board of Directors	Room 1
4:00 p.m.	Adjourn	

Registration (please print legibly)

Name _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Continental Breakfast (circle one): Yes No

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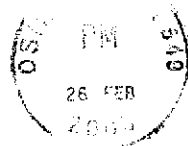
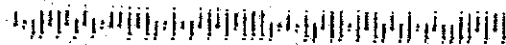
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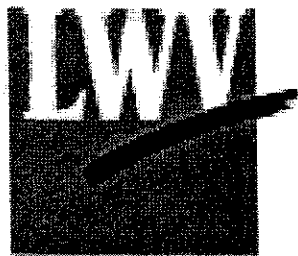
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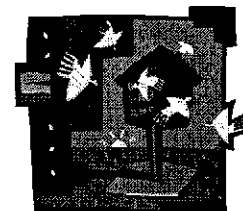
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From Karen



The President's Message

My husband and I are addicted to Trivial Pursuit and often pass the time in the car just reading the cards and keeping a running total of the correct answers. (By the way, I'm seriously behind in the tally). For this month's column I thought I'd provide you with a little League trivia. Corine Goldgar helped with this project. She's a wealth of knowledge about our League and assumes all responsibility if you discover any errors in the answers.

League Calendar

Date	Event	Meeting Place
Monday, April 4 7:00 PM	League-Sponsored Judicial Candidates Forum	Time-Warner Cable TV Local Channel 4
Tuesday, April 5	Election	Polls
Thursday, April 7, 7:00 PM	Education Funding Forum Sponsored by E.S.T.H.E.R.	Appleton East High School Commons
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Tuesday, May 3	LWV Appleton Annual Meeting	Mark's East Side 1405 E Wisconsin Ave Appleton
Tuesday, April 19	Appleton LWV Board Meeting	Appleton Public Library 2 nd Floor Meeting Room
Saturday, June 3 &	LWV State Convention	Janesville

Good Luck!

1. When was the local League formed?
2. Who formed our League?
3. Who is the most senior member of our League?
4. Which one of the following has never been a League president?
 - a. Bev Wieckert
 - b. Cynthia Johnson
 - c. Dorothy Draheim
 - d. Betty Breuning
 - e. Nusi Ward
5. When did the Appleton League first publish This is Appleton?
6. When did our League host a luncheon for a sitting Governor and who was it?

Answers
1. 1939
2. Erna McIntyre
3. Marian Ming
4. Bev Wieckert
5. 1956
6. 1973 - Gov. Lucey

Karen

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League-Sponsored Judicial Candidates Forum

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Time-Warner Cable TV. Local Channel 4

The Outagamie County Judicial election is on April 5. Judge Brad Priebe is opposed by Mark McGinnis. The Appleton LWV co-sponsored a forum with Time Warner Cable on March 16. Karen DeYoung was moderator and Shirley Adams served as time keeper. The forum will be aired on April 4 at 7:00 PM on Channel 4.

59th Convention
League of Women Voters of Wisconsin
Friday, June 3 & Saturday, June 4
Holiday Inn Express
Janesville Conference Center
3100 Wellington Place, Janesville, WI

Fox Valley Education Funding Forum to be Held April 7

Why are educational programs threatened with cuts every year? Why do so many local school districts need school referenda? What can be done to maintain our quality schools?

A coalition of Fox Valley parents, teachers, school board members, and public officials will be discussing these questions in a forum on the Funding of Public Education in the Fox Valley on Thursday, April 7 at Appleton East High School Commons from 7:00-9:00 p.m. The forum will include panel discussions on the impact of school budget cuts on school districts in the Fox Valley. *Legislative proposals designed to address these problem will be presented.*

The local forum is one of many being coordinated throughout the state by WISDOM and by the Wisconsin Alliance for Excellent Schools (WAES). It is sponsored locally by E.S.T.H.E.R., and supported by the Appleton, Menasha, and Neenah school districts and the Appleton City Wide PTA.

Resource information on school funding:

- <http://www.excellentschools.org>
- <http://www.schoolfunding.info/policy/CostingOut/overview.php3>
- <http://www.ncsl.org/programs/educ/NCEF.htm>

For more information contact Winnie Doxsie at 739-7593.

League of Women Voters of Appleton

Income	Expenditures/Budget 2004/2005		2005/2006
	Actual 8 months	Current Budget	Proposed Budget
A. Dues	\$2,135.00	\$3,400.00	\$2,500.00
B. Contributions			
1. Members	\$805.00	\$1,500.00	\$800.00
2. Member Ed Fund	0	0	\$0.00
3. Non-Member	0	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
4. Non-Member Ed Fund	0	0	\$0.00
C. Other			
C1. Interest Earned	\$104.89	\$500.00	\$100.00
D. Miscellaneous			
D.1 Holiday Brunch	\$435.00	\$620.00	\$450.00
D.2 Annual Meeting Dinner	0	\$500.00	\$500.00
D.3 Transfer from LWV Ed Fund	\$833.15	\$500.00	\$900.00
E. Other Transfer from Savings or C.D	av. C.D.	\$1,570.00	\$1,441.00
Total Income	\$5,329.50	\$9,590.00	\$7,691.00
Expenditures			
A. Operating Costs			
A1. General Supplies	\$456.55	\$150.00	\$125.00
A.2 Telephone + Ans. Service	\$223.23	\$250.00	\$300.00
A.3 PO Box Fee	\$38.00	\$80.00	\$76.00
A.4. Insurance	\$250.00	\$300	\$250.00
B. Board and Committees			
B.1. Finance	0	\$150.00	\$150.00
B. 2. Membership	\$52.90	\$150.00	\$150.00
C. Delegates Travel and Workshops			
C.1. State Council	0	\$0.00	\$30.00
C.2. State Convention	0	\$500.00	\$0.00
C.3. National Convention	0	0	\$1,500.00
C.5. Workshops	0	\$100	\$100.00
D. Financial Support for League			
D.1. Lake Michigan Interleague	0	\$25.00	\$25.00
D.2. State PMA	\$992.25	\$1,500.00	\$1,300.00
D.3. National PMP	\$1,156.20	\$1,050.00	\$1,200.00
D.4. LWV Ed Fund	0	\$350.00	\$100.00
E. Bulletins	\$548.71	\$750.00	\$750.00
F. Educational Activity			
F.1. Member Directory	0	\$120.00	\$0.00
F.2. Program			
F.2.a. National	0	\$50.00	\$50.00
F.2.b. State	\$32.55	\$50.00	\$50.00
F.2.c. Local	\$32.65	\$75.00	\$75.00
F.3. Voters Service	\$110.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
F.4. Website	\$72.00	\$200.00	\$100.00
G. Position Support	0	\$50.00	\$0.00
H. Miscellaneous			
H.1. Corporate Filing Fee	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
H.2. Holiday Brunch	\$399.76	\$500.00	\$450.00
H.3. Annual Meeting Dinner	0	\$500.00	\$500.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$4,374.80	\$9,590.00	\$7,691.00

CASH ON HAND	\$14,963.61	Submitted by Budget Committee
CHECKING	\$1,820.24	Katherine Kamp, Chairman
9 mo. CD	\$5,052.10	Shirley Adams, Finance Drive
18 Mo. CD	\$5,078.07	Dick Sampson, off Board member
Savings	0	Karen De Young, President
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Local and State Study Recommendations

The following items resulting from the January 22 Lively Issues meeting were approved by the Board at its February 8, 2005 meeting. They will be brought before the general membership for vote at the Annual Meeting. Further discussion before the vote on local and state study items is welcome.

Recommended for Local Study:

A re-examination of our educational positions with an eye toward comparisons to the current state education study and issues related to the federal No Child Left Behind legislation.

Recommended for State Study

Continuation of the current education study.

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Annual Meeting
Tuesday, May 3, 2005
Mark's East Side
1405 East Wisconsin Ave., Appleton
5:30 p.m. Social Hour with cash bar
6:00 p.m. Dinner
6:45 p.m. Annual Meeting

Please return your reservation, menu choice and check by Friday, April 29, 2005 to Carolyn Mewhorter, 315 North Drew Street, Appleton, WI 54911. Please call last minute reservations to Carolyn at 739-0000. Make check for \$15.50 payable to LWV Appleton. This price includes tax and gratuity.

Name _____ Telephone _____

Guests _____

Note to members: If you bring more than one guest, League will ask that you pay for the first guest and your meal and League will pay for the dinners of the additional guests you bring.

Dinner Selections – please check one

Self: ___ Tenderloin Tips ___ Chicken Cordon Bleu ___ Haddock

Guest: ___ Tenderloin Tips ___ Chicken Cordon Bleu ___ Haddock

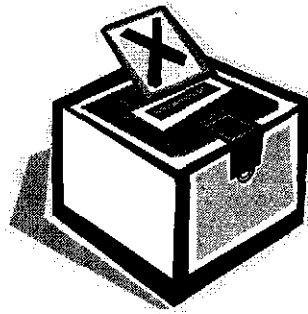
Self: ___ French Fries ___ Baked Potato ___ Rice ___ Fresh Vegetables

Guest: ___ French Fries ___ Baked Potato ___ Rice ___ Fresh Vegetables

Dinner will include cheese and crackers, salad, rolls, dessert, coffee, tea or milk.

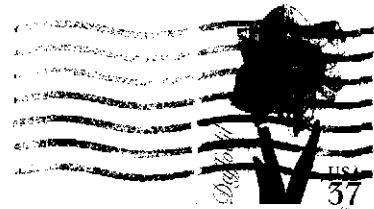
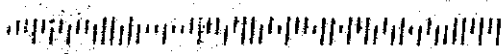
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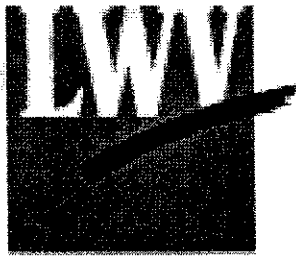


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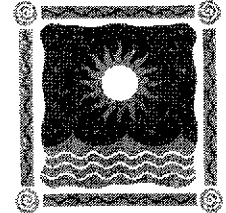
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From Karen



The President's Message

As the League year is winding down - Board members are busy, busy, busy! We are all preparing our final year reports for inclusion in the Annual Report to be delivered at our Annual Meeting on May 3. The Board of Directors will also finalize our letters for the local Finance Drive and will mail them out in April.

I met with in-coming President, Beth English, and over soft drinks (ugh!) we reviewed the current year's activities and determined that a high priority for next year is increased League visibility and a concepted membership drive.

It has been a pleasure serving as League President this year. I have had the pleasure of working with a superb Board and have enjoyed getting to know many members.

The 2005-2006 Board of Directors will serve our League well but they will need our active involvement. Make a commitment now "to step up to the plate." Volunteer your expertise, time and talent and please consider a donation to League when your Finance Drive letter arrives. Your generosity will be most appreciated and will be wisely spent.

League Calendar

Date	Event	Meeting Place
Tuesday, May 3	LWV Appleton Annual Meeting	Mark's East Side 1405 E Wisconsin Ave Appleton
Saturday, June 3-4	LWV State Convention	Janesville

Thanks again for the opportunity to serve. Enjoy your summer and I hope to see many of you at our first Fall meeting.

Karen

LAST CHANCE!!

Annual Meeting and Dinner

May 3, 2005

Mark's East Side

1405 East Wisconsin Ave., Appleton

5:30 p.m. Social Hour with cash bar

6:00 p.m. Dinner

6:45 p.m. Annual Meeting

There still is time to call Carolyn Mewhorter, 739-0000, to make a reservation!!

2004-2005 PCB Disposal Study LWV – River Leagues Recommendation

4/11/05

Approved by LWV of Appleton Board 4/19/05

PCB's are a concern for everyone who has contact with the Fox River. Over the past years, to address this concern, the Wisconsin DNR, after much research and ample opportunity for public input, has issued a Record of Decision that seeks immediate removal of the PCB laden sediment in parts of the Fox River most heavily contaminated and a combination of other means of remediation, both capping and natural attenuation, for less contaminated portions.

In 2001, the four Leagues along the Fox River, joined together in a unique study to form a PCB consensus position regarding the quality of the water in the Fox River. In this ground breaking study, the four River Leagues agreed that landfilling the dredged sediment was the only economically viable option. Today, nearly five years later, emerging technologies are being developed that caused the study committee to reconvene for consideration of the disposal options for the dredged sediment contaminated with PCBs.

During this 2004-2005 Multi-League study, information was gathered regarding the new technology developed by Minergy of vitrification or incineration of the sediment at extremely high temperatures (approximately 3000 degrees) to destroy the PCB molecule in an environmentally sound manner leaving only an inert glass aggregate by-product. After hearing from Minergy, experts from both the Clean Water Action Council and the Wisconsin DNR were entertained to present their viewpoints regarding the viability of Minergy's process, its cost estimates, the environmental soundness of the process, and other potential concerns having to do with the vitrification process.

The study committee has agreed that the current position drafted in 2001 should be modified to incorporate the consideration of options beyond landfilling the dredge. The following proposed amendment is presented to all four Leagues for consideration and acceptance:

**PCB Clean Up Position
LWV - Fox River Leagues
Proposed Amendment presented for Consensus**

The River Leagues (Appleton, Green Bay, Neenah-Menasha and Oshkosh) believe that the Fox River has and continues to be an important natural, recreational and economic resource for all area residents and the state of Wisconsin. The League believes that the public must be allowed meaningful and frequent comment regarding PCB activities which influence the area's water and land resources.

We support the effort to decrease the concentration of PCB's in the Fox River using site appropriate methods. Further, we support site specific, on-going monitoring of the river's water quality with periodic review of the implemented clean-up option for effectiveness.

We believe the clean-up project should be conducted by the state and the paper companies in a collaborative venture based on a mutually accepted long-term plan.

We believe the cost of the clean-up should be borne by the responsible parties and all available state and federal grant dollars.

Pending statewide LWV study and concurrence, we support a state water quality tax, similar to the forestry tax, to improve the state's water resources and to provide a predictable, dependable and equitable funding source.

While we currently believe the most economical way to dispose of sediments containing less than 50 ppm PCB's is in segregated appropriately engineered landfills close to the Fox River, we support the continued consideration of emerging technologies such as vitrification for sediments with higher toxicity. We believe that local governments along the Fox River should allow the development of such landfills for the sole purpose of disposal of PCB contaminated soil until new technologies are proven viable, cost effective and environmentally sound. We support molecule destruction over encapsulation whenever cost effective and environmentally sound technology is available.

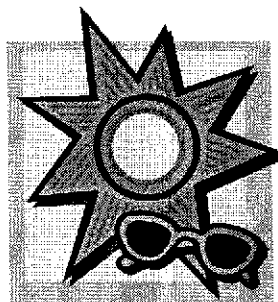
We support the state's on-going assumption of liability for government owned landfills designated for this purpose.

We support that restitution funds for damages to the Fox River's environment be used for the primary purpose of wetland restoration, shoreline improvements, and public riverfront acquisition.

Membership Brochure

Winnie Doxie has designed a new membership brochure. One is enclosed for you to give to someone.

This is the last LWV Bulletin you will receive until September. **Have a great summer!!**



LWVITW Education Study 2003-2005
Education Committee Final Recommended Positions
Approved by Board of Directors 3/12/05

Introduction on alternative forms of and challenges to education

"I have indeed two great measures at heart, without which no republic can maintain itself in strength:

- 1. That of general education, to enable every man to judge for himself what will secure or endanger his freedom.*
- 2. To divide every county into hundreds, of such size that all the children of each will be within reach of a central school in it."*

—Thomas Jefferson, 1810

Public education is a foundation for our democratic society. Leaders of the United States, as far back as Thomas Jefferson, understood that the very health and strength of the country was dependent on public education. Public schools prepared the people to be knowledgeable in their role as voting citizens. It was also public schools that integrated immigrants into American society and created a commitment to a common heritage. More recently we have asked public schools to take a greater role in preparing children for college as well as for the workforce. Public schools remain the one place in our society where children of different backgrounds have the opportunity to interact.

Starting with the publication of *A Nation at Risk* in the early 1980's, there has been a rising chorus of critics attacking public education. These attacks have begun to undermine the faith of the average citizen in the very institution of public education. Rather than focus on ways to improve and strengthen those public schools that have problems, much of the recent public discussion has focused on alternatives to public education.

This League study has looked at some of the alternatives to traditional public education that exist in the state of Wisconsin: Milwaukee private school choice, charter schools, virtual schools and home schools. The charge to the committee was to look at these, and the federal No Child Left Behind legislation, in terms of their impact on public schools in the state.

Position Statement

Committee Recommended position:

Support of a system of state elementary and secondary education which includes:

Require all institutions or organizations that receive public funds for K-12 education to meet the same requirements as public schools, including:

- Accounting for the use of public funds;*
- Meeting performance standards for their students;*
- Meeting the same state standards for all school employees.*

There was almost unanimous agreement that any individual or private company contracting to provide public education as is the case for some virtual schools, and any private or parochial school that receives public funds by participating in the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program, should be required to publicly account for the use of those funds. Financial accounting requirements should be the same as that required of K-12 public schools. It is suggested that yearly audits be made available to the public. Although there is more financial accountability for schools in the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program through Act 155 than there was in the past, it is not comparable to what is required of public schools.

Although all charter school students at this time are public school students and are accountable to the same academic testing requirements as students in traditional schools, there are no academic measurement requirements for private or parochial school students. There was strong consensus among League units that publicly funded students in private and parochial schools should be held to the same achievement standards as their counterparts in public schools.

Employees of Wisconsin schools that receive public funds should meet the same state standards as those required of all public school employees. "All school employees" includes instructional and support employees. This refers to certification of instructional employees as well as, for instance, criminal background checks on any employees for which this is required in public education.

Committee Recommended Position:

Charter school authority should be given only to K-12 public school districts to maintain Wisconsin's commitment to local control of K-12 public education.

Approximately two thirds of the Leagues endorsed the above position. The democratic structure of K-12 public schools provides for a school board elected by the registered voters who are residents of the school district. This system allows for public accountability and control. There were some LWVWI members and Leagues who felt that it was appropriate for colleges and universities to serve as a chartering authority. However, the governing structure of colleges, universities and technical schools with appointed boards and officials, allow for less direct public control and accountability. School districts are encouraged to cooperate with other organizations, institutions, and agencies while maintaining chartering authority.

At the current time the funding of the schools chartered by the institutions other than K-12 school district boards, comes from a negative proportional deduction in the state aids sent to each school district in the state. Therefore financially strapped school districts are affected by the cost of the independently chartered schools. Local school districts are allowed to make up the reduction in their state aid by increasing the school tax levy in their community within the revenue limit formula.

Home schooling

Although there was no consensus on recommendations for requirements regarding home schooling, there was support among leagues for greater oversight of home schooling. Responses were equally divided on qualification guidelines for the person providing home school instruction. There was stronger support for requiring some form of record keeping and assessment of student learning in order to ensure the child is in a safe and educationally stimulating environment.

There was no consensus among Leagues on how regulations if any should be enforced. Regarding enforcement, there was sentiment toward shared responsibility between the Department of Public Instruction and local school districts. In the discussion of new requirements of home schooling programs, it was recalled that private schools are also lacking these same kinds of control. Because of the lack of consensus there are no suggestions for new positions relative to home schooling at this time.

No Child Left Behind

The Education Study committee was directed to study the effect of the "No Child Left Behind Act". The NCLB act requires all students to be proficient in reading and math assessments by 2013-14. Also schools and districts must meet annual targets for the percent of students at or above the proficient level, with those targets rising over time for all students and for subgroups of students who are poor, speak limited English, have disabilities, or come from racial or ethnic minority backgrounds.

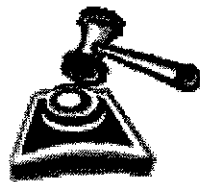
Local leagues were requested to conduct a survey of local school districts to determine the effects of this law. Twenty-five local leagues conducted interviews with school district personnel. The results of these interviews are summarized in the Committee's report "Impact of Alternative Forms of Education and No Child Left Behind Act on Public K-12 School Systems". This report can be found at the LWVWI's web site.

Most districts felt that there were some positive qualities of the Federal legislation but also felt that the legislation restricted local control, was not adequately funded, and needed more flexibility regarding student assessments. The State Department of Public Instruction had to comply with the Federal regulations in making the state plan. Wisconsin's implementation plan was approved by the Department of Education and then Wisconsin received the federal funds for Title I.

Some local leagues requested a consensus questions regarding NCLB. Since this is Federal legislation, Leagues must use LWVUS positions to lobby for changes in the legislation. LWVWI could act on most state legislative requirements because of the LWVWI's position on local control by School Boards.

Annual Meeting - May 3, 2005

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