



The League of Women Voters

of Appleton, Wisconsin

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The President's Message

Welcome to a brand new League year. I hope you have enjoyed the wonderful weather this summer and are relaxed and ready to get back into League activities.

Your new Board of Directors has already been active. We have committed this year's goals to interest our members, attract new members, increase LWV visibility, and work toward a sustainable League. The calendar, included in this issue, was set up with these goals in mind. There will be something to interest everyone this year—education, environment, good government—to name a few. Keep an eye on the monthly Bulletin. We will put more rigor to the dates and times as the dates get closer.

Now, there is one thing universally true about people; people like to be invited. So, **I invite you** to attend one LWV activity each month. Whether it be observing a public meeting, attending a committee meeting or coming to a social function—and bring a friend. There is power in the act of inviting another. Look for our membership kickoff this month. Both current and prospective members are welcome. Come and bring a friend. You will be glad you did.

See you at the next meeting!

Beth

League Calendar

Date	Event	Meeting Place
Monday, October 10 6:30-9:00 PM	Membership Kickoff Meeting	Harmony Café & Other (See Article)
Tuesday, Oct 11 6:00-7:30 PM	Appleton LWV Board Meeting	Appleton Public Library Lower Level Meeting Room
Saturday, October 15 9 AM - 3 PM	Issues Briefing LWV Wisconsin	Madison (See www.lwvwi.org)
Saturday, December 10 10:30 AM - 1 PM	Holiday Brunch	Radisson Paper Valley Hotel

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!

Membership Kickoff Event Incorporates Study Topic

After a long, hot summer, it's time for Leaguers to gather and renew our work in improving government and impacting public policy through citizen education and advocacy. Our all-member kickoff event is Monday, Oct. 10, and we hope you can join us!

Since one of this year's local studies is updating the League's education positions in light of changes in today's schools, we'll attend a Board meeting of the Appleton Area School District. We'll gather at the Harmony Café starting at 6:30 PM and then walk together to the board meeting that begins at 7 PM We'll duck out about 8 PM and head to Cheyenne's Sports Bar and Grill to discuss what we heard and what's new with League this year.

Feel free to join us at any or all of the evening's activities. Again, here's where to find us:

6:30 PM Harmony Café, 124 N. Oneida St. (between the Library and City Center)

7:00 PM AASD Board meeting, City Center Plaza, 10 College Ave, Administrative Center, Suite 216

8:15 PM Cheyenne's Sports Bar and Grill, 124 N. Appleton St.

For more information contact Nadine Miller at 733-0012 or nadinemiller@tds.net or Carolyn Mewhorter at 739-0000 or mewhorter@sbcglobal.net.

Are YOU or Someone You Know Considering an Alderperson Candidacy?

Alderpersons in even-numbered districts will be elected for two year terms in the spring of 2006. A candidate must be 18 years of age or older, live in the district and be a qualified elector in the City of Appleton. The LWV of Appleton encourages a choice of candidates in each district.

Contact City Clerk, Cindi Hesse, 920-832-6443 or email cindi.hesse@appleton.org to reserve a seat for the October 20th 6:30PM class on How to be an Alderperson – A Guide for Public Participation in Local Government. All interested persons are invited to attend. For greater detail see the clerk's website at <http://www.appleton.org/departments/clerk/>.

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2005-06 Program Calendar

October

- Mon., Oct. 10** 6:30 p.m. **Membership Kick-Off Meeting**, Harmony Café, followed by Appleton Area School District board meeting at 7 p.m. in the AASD Administrative Center Center Community Room, 8:15 p.m. Cheyenne's Sports Bar and Grill, 124 N. Appleton St.
- Tue., Oct. 11** 6-7:30 p.m. **Board meeting**, Appleton Public Library lower level
- Sat., Oct. 15** 9a.m.-3p.m. **State League Issues Briefing**, Madison.

November

- Tue., Nov. 8** 6-7:30 p.m. **Board meeting**, Appleton Public Library lower level
- General membership meeting**: What do we want from our Web site? Date and location TBD

December

- Sat., Dec. 10** 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. **Holiday Brunch**, Radisson Paper Valley Hotel. Guest Speaker determined by board. Suggestions were: Election reform or Smoking ban
- Tue., Dec. 13** 6-7:30 p.m. **Board meeting**, Appleton Public Library lower level

January 2006

- Tue., Jan. 10** 6-7:30 p.m. **Board meeting**, Appleton Public Library lower level
- Sat., Jan. 21** 10 a.m.- noon **Lively Issues**, Location TBD

February 2006

- Tue., Feb 14** 6-7:30 p.m. **Board meeting**, Appleton Public Library lower level Education study consensus meeting. Date and location TBD by Susie Alger.

March 2006

- Tue., Mar. 14** 6-7:30 p.m. **Board meeting**, Appleton Public Library lower level

April 2006

- Tue., April 11** 8 a.m.-8 p.m. **Spring Elections** Election Night reporting
- Tue., April 11** 6-7:30 p.m. **Board meeting**, Appleton Public Library lower level

May

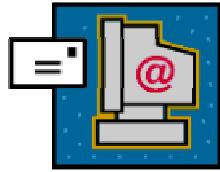
- Thur., May 4** 5:30 p.m. Social Hour, 6:00 p.m. dinner, 6:45 p.m. **Annual Business Meeting**. Location: Mark's East Side
- Sat., May 20** **State League Council**, Cedarburg.

June 2006

- June 10-13** **National Convention**, Minneapolis, Minn.

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