



# The League of Women Voters

of Appleton, Wisconsin

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## English Rhetoric



### The President's Message

Hello Fellow Leaguers,

By the time this reaches you Spring Elections will be almost over. We have done our best to bring people to the polls. *Thank you to everyone* who hosted a district meeting, worked on the website, contacted candidates, worked with the media, worked on the smoking ban forum or did election night reporting. You have done a great job. The rest is up to a motivated electorate.

Nationally, local and state Leagues are ramping up for the National Convention. The listserv emails are lively. There have been suggestions to make any of the following high priority action items for the LWV-US:

### League Calendar

Date	Event	Meeting Place
Tuesday, April 4	Spring Elections	
Tuesday, April 11 6:00-7:30 PM	Appleton LWV Board Meeting	Appleton Public Library Lower Level Meeting Room
Wednesday, April 12 11:45 AM	State Heritage Parkway Fox River Corridor	China King Restaurant <b>Oshkosh</b>
Wed-Thurs, April 26-27	Community Leadership Summit	Paper Valley Radisson Hotel, Appleton
Thursday, May 4 5:30 PM	Appleton LWV Annual Meeting	Mark's East Side 1405 E Wisconsin Ave
Saturday, May 20	LWVWI State Council	Cedarburg
Saturday-Tuesday June 10-13	LWVUS National Convention	Minneapolis

Health Care, Immigration, Electronic Voting and Direct Election of the President. LWV-Illinois is asking delegates to the LWVUS Convention to adopt this position by *concurrence* at the convention: "The League of Women Voters of the United States supports the abolition of the death penalty." Included in this Bulletin is a brief summary of the background material.

- *Concurrence* is a method of reaching agreement. It is a method where one agrees or concurs with a position already stated. It is a way to make use of an issue already explored by another League. It is usually used as a way to speed up the process to create LWV positions which can then lead to faster action by League.

There is still time to register for State Council May 20 in Cedarburg or National Convention June 10-13 in Minneapolis. I would love to see more members attend since these opportunities are so close by. Let me know if you wish to attend.

How are we doing? Is this League meeting your needs? How can we create a League that is self sustaining? Do you have any ideas about how to retain members? If you have opinions about how we can do a better job, we invite your thoughts. If there is some interest, we will set aside time to do strategic planning—date and time to be announced.

See you at the meeting,

**Beth**



## **Fox River Corridor Update State Heritage Parkway Plans**

**Wednesday, April 12, 11:45 AM**

**China King Restaurant, Oshkosh**

**Correction to Location**

The League of Women Voters of Neenah Menasha, Oshkosh, Green Bay and Appleton have been combining their efforts to support work on the Fox River Corridor—a natural resource we share.

On April 12, 2006 please join the LWV-Neenah Menasha for lunch at the China King Restaurant in Oshkosh at 11:45 am. The speaker will be Ed Kleckner, ASLA Community Development Planner from East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. His topic will be the State Heritage Parkway plans for the future.



## Meet the Candidates

At this writing three of the five neighborhood meetings to meet alderperson candidates have occurred. Attendance has been sparse but the discussion with six citizens in District 9 last evening was informative and demonstrated pride and care for the neighborhood and Appleton.

Thanks to Lynda Cutts, Sue Siltan , Carolyn Mewhorter and Karen DeYoung for serving as site managers for the meetings. See the remarks of Alderman Thompson that follow.

Good Morning Mrs. Adams

I just wanted to again thank you and the League of Women Voters of Appleton for sponsoring the Candidates Meeting last evening. I found it interesting and at least now I know where my opponent decided to land at the last minute on the smoking issue.

I think we were all disappointed in the small turnout. Perhaps the League could rethink its sponsorship of the Cable spots. That way each candidate could have his/her say and it could be viewed several times. Four years ago when I ran, I did get a number of comments about the spots and reactions to my comments. If this is not a viable option for the League, I do encourage the continued attempt to make these type of gatherings more heavily attended.

Again, thank you and the League for their interest in local affairs. Someday, perhaps, people will once again view public service as a responsibility and not just a means to promote their own agenda.

Warm Regards,

Richard A. Thompson, Alderperson, District 8

## Community Leadership Summit

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Wisconsin Community Leadership Summit will be held in Appleton April 26-27. It is an opportunity for league members to enhance their leadership skills, learn community-building tools and network with people in other community organizations. Given that it's in Appleton this year, it will be convenient for several of our leagues. For more information: [www.wirural.org](http://www.wirural.org) or [www.uwex.edu/ces/wrip](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/wrip). For program questions, call Kelly Haverkamp 608/850-4411. For registration questions, call Janet Short at 608/263-0817.

# Death Penalty Abolition Concurrence 2006 DRAFT

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## ***THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS*** OF ILLINOIS

### **Brief Summary of Pros/Cons of the Death Penalty**

“Arguments for the Death Penalty” are those most often used to justify the use of the death penalty. “Arguments against the Death Penalty” respond to those positions. These issues can be explored in more detail using the resources provided at [www.lwvil.org/death\\_penalty/](http://www.lwvil.org/death_penalty/).

#### **Arguments for the Death Penalty**

1. The death penalty is a deterrent to violent crime.
2. Without a death penalty, murder rates would soar.
3. To take murder seriously, only the forfeiture of life is adequate punishment.
4. Safeguards in our justice system ensure that only guilty persons have been executed.
5. The death penalty is fair because it is given only to the worst criminals for the worst crimes.
6. The death penalty saves taxpayers thousands of dollars over maintaining people in prison for life.
7. Only the death penalty provides closure for families of murder victims.

#### **Responses/Arguments against the Death Penalty**

1. Studies have fairly consistently concluded that the death penalty does not act as a deterrent.
2. Studies show that states without the death penalty have murder rates as low or lower than states with it.
3. Only 2% of all murders result in the imposition of the death penalty.
4. Over 120 innocent people have been released from death row since 1973, most of these despite the system and not because the system worked.
5. The same crime that lands one person on death row may result in a prison term for another. The worst criminals often escape the death penalty because it is used as a bargaining chip.
6. Cost analyses have shown that life imprisonment is actually less costly than a death sentence.
7. A prison term provides speedier justice for the families of victims. The mandatory appeals process that accompanies a death sentence is very lengthy and postpones the possibility of closure.

8. A high regard for human life leads a civilized society to seek the death penalty.

8. All of the developed world (except the United States), and indeed most of the international community, has determined that the death penalty is a violation of human rights.

Are any states without controversy? Can any state claim with certainty that its death penalty is flawless? Does the fact that all states have issues with their death penalties not suggest that the death penalty be abolished?

Complete articles are available from [dpconcurrency@lwwil.org](mailto:dpconcurrency@lwwil.org).



## Smoking Ban Forum

One of our Get Out the Vote efforts this spring was an educational forum geared toward the referendum on the Appleton smoking ban. You may have seen something about it in the media. Appleton Public Library was kind enough to host it and Time Warner was able to tape it for rebroadcast. It was wonderful press for our local League and a great opportunity for all sides to make their case.

Our thanks to Jan Quinlan who put together a balanced panel of the most articulate panelists. Fellow Leaguer, Stevie Schmidt and oncologist, Anthony Phillips, represented Clean Air Works and the nay vote. Attorney George Schroeder and Robbie Johnson drafted the referendum and represented the yes vote. Lawrence University political science professor, Steve Wulf, gave an overview of the civil liberties/government angle. The discussion was great.

Time Warner will be showing the broadcast again on Friday, March 24 and 31 at 7:30 pm. on the cable access channel 4. There is a link to the Post Crescent article and WFRV on our website <http://lwwappleton.org>

**Proposed Budget 2006-07**

<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
	<u>TO FEB.</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
A. Dues	\$ 2,070.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,070.00
B. Contributions			
1. Members	1,300.00	800.00	1,300.00
2. Member Ed. Fund		-	
3. Non-Member	175.00	1,000.00	800.00
4. Non-Member Ed. Fund		-	200.00
C. Other			
1. Interest Earned	213.00	100.00	200.00
D. Miscellaneous			
1. Holiday Brunch	336.00	450.00	450.00
2. Annual Meeting Dinner		500.00	550.00
3. Transfer from LWV Ed. Fund*	1,696.00	2,000.00	800.00
4. Transfer from Savings or			
C.D.'s	-	1,441.00	989.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME &amp; TRANSFERS</b>	5,790.00	8,791.00	7,359.00

**EXPENDITURES**

A. Operating Costs			
1. General Supplies	30.00	125.00	125.00
2. Telephone & Ans. Svc.	193.00	300.00	300.00
3. PO Box Fee	38.00	76.00	76.00
4. Insurance*	250.00	250.00	250.00
B. Board &: Committees			
1. Finance	35.00	150.00	150.00
2. Membership	-	150.00	150.00
C. Delegates, Travel & Workshops			
1. State Council	-	30.00	-
2. State Convention	-	-	900.00
3. National Convention	-	1,500.00	-
4. Workshops	-	100.00	100.00
D. Financial Support for League			
1. Lake Michigan Interleague	-	25.00	25.00
2. State PMA	1,205.00	1,300.00	1,242.00
3. National PMP* ( \$693)	1,386.00	1,200.00	1,071.00
E. Bulletin	244.00	750.00	750.00
F. Educational Activity	-	-	-
1. Member Directory	-	-	-
2. Program			
a. National	-	50.00	50.00
b. State	-	50.00	50.00
c. Local	-	75.00	75.00
3. Voters Service	-	400.00	400.00
4. Website	84.00	100.00	400.00
5. Archive Project* (Special Project)	754.00	1,100.00	335.00
G. Position Support		-	
H. Miscellaneous			
1. Corporate Filing Fee	-	10.00	10.00
2. Holiday Brunch	338.00	450.00	400.00
3. Annual Meeting Dinner	-	500.00	500.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	4,557.00	8,691.00	7,359.00

**Annual Meeting and Dinner**  
**Thursday, May 4, 5:30 PM**

The LWV of Appleton will hold its annual meeting and dinner on Thursday, May 4 at 5:30 PM at Mark's East Side, 1405 East Wisconsin Avenue, Appleton. Please use the reservation form below.

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate for the 2006-2007 League year. All positions are for two years except where noted.

<b>Action VP</b>	Winnie Doxsie	<b>2007 Nominating Committee</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	Sue Silton	Sue Eich, Chair
<b>Director</b>	Kathy Kamp	Jan Quinlan
<b>Director</b>	Lynda Cutts	Pat McConnell
<b>Director</b>	Jody Van Domelen	

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Annual Meeting  
Thursday, May 4, 2006  
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 with menu choices and check by Friday, April 28 to Nadine Miller, 914 N. Fox St., Appleton, WI 54911. Please call Nadine with last minute reservations at 733-0012.

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 entrée and one side dish

**Self:** \_\_\_ Tenderloin Tips \_\_\_ Chicken Cordon Bleu \_\_\_ Haddock

**Self:** \_\_\_ Baked Potato \_\_\_ Wild Rice Blend \_\_\_ French Fries

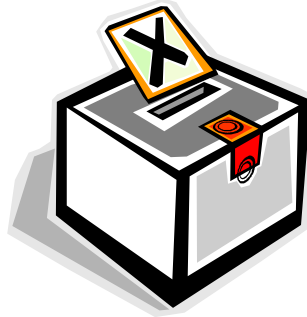
**Guest:** \_\_\_ Tenderloin Tips \_\_\_ Chicken Cordon Bleu \_\_\_ Haddock

**Guest:** \_\_\_ Baked Potato \_\_\_ Wild Rice Blend \_\_\_ French Fries

\*Dinner includes salad, rolls, dessert, coffee, tea or milk.

April 4

REMEMBER TO VOTE



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