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English Rhetoric

The President's Message

If you were able to be part of the audience for the 8th Congressional District Forum featuring Steve Kagen (D) and John Gard (R) you witnessed the first time these two candidates faced each other in a public forum since before the primary. If you watched the candidate interviews on Time Warner Cable the past three Saturdays you witnessed candidate Steve Wieckert (R) face opponent Penny Bernard Schaber (D) for the 57th Assembly District and Susan Garcia Franz (D) face opponent Roger Roth Jr. (R) for the 56th Assembly District races. However, the last time you were able to see the candidates for Outagamie County Sheriff together was in the League candidate interviews with Travis Tyson (D) and Brad Gehring (R) before the primary. We were unable to get them to a forum together.

While it is encouraging to see so many contested races, League's voter service efforts are important to help voters cut through the rhetoric. By focusing on candidate's stands on the issues we move past the explosion of politicking through political ads.

League Calendar

Date	Event	Meeting Place
Tuesday, November 7	General Election	Polls
Tuesday, November 7 7:30 p.m.	Post-election Party	Cheyenne's Sports B & G 124 N Appleton St (South of Library)
Wednesday, November 8 6:30 p.m.	Electricity Tour and Discussion	Kaukauna Utilities 777 Island Street Kaukauna
Tuesday, November 14 6:00-7:30 p.m.	Appleton LWV Board Meeting	@ Beth English 3650 N. Chappel Drive
Saturday, December 9 10:30 a.m. - Noon	Holiday Brunch	Radisson Paper Valley Hotel

(Beth's message continued)

It has taken a lot of members to produce these opportunities and it has taken a lot of hard work. But, it has also been a lot of fun. You can thank Lynda Cutts and her voter service committee, Winnie Doxsie, Shirley Strange and Shirley Adams, for the coverage of local races. You have Jan Quinlan, Nadine Miller, Winnie and Karon Sandberg to thank for the 8th Congressional Forum. They have all done a terrific job. A special thanks to everyone else who responded to the call to step in and help in so many other ways. It's rewarding to be part of this League.

All this recent activity has resulted in us picking up a few new members. Some of the new members met at Carolyn Mewhorter's home recently. We had some great discussion. These new people are eager to become active. Help them feel welcome by introducing yourself to Jan, Merry and Victoria when you see them this fall.

Hope to see you at Cheyenne's on election night to watch the election results come in.

Beth



Electricity Tour and Discussion

Mark your Calendar...

For a tour and informational discussion about **Electricity**
Wednesday, November 8th at 6:30PM
At the Kaukauna Utilities Electricity and Water Department
777 Island St., Kaukauna

Directions:

There is road construction in the city so following are several ways to get there:

From OO turn into the city on Hwy 55, proceed to Dodge St (across from 2nd St. in the downtown area) turn left and left again onto Island St. The Utility is immediately on your left.

From CE turn toward the city on Hwy 55, turn left at Henry St. detour, right onto Main Ave., right onto 2nd St., cross 55 to Dodge St. and left onto Island Dr.

Or from CE at the stoplights by the new high school which is Hwy Q or Hillcrest Dr. drive into the city to Dodge St. turn left for several blocks to a right on Island Drive.

Parking is available in the lot in front of the Utility. If you would like to car pool call Shirley Adams at 731-2807. You may want to view www.kaukaunautilites.com prior to our visit.

Energy Study

Issues Briefing 2006 offered several sessions on energy. www.lwvwi.org will soon post two of these presentations on the web site.

Do you know that 10 Wisconsin cities, none in the Fox Valley, have become "Cool Cities" taking action to reduce pollutants and work toward energy efficiency? See the sites below for details.

The Agreement these Mayor's signed is at:

http://usmayors.org/uscm/resolutions/73rd_conference/env_04.asp

The website for more about Cool Cities is: (Pick Wisconsin and learn more about each of the 10 signatory cities.)

http://www.coolcities.us/taxonomy_menu/2/64

Do you know that compact fluorescent light bulbs use 75% less electricity and last up to 10 times longer than the typical light bulb? Through November most hardware stores are offering an instant rebate that brings the cost of a cfl bulb to 99 cents. We can all contribute to electricity conservation by changing our light bulbs now!



Post-election Party

Cheyenne's Sports Bar and Grill
124 N. Appleton St.
(South of the Appleton Public Library)

Want to share election night results and analysis with some interesting and fun women and men? Then join the Appleton League of Women Voters for a post-election party. Come any time after 7:30 p.m. on Election Day, of course, Tuesday, Nov. 7. We've reserved the back room at Cheyenne's Sports Bar and Grill. We'll have the television on to watch results, but you can expect lively discussion as well. We will have wait staff service for both food and beverages.

No need to RSVP, just join us Election night at Cheyenne's. For questions, contact Nadine Miller at 920-733-0012 or nadinemiller@tds.net

Candidates Forum Thanks!

Leaguers:

Wow; 500 people packed Stansbury theatre Friday evening to hear our President, Beth English, and the candidates for the 8th Congressional District seat! TV-2's live broadcast and feeds from other stations, plus the Post Crescent's articles and other media, will have a huge multiplier effect to publicize candidates' stands on the issues--not to mention great visibility for League.

Thanks to our great team of volunteers for the tremendous effort it took to make this event look easy!

Nadine Miller



VOTERS WIN!

Over 500 people attended the Candidate Forum featuring 8th Congressional District Candidates, Steve Kagen and John Gard, at Stansbury Hall on Friday, October 13. The audience was extended through television coverage by WBAY-TV2. Plus, a tape of the forum has been repeatedly shown on CSPAN during their coverage of national candidates.

A coalition of community organizations organized the event. They included ESTHER, Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups, Wisconsin Alliance of Retired Americans, Goodwill Industries of the Fox Valley, Rotary Club Multicultural Center, Lawrence University, and League and it was funded through a grant from the Community Foundation. The coalition experience was positive for us. It offered a broader audience, since each sponsoring organization brought their own audience. It also increased our credibility since we represented a wide range of interests.

Ultimately, the voting public has been the winner. In this contentious political season we were able to offer a way for voters to cut through to the issues that separate the candidates. Thanks to all of those who contributed in any way to the success of the forum.

LWV of Appleton



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 Sue Silton, 540 W. River Road, Appleton, WI 54915-1259.

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!

The MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY will be mailed in November.

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