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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®

President's Corner

By Carolyn Mewhorter



Since being elected president in May, my knowledge of the League of Women Voters at the national, state and local levels has increased a thousand fold and I assure you the learning process is not over! One challenge is writing the president's monthly column for the Bulletin. What should be included? What have members known for years that I am learning only now? How many members do not have access to websites and are disheartened when the Bulletin directs you there? What is the best way to get the information out to all of you?

Currently, there are a number of events that are important and of interest to League members:

Wanted: Talented Leaders for the State Board.

It is that time of year to nominate yourself or someone else to serve on the LWVWI Education Network Board of Directors or the LWVWI Nominating Committee. The nomination form, information, and calendar are posted on the LWVWI website

(www.lwvwi.org), or call 608-256-0827 to have them sent to you. October 31, 2007 is the post-mark deadline for nominations. More information is available in the September Forward.

Aware Fox Cities.

As an organization of organizations in Northeast Wisconsin, Aware Fox Cities brings political and social programming to the Fox Valley. It is a coalition of diverse organizations providing educational forums, events, and respectful dialogue to raise awareness in the Fox Cities concerning local and global issues. The organization's goals are:

- Public awareness and education
- Collaboration and networking
- Fair and balanced sharing of ideas
- Modeling respectful dialogue
- Civic engagement of the general public
- Inclusion and fostering of diverse ideas and organizations

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Aware Fox Cities meets every two months. I attended my first meeting September 18 and plan to attend future meetings. Aware Fox Cities provides us with an avenue to promote activities in which our League is involved and keeps us informed of other activities going on in our area. You can visit their website www.awarefoxcities.com for more information. Immigration and Natural Resources, both important issues with League, are currently being addressed by a number of Aware member organizations.

City of Appleton budget.

The Appleton City Council will receive the annual budget at their October 4, 2007 meeting. On October 5, I will meet with John Hoft-March in Appleton finance department to pick up a copy

of the budget he has reserved for League. The Finance Committee Budget Review is scheduled for all day Saturday, October 27. A public hearing is scheduled for November 7 at 6 PM, prior to the regular meeting of the council. Budget adoption is scheduled for November 14, 2007. All meetings are held at City Hall on the 6th floor. Members interested in this process are welcome to attend these meetings.

A Sustainable Fox Valley.

Cindy Carter, Natural Resource Chair, has brought to your board's attention a listing of activities that will soon be underway in our area. Many address issues of importance to League members and are listed in this Bulletin for your convenience and information.

Carolyn

League Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Meeting Place</u>
Tuesday, October 9 6:00-7:30 P.M.	Appleton LWV Board Meeting	Appleton Public Library Lower Level
Thursday, October 11 7:00 PM	Winnie's Welcome	Winnie's house 1708 N. Hall, Appleton
Monday, October. 22 4:30-6:00 PM	Mental Health Forum	Appleton Public Library Lower Level

Mental Health Study-Update

The League of Women Voters of Appleton Board of Directors has accepted the following questions for study from the Mental Health Study Committee:

- * How can we develop a regional system for the provision of mental health services that enhances the quality and access of care, provides the needed specialized care, and encourages the recruitment and retention of providers in the mental health profession?
- * How can we influence our current health care systems, both public and private, to provide more responsive access and better mental health care?
- * How can we educate our citizens, community leaders, consumers, governmental bodies and health providers, public and private, for profit and non-profit, insurers,

hospitals and managed care organizations so that the likelihood of creating a more regional and sustainable system for providing mental health care is created?

- * How can a mental health coalition be formed to provide ongoing evaluation of mental health services, to monitor the progress toward insurance parity, and to report to the community the ability of the system to meet the current mental health needs?
- * How can the League of Women Voters most effectively call for the necessary changes in the mental health system to accomplish the goals for improvement?

All League members are encouraged to participate in this study. Two opportunities to learn more about this community's current mental health service delivery system and some of the existing barriers to accessing the system are upcoming.

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Winnie's Welcome

Come for a casual evening to meet prospective new members and get reacquainted with "veteran" members of the Appleton LWV.

Place: 1708 N. Hall Ave. - Appleton

Time: 7:00 to 8 p.m. - staying longer to visit is encouraged

Bring: Yourself and a friend who is interested in League.

When: October 11

Don't forget, this is for new members AND is an opportunity for some social interaction among members.

I look forward to seeing you!

Winnie Doxsie
739-7593



It's time to renew your membership!

Now is the time to renew your membership. You will belong to an organization dedicated to promoting active participation of citizens in government, a priceless activity. Check out

www.lwvappleton.org, it is a great resource to see what is happening...Please fill out the *Join the League of Women Voters* flyer attached to this newsletter and return it. I hope you will join as a Sustaining Member and invite a friend. If you have questions please call Winnie Doxsie at 739-7593 or e-mail winnie@mapsolutionswi.com

Become an Election Official

Appleton League of Women Voters is working to recruit 150 new poll workers by mid October. Our goal is to recruit enough new poll workers to enable Appleton to go to half-day shifts. The team has been working since spring, and we have at least one company revising its jury duty policy to allow their employees time to work the polls.

YOU can help by sharing the Election Official brochures with your friends and neighbors. The Appleton specific brochure and generic one for folks who live in surrounding communities are available on our website

www.lwvappleton.org.

NOW is the time to act. To be eligible to serve during the next election cycle you MUST sign up soon - in Appleton the goal is by October 15th.

If you have questions contact your clerk or Winnie Doxsie at 739-7593 or winnie@mapsolutionswi.com

2007-08 Program Calendar



October

- ★ Tuesday, Oct 9, 6:00-7:30 PM **Board Meeting**, Appleton Public Library lower level meeting room
- ★ Thursday, Oct 11, 7 PM, **Winnie's Welcome**, Winnie's house-1708 N. Hall, Appleton
- ★ Monday, Oct. 22, 4:30-6:00 PM, **Mental Health Forum**, Appleton Public Library, lower level meeting room

November

- ★ Tuesday, Nov 13, 6:00-7:30 PM, **Board Meeting**, Appleton Public Library, large study room, second floor

December

- ★ Saturday, Dec 8, 10:30 AM-12:30 PM, **Holiday Brunch**, Radisson Paper Valley Hotel
- ★ Tuesday, Dec. 11, 6:00-7:30 PM, **Board Meeting**, Appleton Public Library, lower level

January 2008

- ★ Tuesday, Jan. 8, 6:00-7:30 PM, **Board Meeting**
- ★ Saturday, Jan. 19, **Lively Issues**, 10:00 AM-12:00 Noon Harmony Café/Multicultural Center
- ★ Thursday, Jan. 31st Membership Count deadline

February 2008

- ★ Friday, Feb 1, Immigration Study: **Response Forms deadline**
- ★ Tuesday, Feb. 12, 6:00-7:30 PM, **Board Meeting**, location TBA
- ★ Thursday, Feb 14, **League Birthday**

For any additions or corrections please contact:

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Holiday Brunch

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

December 8, 10:30 AM at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel. Come and spend time with Susan B. Anthony whose spirit is the backdrop for the founding of the League of Women Voters. Susan is brought to life by Beverly Smith, an actress, educator and musician from Green Bay. She and her husband, Stu, are co-directors of Heritage Players, a group presenting plays and programs of historical interest. Don't miss it. Bring your daughter or granddaughter along to reservations to come.

Come Participate—Legislative Advocacy Training

On Monday, October 15 from 6:30 to 8:30p.m. Representatives Tom Nelson and Steve Wieckert along with Pastor Joe Ellwanger of ESTHER and Dan Wadle of Citizen Action will conduct a legislative advocacy training session. The public is welcome. The training is at the First Congregational Church, 724 E. South River Drive, Appleton.

Observers Needed

Observers of the Appleton Common Council and the Appleton Area School Board meetings are needed. Please call Shirley Adams (731-2807) if you can assist with observing. Thanks to Beth English, Dick Sampson and Shirley Strange who are covering the Outagamie County Board meetings.

Your Representatives

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State Assembly – according to district
search <http://waml.legis.state.wi.us/Index.aspx>

Participate in the Discussion – Join a Discussion List Today!

Do you have some concerns about the state of our civil liberties? Or want to discuss natural resource issues with other League members? Then JOIN a League discussion e-mail list today! Some additional topics include campaign finance reform, healthcare, and immigration. To see all the great discussions that you can participate in, visit the “Get Involved” area of the “For Members” section on www.lwv.org – or [click here](#). You will need to log in to access and sign up for these discussion lists. Remember to log in you use your email address as your “username” and the password you’ve created. If you’ve never logged in or if you need assistance with your login information, please contact membership@lwv.org

Immigration

The LWVUS has reached the member agreement phase of the LWVUS Immigration Study. It is time for us to prepare for consensus. Local leagues will take consensus now through January. Consensus response forms need to be completed and sent to LWVUS by February 1st. Who will step forward to oversee our local League for this study? Please contact Shirley Strange at 730-8774 or e-mail shirleystrange@yahoo.com All materials for the study can be found at www.lwv.org

Mental Health (Continued from page 2)

On October 12, ThedaCare’s CHAT (Community Health Action Team) will sponsor a full day “plunge” on the barriers to accessing mental health services. Two local league members (first come, first serve) have been invited to attend this plunge. Please contact Debra Cronmiller by October 15, if you are interested in participating.

On October 22, at 4:30 at the Appleton Public Library Lower Level, the League of Women Voters of Appleton will sponsor a one hour panel discussion open to League members and the public to discuss the current mental health deliver system including crisis services and long term care services in both the public and private environments. Guest speakers representing the County Mental Health system, private mental health providers, NAMI and insurance have been invited.

Join The League of Women Voters of Appleton

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.



Benefits of Membership

- ★ Information and Advocacy activities of the National LWV
- ★ Information and Advocacy activities of the Wisconsin LWV
- ★ Opportunities to participate in studies that are National, State or Community focused.
- ★ Opportunities to join one of many committees working to support the mission of LWV
- ★ Social activities such as the Holiday Brunch and Annual Dinner.

Please fill out the information below and mail it to:

Winnie Doxsie
1708 N. Hall Ave
Appleton, WI 54911

**For more information call 738-7766
or go to www.lwvappleton.org**



I am interested in information about:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Observer Corps: Attend 1 or 2 meetings annually of local or regional branches of government or education and report. | <input type="checkbox"/> Voter Service: Voter registration and education services such as candidate debates and community forums. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in a Study: By indicating your interest in studies someone will contact you with information on current opportunities. | <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy: Receiving e-mails from LWV about pressing issues at the local, state or national level and acting on the request |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A Look At League — \$30
<i>A one time only opportunity to participate in Appleton LWV activities for a full year before joining.</i> |
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