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President's Corner

By Carolyn Mewhorter



Much of the past month has been involved in learning how to prepare myself to represent our League at the upcoming city and county budget hearings. I appreciate the help and direction that several of you provided in this effort. Preparation included reviewing our support positions. If you have not read them recently, I recommend them to you. They are a good reminder of some of the work accomplished by League members. Did someone mention the amount of work involved in this? I don't recall. But it is certainly worth it.

Observer Corps

Is still in need of people willing to attend local government meetings (Appleton School Board, City Council, and Outagamie County Board). As indicated in past correspondence, the Observer Corps accomplishes two objectives: it allows League to keep track of

government progress on issues of concern to the League, and it lets our representatives know that we, as a group concerned with educating voters, are noting their conduct and providing oversight. It is not always possible to schedule something for weeks, or months, in advance. Committing to a shorter time frame might make it possible for League members to attend some of these meetings. Last year Cindy Carter and I shared the Appleton City Council meetings. I am checking my calendar for a time period when I know I'll be in town and able to attend some of these meetings for a month or so. Let Shirley Adams help you work something out. Please call her at 731-2807.

Please note upcoming activities and meeting dates. I look forward to seeing you there.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends.

Carolyn

League Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Meeting Place</u>
Tuesday, Nov, 13, 6:00-7:30 PM	Board Meeting	Appleton Public Library, study room, upstairs
Monday, November 19, 6:30-8:00 PM	League Conversation Immigration Discussion Socialization	Cheyenne's Sports Bar and Grill, back room
Saturday, December 8, 10:30AM-1:00 PM	Holiday Brunch	Radisson Paper Valley, Redwood Room, 1 st floor

Three ways to League action

To League of Women Voters members, “action” means taking action to support our carefully considered positions. Typically, this means contacting our legislators in support of—or opposition to—a specific piece of legislation. After the anthrax mail scare, e-mail became the method of choice for national legislators. Once we learned how to use it, it was easy to use this method for contacting state and local representatives as well.

The most efficient way to coordinate Appleton League members’ involvement in the legislative process seems to be by e-mailing Action Alerts. Here are three ways you can make a difference by participating in the League’s Action Alert process.

1. Respond to Action Alerts forwarded by Vice President-Action Nadine Miller (nadinemiller@tds.net--add this address to your approved senders list if your e-mail program requires it). If you wish to opt out of this service, just reply to any of these e-mails. Each subject line will start with “LWV Action: topic,” so you’ll know it’s a League Action Alert.

2. Sign up for Action Alerts from the National League of Women Voters to be e-mailed directly to you. On the home page of the national site, look on the right-hand side of the page and click on Action Alerts or click on this hyperlink: <http://takeaction.lwv.org/lwv/mlm/signup>
3. Go to the home page of the State League of Women Voters and in the left-hand column, click Legislative Action and look for the Action Alerts posted there on state issues or click on this hyperlink: <http://www.lwvwi.org/cms/content/view/30/60/>

We encourage you to act on the issues of importance to you. Phone calls are effective as well and face-to-face meetings are still the most important way to get your message across. So, watch for e-mails soon or sign up for your own Action Alerts. Don’t forget, we are strongest when our policy makers hear from many of us. Please contact me with any questions or concerns: Nadine Miller 920-733-0012 or nadinemiller@tds.net

State League Update

The Democracy Summit held in Milwaukee at the end of September was a great success. Lively discussion around so many topics near and dear to any League member's heart were at the center of all the breakout sessions. With the support of the Joyce Foundation, our partners; Democracy Campaign and Common Cause, and the over 100 participants, we delved deeply into conversation about voting rights, campaign finance reform, media and the First Amendment, the administration of impartial justice and redistricting. Meaningful steps were made to determine who best can lead the charge in creating positive change and what actions need to be undertaken. The State League will be updating all League leaders regularly regarding opportunities for action and advocacy.

Likely not many Appleton League members visit the State League office at 122 State Street in Madison with much frequency but for those that may have an occasion to visit, please be aware that the office has moved from the 4th floor to the 2nd floor. This move not only will result in more work space for our staff and volunteers, but better access to the technology

needed to operate a business in today's global market. As this is an inter-building move, Andrea (our Executive Director) was able to negotiate a fabulous deal on our rent so the budget approved by all Leaguers around the state will be only slightly impacted though our square footage and technology has improved greatly.

The State League continues its work on our three primary strategic goals of increasing visibility, increasing resources and increasing membership. Of note in the membership area is that we have received a portion of the grant we sought from the Cudahy Fund. We will use these funds to support our work to strengthen the St. Croix/Pierce Co. League and the Fond du Lac as well as help start up new Leagues in Shawano and Eau Clair/Hudson.

For updates on Legislative Advocacy, available grants, award nomination forms, and the state program, please visit the State's website at www.lwvwi.org.

It's time to renew your membership!

We are coming up on the end of our membership renewal drive". Please take a few moments to send in the renewal form included with this Bulletin. This is going to be a great time to belong to Appleton League – election activities, studies (the Mental Health Study committee is reporting their findings), monthly social activities is being planned, and more. Someone will call and remind you soon, so please save us a phone call and renew now! Thanks for your support.

Winnie Doxsie, Membership Chair

2007-08 Program Calendar



November

- ★ Tuesday, Nov 13, 6:00-7:30 PM, **Board Meeting**, Appleton Public Library, large study room, second floor
- ★ Monday, November 19, 6:30-8:00 PM, **League Conversation** Immigration Discussion Socialization. Cheyenne's Sports Bar and Grill, back room
- ★ Saturday, December 8, 10:30AM-1:00 PM, **Holiday Brunch**. Radisson Paper Valley, Redwood Room, 1st 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

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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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 920-730-8774

Holiday Brunch



Please take a moment to register for the Holiday Brunch. It will be a special morning as we celebrate the women who have been members of the Appleton League of Women Voters for 50 years. Remarkable!! Bev Smith and her husband Stu from Heritage Players out of Green Bay will present a program on Susan B. Anthony. Through a series of interviews, dialogues, and narrated episodes, Susan B. Anthony comes to life in her crusade for human rights, particularly those of women. And, of course, expect a lovely breakfast with conversation and socialization among friends.



Your Representatives

President Bush
president@whitehouse.gov

Senator Russell Feingold
feingold@feingold.senate.gov

Senator Herbert Kohl
kohl@kohl.senate.gov

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www.house.gov

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

League Conversation

**November 19th
 at Cheyenne's**



Meet at Cheyenne's, Monday, November 19 at 6 p.m. We'll meet in the back room.

Plan on dinner if you choose. Our conversation, among other things, will include discussion of the National League's Immigration Study. Appleton League Members will report out on the following aspects of the study - Historical Perspective, Economic Effects, Global Interdependence, Border Enforcement and Family Reunification. You can be sure there will be other subjects of conversation, serious and fun.

We are the Appleton League!

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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Covers the full cost of Membership |
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Covers most, but not all, of the cost of membership. |
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<i>A one time only opportunity to participate in Appleton LWV activities for a full year before joining.</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax deductible contribution to LWV Appleton \$ _____ |

- Send me the Bulletin and other LWV information via e-mail.
(Your address will not be shared)



Annual Holiday Brunch

When: Saturday, December 8, 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Where: Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, Redwood Room,
Main Level 333 W. College Avenue, Appleton

Celebrating our 50-year League Members

*A Dramatic Presentation of Susan B. Anthony
by Beverly Smith and Stu Smith*

Cost included tax and tip: \$16.00 per person

Reservations to: Shirley Strange
W3435 Equestrian Trail
Appleton WI 54913

Payment at the door: Call Shirley at 730-8774
Please send in or call by December 4.

Reservation Form

Yes, I am attending the Holiday Brunch, December 8th.

Number attending: _____

Name (s) _____

Check payable to: **LWV of Appleton**
\$16:00 per person

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