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President's Corner

By Carolyn Mewhorter



The Holiday Brunch provided us an opportunity to recognize the fiftieth anniversary of four members of the Appleton League of Women Voters. Thanks go out to Marcia Hittle and Marlys Fritzell for their work putting together and presenting the biographies of Corinne Goldgar, Barbara Hoffman, Joy Povolny, and Donna Weis. The amount of work these celebrants have accomplished over the past fifty years is impressive! Our League is fortunate to have them both as members and as examples of what League can do.

Please mark your calendar for the events noted in this Bulletin. The Mental Health Study is entering its final stages with meetings scheduled for January 3, February 7, and March 6, 2008. Enormous effort has already gone into this study and we need League members to bring it to a positive and worthwhile conclusion. The January meeting will continue an ongoing discussion, with the unit meetings being held February and March. We will be meeting at the Harmony Café from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

The Immigration Study Consensus Meeting will be held January 8 at 6:00 pm to be followed at 7:00 pm by a discussion of and work on a plan for Voter Service activity.

The meetings will take place at the Appleton Public Library on the lower level.

I learn more and more about League, about Appleton, about our county, and about our local politicians with each passing day. I am proud to represent the League and am grateful to all of you who have been so generous and supportive in my efforts. Thank you.

Happy New Year.

Carolyn

January Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Meeting Place</u>
Tuesday, Jan. 8 6:00-7:00 PM	Immigration Study Consensus Meeting	Appleton Public Library, lower level.
Tuesday, Jan. 8 7:00-7:45 PM	Board Meeting	Appleton Public Library, lower level Harmony Café/Multicultural Center
Saturday, Jan. 19 10:00 AM-12:00 Noon	Lively Issues	
Thursday, Jan. 31	Membership Count Deadline	

Lively Issues

January 19, 10:00 Am- 12:00 Noon, Harmony Café/Multicultural Center

Lively Issues is the time when League members come together to brainstorm and discuss ideas for local, state and national studies. This year we are completing the National League Immigration study as well as our local study on Mental Health. The current state program includes a two-year study of Election Administration and a program to educate League members and the public on health care reform. Local Leagues may recommend a new state study, however Leagues are advised to consider whether or not the state has the capacity to take on an additional study. Therefore we will likely be addressing recommendations for a local and a national study. New members are encouraged to attend to see the League Program-Making process.

VOTER SERVICE AND THE LEAGUE

By Shirley Adams

The League was founded to encourage informed and active participation in government. Today, it is the Voter Service activities of the League that continue this mission which is separate from League advocacy. The general public knows the League for, and expects from it, unbiased, factual information to assist citizens in making their own decisions on election day.

February 19, 2008 is the spring primary at which there will be a presidential preference vote and a run off for Circuit Court Branch 2 Judge. The filing deadline for candidates is January 2nd, after this writing, so it is possible that other run offs may occur.

April 1st is the spring election in which all even numbered Appleton voter districts are up for election. At this writing there is a contender in the 8th District. All county board seats, several other circuit court judgeships and other municipal and school officials will be on the spring ballot. Several of our members live in townships and other counties where the ballot is unique to their location.

What is the Appleton League of Women Voters able/willing to do to assist citizens with LOCAL voting information?

In recent years a number of candidate interviews (judge, sheriff, town board executive, county clerk, assemblypersons, etc.) were conducted in the Time Warner Cable studio and rebroadcast on the public access cable channel. Alderperson neighborhood

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meetings were held in all districts with contenders two years ago and last year a cooperative effort with Harmony Café brought all alderperson candidates together to meet voters and a debate for county executive was held. Results from these efforts are not reaching significant numbers of voters.

Come join a discussion and help develop a plan for Voter Service activity. On **January 8th** at the Appleton Library, lower level, after the 6 – 7PM Immigration Study Consensus Meeting there will be a half hour to consider these Voter Service issues prior to the regular board meeting. See you there!

2008 Program Calendar

January 2008

- ★ Thursday, Jan. 3, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM, **Mental Health Study Meeting**, Harmony Café/Multicultural Center.
- ★ Tuesday, Jan. 8, 6:00-7:00 PM, **Immigration Study Consensus Meeting**, Appleton Public Library, lower level.
- ★ Tuesday, Jan. 8, 7:00-7:45PM, **Board Meeting**, Appleton Public Library, lower level.
- ★ 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**
- ★ Thursday, February 7, **Mental Health Study Unit Meeting**, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM, Harmony Café/Multicultural Center
- ★ Tuesday, Feb. 12, 6:00-7:30 PM, **Board Meeting**, Appleton Public Library, lower level
- ★ Thursday, Feb 14, **League Birthday**

March 2008

- ★ Thursday, March 6, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM, **Mental Health Study Unit Meeting**, Harmony Café/Multicultural Center
- ★ Tuesday, March 11, 6 PM-7:30 PM, **Board Meeting**, Appleton Public Library, lower level

April 2008

- ★ Tuesday, April 8, 6 PM-7:30 PM, **Board Meeting**, Appleton Public Library, lower level

May 2008

- ★ May 1, **League Annual Meeting**, Site TBA
- ★ May 13, 6 PM-7:30PM, **Board Meeting**, Appleton Public Library, lower level

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50 Years Recognition

The Holiday Brunch 2007 was a wonderful event. We were overjoyed to honor four 50-year members of the Appleton League of Women Voters, Barbara Hoffman, Corinne Goldgar, Joy Povolny and Donna Weis. The following tribute was written and presented by Marlys Fritzell. Marlys and Marcia Hittle presented the women with framed 50-year certificates.

Barbara Hoffman and Corinne Goldgar

We, the current members of the Appleton League of Women Voters, are pleased to recognize Barbara Hoffman and Corinne Goldgar for each of their 50 years of dedicated membership in the League of Women Voters. Their accumulative 100 years of experience has provided a lasting influence on the soundness of the organization, on the people who served with them, and on the greater community.

From the time they joined the League they both showed an enthusiasm to participate in its activities. Study and action became their pursuit. Holding some times diverse points of view, they showed a great tolerance of differences. They viewed each other (and all others) as equals. Each person's opinion was valued and listened to. They each were highly principled and, at the same time, consensus builders. Consensus, that hallmark of League, was always reached and respected under their guidance.

Between the two of them, they probably held every available portfolio, at one time or another, on the Board of Directors. In her role as president, each truly shined. Their ability to work well with others, focus on timely matters, and lead with precision kept the League a strong and growing organization. The leadership they displayed as presidents established the League as a respected and vibrant force in the community.

In the tradition of the women who went before them, they became the mentors for the following generations of League members. Their assertiveness (not asking why, but rather why not) and encouragement (not saying if you can, but rather I know you can) prepared many a member for future supporting and leadership roles.

Inevitably the leadership experience these two women received in the organization led them to take on new roles outside of the League. Each went on to successful careers, while they, fortunately for us, continued to play active roles in the League.

We, therefore, do honor Barbara and Corinne

- ★ For their enthusiastic dedication to the organization
- ★ For their service in various offices
- ★ For their contributions to the League and the community at-large
- ★ For their keen intellect
- ★ For their wit and wisdom
- ★ For their broad range of interests
- ★ For their constructive suggestions
- ★ For their standard of excellence

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- ★ For their warm friendship
- ★ For their 50 years of dedicated and influential membership

Thank you Barbara and Corinne for your service, your guidance, and your friendship.

Joy Povolny

We, the current members of the Appleton League of Women Voters, are pleased to recognize Joy Povolny for her fifty years of membership in the League of Women Voters.

A past president of the organization, Joy has, over the years, been an active leader and member of various study committees of particular interest to her such as the criminal justice system, mental health, and other issues of social justice and health and welfare. Her continual public advocacy for such concerns on the local, state, and national level, are much appreciated.

We thank you Joy, generous and gracious hostess that you are, for opening your home so often for local League events.

Joy, we warmly acknowledge your past and current support and commitment to the local, state, and national League of Women Voters.

Donna Weis

We, the current members of the Appleton League of Women Voters, are pleased to recognize Donna Weis for her fifty plus years of membership in the League of Women Voters.

Donna is a past president of the organization and has served in various other capacities over time. She has been involved in League studies related to public health and safety, clean water, clean air, and other environmental concerns. She has lent a strong voice for public support on these issues. Donna was indeed an active environmentalist long before it became a popular stance.

Donna's involvement in our organization no doubt played some small part in her spouse becoming one of the first male members of the Appleton League.

Donna, we thank you for your contributions to the Appleton League and to the Fox Cities community.

Disclaimer

Just a note to set the record straight. In the December bulletin, I was given credit for the Questions on the Immigration Study which were actually developed by the US League Immigration Study Team. The questions on the Mental Health Study are the product of Deb Cronmiller and her committee.

Shirley Strange

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