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President's Corner

By Carolyn Mewhorter



Something had to go if I really wanted to use my "office" to do league business more efficiently. Friends have shared with me their approach to solving the overabundance of books problem, but I still find it impossible to separate the books I want to keep from those that my family would want, that would do well at a second hand books store, or, hard to imagine, simply thrown out! However unbelievable it might be, I solved the problem. I put all of the books in another room! And what are all of you doing these days of below freezing temperatures, constant snow, ice, and sometimes wind? I cleaned my office. Come spring, I'll clean up that room full of books.

On February 7, the Mental Health Study Committee held the first unit meeting which resulted in a second draft of our Mental Health Care Positions which now reads:

LWV-Appleton supports:

A mental health care system which is community based and includes financial and geographic accessibility for residents of all ages. This system should include same day service availability and immediate care options for all. This system should be adequately staffed in both the in-patient and out-patient care arenas insuring that no person in need of services would be turned away or made to wait. Appropriate on-going, affordable treatment options for all persons should be available regardless of one's ability to pay.

A mental health system where care is coordinated between the providers of services to publicly insured, privately insured and uninsured consumers. Coordination should exist between primary health providers, mental health providers, pharmaceutical providers and public and private insurers. Provider should share all treatment options with individual consumers and assure that consumers understand their options for care.

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A mental health system in which all providers have knowledge of the complete delivery system in the community and are purposeful in understanding the ability to pay of all consumers.

A mental health system in which referrals between private, non-profit and for-profit providers are utilized to ensure the best overall patient care and least duplication within the mental health delivery system.

A mental health crisis care system that is responsive, well staffed, and adequately supported.

The Mental Health Study Committee will hold the second unit meeting on Thursday, March 6, 2008. Again, we will meet at the Harmony Cafe at 11:30 am. This is the final work to be done on our Mental Health Care position before bringing it to the Annual Meeting on May 15, 2008. Check our website for information.

Winnie Doxie has provided information on LWV to two groups of interested professionals as of late and on March 3 will present to a Lions; Club meeting. I have accompanied her on these occasions and appreciate how well she represents the League. Some in the audience take notes, especially writing down our website. It is important that people understand LWV, and if interested, know how to contact us to join.

Note the League Calendar and pick a time to join us.

Carolyn Meunhorster

[Appleton Common Council Races](#)

There are contested alderperson races in Districts 2, 4, 8, 10 and 14 in the April 1st election. Do you live in one of these districts? Are you interested in helping to organize a neighborhood gathering to meet the candidates? Typically candidates prefer such an activity a week to 10 days before the election and help to get the word out with their information "drops". Please call Shirley Adams, 731-2807, after March 10th if you can help with this activity.

[Health Care Program](#)

On April 7th, 6:30 to 8:00PM, ESTHER, Citizen Action WI and the WI Association of Retired Americans are sponsoring an educational program with Senator Jon Erpenbach, author of the "Healthy Wisconsin" health care reform plan. The program is at the Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 2600 E Phillip Lane, Appleton. It is free and the public is welcome. Call 920-832-8990 for further information.

[Annual Meeting, Thursday, May 15, 2008](#)

Local and State Study Recommendations

The following items resulting from the Lively Issues meeting of January 19 were approved by the Board at its February 12, 2008 meeting. They will be brought before the general membership for vote at the Annual Meeting.

Recommended for Local Study:

Take action on the results of the Mental Health Study.

Recommended for State Study:

Stay informed of the current study: Election Administration

Shirley Strange

[League of Women voters of the United States](#)
[48th National Convention - Reaching New Heights Together](#)

Information on the above convention is available in the February issue of the **National Voter**. The LWVUS website will also have this information if you have not received the **National Voter**. League members may use the convention registration form in the February **Voter** or register online for both Convention 2008 and the convention hotel at www.lwv.org (go to the Members section to access the Convention site).

If you have any questions, please contact me at 739-0000 or mewhorter@sbcglobal.net.

Carolyn Mewhorter

March Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Meeting Place</u>
Thursday, March 6, 11:30 AM- 1:00 PM	Mental Health Study Meeting	Harmony Café/Multicultural Center
Tuesday, March 11, 6 PM - 7:30 PM	Board Meeting	Appleton Public Library, lower level

2007-08 Program Calendar

April 2008

- ★ Tuesday, April 8, 6 PM-7:30 PM, Board Meeting, Appleton Public Library, lower level
- ★ Tuesday, April 15, 6 PM- 8:00 PM Update and Discussion of State Study-Election Administration, Cheyenne's Sports Bar and Grill, 124 N. Appleton St.
6:00-if you want to order a sandwich/ 6:30 Discussion

May 2008

- ★ Tuesday, May 13, 6 PM-7:30PM, Board Meeting, Appleton Public Library, lower level
- ★ Thursday, **May 15**, 5:30 PM Appleton League Annual Meeting, Red Ox Supper Club, 2318 S. Oneida Street *

June 2008

- ★ Friday-Saturday, June 6-7, LWVWI Annual Meeting, Madison**
- ★ Friday-Saturday, June 13-14, LWVUS Convention 2008, Portland, OR additional information at www.LWV.org

***Please note date change for the Annual Meeting.**

** 'Annual Meeting' replaces 'Convention/Council' under new bylaws.

For any additions or corrections please contact:
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Annual Meeting and Dinner
Thursday, May 15

The League of Women voters of Appleton will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, May 15 beginning at 5:30 PM at the Red Ox Supper Club, 2318 S. Oneida Street, Appleton.

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate for the 2008-2009 League year. All are for two-year terms with the exception of secretary. The 2-year term for secretary begins in odd-numbered years.

Treasurer	2009 Nominating Committee
VP Action
Secretary Name (elect 1 year)
Director
Director	
Director	
Director	

Annual Meeting and Dinner
Thursday, May 15, 2008
Red Ox Supper Club
2318 S. Oneida Street, Appleton
5:30 PM Social with cash bar
6:00 PM Dinner
6:45 PM Annual Meeting

Dinner Selections: Please check one entrée and one side dish
Dinner includes salad, French bread and beverage

Self: _____	7 oz Tenderloin	_____	Chicken Kiev	_____	Tuna Steak	_____	Stuffed Haddock
Self: _____	Baked Potato	_____	Garlic Mashed	_____	Rice Pilaf	_____	Vegetable of the Day
Guest: _____	7 oz Tenderloin	_____	Chicken Kiev	_____	Tuna Steak	_____	Stuffed Haddock
Guest: _____	Baked Potato	_____	Garlic Mashed	_____	Rice Pilaf	_____	Vegetable of the Day

Please return your menu choices and check by **May 1 to Shirley Strange, W3435 Equestrian Trail, Appleton, WI 54913**. For availability of late reservations, call Shirley, 730-8774.

Please make check for \$16.00 (per person) payable to LWV-Appleton.



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