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President's Corner

By Carolyn Mewhorter



I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the Annual Meeting on May 15th.

Best Wishes,

Carolyn Mewhorter

Mental Health Care Position - 2008

The Board of Directors of the Appleton League of Women Voters recommends the adoption of the following position statement at the Annual Meeting, May 15, 2008

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 persons who are publicly insured, privately insured and uninsured. Coordination should exist between primary health providers, mental health providers, pharmaceutical providers and public and private insurers. Providers should share all treatment options with each individual and assure that each person understands his or her options for care.

(Mental Health Care Position —Continued on page 2)

A mental health system in which all providers have knowledge of the complete delivery system in the community so that all people get adequate treatment or are referred to other providers to receive appropriate care.

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.

This position will be included in the Social Policy section of our Local Support Positions (2006). It will be added as a new Roman Numeral seven (VII) on page 12 with all following position statements being renumbered appropriately to the end of the Social Policy section.

If you don't have a copy of the Local Support Positions (2006) you can find them on our website www.lwvappleton.org and scroll half way down the home page to find Positions on the left. Or the direct link is www.lwvappleton.org/LWV%20App%20positions%205%2006.doc
A hard copy may be obtained by contacting a Board member.

Public Service or Public Disgrace?

By Cindy Carter, Natural Resources Chair

As many of you know by now the legislative session ended March 13, and little to nothing was done. I know that many of these issues are not supported by the League, but that is beside the point I want to make here. The Climate Change Act, DNR Open Burn Bill, Statewide Smoking Ban, Great Lakes Compact, Mental Health Parity, Keeping Electronics Out of Landfills, the Plastic Bag ban, and the Poisoning of Wildlife, The Windfarm issue & Campaign Finance Reform are just some of the legislative issues that were simply dismissed (once again in many cases) by our public servants.

I think that this is a public disgrace. We, as citizens have to start making our voices heard regarding the fact that our legislators are being paid to do nothing and remind them they work for us! What does the word PUBLIC SERVANT conjure up in your mind? Obviously not the same meaning it conjures up in the minds of our elected officials. Many of these individuals are up for election this November, and I am asking you, no begging you to do your homework on how these people voted on issues that are near and dear to your heart. The Sierra Club and the League of Conservation Voters both publish a "how your legislator voted" record, which you can link to on their web-sites, so please check out how they voted and make YOUR vote count in November. If you don't like the way he or she voted on YOUR issues, then send the bums packing!

Time is running out for all of us on issues such as Global Warming and The Great Lakes Compact, when our politicians poo-poo these very serious issues off, it's like taking 10,000 steps backwards. We need forward thinkers, but more importantly, we need forward doers in our legislative bodies, so brush up on your politicians and become VERY INFORMED, and vote like your life depends on it, because, in reality, it does.

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.

Position	Name	Term
2 nd Vice President – Action	Nadine Miller	2 Yr
Treasurer	Sue Silton	2 Yr
Secretary	Miriam Douglass	1 Yr unexpired
Director	Winnie Doxie	2 Yr
Director	Jody Van Domelen	2 Yr
Director	Barbara Dorzweiler	2 Yr
Nominating Committee - Chair	Marlys Fritzell	1 Yr
Nominating Committee - Member	Helen Nagler	1 Yr
Nominating Committee - Member	Marcia Hittle	1 Yr

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.

League Discussion - keep informed and engaged

Tuesday, April 15, 6PM

Come and join us at Cheyenne's (back room) for an overview and discussion of the state study, **Election Administration**, as well as other issues of interest and concern that you may have. It is a time for "spirited" dialogue. Meet at 6 PM if you want to come a little early and order a sandwich or join us at 6:30 when we'll start the discussion.

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

April Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Meeting Place</u>
Tuesday, April 8, 6 PM–7:30 PM	Board Meeting	Appleton Public Library, lower level
Tuesday, April 15, 6PM-8:00 PM	State Study Discussion "Election Administration"	Cheyenne's Sports Bar and Grill, 124 N. Appleton St. (Back Room)

2007-08 Program Calendar

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 *

- ★ Tuesday, June 10, 6PM-7:30PM, Board Meeting, Appleton Public Library, lower level
- ★ June 13-17, LWVUS Convention 2008, Portland, OR additional information at www.LWV.org

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

June 2008

- ★ Friday-Saturday, June 6-7, LWVWI Annual Meeting, Madison **

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PROPOSED BUDGET 2008-09

	Proposed	Current
	2008 / 2009	2007 / 2008
INCOME		
A. Dues	1,800.00	1,800.00
B. Contributions		
1. Member Contributions	1,450.00	1,450.00
2. Member Ed Fund	0.00	-
3. Non-member Contribution	1,000.00	1,000.00
4. Non-member Ed Fund	0.00	-
5. In Kind Donation	0.00	-
Other B. Contributions	0.00	-
TOTAL B. Contributions	2,450.00	2,450.00
C. Other Inc		
1. Interest Inc	300.00	300.00
Other C. Other Inc	0.00	-
TOTAL C. Other Inc	300.00	300.00
D. Miscellaneous		
1. Holiday Brunch	450.00	450.00
2. Annual Meeting	550.00	550.00
3. Transfer from LWV Ed Fund	132.81	100.00
4. Transfer from Savings or CD	569.19	2,140.00
Other D. Miscellaneous	0.00	-
TOTAL D. Miscellaneous	1,702.00	3,240.00
TOTAL INCOME	6,252.00	7,790.00

EXPENSES		
A. Operating Costs		
1. General Supplies	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
2. Telephone and Answering Svc	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
3. Post Office Box	\$ 92.00	\$ 80.00
4. Insurance	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Other A. Operating Costs	\$ -	
TOTAL A. Operating Costs	\$ 767.00	\$ 755.00
B. Board and Committees		
1. Finance Committee	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
2. Membership Expenses	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00
3. President Expenses	\$ 250.00	\$ 450.00
Other B. Board and Committees	\$ -	
TOTAL B. Board and Committees	\$ 500.00	\$ 750.00
C. Delegates, Travel & Workshop		
1. State Council		\$ 100.00

	Proposed	Current
	2008 / 2009	2007 / 2008
EXPENSES continued		
2. State Convention	500.00	-
3. National Convention	0.00	1,500.00
4. Workshops	100.00	100.00
Other C. Delegates, Travel & Workshop	0.00	-
TOTAL C. Delegates, Travel & Workshop	600.00	1,600.00
D. Financial Support for League		
1. Lake Michigan Interleague	25.00	\$ 25.00
2. State PMA	1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00
3. National PMP	1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00
Other D. Financial Support for League	0.00	\$ -
TOTAL D. Financial Support for League	2,375.00	\$ 2,375.00
E. Bulletin		
1. Postage	\$ -	\$ -
2. Printing	\$ -	\$ -
3. Supplies	\$ -	\$ -
Other E. Bulletin	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00
TOTAL E. Bulletin	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00
F. Educational Activity		
1. Membership Directory	0.00	-
2. Program		
a. National	50.00	50.00
b. State	50.00	50.00
c. Local	75.00	75.00
Other F. Educational Activity: 2. Program	0.00	-
SUB TOTAL 2. Program	175.00	175.00
3. Voter's Service	200.00	200.00
4. Website	200.00	200.00
5. Archive	75.00	75.00
Other F. Educational Activity	0.00	-
TOTAL F. Educational Activity	650.00	650.00
G. Position Support	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00
H. Misc		
1. Corporate Filing Fee	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
2. Holiday Brunch	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
3. Annual Meeting	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00
4. In Kind Expense	\$ -	\$ -
Other H. Misc	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL H. Misc	\$ 1,010.00	\$ 1,010.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 6,252.00	\$ 7,790.00



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