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President's Corner

By Carolyn Mewhorter



After the annual meeting on May 15, 2008, the Board determined we needed to meet over the summer months. A planning meeting was held June 4 at which Board meetings were scheduled for June 10, July 8, and August 12, 2008. Minutes of Board meetings can be found on our website. The decision to continue meeting over the summer months is based on a number of upcoming events: the upcoming elections, our chance to enroll in and receive "Special Registration Deputy Training" allowing us to register voters statewide, actual registration of voters by LWV-Appleton members, the Joyce Foundation Grant to hold a forum on judicial rights with the Neenah-Menasha League, and a request by the Neenah-Menasha League of Women Voters to explore a possible future merger with our Appleton League. More information on the "Special Registration Deputy Training" can be found in this **Bulletin**.

LWV-Appleton has received a request by the LWV Neenah-Menasha for a possible merger and suggesting a name change to LWV Fox Cities. The reasons given for a merger were outlined by Judith Anseth, LWV-Green Bay and Wisconsin, on behalf of LWV Neenah-Menasha,

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and include: membership in the LWV Neenah-Menasha has been dropping, a merger would provide greater unification aligning League with many other Fox Cities with either Appleton, Neenah, or Menasha, financial support from businesses that identify with the whole region, not an individual town or city, and increased media coverage by radio and TV stations that refer to the area as Fox Cities.

At the June 10 Board meeting, a motion was made, seconded and passed to: "study the request of the LWV Neenah-Menasha to merge with the LWV Appleton and to change the name to the LWV Fox Cities." To this end, a committee has been established to study the pros and cons of such a merger and name change and to get more details of the LWV-Neenah-Menasha expectations. This committee, chaired by Winnie Doxsie, includes Shirley Strange, Stevie Schmidt, and Carolyn Mewhorter. The first committee meeting was held June 24, 2008. A second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 22, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the home of Winnie Doxsie, 1708 North Hall Street, Appleton. All interested LWV-Appleton members are invited to attend. A General Membership meeting on the merger will be scheduled later this summer. Please contact Winnie with any questions, ideas, and/or concerns. She can be reached at 739-7593 or by email Winnie@mapsolutionswi.com

Thank you,

Carolyn Mewhorter

My apologies that this did not get into the June Bulletin. I wanted to take a moment of reflection on the Annual Meeting. It was a wonderful evening. The discussion was engaging and productive. We anticipate a great year and hope to offer many opportunities for your participation. Thank you to Barb Grant for serving as our Parliamentarian and Sue Eich for acting as secretary.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it's the only thing that ever has. Margaret Mead

Submitted by Shirley Strange, Program Vice President

Voter Registration

We have an opportunity to receive training to register voters for all of the municipalities in Wisconsin. We have arranged to have trainers from the Government Accountability Board come to Appleton for the training session. If you are interested in the training, please give me your name and I will register you. There is no cost. Registration is limited to 35 people. They are holding 15 spots for us. The public also has the opportunity to register on-line. I will send in the names by Monday, July 21 or when I have 15 people registered. The Appleton League will be setting up registration drives.

Thursday, July 24, 5:30PM-7:30PM	<u>Special Registration Deputy Training</u>	Appleton Public Library, lower level
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Call or email me if you are interested.

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Please remember

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Great Lakes Compact Signed into Law!

Submitted by Cindy Carter
Natural Resources



Yesterday was historic! Gov. Jim Doyle, surrounded by legislators, civic leaders, media, and citizens, signed the Great Lakes Compact into Wisconsin law!

What does this mean for Wisconsin?

It means that Wisconsin joins Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana, and New York as the 5th state to pass the Compact through its legislature. (For updates on the status of the bill in the remaining three states, [click here](#).)

It means that Wisconsin has taken the necessary steps to protect the Great Lakes for future generations, including our lake-dependent economies.

It means that Wisconsin *citizens* played an ENORMOUS role in the passage of this bill:

- **Over 700 citizens** attended Conservation Lobby Day 2007 & 2008, and asked their legislators to pass the Strong Great Lakes Compact!
- In March, **over 150 citizens** turned out to a Senate hearing in Kenosha with just 24 hours notice!
- And, over the last two years, **over 5000 citizens** have contacted their legislators through post-cards, emails, and phone calls!

THANK YOU AGAIN for your dedication to conservation! We hope you enjoy these pictures--for more photos, visit the [WLCV website](#). We look forward to working with you in the future towards more conservation victories!

July Calendar - 2008

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Meeting Place</u>
Tuesday, July, 8, 6:00-7:30 PM	Board Meeting	Appleton Public Library, Lower level
Tuesday, July 22, 7:00 PM	Merger Committee Meeting	Winnie Doxies's 1708 N. Hall, Appleton
Thursday, July 24, 5:30-7:30 PM	Special Registration Deputy Training	Appleton Public Library, Lower level



2008-09 Program Calendar

August 2008

- ★ Tuesday, August 12, 6PM-7:30PM, **Board Meeting**, Appleton Public Library, lower level.

September 2008

- ★ Tuesday, September 9, **Primary Election**
- ★ Tuesday, September 9, 6PM-7:30PM, **Board Meeting**

October 2008

- ★ Saturday, October 3, **Democracy Summit**, Stevens Point
- ★ Tuesday, October 14, 6PM-7:30PM, **Board Meeting**

November 2008

- ★ Tuesday, November 4, **Election Day**
- ★ Tuesday, November 11, 6PM-7:30PM, **Board Meeting**

December 2008

- ★ Saturday, December 6, **Holiday Brunch**.
- ★ Tuesday, December 9, 6PM-7:30PM, **Board Meeting**.

January 2009

- ★ Tuesday, January 13, 6PM-7:30PM, **Board Meeting**
- ★ Saturday, January 24, 10:00AM, **Lively Issues**, Appleton Public Library

February 2009

- ★ Tuesday, February 10, **Board Meeting**, 6PM-7:30PM

March 2009

- ★ Tuesday, March 10, **Board Meeting**, 6PM-7:30PM

April 2009

- ★ Tuesday, April 14, **Board Meeting**, 6PM-7:30PM
- ★ Thursday, April 23, **Annual Dinner and Meeting**, 5:30PM

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HOLIDAY BRUNCH SPEAKER????

Who would you like to hear speak at the Holiday Brunch? Please offer your thoughts and ideas for speakers and/or subjects. Pass them along to Shirley Strange at shirleystrange@yahoo.com or call Shirley at 730-8774. Or share your idea with any Board member.



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