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# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®

## President's Corner

*By Carolyn Mewhorter*



Since the annual meeting, League members have been involved in a variety of activities and there are more to come. Please note the information included in this bulletin and make every effort to participate in activities and attend meetings of interest to you. League members deputized to register voters will be out in force from now until just before the November election. Look for us at the Farmers' Market, Harmony Café, and many other sites, (possibly on street corners if it comes to that), encouraging potential voters to register and make their voices heard in November.

Efforts continue to engage candidates running in the 57<sup>th</sup> Assembly District. Hopefully, the winner of the primary election will agree to participate in a forum following the primary.

While the LWV-Green Bay will sponsor a candidates' forum for the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District (Kagan and Gard), Appleton is looking into the possibility of holding a form as well. The LWV-Wisconsin tells us the more the better, and hopefully those unable to attend the event in Green Bay will join us in Appleton.

Please make note of the date of the general meeting to discuss a merger with the Neenah-Menasha League of Women Voters. The date and additional information are contained in this issue of the Bulletin.

Enjoy the remaining days of summer and a continuing busy schedule with your League. *Carolyn Mewhorter*

# *Should Appleton and Neenah Menasha Leagues merge?*

By Winnie Doxsie, Study Committee Chair

The Neenah Menasha League of Women Voters has asked our Board to consider merging the two Leagues. Your Appleton LWV Board appointed a committee to study this proposal. The committee members are:

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There will be a meeting of the entire membership to consider the question.

*Should the Appleton League of Women Voters and the Neenah Menasha LWV merge?*

The consensus reached at this meeting will give the Board direction for future action as they respond to the request.

We encourage all members to attend this very important meeting Tuesday, September 16, 2008. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Appleton Public Library.

If you have questions or can't attend any committee member would be happy to talk to you and get your opinion.

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Thank you all for supporting the efforts to pass the Great Lakes Compact in Wisconsin and now in Congress. We are once again seeking your help. We need to find someone from Wisconsin to join the Lake Michigan Interleague Organization LWV. We have two positions open, Vice President and Secretary. We met in Chicago once every four months, and one is an annual meeting which is located in one of the four states.

Any ideas, help, names of individuals from your Leagues that are interested in the Great Lakes and its restoration, that you can come up with would, needless to say, be very much appreciated.

Marge and Art Palleon

# August Calendar - 2008

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Meeting Place</u>
Tuesday, August 12, 6:00-7:30 PM	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Appleton Public Library, Lower level
Saturday, August 16, 7:15AM-11:15AM	<b>Voter Registration</b> Cindy Carter/Shirley Strange	Farmer's Market Appleton



## 2008-09 Program Calendar

### September 2008

- ★ Tuesday, September 9, **Primary Election**
- ★ Tuesday, September 9, 6PM-7:30PM, **Board Meeting**
- ★ Tuesday, September 16, 7PM, **General Membership Meeting** to discuss Neenah-Menasha LWV merging with Appleton LWV, Appleton Public Library, lower level

### 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](mailto:shirleystrange@yahoo.com) or call Shirley at 730-8774. Or share your idea with any Board member.

# Voter Registration Activities

Carolyn Mewhorter, Cindy Carter and Shirley Strange were trained at the LWV-WI Annual Meeting as Special Registration Deputies. Shirley arranged to bring the training to Appleton and last week League members Beth English, Barb Dorzweiler, Pat Schinabeck, Miriam Douglass, Winnie Doxsie and Shirley Adams completed the training along with about 30 other interested citizens. Special Registration Deputies are certified by the WI Government Accountability Board – Elections Division to register voters for any municipality in the state during specified dates prior to elections. You can learn more about this new agency at [www.elections.wi.gov](http://www.elections.wi.gov)

The Voter Service Committee is planning a number of voter registration activities, some in cooperation with other community groups. You'll be seeing us at the Farmers Market, library, area colleges, Harmony Café, Hmong Center and others. In addition to providing a valuable service to voters, we hope our registration work will be great visibility for the League and interest others in joining us.

## Please remember

Minutes of Board meetings can be found on our website [www.lwvappleton.org](http://www.lwvappleton.org)



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