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# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®

## President's Corner

By Carolyn Me-



In the past, the Annual Meeting in spring signaled the start up of summer and a decrease in League activity until early fall. Not so this year! There has been a great deal going on. We have continued to publish the **Bulletin** monthly in order to keep people informed and hopefully to inspire participation. And it has. Thanks to everyone who has answered the call.

Please note dates of voter registration and where you are interested and able to, contact the person indicated and lend your support. You do not need to be deputized to assist and your help is needed.

Shirley Abrahamson will be coming to Appleton at the invitation of LWV-Appleton and LWV-Neenah-Menasha. Check this copy of the **Bulletin** for times and dates.

We were unable to schedule a forum with the Republican candidates for the 57<sup>th</sup> Assembly District before the primary because one of the two would not participate.

A letter addressing this situation has been submitted to the Post-Crescent, Letters to the Editor. Efforts will be made to schedule a forum with Penny Bernard Schaber and the Republican candidate before the elections in November.

At the June meeting of the Board, a motion was made, seconded and approved to begin a study of a merger of the LWV-Appleton with LWV-Neenah-Menasha. A committee was formed with Winnie Doxsie as chair, Shirley Strange and me. Stevie Schmidt and later Corrine Goldgar joined the commit-

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tee. The committee met several times, each time becoming more aware of the importance of bringing results of our study to the general membership for consensus. No decisions had been made, nor were we certain of possible outcomes, when we were informed by Peggy Cox, President of the LWV-Neenah-Menasha that they were withdrawing their request to merge with our organization. The September general meeting being planned was, as a result, cancelled. The committee worked hard to examine all aspects of a merger. In fairness to everyone involved in the study, no decisions had made, or arguments pro or con advocated. Rather, every effort was made to provide information that would allow the general membership to make the final decision.

So, what happened to summer? Here it is, almost fall, with an election on the horizon. LWV-Appleton is very much involved with what is going on in our community and I hope that all of you will take note of the schedules posted in this **Bulletin** and get involved when and where you can.

**Carolyn Mewhorter**

### **October Outing (and membership event)**

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After the summer we all need to reconnect. Come for a casual evening to meet prospective new members and get reacquainted with "veteran" members of the Appleton LWV. It works like this:

Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2008

Place: 1708 N. Hall Ave. – Appleton

Time: 7:00 to 8 p.m. – staying longer to visit is encouraged

Bring: Yourself and a friend who is interested in League.

This is designed to introduce new members to League AND to offer an opportunity for some social interaction among members.

I look forward to seeing you!

Winnie Doxsie

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### **Merge?**

#### **Winnie Doxsie, Study Committee Chair**

In August we told you the Neenah Menasha League of Women Voters has asked our Board to consider merging the two Leagues. Both groups have been doing some study and serious talking about everything such a merger might include. Recently the Neenah-Menasha Board has voted to resend their request and will remain independent. This discussion has caused us to look at our League and remember, with pride, the accomplishments and heritage of the Appleton LWV. Thanks to everyone who participated.

# *September Calendar - 2008*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Meeting Place</u>
Tuesday, September 9	<b>Primary Election</b>	Appleton Public Library, Lower level
Tuesday, September 9, 6PM-7:30PM	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Shirley Strange W3435 Equestrian Trail, Appleton



## *2008-09 Program Calendar*

### October 2008

- Friday & Saturday, October 3 & 4, **Democracy Summit**, Stevens Point
- Monday, October 6, 7:00PM, Judicial Independence Forum with Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson and James Alexander, Dir. Of Judicial Commission, Appleton Public Library, lower level.
- Tuesday, October 14, 6PM-7:30PM, **Board Meeting**, Appleton Public Library
- Tuesday, October 21, Membership Meeting, Winnie Doxie's, 1708 N. Hall, Appleton

### 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 Calendar

Thursday, September 11 6:30-8PM	Harmony Cafe	Carolyn Mewhorter Ann Patros
Saturday, September 13 9am-12:00PM	Farmer's Market	Shirley Adams Barb Dorzweiler Pat Schinabeck
Monday, September 15 6PM-8PM	Appleton Public Library	Shirley Strange Barb Dorzweiler
Thursday, September 18 6:30-8PM	Harmony Cafe	Carolyn Mewhorter Miriam Douglass
Saturday, September 20 9AM-12:00PM	Farmer's Market	Carolyn Mewhorter
Monday, September 22 6PM-8PM	Appleton Public Library	Pat Shinabeck Barb Dorzweiler
Thursday, September 25 6:30PM-8PM	Harmony Cafe	Carolyn Mewhorter Ann Patros
Monday, September 29 6PM-8PM	Appleton Public Library	Barb Dorzweiler Shirley Strange

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