

# The *informed* Voter

"Serving the citizens of the Appleton area & Outagamie County"

October, 2009



## Strange Remarks from the President

### October Greetings,

**The Appleton LWV Positions:** The Board met on September 16 to review the newly written summaries of our positions. Within two hours, we perused the existing positions, made some tweaks and additions to the summaries, and verified that the summaries do indeed express the essence of the detailed positions. Bree Madison and Megan Kuehl will make the changes and present the summaries at the October Board meeting. The position summaries will then be posted on our website.

**The Census Committee** shared information with League members on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The committee continues to work to get out the word on the importance of the census. Please visit our website for further information. [www.lwvappleton.org](http://www.lwvappleton.org)

**State Study:** Megan Kuehl and Bree Madison are representing the Appleton League of Women Voters on the state study committee. The state league will conduct a *study of issues related to selection of Supreme Court justices including election vs. appointment and public financing of Supreme Court races.*

**Statewide Action Campaigns:** Nadine Miller and Cindy Carter are participating in a coalition on a statewide action campaign involving climate change and promoting sustainability.

**Local Study:** There are League members who are interested in the local study, *Establish a policy to reduce energy consumption and cost in local government, schools, buildings, etc.* We are looking for a chairperson or co-chairs to head up the local study. Please contact me or Barbara Dorzweiler if you could lead a team on this mission.

**Board Meeting:** The next Board meeting is Tuesday, October 13 at the Appleton Public Library, lower level. Membership is invited and encouraged to attend any of the board meetings. You are always welcome.

**Holiday Brunch:** Being poor is thinking \$8.00 an hour is a really good deal. Being poor is knowing exactly how much everything costs. Being poor is getting angry at your kids for asking for all the crap they see on TV. Being poor is off-brand toys. Being poor is hoping your kids don't have a growth spurt. **Come to the Holiday Brunch, December 12.**

**Invite a friend.**  
Shirley Strange

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## *Vice-President Program NEWS*

*Submitted by Barb Dorzweiler.*

The Appleton League of Women Voters has been busy this past month.

In September, I spoke at the Poverty Coalition meeting to introduce the LWV-Appleton and our work on the 2010 Census. The LWV-Appleton became a member of the Poverty Coalition by paying a one-time membership fee of \$25. We support the Poverty Coalition through our Positions in Social Policy Sections II. Juveniles at Risk, IV. Housing, and VI. Public Health Services. Our membership also is in alignment with the LWV-Wisconsin Position: Social Policy - Meeting Basic Human Needs.

Our 3-person subcommittee working on the 2010 Census has been an active part of the Appleton Complete Count Committee headed by Appleton City Clerk Cindi Hesse. We plan to become involved with the Outagamie County Complete Count Committee when it is formed. Census Day is April 1, 2010, but persistent efforts will be needed before, during, and after Census Day. Contact Sara Companik, Shirley Strange, or me if you are interested in working with us to educate the public.

On September 22, we held a meeting for all LWV-Appleton members on the subject of the 2010 Census. Mike Hendrich, Outagamie County Planner spoke to us about the local redistricting efforts generated by the US Census. Very interesting! The Board is interested in holding open meetings more frequently in the coming year. Please let us know what subjects you would like to see discussed at an open, informal meeting for all members. It is so nice to share information and ideas with all our colleagues in the League.

### **Here's what's coming in October:**

Wednesday, Oct 7<sup>th</sup> Observer Corps meeting. Contact Marlys Fritzell if you are interested in attending.

Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> LWV is hoping to have a booth at the Lights on Afterschool Event in Pierce Park. Our focus will be coloring books on the 2010 Census (provided by the US Census Bureau). Contact Barb Dorzweiler if you are interested in helping.

### **Save the Date:**

The annual Holiday Brunch will be on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel. Look for the reservation form in this newsletter. You can also go online at <http://www.lwvappleton.org> to download or print the reservation form.

Have a wonderful Autumn month,  
Barb Dorzweiler, Vice President Program

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## **Local Study—Are you interested?**

Are you interested in participating on the committee to study, "How to reduce energy consumption and costs in local government operations (schools, government, buildings, etc.)" This is a timely subject and will likely take us down some interesting roads. A study is an opportunity to become well-versed on a subject. This is what the League is about. League members speak out on issues for which they have solid background information. It is an occasion where committee members get to know one other and share the camaraderie of working on a common issue. Call Shirley Strange if you are interested. 730-8774

# Observer Corps

*Submitted by Marlys Fritzell*

## League Members to attend City Council Meeting

On Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, members of the League are planning to attend the regular meeting of the Appleton City Council. We will meet at 6 p.m. in the lower level of the Library to discuss the role of the League Observer Corps. We will then go to the City Center to attend the Appleton City Council meeting that begins at 7 p.m. All League members are invited to join us.

This is not a demonstration or protest, but rather an attempt to interest League members in observing the proceedings of local government. Please join us at 6 p.m. at the library or at 7 p.m. at the City Center. Wear your League button. We have a few extra if you need one. It would be nice to have a good turn-out of League members.

Marlys Fritzell 731-0736

## Agenda

Event	Day	Location
Appleton Common Council Meeting	1st and 3rd Wednesday @ 7p.m.	Council chamber, 6th floor, City Building, 100 N. Appleton Street
Outagamie County Board Meeting	2nd and 4th Tuesdays @ 6:30p.m.	Board Room, 2nd floor County Admin. Building, 410 S. Walnut
Appleton Area School Board Meeting	2nd and 4th Mondays @ 7p.m.	Board Room, Thomas G. Scullen Leadership Center, 122 E. College Ave. Suite 1A. or at an Appleton School

[www.appleton.org/departments/clerk/council/](http://www.appleton.org/departments/clerk/council/)

[www.aasd.k12.wi.us/Schoolboard/](http://www.aasd.k12.wi.us/Schoolboard/)

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State Assembly – according to district  
search <http://waml.legis.state.wi.us/Index.aspx>

# League of Women Voters Holiday Brunch



**Saturday December 12, 2009 10:30 am – 12:30 noon**

Radisson Paper Valley Hotel - McIntosh Room  
333 West College Avenue, Appleton

"A Promise for the Holidays: Project Promise . . . Engaging our Community in the Elimination of Poverty."

**Speaker Betsy Rozelle, Project Promise  
Project Development Coordinator CAP Services, Inc.**

Cost incl. Tax and tip: \$16.00 per person – Please make check payable to LWV-Appleton.

Send your check and the Reservation Form by December 3 to: Barb Dorzweiler  
802 East Harrison Street  
Appleton, Wisconsin 54915

If you prefer to pay at the door, please indicate so on the Reservation Form.

## **RESERVATION FORM**

Yes, I am coming to the Holiday Brunch.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ I am bringing the following guests:

Guest(s) Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Total number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

## October - Calendar

Date	Event	Location	Time
October	October is Voter Education Month	What are your ideas to use this theme to interface with the citizens of Appleton and Outagamie County? Send your ideas to <a href="mailto:league.appleton@yahoo.com">league.appleton@yahoo.com</a>	
Tue Oct 13, 2009	LWV-Appleton Board Meeting	Appleton Library lower Level	6:00 PM
October	PMP	Second Quarter Per Member Payment due to LWVUS	
Wed Oct 28, 2009	Newsletter deadline	Send your article contribution to Vicky Olenski	

# It's That Time Again!

Membership renewal time is upon us again. Your Board has been busy developing the new website and many program activities for the upcoming year. 2010 is going to be a great time to be a member of the Appleton LWV so please find the renewal form in this *Informed Voter* and return it as soon as possible.

If you have questions please contact Winnie Doxie at 739-7593 or [Winnie@mapsolutionswi.com](mailto:Winnie@mapsolutionswi.com).

Thanks for your support.

# Join The League of Women Voters of Appleton atalevels of government.

## **\$55 - Regular Membership**

Covers most, but not all, of the cost of membership.

## **\$75 - Sustaining Membership**

Covers the full cost of Membership

## **\$70 - Household Membership**

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (W) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF APPLETON**  
Benefits of Membership

- Information and Advocacy activities of the National LWV
- Information and Advocacy activities of the Wisconsin LWV
- Opportunities to participate in studies at the national, state or community levels
- Opportunities to join one of many committees working to support the mission of LWV
- Social activities such as the Holiday Brunch and Annual Dinner

**Advocacy:** Receiving e-mails from LWV about pressing issues at the local, state or national level and acting on the request

**Participate in a Study:** By indicating your interest in studies someone will contact you with information on current opportunities.

**Observer Corps:** Attend 1 or 2 meetings annually of local or regional branches of government or education and report.

**Voter Service:** Voter registration and education services such as candidate debates and community forums.

Send me the newsletter, "The *Informed Voter*" and other LWV information via e-mail. (*Your address will not be shared*)

Please fill out the information below and mail it to:

Winnie Doxie  
1708 N. Hall Ave  
Appleton, WI 54911

**For more information call 738-7766 or go to [lwvappleton.org](http://lwvappleton.org)**

**I want to make a contribution to  
LWV Appleton \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**To make tax deductible contributions, make a *second* check to LWV Ed Fund.**

I am interested in information about:

**\$ 30 - Student Membership**

