

April, 2010

# The *informed* Voter

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



## Strange Remarks from the President

**April 2010 Greetings,**

**A little sunshine goes a long way...**

### **CENSUS 2010:**

On Wednesday, March 24, the Appleton League completed its efforts on getting the word out on the 2010 Census with a forum at the public library.

### **ANNUAL MEETING:**

Thursday, May 13, see reservations in this newsletter. There will be some interesting discussion on program items. Plan to be there to offer your input.

### **VOTER REGISTRATION HIGH SCHOOLS:**

We are contacting Appleton High Schools and setting up voter registration for students who have turned eighteen. The response has been positive.

### **FINANCE DRIVE:**

We have had a wonderful response to the finance drive. Again, thank you for your support. Jan Quinlan will submit a complete report in the May newsletter.

### **Women's Equality Day:**

You won't want to miss the event planned for August 26<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars. We have a committee planning a luncheon to recognize and honor women who have served or are serving in elected office in Outagamie County and City of Appleton. Women's Equality Day was first established in 1971 to commemorate the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment, the Woman Suffrage Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which gave U.S. women full voting rights in 1920.

Shirley Strange  
April 2010

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## *Vice-President Program NEWS*

*Submitted by Barb Dorzweiler.*

The Board discussed the results of the Program planning recommendations for 2010-2011 as presented from the Lively Issues meeting held January 23, 2010. The recommended item is a study of the need for and implications of a Regional Transit Authority. There was some discussion of whether this issue would still be relevant by the time we finished the study. The scope of the study was defined as

- “A study of the implications of implementing an RTA, looking specifically at issues of governance, funding, and service.”
- The non-recommended items which will be presented at the Annual Meeting are:
  - o Extending the current study.
  - o The study of the need for a new library.
  - o The study of the need for a convention center.
- The LWV-Appleton Annual Meeting and dinner will be held on Thursday, May 13, 2010 at the Red Ox supper club in Appleton. Please find the reservation form in this newsletter and mail it back.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barb Dorzweiler, Vice President Program

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## League of Women Voters 90th Anniversary News

### **To all members:**

I have received the application for participation in the Flag Day parade being held in downtown Appleton on Saturday, June 12th. The LWV-Winnebago County has expressed interest in joining us and suggested that a showing of 90 walkers in our parade unit would be a great statement. However, the extent of League's participation is unclear at present, so until more commitments are submitted I will wait to file the application. The Board will make a final decision at the April 13th meeting

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**The LWV Appleton Nominating Committee** (Stevie Schmidt, Beth English, Marcia Hittle, Miriam Douglass, and Carolyn Mewhorter) met on Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, and nominated the following:

Vice President-Action – Jan Quinlan

Treasurer - Sue Siltan (to continue for another year)

Directors: Marlys Fritzell, Winnie Doxsie, Sara Companik (for one year)

Nominating committee for 2010-2011: Chair, Helen Nagler, Sue Eich, and Nadine Miller

Submitted,  
Carolyn Mewhorter

## Regional ATW

*Submitted by Cindy Carter-Natural Resources Director*

Barbara Hoffman and I recently attended the RTA forum in DePere. It was sponsored by the Green Bay League, and was tailored more for Brown County, but I think it was worth the trip. There were 60-80 people in attendance, which was a good crowd, who but for the exception of a few, were very much in favor of not only supporting the RTA, but also bringing back passenger rail service to the Fox Cities.

Green Bay and Brown County are going to be left in the same predicament that Appleton and Outagamie County will be when the Census numbers come in, and we all lose our federal funding. It seems as though the politicians are on board with the idea, just not on board with where to come up with the money. Green Bay has something however that Appleton does not, Lambeau Field. There is a great opportunity for raising some much needed taxes, which many people brought up, but I didn't feel that the local leaders thought that to be a great idea.

Our counties and cities will not have much of a choice when we lose our federal funding. Money will need to be raised to continue our public transportation. There are those who truly rely on it now and I think in the future, with rising gas prices and the cost of car insurance, more people will have to rely on public transportation. It is also what gives a community appeal when a business is looking to relocate, and adds to the quality of life issue in a metro area. It is also a jobs issue. If we lose our public transportation many local jobs will be lost. And on the subject of jobs, just think of the amount of jobs that would be created if we had passenger rail service again.

Even if it is a service you don't need now, you may need it in the future, so please contact your legislators, both local and federal and ask that they support the creation of a Regional Transit Authority.

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## Meet the Member

*Submitted by Winnie Doxsie*

Recently you were introduced to Rosie Geiser and Leslie Taylor. This month I'd like to introduce Dottie Mathews. Dottie says she was born in California with a Midwestern heart and she loves being here in the Fox Valley. She came here about 12 years ago for a business opportunity. Once here she heard the call to the ministry and went away for her education. Returning to pastor the Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship was a joy. Dottie and her partner Rosie, who you met last month, have 3 young adult children and recently became proud grandmothers of their first grandchild. She enjoys bike riding and cross country skiing. Dottie is passionate about social justice issues and was attracted to League because of her awareness of LWV stands on issues she cared about.

Shirley Strange asked Dottie to be our speaker at the 2008 Holiday Brunch, and she joined after that meeting. I encourage you to take every opportunity to tell people about the work of Appleton LWV and invite your friends to attend functions and to join. This birthday year is a great time to celebrate the work of LWV.



### Your Representatives

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

# Observer Corps

Submitted by Marlys Fritzell

## Appleton Area School District:

\*The School Board has announced a preliminary notice of layoffs for 27 positions for the 2010-11 school year. The number does not include any elementary classroom teachers.

\*The School Board and the Appleton Education Association have begun negotiations on a new contract. Many issues are on the table including a possible salary schedule freeze.

## Appleton City Council:

\*College Avenue renamed Google Avenue! Well temporarily. The city hopes to be selected as part of a nationwide Google experiment to provide high-speed broadband service to home networks.

## Outagamie County Board:

\*The race for county executive is a year away, but two candidates for the position have already surfaced. Anne Strauch, a current county board supervisor, and Jack Voight, former state treasurer, have declared for the position now held by Toby Paltzer who is not seeking a fourth term.

\*A proposal for a half-cent sales tax to be set aside for property tax relief received a cool reception from the Finance Committee. It's unclear the county has the authority to impose such a tax.

## Town of Grand Chute:

\*A new police chief has been named. Greg Peterson, who had been serving as interim chief, was the choice of the Grand Chute Police and Fire Commission. Peterson was on loan from the Appleton Police Department during the town's search for a new chief.



## Observer Corps Schedule

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/)

[www.co.outagamie.wi.us/county/](http://www.co.outagamie.wi.us/county/)

# Annual Meeting and Dinner

Thursday, May 13, 2010  
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 choice of potato

Menu items include a crisp tossed salad, choice of potato, fresh baked bread & butter, coffee, iced tea, soda or milk, lemon bar dessert.



**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Choose one entrée \_\_\_\_\_ 8 oz Tenderloin Regular \_\_\_\_\_ 8 oz Tenderloin Garlic Stuffed  
\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Marsala \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Cordon Bleu  
\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Florentine \_\_\_\_\_ Cajun Catfish  
\_\_\_\_\_ "House Grilled" Tuna Steak \_\_\_\_\_ Dill Dijon Baked Salmon  
\_\_\_\_\_ Tenderloin Tips With Artichoke

Choose one side \_\_\_\_\_ Garlic Mashed \_\_\_\_\_ Baked Potato \_\_\_\_\_ Twice Baked Potato  
\_\_\_\_\_ French Fries \_\_\_\_\_ Rice

**Guest Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Choose one entrée \_\_\_\_\_ 8 oz Tenderloin Regular \_\_\_\_\_ 8 oz Tenderloin Garlic Stuffed  
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Please return your menu choices and check by

**Monday, May 3, 2010**

to Barb Dorzweiler, 802 E Harrison St Appleton WI 54915.

Questions: Barb Dorzweiler 993-9620. Thank you.

**Please make check for \$18.82 (per person) payable to LWV-Appleton.**

# April Calendar

**Apr 1, 2010**

**U\$ Census Day, mandated by  
the U\$ Constitution**

Local, State, and National

**Tue Apr 6, 2010**

**Spring Election**

Appleton Aldermanic & Outagamie  
Co Board(see our elections  
page)

**Tue Apr 13, 2010**

**LWV-Appleton Board Meeting**

Appleton Library lower level. 6:00 PM

**Apr 19-23, 2010**

**National Volunteer Week** National

## Calendar of Events

### **May**

**Thu May 13, 2010**

**LWV-Appleton Annual Meeting  
and Dinner**

The Red Ox Supper Club, Appleton

5:30 cocktails

6:00 dinner

6:45 business meeting

**May 29-30, 2010**

**LWV Wisconsin Annual  
Meeting**

La Crosse, WI

### **June**

**June 11-15 2010**

**LWV-U\$ 49th National Convention**

Atlanta, GA

**Sat Jun12, 2010**

**Appleton Flag Day Parade**

LWV-Appleton parade unit  
celebrates our 90th.

Downtown Appleton 2:00 pm start time

**June 18-19**

**LWV Wisconsin Annual Meeting**

La Crosse

### **August**

**Aug 26, 2010**

**Women's Equality Day: Celebrating  
the 19th Amendment  
to the U\$ Constitution**

Luncheon honoring the elected  
women of our area

# Proposed Budget for 2010 - 2011

Proposed Budget for 2010-11			
INCOME	2009-2010 Budget	Actual as of 2/1/2010	Proposed Budget for 2010-11
A. Dues	1,800.00	1,885.00	2,200.00
B. Contributions			
1. Member Contributions	1,500.00	1,455.00	1,000.00
2. Member Ed Fund		610.00	500.00
3. Non-member Contribution	750.00	131.00	250.00
4. Non-member Ed Fund			500.00
5. In Kind Donation			
C. Other Inc Interest Inc	100.00	74.43	100.00
D. Miscellaneous			
1. Holiday Brunch	450.00	480.00	550.00
2. Annual Meeting	550.00		550.00
3. Transfer from LWV Ed Fund			
4. Transfer from Savings or CD	2,629.00		2,129.00
5. Joyce Foundation		250.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>7,779.00</b>	<b>4,885.43</b>	<b>7,779.00</b>

<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>A. Operating Costs</b>			
1. General Supplies		250.00 90.56	250.00
2. Telephone and Answering Svc		300.00 177.88	
3. Post Office Box	94.00		- 94.00
4. Insurance		250.00 250.00	250.00
<b>B. Board and Committees</b>			
1. Finance Committee		100.00	100.00
2. Membership Expenses		100.00	100.00
3. President Expenses		250.00 25.00	250.00
<b>C. Delegates, Travel &amp; Workshop</b>			
1. State Annual Meeting		100.00	1,000.00
3. National Convention		1,500.00	
4. Workshops		1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>D. Financial Support for League</b>			
1. Lake Michigan Interleague	25.00	25.00	25.00
2. State PMA		1,000.00 798.75	1,200.00
3. National PMP		1,000.00 716.00	1,200.00
<b>E. Newsletter</b>			
		100.00 89.00	100.00
<b>F. Educational Activity</b>			
1. Membership Directory			
2. Program			
a. National	50.00		50.00
b. State	50.00		50.00
c. Local	75.00		75.00
3. Voter's Service		100.00	500.00
4. Website		250.00	250.00
5. Archive	75.00		75.00
<b>G. Position Support</b>			
		100.00	100.00
<b>H. Misc</b>			
1. Corporate Filing Fee	10.00	10.00	10.00
2. Holiday Brunch		450.00 547.40	550.00
3. Annual Meeting		550.00	550.00
4. In Kind Expense			
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>7,779.00</b>	<b>7,779.00</b>



Is to empower  
citizens to shape  
better communities

Our goal

