



March, 2011

Calendar

Appleton Public Library 6:30 pm
 Tue Mar 8, 2011 LWV Appleton Board Meeting Appleton Public Library 6:30-8 pm

Tue Mar 22, 2011 LWV Appleton
 ALL MEMBERSHIP GENERAL MEETING.
 An offshoot from Lively Issues, this meeting will provide new information related to our position on the library. Colleen Rortveldt, Library Director and Liz Witek, President of the Library Board, will present information on the physical building, the future of the library, and, we'll get a walking tour!

Coming up please **SAVE THE DAY**
 Thu May 12, 2011

LWV Appleton ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER

Liberty Hall Banquet and Conference Center
 800 Eisenhower Dr, Kimberly 5-8 PM
 Please contact: Barb Dorwilezer

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My notes

The *informed* Voter

League of Women Voters of Appleton, Wisconsin

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

Strange Remarks from the President

March Greetings,

March 22, 6:30PM -Membership Meeting: Come to the Appleton Public Library!!! New Appleton Public Library Director Colleen Rortvedt and Liz Witek, President of the Library Board, will give us a building update, share information on the future of the library, and we'll go on a walking tour. Mark your calendars.

Valley Transit Membership Meeting: Our meeting at Valley Transit on February 17 turned out to be more than expected. The local study committee had arranged for Deborah Wetter to share information on the Fox Valley public transit system and RTA (Regional Transit Authority). Deborah graciously hosted with coffee, cookies, information, and a surprise visit from Mayor Hannah. Deborah invited Mayor Hannah to discuss the ramifications for Wisconsin public transportation in light of the governor's bill: SS SB 11. We were informed on what you have now read and heard about in the media. That is, that the allotment of Federal transportation money is dependent upon the transit worker's right to collective bargaining. And Special Session Senate Bill 11 aims to strike down collective bargaining for state workers (excluding fire and police). Deborah also gave us an excellent overview of the Fox Valley transit system.

Annual Meeting May 12: Please be sure to attend the Annual Meeting May 12th at Liberty Hall.

Outagamie County Candidate Forum: Many thanks to Beth English and her committee for organizing and presenting a successful forum. The voters had the opportunity to see and hear six county executive candidates and three county clerk candidates. The forum was well-attended with over 80 people taking part. And Beth did a superb job moderating and representing the Appleton League of Women Voters. See Beth's article following.

Membership Recruitment Initiative: The committee met Tuesday, February 22 with Peggy Cox our regional leader, to go over membership recruitment strategies. Don't be surprised if you are asked to share your League story with one of the committee members. Organizations have come to understand that there is no more powerful marketing tool than a story about the organization. We need to reach out to make the emotional connection. And we do this with our stories. People pause to give attention to what they care about. It isn't just a rational response, it's a response of the heart. So begin to think about why and how you came to be connected with the League of Women Voters. Membership Recruitment Members: Winnie Doxsie, Sara Companik, Shirley Strange. I promise to write one, will you?

Redistricting: The Outagamie County Committee on Redistricting invited input from representatives for the towns, villages and municipalities of Outagamie County. Several people attended representing their localities and shared their needs. Many had no representatives present. Suggestions were made and noted. Mike Hendrick, County Planner, answered several questions. He stated that the census numbers would arrive April 1st.

Shirley Strange
 March 2011

Observer Corps Schedule

By Marlys Fritzell

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
<u>www.appleton.org/departments/clerk/council/</u>		
<u>www.aasd.k12.wi.us/Schoolboard/</u>		
<u>www.co.outagamie.wi.us/county/</u>		

Observer Corps Report

submitted by Marlys Fritzell

While so much attention has been focused on Madison this past month, local governmental bodies have also been busy deliberating on various issues including:

Appleton Board of Education – struggling to put together a budget that will meet the needs of the district with limited funds and staff/teacher reductions.

Appleton City Council – approving police and fire contracts, moving ahead with making the city clerk’s position appointed (League supports), preserving the old water plant site as parkland (League supports), and attempting to put together a policy for parade viewing along College Avenue which everyone can agree.

Outagamie County Board – working on a request for use of county –owned land for developing a housing complex for FVTC students and hearing a report by the local committee wishing to build an exhibition center in downtown Appleton that would involve the use of a county-owned parking lot.

League members should find all these meetings interesting. Try to attend whenever possible.

ELECTION SEASON

Submitted By Beth English

February 7, 2011 the Appleton League of Women Voters, Appleton Public Library, Project Promise and UW-Fox Valley presented a candidate forum. The forum was held to showcase candidates running for Outagamie County Clerk as well as the candidates running for Outagamie County Executive. Tom Nelson and Jack Voight, County Executive candidates, will proceed on to the spring election, April 12. Lori O'Bright and Amanda Dietrich, County Clerk candidates, were the winners of the primary election. Our format worked remarkably well. All of the candidates were present. Some wanted to know where we got our questions. They were tough and not questions they had been asked in previous forums. There were a few anxious moments wondering if the weather or the focus on the Super Bowl champs would have an effect on attendance. We were happy to see almost 100 filling seats at UW-Fox Valley Student Union. Thank you to everyone who helped out the night of the forum or just came to listen. Special thanks go to the planners, especially president Shirley Strange, Sarah Campanik, Nicole Schroeder, Elizabeth Eisen and Jeff Kuepper. This is what we do as a League. We do it well.

We received this reply from candidate Mike Thomas, "I only wish there were more forums like you had to educate the voter...look forward to more of these forums."

Your Representatives

President Barack Obama
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US Senators
Wisconsin Senator: Herb Kohl
Wisconsin Senator: Ron Johnson

US House Representatives
6th Congressional District, Thomas Petri of Outagamie County
8th Congressional District, Reid Ribble of Outagamie County.

Governor: Scott Walker
Lt. Governor: Rebecca Kleefisch
Attorney General: J.B. Van Hollen
Secretary of State: Doug La Follette

Wisconsin State Senators:
Senate District 19 – Michael Ellis

Wisconsin State Assembly
57th - Penny Bernard Schaber
56th - Michelle Litjens
40th - Kevin Petersen
6th - Gary Tauchen
5th - Jim Steineke
3rd - Alvin Ott

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