

The *informed* Voter



League of Women Voters of Appleton, Wisconsin

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

September 2011

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

September Greetings:

It has been a busy summer again planning for Women's Equality Day. Thanks to Irene Strohbeen and her committee for planning and implementing this event. See more on the event in this newsletter.

Keep your eye on the calendar. The calendar literally has something for each month of the year, with some new ideas we'd like to try, including Observer Corps beginning with dinner together and "Food for Thought" lunches.

We will be soliciting new members at all of our events where the public is invited. So please be prepared to share with prospective members your experience with the league. We will always have league buttons and name tags available to identify you as a league member. Look for your name tag and button at the door. And please remember to remove and leave your name tag and button with us for use at the future events.

Shirley Strange
September 2011.

September Program Meeting

Tuesday, September 20
7:00 pm-8:30pm
Appleton Public Library Room A/B
Dessert and Coffee

What's Next for Education in Appleton?

Speaker, Appleton School Board President Sharon Fenlon

Calendar

September

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

My Notes:

EVENTS

Tuesday, September 20

7pm-8:30pm

Appleton Public Library

***What's Next in Education
in Appleton***

Speaker:

*Sharon Fenlon, President of the
Board of Education*

Dessert and Coffee

Women's Equality Day *By Irene Strohbeen*

LWV Appleton celebrated Women's Equality Day on August 30 by hosting an informational session on the new Voter ID law at the Gardens of the Fox Cities. Our President, Shirley Strange, welcomed over 60 members and friends who came to hear Carolyn Castore share an update on the implications of the Voter ID law and the state League's plans to challenge it in court. She also summarized findings from the election observer program from the recent recall elections. Finally, Carolyn closed by urging the League to collaborate with other community groups to take action: help to get people State IDs so that they can vote, and help to identify individual cases where people have been disenfranchised due to the law. Many thanks to the committee members who made this event a big success: Shirley Strange, Sara Campanik, Barb Dorzweiler, Sue Silton, Irene Strohbeen, and Kim Wetzel.



Carolyn Castore, Guest Speaker at Women's Equality Day



Sharon Fenlon and Marcia Hittle



Women's Equality Day Celebration Committee: Sara Companik, Sue Silton, Kim Wetzel, Chair-Irene Strohbeen, Shirley Strange. Not pictured, Barb Dorzweiler.



Carolyn Castore speaks on the new Voter ID law. Over sixty people attended the event at the Gardens of the Fox Cities.

Sue Kinde and Stevie Schmidt





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2011-2012 Program Calendar

September

What's Next for Education in Appleton?

September 20 7:00-8:30 pm
Desserts and Coffee,
Appleton Public Library, Room A

October

Regional Transit Authority Forum October 13, 6:00-7:30pm
Appleton Public Library, Room A

***Observer Corps/ 5:30 Dinner**

Appleton Common Council, Oct.5, 7:00; or Appleton School Bd., Oct.10, 7:00; or
Outagamie County Bd., Oct.11, 6:30 pm

November

November 10, 6:30-8:30 RTA Consensus Meeting
Membership Only
Appleton Public Library

***Observer Corps/ 5:30 Dinner** Appleton Common Council, Nov. 2; or Outagamie County Bd., Nov. 8; or
Appleton School Board, Nov. 14

December

Holiday Brunch

December 10, 10:30 am
Radisson Paper Valley Hotel

Sustainable Community Development
in the Appleton Area

***Observer Corps: 5:30 pm** Dine together, see local government in action.

Oct. 5 and Oct. 10 Cheyenne's
124 N. Appleton St.

Oct. 11 Fratello's
501 W. Water St.

January 2012

Lively Issues

January 21, 10:30 am-12:00 Appleton Public Library

February

Education Forum:

How to Run For Office
February 29, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Appleton Public Library

***Observer Corps/ 5:30 pm Dinner**
Appleton Council, Feb. 1, 7:00 pm; or
Appleton School Bd, Feb.13, 7:00 pm; Outagamie Cty Bd., Feb. 14, 6:30 pm

March

Food for Thought Luncheon
March 14, 11:45 am-1:30, @ TBA

***Observer Corps/ 5:30 pm Dinner**
Appleton Council, March 7, 7:00 pm;
Appleton School Bd, March 12, 7:00;
Outagamie Cty Bd, March 13, 6:30 pm

April

Food for Thought Luncheon
April 11, 11:45 am-1:30 pm @ TBA

***Observer Corps/ 5:30 pm Dinner**
Appleton Council, April 3, 7:00 pm
Appleton School Bd, April 9, 7:00pm;
Outagamie Cty Bd., Apr. 10, 6:30pm

May

Annual Dinner and Meeting
May 10, 5:30 pm -8:30 pm,
Liberty Hall, Kimberly

* and @ See website for further details: www.lwvappleton.org

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

The Outagamie County Board endorsed a land sale for the proposed Fox Cities Exhibition Center. The group pushing this project is asking for a three million dollar commitment from the city of Appleton by early August.

The Appleton City Council is looking at a million dollar renovation project for Houdini Plaza. It is hoped that 30% of the cost can be raised from private groups. Look for some money to be set aside in the 2012 budget for the first phase of this project. What will not be in the upcoming budget is funding for a library expansion/building project. Those plans have been put on hold for the next two years.

The County Board and the City Council have approved redistricting plans. The city's plan would reduce the size of the council from 16 to 15 members to take effect in January, 2012. What effect the state redistricting plan passed by the legislature without local input will have is still unknown. At this writing, the state League is urging the governor not to sign the bill.

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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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