

The *informed* Voter



League of Women Voters of Appleton, Wisconsin

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

October 2011

Calendar of Events-October

- **Tuesday, October 4, 11:30am-1:00 pm**, Board Meeting, Gardens of the Fox Cities
- **October 5, 10, 11**, Observer Corps, Details below.
- **Thursday, October 13, 6:00pm-7:30pm**, Regional Transit Authority Forum
Appleton Public Library, Room A
- **Wednesday, October 26, 5:30pm-8:30pm, National Study Informational and Consensus Meeting**, UW Fox Valley, Room 1332. (Enter front door next to Weis Museum and follow the signs).
- **Observer Corp/Dinner and Attend**
Appleton Common Council, Wednesday, October 5. Begin with dinner at Cheyenne's 5:30pm and attend the Appleton Common Council meeting at 7:00 pm
Appleton School Board Meeting, Monday, Oct. 10. No Dinner prior because of early meeting time, attend Appleton School Board meeting at 6:00 pm at McKinley Elementary School
Outagamie County Board, Tuesday, Oct. 11. Begin with dinner at Fratello's at 5:00 p.m and attend the Outagamie County Board meeting at 6:30 pm;



Public Transportation Forum

Thursday, October 13
6:00pm-7:30pm
Appleton Public Library

Panel of five experts to discuss options to support funding for public transportation in the Fox Cities

See flyer in this newsletter

League of Women Voters of Appleton

Program Calendar

2011-2012

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November

- ❖ Tuesday, November 1, 11:30am-1:00pm, **Board Meeting, Gardens of the Fox Cities**
- ❖ Thursday, November 10, 6:30pm-8:30, **RTA Consensus Meeting**
Appleton Public Library, Lower Level

- ❖ ***Observer Corp/Dinner:**
Dinner at Cheyenne's 5:30pm and attend the Appleton Common Council meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 7:00 pm;
Dinner at Fratello's at 5:00 pm and attend the Outagamie County Board meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 6:30 pm.
Dinner at Cheyenne's and attend the Appleton School Board meeting on Monday, Nov. 14 at 7:00 pm.

December

- ❖ Tuesday, December 6, 11:30am-1:00 pm, **Board Meeting**
- ❖ Saturday, December 10, **Holiday Brunch**, 10:30 am-12:30 pm,
Sustainable Community Development in the Appleton Area

January 2012

- ❖ Tuesday, January 3, 11:30am-1:00 pm, **Board Meeting, Gardens of the Fox Cities**
- ❖ **Budget Meeting**
- ❖ Saturday, January 21, 10:30-12:00 noon, **Lively Issues**, Appleton Public Library

February

- ❖ Tuesday, February 7, 11:30 am-1:00 pm, **Board Meeting**
- ❖ Wednesday, February 29, 7:00 - 8:30 pm,
Education Forum: How to Run For Office, Appleton Public Library
- ❖ ***Observer Corp/Dinner and Attend**
Appleton Common Council meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 1;
Appleton School Board meeting on Feb. 13;
Outagamie County Board meeting on Feb. 14

March

- ❖ Tuesday, March 6, 11:30am-1:00PM, **Board Meeting**
- ❖ Wednesday, March 14, 11:45 am-1:30 pm, **Food for Thought Luncheon,**
- ❖ ***Observer Corp/Dinner and Attend**
Appleton Common Council meeting on Wednesday, March 7;
Appleton School Board meeting on Monday, March 12;
Outagamie County Board meeting on Tuesday, March 13

April

- ❖ Tuesday, April 3, 11:30 am-1:00 pm, **Board Meeting**
- ❖ Wednesday, April 11, 11:45 am-1:30 pm, **Food for Thought Luncheon,**
- ❖ ***Observer Corp/Dinner and Attend**
Appleton Common Council meeting on Wednesday, April 3;
Appleton School Board meeting on Monday, April 9;
Outagamie County Board meeting on Tuesday, April 10

May

- ❖ Thursday, May 10, 5:30 pm -8:30 pm, **Annual Dinner and Meeting**

TBA= To Be Announced – See League of Women Voters Appleton website @ www.lwvappleton.org or Contact us at league.appleton@yahoo.com

***Observer Corp: Dinner and an opportunity to see local government in action.
Attend an Appleton Common Council meeting 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00pm;
an Appleton School Board meeting, 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:00 pm;
an Outagamie County Board meeting, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 6:30 pm.**

**The League of Women Voters Appleton
P.O. Box 1281
November**

President's Report

The newsletter, as you can see, is formatted in a new way! The board made the decision to post league events and activities on the front page for your convenience. Page Two will include the President's Report. The following pages will be filled with news of interest.

THANK YOU TO **SHARON FENLON** for an interesting and thorough presentation of the state of education in Appleton on September 20th. Sharon's dedicated and capable service to the Appleton Area School District is unparalleled. Sharon has been serving the community of Appleton on the School Board for 24 years and was elected to another three-year term. Thank you Sharon for your outstanding contribution to this community.

We had a nice turn-out for Sharon's presentation despite the competition from Garrison Keeler at the Performing Arts Center. Thanks to Kim Wetzel for supplying us with delicious coffee from her coffee shop, Acoca Coffee, 500 West College Ave. The bars and cookies baked by members were a nice touch. Thanks to Sara Companik for organizing the event.

Please read the local and national study clarification in this newsletter. It happens that our local study and the national study are concluding at the same time. We have set up meetings to accommodate sharing information from each study as well as consensus meetings. Please, please put the dates on your calendar. This is all about membership in the league of women voters.

Good-by to Winnie Doxie-Winnie is moving...Winnie and her husband Dave are moving to Eau Claire to be near their son and daughter-in-law and most importantly, their granddaughter. We will miss Winnie very much. She has been serving as membership director for the past three years. We will miss all of the skills Winnie brought to this organization, but more, we will miss her. Winnie's sense of humor, steady, sure-footed groundedness, make lemonade out of lemons attitude, and just plain fun to be with are some of the reasons she should stay here! But, we are happy for you, Winnie, that you are making this move with joyful anticipation, and that your new little Jose will have the love and devotion of her grandparents only a half-mile away.

Shirley Strange
October 2011

BUSES



Public Transportation at Risk in the Fox Cities

Come to a Public Forum

**Learn about the options to support funding
for the buses in the Fox Cities**

Panel Discussion

Panel

*Mayor Timothy Hanna
Al Runde – WI Legislative Fiscal Bureau
Thom Ciske – Fox Cities Chamber of
Commerce
George Dearborn –Community
Development,
Menasha
Penny Bernard Shaber – State*

Thursday, October 13

6PM-7:30PM

Appleton Public Library
Lower Level

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OBSERVER CORPS

Take this opportunity to learn about the observer corps. You are not committed to anything by attending one, two or all three of these first meetings on the observer corps. We have set up a time to observe meetings of the County Board, the City Council and the School Board. We thought it would be fun and useful to begin the meetings with a casual dinner and conversation about the observer corps. But, it is not necessary to come to the dinner if your schedule does not permit. You can meet us at the meeting place. We have set up the schedule as follows:

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Wednesday, October 5th, City Council: 5:30-dinner at Cheyenne's/ 7:00pm, Council Chambers , 6th floor, City Building, 100 N. Appleton Street / Questions, call Sara Companik 731-0663
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Monday October 10th, School Board Meeting: no dinner, *meet at McKinley School, 1125 East Taft Avenue, 6:00pm/ Questions call Shirley Strange 730-
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Tuesday, October 11, County Board Meeting, 5:00pm-dinner at Fratello's/ 6:30pm, Board Room, Second Floor, County Administrative Building, 410 South Walnut Street/ Questions, call Marlys Fritzell 731-0736
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*No dinner planned for this evening as the School Board meeting is starting at 6:00pm. The school budget will be discussed at this evening. Regular business meetings are held at 7:00pm alternately in the Board Room of the Appleton Area School district Thomas G. Scullen Leadership Center, 122 E. College Avenue Suite 1A or one of the public schools. Calendar is posted on the Appleton Area School District website.

SUCCESS...

501(c) 3) Halleluiah!!! After several years of working toward this goal, the state league through perseverance has succeeded. It means that any donation made to the league is tax deductible. It also means that up to \$75.00 of our dues is tax deductible. This is a welcome relief. It will simplify fund raising. You make a donation, it is tax deductible. And we will also get a tax number which we can use when making purchases for the league.

LOCAL AND NATIONAL STUDY: CLARIFICATION:

LOCAL STUDY—Appleton League of Women Voters

Regional Transit Authority---two-year study coming to a close

The study is culminating with a public forum and a membership consensus meeting. It is highly recommended that you **attend both of these meetings**. You will need the information from the forum for the consensus meeting. This is when we will formulate our **Position on a Regional Transit Authority**. The consensus meeting is where we discuss, hash out, argue a little or a lot, and come to that magical **consensus**. Members who have not participated in the process of coming to consensus and formulating a position...this is your chance to see it and be involved in it. This is the League. This is Program!!

October 13, Regional Transit Forum, Open to the public...Appleton Public Library 6:00pm-7:30pm

November 10, Consensus on Regional Transit Authority, Membership, Appleton Public Library, 6:30pm-8:30pm

NATIONAL STUDY – LWVUS

The Role of the Federal Government in Public Education (prek-12) coming to a close

The national study has culminated and local leagues are asked to come to consensus by November 30. A committee of Appleton League members will be reading and studying the materials from the national league. This committee will share the information with the Appleton League membership on October 26, 6:30pm-8:30pm at the Appleton Public Library. At this meeting we will discuss the questions prepared by the national committee and come to consensus. Information and consensus will take place at this one and only meeting on the national study. It is a great opportunity to be involved in the formation of a national position.

October 26, Consensus on LWV National Study, Appleton Public Library, 6:30pm-8:30pm

MEMBERSHIP

Would you consider taking on the duties of membership for the rest of the year? Average computer skills are necessary as the Membership Director keeps a spread sheet with information on each member and reports the information to state and national. As explained in the President's Report, our Membership Director, Winnie Doxsie, is moving. Please consider it. We need your help.

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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

State Assembly – according to district

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