

# The *informed* Voter



League of Women Voters of Appleton, Wisconsin

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

**November 2011**

## Calendar of Events-November

### November

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

### Observer Corps

#### **Appleton City Council**

Wednesday, November 2, 6pm –Public Hearing, League makes a statement  
No dinner prior to meeting.

#### **Outagamie County Board**

Monday, November 7, 5:30pm-Adoption of the Budget  
(This meeting is changed from the regular Tuesday meeting to a Monday for budget adoption.) No dinner prior to meeting.

#### **Appleton School Board**

Monday, November 14, 7pm  
Dinner at Cheyenne's at 5:30pm  
Questions to Shirley: 730-8774



## November Event

# Local Study Consensus Meeting

Thursday, November 10  
6:30pm-8:30pm  
Appleton Public Library

League Members Only

# League of Women Voters of Appleton

## Program Calendar

2011-2012

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### December

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

### January 2012

- ❖ Tuesday, January 3, 11:30am-1:00 pm, **Board Meeting**
- ❖ **Budget Committee 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:** Dinner and Attend  
an Appleton Common Council meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 1;  
or an Appleton School Board meeting on Feb. 13;  
or an 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**, Place TBA
- ❖ **\*Observer Corp/Dinner:** Dinner and Attend  
an Appleton Common Council meeting on Wednesday, March 7;  
or an Appleton School Board meeting on Monday, March 12;  
or an 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**, Place TBA
- ❖ **\*Observer Corp/Dinner:**  
an Appleton Common Council meeting on Wednesday, April 3;  
or an Appleton School Board meeting on Monday, April 9;  
or an 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](http://www.lwvappleton.org) or Contact us at [league.appleton@yahoo.com](mailto:league.appleton@yahoo.com)**

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

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

## **It's Renewal Time Again**

We have great news for you this year, your membership dues (up to \$75) are now tax deductible!!! Any contributions you would like to make are also tax deductible. I must say that given all the programs and activities offered the members of LWV Appleton, tax deductible dues are just a bonus.

I moved to Eau Claire; so please send you dues to Shirley Strange. See Renewal Form in this newsletter.  
Your Board appreciates your support and looks forward to a great 2012

Winnie Doxsie

## President's Report.....

### Greetings,

**National Study** Consensus: Oh what a night!! The Appleton League committee presented the information from the National League Study, 'The Role of the Federal Government in Public Education preK-12'. The amount of information was vast, complex and sometimes controversial. The committee was well-organized, fully prepared, and navigated the members through the meeting with great skill. Many thanks to Miriam Douglass, Renne Gralewicz and Irene Strohbeen for putting in the hours to study the material and prepare excellent PowerPoint presentations. Beth English recorded the session with her usual thoroughness and helped move the meeting along in her steady, level-headed way. Thanks to Jan Quinlan for helping at the white board, the magnetic board and manipulating the hands-on materials. Sara brought delicious snacks, thanks Sara! We had members present with expertise who helped guide us through some of the complexities of assessments, in particular, standardized tests and other areas as well. It was an excellent example of the League Process of Consensus. Lively discussion the entire meeting!!

**Local Study**—A second group of women has been studying and preparing materials for our consensus meeting on a Regional Transit Authority. Chair, Carolyn Mewhorter and her committee, Corinne Goldgar, Stevie Schmidt, Marlys Fritzell, Irene Strohbeen and Shirley Strange have been working hard over the months and encourage you to attend the consensus meeting, **Thursday, November 10, Appleton Public Library, 6:30pm-8:30pm**. We promise lively discussion, participation in consensus, and snacks. Will a Regional Transit Authority become a part of our position? Come and hash it out!!

**County, City and School Public Budget Hearings....**The League made statements at all public hearings.

**HOLIDAY BRUNCH...**Mark your calendars...December 10<sup>th</sup>...Radisson Paper Valley...Leslie Taylor, Natural Resource Director for the Appleton League and President of Sustainable Fox Valley is our speaker!!

Shirley Strange  
November 2011

### **FOCUS ON VOTERS** by Irene Strohbeen

With the new law now requiring a photo ID to register to vote, our mission to ensure the vote is a major focus for the League for the upcoming year. We will have several stages of effort to accomplish our mission: 1) learning about how the new law affects our ability to hold Voter Registration drives; 2) being trained to be Special Registration Deputies; 3) coordinating with other organizations on Registration drives and voter transportation; and 4) presenting information about the Voter ID law and the League's efforts to community groups.

To learn more or to get involved please contact Irene Strohbeen, [ibstrohbeen@new.rr.com](mailto:ibstrohbeen@new.rr.com) or 920-915-1209.

**Appleton League of Women Voters  
Holiday Brunch**



**Saturday December 10, 2011 10:30 am – 12:30 noon**

Radisson Paper Valley Hotel - Lawrence Room

333 West College Avenue, Appleton

**“Sustainable Community Development in the Appleton Area”**

**Speaker: Lesley Taylor**

**Sustainable Fox Valley**

**Cost incl. Tax and tip: \$17.00 per person – Please make check payable to LWV-Appleton.**

Send your check and the Reservation Form by December 3 to:

Sara Companik, 889 Kernan Ave, Menasha 54952

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**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: \_\_\_\_\_

## **OBSERVER CORPS REPORT** by Marlys Fritzell

Thank you to all the members who have turned out for our Observer Corps dinner dates. Be sure to check the League Web Site or call Marlys (731-0736) about dates and times as those first published on our early calendar might have changed this fall because of budget deliberations.

The Appleton School Board is developing an expanded policy for reporting suspected child abuse. The new policy will require all employees of the district to report suspected cases. It will also create an ombudsman position to look out for the interests of students. The Board is working on a revised book review policy that would create two separate committees, one for K-6 and the other for 7-12 grades and would increase the number of citizen members on each committee. The changes are in response to recent citizen complaints about the district's materials review policy. Shirley Strange spoke on behalf of the League at the school budget public hearing.

The Appleton City Council voted to expand health insurance benefits to same-sex domestic partners of city employees. The Council voted to ban the carrying of concealed weapons in buildings owned, occupied, or controlled by the city. Law enforcement officers are exempt from the ban. Shirley will represent the League at the city's public hearing on the budget on Nov. 2nd.

Outagamie County has received a federal grant to set up a mental health court. This will be another step in providing alternatives to incarceration and improving mental health services in the county. Shirley spoke on behalf of the League at the county budget public hearing.

### **Like us on Facebook!**



**The League of Women Voters of Appleton has a new Facebook page. It is an organization page, not a "friend" page.**

**When you open Facebook, search for "League of Women Voters of Appleton". Tip: Do not use "LWV".**

**When you open our page, hit the Like button!!! We want everyone to Like us! As of now, we only have 17 Likes.**

**Get the word out. We post event information here for you as well as in the newsletter and on the website.**

# 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

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Governor: Scott Walker

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Attorney General: J.B. Van Hollen

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### 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

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