

The *informed* Voter



League of Women Voters of Appleton, Wisconsin

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

April 17, 2012

Calendar of Events

April

- Wednesday, April 18, 11:30 am-1:30 pm, **Food for Thought Luncheon.** Kensington Grill Appleton. Julie Filapek: "Neighborhoods as the Heart and Soul of Community Development and Civic Engagement."
- Thursday, April 26, 4:00pm, **General Membership meeting** on LWVUS Privatization Study. Appleton Public Library. Details in this newsletter.

May

- Tuesday, May 1, 11:00 – 12:30 Board Meeting. Gardens of the Fox Cities.
- Thursday, May 10, 5:30 pm -8:30 pm, **Annual Dinner and Meeting.** See reservation form in this newsletter if you have not signed up yet!

June

- June 8-12 LWVUS 50th National Convention. Washington D.C.

August

- August, 22, 4:30 pm-6:00 pm. Women's Equality Day Celebration. The History Museum, 330 E College Ave. Appleton.

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April Event

Consensus Discussion on the
National Study
Of Privatization.

Thursday April 26

4:00pm-5:30pm

Appleton Public Library

Room B

Lower level

Our input is due to the LWVUS by
May 1.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings!!

THANK YOU VICKY!! A very big thank you to Vicky Olenski for her years of producing the League newsletter, **The *Informed Voter***. The League has been enriched by Vicky's creativity and computer skills. Vicky is employed full time and going to school to earn her bilingual education certification. She is very busy, and we fully understand that Vicky needs time to accomplish her personal goals. We miss her being part of the board with her charm and convivial personality. Vicky, we wish you well and want you back in the thick of things when you are able. Though Vicky has to curtail her commitment to us for the newsletter, she remains a League member and will help out when she can. The very best, Vicky!

National Study on Privatization-- Discussion, April 26...Participate in the discussion on Privatization...details in newsletter. ..

LWV Appleton Annual Meeting, May 10....Send in your reservations....form in this newsletter

Elections...May, June...Check Irene's dates...

LWV Wisconsin Annual Meeting..June 1-2.. hosted by LWV Stevens Point Area, held at UW-Marathon County, Wausau. If you are interested in attending, please contact me. I'll be staying overnight. Too long a drive for me to go back and forth...and you miss all the evening fun!! Email at: shirleystrange@yahoo.com phone: 920-730-8774

Shirley Strange
April 2012

WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY 2012

Women's Equality Day Celebration
Wednesday, August 22 * 4:30pm-6:00pm

The History Museum
330 East College Avenue, Appleton
Speaker: *Woman Suffrage in Appleton*

*Limited seating, please reserve! Notify us at
league.appleton@yahoo.com*

Voter Service *by Irene Strohbeen*

Our volunteers held 10 Voter Registration Assistance sessions at the local high schools and colleges during the month of March. In total we were able to help over 160 voters to register, plus more voters to determine their new districts and polling places. Many thanks to our volunteers, both members and friends of LWV—17 strong!

National Voter Registration Day is September 25!

Election Days 2012

2012 will be a very busy year for elections and politics. Here are the upcoming elections dates, all Tuesdays:

May 9	Recall primary
June 5	Recall election
August 14	Fall election primary
November 6	Fall election

Did you know that you can request an absentee ballot for all remaining elections in 2012 by just submitting 1 Absentee Ballot Application form?

Our Young People—Your Voter Service Director's Experiences

After our Voter Service Registration Assistance at Appleton North High School, one of the teachers within the Appleton Career Academy charter school, Mark Ropella, contacted me to ask that I come speak to his class about what motivates me to be a part of the League and to help voters to register. Just before I left to travel to North, I sent Mark the link to the music video on iTunes based on the story of the fight for women's suffrage as depicted in the movie Iron Jawed Angels: **Bad Romance: Women's Suffrage**. Imagine my surprise when I walked into the classroom and the video was playing! The students told me they didn't quite get the full story, but they knew the Lady Gaga song (to be honest, I was the direct opposite; was that Lady Gaga? Really?).

Because this was a class of seniors with an interest in career exploration, we had a good discussion about my life and career journey and how I became involved with the League. Interestingly, they were reading the book Drive: The Surprising Truth About What Motivates Us by Daniel Pink. In the book, the author says true motivation is born from three things: mastery, autonomy, and purpose. And wow, what a purpose we have!

Submitted by Irene Strohbeen

As I wind down my term on the Board as Observer Corps director, I've been thinking about how long I have been attending local government meetings. On an "on again, off again" schedule, it has been over forty years. The officials have changed – when I started Mayor Buckley was in office and the office of county executive had not been established. The venues have changed – City Hall was in an old school building, then in a former electric company building. The size of the council and the county board has also changed. But many of the issues have remained unchanged, especially budget matters; how to provide for the needs of the community with limited tax dollars. Over the years the members of these bodies have grappled with these issues and through their decisions have continued to make the Appleton area an attractive place to live and work. I have to complement the men and women who run for office and give their time and energy in serving on governmental bodies. They care about the community and do their best to represent the people who elect them. I would encourage League members to run for office, support those who do run, and become involved in observing some of these government meetings. I think there is no better way of learning about local government then by watching the meetings in progress. Thank you to the League for giving me the opportunity to serve in this manner.



OBSERVER CORPS MEETINGS FOR MAY

AASD:

- May 7 at West High School at 7 p.m.
- May 21 at Scullen Leadership Center at 7 p.m.

City Council:

- May 2 at 7 pm.
- May 16 at 7 p.m.

County Board: May 8 at 6:30 p.m.

- May 22 at 6:30 p.m.

LWVUS NATIONAL STUDY: PRIVATIZATION-2012

LWV-Appleton
To Meet April 26th
4:00pm – 5:30pm
Appleton Public Library
Lower Level ROOM B

Find info at:

<http://www.lwv.org/member-resources/privatization>

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

HISTORY OF ECONOMICS, GOVERNMENT AND THE MARKET

FEDERAL PRIVATIZATION: THE RYAN PLAN

SURVEYING STATE LAWS ADDRESSING PRIVATIZATION

THE PUBLIC POLICY DEBATE

STATE LEVEL PRIVATIZATION

PUBLIC LIBRARY PRIVATIZATION-A CASE STUDY

STRATEGIES FOR BEST PRACTICE

SUBCONTRACTING PUBLIC EDUCATION

PRIVATIZATION OF PRISONS

PRIVATIZATION OF A PUBLICLY OWNED WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

DEREGULATION OF RAILROADS

THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK OF TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY WITHIN CONTEXT OF
PRIVATIZATION

LWV STUDIES: EDUCATION AND PRIVATIZATION

Please consider choosing an article of interest to read and report out on at our April 26th meeting. This will be informal. Privatization is a topic league members should be informed about.

Contact Sara Companik with your choice. It's all right if more than one person is interested in the same topic.

LWV Appleton Annual Meeting and Dinner

Thursday, May 10, 2012

**Liberty Hall Banquet and Conference Center
800 Eisenhower Drive
Kimberly, WI 54136**

**5:30 PM Social with cash bar
6:00 PM Dinner
6:45 PM Annual Meeting**

Family Style Dinner

Please complete and return form below with check by Wednesday, May 4, 2011 to

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Please make check for \$15.00 (per person) payable to LWV-Appleton.

**LWV APPLETON
Annual Meeting and Dinner
Thursday, May 10, 2012
RESERVATION FORM**

Your Name: _____

Guest(s) Name(s): _____

Total Attending: _____

Total Enclosed: _____

Your Representatives

President Barack Obama

president@whitehouse.gov

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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