

The *informed* Voter



League of Women Voters of Appleton, Wisconsin

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

November 21, 2012

Calendar of Events

December

- Dec 6, LWV Board Meeting, 9:00 to 11:00 am.
- Dec 8, LWV Appleton *Holiday Brunch*

January

- Jan 3, LWV Board Meeting, 9:00 to 11:00 am.
- Jan 19, Lively Issues, 10:30 am
- Jan 31, Board Fundraising Workshop, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

February

- Feb 5, Lunch and Learn
- Feb 7, LWV Board Meeting, 9:00 to 11:00 am.

March

- March 5, Lunch and Learn
- March 7, LWV Board Meeting, 9:00 to 11:00 am.



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December Event

LWV-Appleton

Holiday Brunch
Saturday, Dec 8

10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Radisson Paper Valley Hotel

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings!

Election Season is over and I think Democracy triumphed. Despite the efforts to suppress voters and the obscene amount of money spent bombarding people with useless, biased, untrustworthy rhetoric, the people went and the people voted. We have many stories of the difficulties citizens had coming up with acceptable proof of residency. It wasn't only the photo ID part of the law that created barriers for the voter. The League was on the front lines and worked very hard to help voters overcome the new hurdles. Be sure to read of the accomplishments of the Appleton League of Women Voters in Irene's report.

HOLIDAY BRUNCH—December 8, 10:30am-12:30 noon, Radisson. Breakfast and speaker, Kristine Stacker, *Women's Access to Health Care*. See Invitation. Reserve Today!!!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL—Don't forget to renew your membership. Brand **new car** for the next person to send in her dues. Oops, I misspoke.

LIVELY ISSUES— Mark your calendars--January 19, 2013, 10:30am, Appleton Public Library.

Shirley Strange
November 2012



IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

Have you renewed your membership in LWV-Appleton? It's that time of year again. The following members have already renewed. Send in your renewal too! Thanks to

Beverly Wieckert
Jacqueline Klimaczewski
Beth English
Sue Silton

Debra Cronmiller
Marlys Fritzell
Barbara Kelly
Shirley Strange

James Cronmiller
Barb Dorzweiler
Gayle Hardt
Irene Strohbeen

Mary Cronmiller
Faye Howell
Miriam Douglass
Susan Eich

Please find the membership renewal form as a separate attachment.

Voter Registration Assistance

Thanks to the dedicated volunteers for Voter Service, we collectively helped 132 voters to register prior to Election Day. These included new young voters, underprivileged voters at the Community Health Clinics, and many college students. We conducted a total of 17 VR Assistance sessions at 10 different locations.

This voter service could not have been possible without the support of our VRA volunteers: David Haas, Shirley Strange, Sara Campanik, Penny Robinson, Miriam Douglass, Martha Swanson, Connie Kanitz, Judy Gaines, Louise Eklund, Judy Christensen, Anne Ahrens, Nancy Schanke, Deb Werth, Kay Roberts, and Leslie Taylor. A big THANK YOU to all of you!

Candidate Forums

LWV-Appleton held two candidate forums for the 3rd and 56th WI Assembly Districts where the audience members were able to ask questions of the candidates for 90 minutes. Both forums were well-run with thoughtful questions and a civil and respectful tone from all involved. Thanks to Kole Oswald and Josh Young in the 3rd District, and David Murphy and Richard Schoenbohm in the 56th District for their participation. We were disappointed that the incumbent for the 3rd District, Al Ott, was not able to join us.

Poll Observers

For the Fall election, LWV-WI had a total of 290 poll observers across the state including 8 here in Appleton. Although for the most part the observers in Appleton found that the polling places ran smoothly, we were able to document eligible voters being turned away due to lack of acceptable Proof of Residence, mostly students and residents who had recently moved but not changed their Driver's License yet. We also found some poll workers asking for a Photo ID in order to register to vote, which is not within the law. These and more irregularities were noted and passed on to LWV-WI who will compile the data and share with the GAB (Government Accountability Board, who oversees elections) in order to seek corrective action in the future.

[Click here and then click on the video called "election observers."](#) to view a video from the Post-Crescent of Irene Strohbeen, LWV-Appleton Voter Service, talking about poll observing.

Thanks to Anne Ahrens and Louise Eklund who volunteered to serve as poll watchers on Election Day.

Updating the LWV Position on the Appleton Public Library

Local Program for 2012-13

The local program for this year is to update our library positions based on a study of current technology and needs so that we can take informed action when an expanded library is again proposed and/or a library referendum occurs. The study will take place over 2 years and will include a review of current Appleton League positions (last updated in 1992), extensive information about past library planning processes and building studies, and how to create a 21st century library.

A WPR Joy Cardin show on November 9 presented a fascinating discussion of the roles that libraries play in our lives and communities and of librarians as knowledge navigators. The guests were Wayne Wiegand , library historian and former professor at the School of Library and Information Studies at UW-Madison and John Cole, Founding Director of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress. To listen to the show follow the link http://www.wpr.org/webcasting/audioarchives_display.cfm?Code=jca. To play or download the program find Program No. 121109B for Friday, 11/9/2012, 7:00 AM.



LWV- APPLETON HOLIDAY BRUNCH

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

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: _____

Program by Sara Companik

December

Holiday Brunch

Saturday, December 8 @ 10:30 AM
Radisson Paper Valley Hotel

Women's Access to Health Care

Speaker: Kristine Stacker
Fox Cities Community Health Center

January

Lively Issues

Saturday, January 19 @ 10:30 AM
Appleton Public Library

Discussion of Local, State, and National Positions,
Library Study progress, and New Study Proposals

February

Lunch and Learn

Tuesday, February 5 @ 11:30-1:30 PM
Radisson Hotel, Lawrence Room

Speaker: Jane Anne Morris
Corporate Anthropologist

Author of *Gaveling Down the Rabble: How "Free Trade" is Stealing Our Democracy* Website: democracythemepark.org

March

Lunch and Learn

Tuesday, March 5 @ 11:30-1:30 PM
Radisson Hotel, Lawrence Room

Speakers: Cindy Sahotsky and Oren Jakobson
Riverview Gardens Appleton
Executive Director and Manager

April

Lunch and Learn

Tuesday, April 2 @ 11:30-1:30 PM
Radisson Hotel, Lawrence Room

Speaker: Becky Boulanger
Women's Fund for the Fox Valley Region, Executive Director

Observer Corps by Sara Companik

AASD Board meets at 7 p.m. every other Monday

Appleton City Council meets at 7 p.m. every other Wednesday

Outagamie County Board meets at 6:30 p.m. every other Tuesday

Refer to the individual websites for further information.

AASD: www.aasd.k12.us/Schoolboard/

Appleton City Council: www.appleton.org

Outagamie County Board: www.outagamie.org

The Appleton League of Women Voters can use the help of its members to observe at the Appleton City Council meeting, the Outagamie County Board meeting or the Appleton Area School meeting sometime during the League calendar year. League visibility all year long keeps the Appleton League vital to the community as a watchdog group, an outreach group, and a citizen action group. The following League members have signed up to observe at these government meetings. Would you consider joining in? Contact Sara Companik.

Month	City Council	Appleton Area School Board	Outagamie County Board
	Meeting location: Council Chamber, 6 th Floor, City Building, 100 N. Appleton St.	Meeting location: Board Room, Thomas G.Scullen Leadership Center, 122 E. College Ave. Suite 1 A or at a school; check website	Meeting location: Temporary offices will be established within City Center - East Building at 122 E College Ave. Use the Washington Street entrance (corner of Washington & Morrison) The entrance is located below the walkway for the parking ramp. Take the elevator to the lower level.
October	Shirley Strange	?	?
November	Sara Companik	?	No meeting Nov. 27
December	Carolyn Mewhorter	?	December 11 only
January	Penny Robinson	?	?
February	Lee Snodgrass	?	?
March	?	?	?
April	?	?	?

Your Representatives

President Barack Obama

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US Senators

Wisconsin Senator: Tammy Baldwin

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 – David Murphy

40th - Kevin Petersen

6th - Gary Tauchen

5th - Jim Steineke

3rd - Alvin Ott

State Assembly – according to district

search <http://waml.legis.state.wi.us/Index.aspx>

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