

# The *informed* Voter



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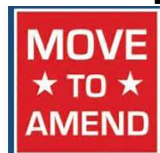
Upcoming Events, 4 Candidate Forums, NEWS, Board Communications

A resolution will appear on the November 4, 2014 Ballot  
**BE INFORMED**

*Move to Amend: The Case For and Against*

Tuesday, September 30, 2014

7:00-8:00pm



Menasha Public Library

440 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Menasha

Presentation by James Bowman

The presentation will explain why this grassroots initiative is growing locally and nationally and prepare residents to cast an informed vote in November either for or against the resolution.

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Candidate Forum on  
Public Education

Wednesday, October 22, 7:00-8:30pm

Appleton Public Library

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sara Companik

Dear Members,

## Wisconsin voter ID law is in effect for the November 4 election

The league is working to keep Voters informed about changes in the voting procedure for the November 4 election.

Voters need a nonpartisan organization with experience and expertise

to bring them reliable information

and help prepare them for the November 4 election.

**The League of Women Voters is NEEDED to help.**

On September 12, the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals stayed the federal injunction on the Wisconsin voter photo ID law, and voters will have to show an acceptable photo ID to receive a ballot and have it counted. On September 15, Appleton league members visited the Appleton Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to observe their readiness. Signage for a Free ID was visible, along with information about acceptable IDs. The Appleton DMV is open 8:30- 4:45 Monday-Friday with construction on Richmond Street through October.

**Attached: Answers to Some Voter ID Questions (ACLU of Wisconsin, 9/17)**

On September 17 two groups announced they are going to ask the full 10 judges from the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals to re-hear their voter ID challenge.

**BUT AS OF TODAY - REMIND YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS:**

**PHOTO ID WILL BE REQUIRED for the NOVEMBER 4**

**If you have a WI driver license, take it to the Polls on November 4.**

Your League of Women Voters is working to get out the vote.

You can help with Voter Registration, Candidate Forums,

Get Out the Vote Canvassing, Election Day Poll Observing, attending League events,

**and with a donation of support.**

National League of Women Voters President Elizabeth McNamara will be a speaker for the 2014 State Issues Briefing. Please join the group already registered. Let Sara know if you want to car pool.



## 2014 State Issues Briefing

**Saturday, October 4, 2014, 9AM – 2PM**

Crowne Plaza Hotel, 4402 East Washington Avenue, Madison

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**Protecting Our Waters: We Are All in the Same Canoe** Chairman Mike Wiggins, Bad River Tribe

**The State of Education in Wisconsin** Tony Evers, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

**All Politics Are Local: Challenges for County Government in Wisconsin**

Joe Parisi, Dane County Executive

**Ask, Learn, Vote: Motivating Women to Participate in the 2014 Elections**

Sara Finger, Executive Director, Wis. Alliance for Women's Health

**Ensuring Free, Fair and Accessible Elections in Wisconsin** Elisabeth MacNamara, President, League of Women Voters of United States

**Register by September 30!**

- Online at: <http://www.regonline.com/2014issuesbriefing>  
Or, complete the attached form and mail it in with your check.

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**Get Out the Vote Campaign:** The League of Women Voters is collaborating with Wisconsin Voices, to **Get Out the Vote**. The materials are prepared, you go only to addresses of previous voters, and volunteer for a 2 hour shift.

Call or email: **Cathy Thompson** 920-319-4388 [wi\\_rcrc@yahoo.com](mailto:wi_rcrc@yahoo.com)

**Jacqueline Klimaszewski** 920-830-2919 [jjklim@new.rr.com](mailto:jjklim@new.rr.com)

**Volunteer to be an LWV election observer!**

The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin is recruiting volunteers to be trained election observers in polling places statewide on November 4. Our observers will be the League's eyes and ears to monitor what happens at the polls and watch for any signs of voters being disenfranchised. You don't need to be a League member to volunteer. The League will provide online training, reporting form, a polling place assignment and numbers to call on Election Day if you have a question or concern. Sign up on our [2014 Election Observer Volunteer Form](#).

**We still need about 200 more observers around the state.** If you know of people who would be willing to participate in this important and rewarding activity, please send them to our [Voting & Elections page](#), where they can find information and a link to the sign-up form.

Jacqueline Klimaszewski JJklim@new.rr.com [Voter Services Update](#)



## Candidate Forums

**Let me know if you can help**—we need greeters, a timer, someone to collect questions from the audience and a couple members to compile the questions to bring forward to the moderator.

### Registration Assistance

From June through August we have had teams at a number of venues, including the three Appleton public high schools and Juneteenth. Teams continue with Voter Registration Assistance on NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY at Fox Valley Technical College, the Community Health Clinic, community Dental Clinic, and Appleton Public Library on a regular schedule.

**Tuesday, September 23 is NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY**

[Contact Jacqueline to volunteer for the Voter Registration Team](#)

[You will work with a partner, be trained, and help when it works with your schedule.](#)                      [920-830-2919](#)

The really great news regarding Voter Registration is that the new City Clerk, Dawn Collins met with Sara Companik and me and agreed to train League members to actually register City

of Appleton citizens to vote!

## League Candidate Forums October 2014

**Check Website for Up to Date Details**  
**[lwvappleton.org](http://lwvappleton.org)**

**57<sup>th</sup> State Assembly District**  
Thursday, October 16  
Chris Klein and Amanda Stuck  
Appleton Public Library- 7:00 pm

**55<sup>th</sup> State Assembly District**  
Tuesday, October 21  
Mike Rohrcast and Mark Westphal  
Neenah City Hall- 6:30 pm

**Candidate Forum on  
Public Education Forum**  
Wednesday, October 22  
Appleton Public Library- 6:30 pm

**19<sup>th</sup> State Senate District**  
Thursday, October 23  
Roger Roth and Penny Bernard Schaber  
UW Fox, Menasha- Perry Hall – 6:30



**Stephanie Malaney Membership Director**

# 2015 League of Women Voters Membership

Membership year is from January 31, 2015 to January 31, 2016

✂ Please make checks payable to: **LWV Appleton**

Mail to: **LWV Appleton, P.O. Box 1281, Appleton, WI 54912**

Or pay online at [www.lwvappleton.org](http://www.lwvappleton.org)      **CLICK** on the JOIN button.

Up to \$75 of dues is tax deductible

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Phone (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

\$75 - Regular Membership

\$30 - 2nd Member of Household.

\$30 - Student Membership

I want to make a tax deductible donation to LWV Appleton

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**Membership Committee:** The membership committee will work on scholarship procedure and a form; plan and host gatherings for new members; and assist with getting membership dues collected.

**Can you HELP??**

## ***MOVE TO AMEND: THE CASE FOR AND AGAINST***

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**Presentation by Jim Bowman**

In response to the proliferation of campaign spending and the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Citizens United v Federal Election Commission*, Move to Amend groups in **Appleton, Menasha and Neenah** have submitted petitions calling for an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to unequivocally state that inalienable rights belong to human beings only, and that money is not a form of protected free speech under the First Amendment and can be regulated in political campaigns. Their resolutions will appear on the ballot in the November 2014 election.

The presentation will explain why this grassroots initiative is growing locally and nationally and prepare residents to cast an informed vote in November either for or against the resolution.

The presentation consists of data and statements from elected leaders that help participants understand:

- why the cost of getting elected has escalated and why it matters.
- the time and attention elected officials are allocating to fundraising for their next campaign and how this distracts them from their primary responsibilities.
- how campaign contributions can entice an elected official to vote appropriately on a bill.
- why the U.S. Supreme Court decided that corporations are people and why that decision matters.
- the key arguments for and against the Move to Amend resolution. Both perspectives are valid and residents need to understand them in order to cast an informed vote.

This presentation is free and the public is encouraged to attend. A list of sources will be made available to individuals in attendance.

For more information visit [www.lwvappleton.org](http://www.lwvappleton.org) or contact Gayle Hardt at 920-731-9547 or [gayle.hardt@gmail.com](mailto:gayle.hardt@gmail.com).

## Irene Strohbeen Local Study Co-Chair



### HUMAN TRAFFICKING STUDY COMMITTEE

Our new local study committee has begun work to research human trafficking (both sex and labor trafficking) in the area. The committee is conducting interviews with local experts and organizations to understand:

1. The extent of the problem here in the Valley; and
2. Local services currently available to victims.

So far, the committee has completed interviews with Lyn Beyer and Nicole Tynan from Reach Counseling and with Steve Elliott from the Appleton Police Department. Additional interviews are planned with the Outagamie County Health & Human Services department, Sexual Assault Crisis Center, Harbor House, CAP Services, and other key agencies.

The committee is striving to complete this study in 1 year, so expect this to be a very active study committee! Cathy Thompson and Irene Strohbeen are co-leading the committee, with Sara Companik, Shirley Strange, Amy Oberg, Miriam Douglas, Karen Jansen and Stevie Schmidt as members.

If you are interested in joining this study committee, please contact Irene ([ibstrohbeen@new.rr.com](mailto:ibstrohbeen@new.rr.com)) or Cathy ([wi\\_rcrc@yahoo.com](mailto:wi_rcrc@yahoo.com)).





**League of Women Voters**  
WISCONSIN Education Network



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**State Issues Briefing 2014!**

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Poll Watching with the League is an important and rewarding volunteer activity. **Read what our past volunteers have said about their experience.**

**You can volunteer if you:**

- Can spend a few hours -- or all day -- at a polling place
- Are willing to participate in a 2 hour training session—a webinar—prior to the election
- Agree to mail in a report following the election
- Preferably have a cell phone

**League of Women Voters will provide:**

Nonpartisan materials that let you know your role, what to look for, what to do if there are problems at the polls

On-line training

A number to call on election day to report problems

**How to volunteer:**

Sign up on our 2014 Election Observer Volunteer Form. We will get back to you about where you are needed and times for online training.

Tell your friends about this opportunity. They do not have to be a member to be an election observer. We need many volunteers!

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Penny Robinson  
Legislative Director



Report from LWVWI  
State Legislative Committee

**State Positions to be Revised**

At our state Annual Meeting, delegates approved a board recommendation to update our state positions on *Citizen Rights (includes Individual Liberties, Voting Rights and Reproductive), Equal Rights (part of Social Policy) and Urban Policy*. It was agreed that a full study is not needed, but rather updated language, and that the State Board could work with members of the Legislative Committee to recommend a revision. Our goal is to get drafts of the new positions out to local Leagues by October 1 for discussion.

**Citizen Rights, Social Policy, Urban Policy.** Let me know if you want to give some input into the revisions. The positions are on the [lwvappleton.org](http://lwvappleton.org) Click Positions, then State Positions.

## WVUS Urges U.S. Census Bureau to Act on Prison-Based Gerrymandering

Recently Executive Director Nancy Tate participated in a meeting with John Thompson, Director of the U.S. Census Bureau, on the topic of prison-based gerrymandering. The meeting was organized by the Prison Policy Initiative and included representatives from 14 national groups. The groups are urging the Census Bureau to provide states with redistricting data that counts incarcerated persons at their residential address, rather than the address of the correctional institution where they are temporarily located.

Several Leagues and LWVUS have weighed in on this important issue in recent years. At the meeting, Census leaders indicated they are proceeding to review and research this issue and reported that a future Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the Federal Register (with opportunities for public comment) is likely. They also thanked the groups for all that has been done to expand the number of people counted in the last two Censuses.

**Voting Rights Act Turns 49 (UPDATED)** For 49 years, the Voting Rights Act (VRA) has protected the right to vote regardless of race or language, but legislation to repair damage from the Supreme Court's decision in *Shelby v. Holder* is currently stalled in the U.S. House. Tell your Representative to stop stalling and move the Voting Rights Amendment Act forward! Follow this link to a petition on the LWVUS website:

[http://participate.lwv.org/c/10065/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action\\_KEY=10194](http://participate.lwv.org/c/10065/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=10194)



**Karen Jansen**

**Natural Resources Director**

Every three years the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is required to conduct a review of state water quality standards, and to develop a strategy based on its findings to comply with the Clean Water Act. This review helps focus, and strategizes the WDNR's efforts to keep Wisconsin's waters swimmable, fishable, drinkable and suitable for use by industry, agriculture and the citizens of the state.

The review in part relies on citizen participation in open hearings. The natural resources team of the state Legislative Committee attended a July 31 hearing and responded on behalf of LWVWI with the following as top priorities:

1. Nearshore Great Lakes Area Algae Standard, Including Cladophora
2. Antidegradation Procedures Revision
3. Sulfate (which also addresses concerns about wild rice and mining)
4. Additionally, we noted a fourth priority: Chloride
5. In the Comments section, we noted that Pharmaceuticals/Endocrine Disrupters are a Producer Responsibility, but that more public education is needed, as well as funding for drop-offs and monitoring activities.

Where to go for more information:

Triennial review website: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/surfacewater/tsr.html>

A list of potential areas of focus which were discussed can be accessed at: <http://lwvwi.us1.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=28ea86dd7c46f5cfdcf3e4a00&id=760a6b97b9&e=8fcb38c9fb>

Also, please be sure to take some time and visit the newly uploaded LWVWI Water Education Campaign Resource page, at:

<http://www.lwvwi.org/IssuesAdvocacy/WATEREDUCATIONCAMPAIGN.aspx>

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## Meet LWV of Appleton Board Member

Deborah Werth

Deb is a Registered Nurse. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Mankato State University in Mankato, Minnesota, and moved to Appleton with her husband, Tom Werth, in 1978. She retired in 2011 after a 32-year career as a school nurse with the Appleton Area School District. Deb continues to work as a substitute school nurse, and also enjoys yoga, walking, and reading. She joined the League of Women Voters Appleton in 2014 and looks forward to serving as a member of the board.

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Wisconsin Senator: Ron Johnson (202-224-5323)

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3rd - Alvin Ott (608-266-5831)

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If only reading burned more calories, then I'd be scary skinny in no time.



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