

The *informed* Voter



League of Women Voters ® of Appleton, Wisconsin

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November/December 2014



League of Women Voters of Appleton Holiday Brunch

Saturday, December 6, 2014

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Atlas Coffee Mill and Café, Gathering Room
425 W. Water Street, Appleton, WI

Keynote Speaker

**Andrea Kaminski, Executive Director
League of Women Voters of Wisconsin**

Cost including gratuity: \$17.50 per person

Brunch Buffet: Strata, Vegetarian Quiche, Fresh Fruit, Scones, Yogurt, Granola
Orange Juice, Coffee & Tea

Registration Deadline: Friday, November 28, 2014

Registration available online at www.lwvappleton.org

Or mail registration form with check payable to League of Women Voters of Appleton
to:

Gayle Hardt, 4707 Dogwood Court, Appleton, WI 54914

Registration Form is attached

RESERVATION FORM

NAME: _____

GUEST(S) NAME(S): _____

TOTAL NUMBER ATTENDING: _____



PROGRAM: "Sex Trafficking in the Fox River Valley"

Connie Campbell, founder and director of 5-Stones

Tuesday, November 18th, 6:30 P.M.

LOCATION Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church

1174 Algoma Boulevard Oshkosh

Sex trafficking is a problem in the Fox Valley! Most of us have been aware of human trafficking internationally, but not in our own backyard. Connie Campbell, a knowledgeable speaker on the issue, will inform us about the extent of the problem and community response. She is the founder and director of 5-Stones, a non-profit organization founded in 2010 to alert people to this tragic, deplorable practice. As her website states, she is working to "fight the giant of sex trafficking in Wisconsin." The name 5-Stones refers to the five strategies that the group implements: awareness, networking, support, restoration and involvement.

LIVELY ISSUES 2015

January 24, 2015 @ 10:30 AM

Appleton Public Library

JOIN the DISCUSSION

Your input is valuable.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sara Companik

Dear League of Women Voters of Appleton,

We Welcome our **New Members:**

Bruce Companik, William Kelly,

Elizabeth Laux, Sarah Leet,

Joan Schneider, David Strange

LWV of Appleton is working in the community on our mission and values. Our league directors and members are involved with study, education, and advocacy in the public arena. You can catch up with events, advocacy, and action in the Directors' Reports.

Secretary:

Thank you to Lois Bressette for her work as LWV of Appleton Secretary. Following the League Nonpartisan Policy, when Lois turned in her papers to run for the elected office of City Alderwoman in Clintonville, she resigned her role of secretary.

The Board is seeking a SECRETARY to serve until May 2015.

Please contact scompanik@yahoo.com if you can help.

League Statements:

On October 22, as League president, I gave a statement to the Appleton City Council Finance Committee to advocate for the League's Library Position adopted in 2014. On October 28, as League president, I gave a statement from the league at the Outagamie Public Budget Hearing, and on November 5, at the Appleton City Public Budget Hearing. (Statements are attached)

Membership Drive is beginning. Please renew your membership by mail or on www.lwvappleton.org Click on the JOIN button.

Fund Raising Committee: Thank you to 12 League members for their Donations to the Appleton League Fund Raising Appeal letter sent out in September.

Holiday Brunch: Please invite a friend to share in our social and educational gathering. There's a place at the table for everyone. We hope to see YOU at the Holiday Brunch on December 6 to hear our League state Director Andrea Kaminski.

Observer Corps: Sarah Leet has been appointed as Observer Corp Director for the Appleton League. Sarah sarah.e.leet@gmail.com and

Deb Werth dwerth@new.rr.com will work to reignite the valuable Observer Corp. They will be contacting members to accompany them.

One of the best ways to improve the quality of government is to “put it in the spotlight”. League has long believed in the value of an observer corps whose job it is to stay abreast of issues by maintaining a presence at as many government meetings as possible. It really is interesting to watch our local government in action. How about attending one City Council, School Board, or County Board meeting this year, wearing a league pin, and observing. Our presence is welcomed as community members who value the issues of government.

OBSERVER CORPS

Appleton City Common Council

First/Third Wed. @ 7:00pm

Appleton School Board

Second/Fourth Monday @ 7:00 pm

Outagamie County Board

Second/Fourth Tuesday @ 6:30pm



Outagamie County

Health and Human Services

Second/Fourth Tuesday @
4:45 pm

2015 League of Women Voters New 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 CLICK on the JOIN button.

Up to \$75 of dues is tax deductible

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (H) _____

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



League of Women Voters
WISCONSIN Education Network

When you voted on November 4, you may have seen one of the 250 volunteers who were observing the election on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin. They were there to witness the voting process, identify problems and gather information about problems and best practices in election administration.

Thank you Volunteers - Members and Friends

You can see the [blog post](#) (click here) by Carolyn Castore about the work of our election observers on November 4. Carolyn's guest blog is published on the LWV-US website. It is a testament to the contributions of 250 volunteer observers and a small group of organizers with the League of Women Voters.



Human Trafficking Local Study CoChairs

Irene Stroben and Cathy Thompson

**Human Trafficking Local Study
will hold an
Educational Forum in February**

Jacqueline Klimaszewski Voter Services Update



This update is a summary of recent activities.

Registration Sessions-June to November, 2014: 20 sessions

- 100 Voter Registrations (new voters, name change and address change)
- Provided forms for 65 other individuals with registration instructions and provided 11 Requests for Absentee Ballots.

A thank you to all who assisted with registration:

Anne Ahrens, Diane Ostrand, Shirley Adams, Ellie Olson, Gayle Hardt, Helene Iverson, Karen Jansen, Shirley Strange, Irene Strohbeen, Sara Companik, Becky O'Connor, Cynthia Whitely, Laura Hoepfner, and Joan Opsteen, Georgia Berceau, Irene Kocher, Dan Kocher, Ruth Park, Connie Kanitz, Jan Griffith, Gypsy Vered Meltzer, Judy Christiansen and Ann Muenster.

Planning for the next Voter Registration sessions to be set up at high schools will begin in November for the February 17, 2015 election.

We participated in setting up and running 3 separate candidate forums in October.

- 34 people attended the Assembly District #57 forum with Stuck and Klein
- 93 people attended the Public Education Forum with 8 candidates.
- The Senate 19 forum with Schaber/Roth was held in Perry Hall at UW Fox Valley and was live streamed.

A thank you to all who assisted at Voter Forums:

Deb Werth, Gayle Hardt, Sara Companik, Stephanie Malaney, Penny Robinson, Lois Bressette, Karen Jansen. Irene Strohbeen

7 people participated in the canvass training for Get Out the Vote in September and VOTE handouts in Spanish were delivered to 19 businesses that serve a large Hispanic clientele



Karen Jansen

Natural Resources

Since it was first enacted, the most serious challenges to the Clean Water Act have been based on how the bodies of water it protects are defined. This is because those definitions are largely based on the original water protection law enacted over a century ago, which established jurisdiction over what was defined loosely as the “navigable waters of the United States.” The Clean Water Act in its current form holds true to that statement, and proposed clarifications published recently in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) are intended to provide a more concise understanding of just what that means.

The proposed changes and clarifications were published as 40 CFR Parts 110, 112, 116, 117, 122, 230, 232, 300, 302, and 401, on April 12, 2014. The definitions themselves are to be found in 40 CFR 230.2. The comment period ended July 21, 2014 and the final rule is scheduled for April, 2015.

The proposed definitions do not expand the authority of the EPA, but instead are intended to eliminate the need for case-specific evaluations by federal regulators. The focus is to interpret and apply the “significant nexus” test where traditionally navigable waters are protected in situations where there is scientific proof of chemical, physical, or biological effect from upstream sources. It also makes exclusions from protections for ground water, gullies and erosion channels, certain farm features that are built on dry land, non-tributary ditches, all prior converted croplands, and tile drainage systems.

Just this year, the state League adopted a position which acknowledges the hydrologic cycle and whole basin water management. The proposed changes to the Clean Water Act will be a source of guidance, but also a challenge as to how we may choose to face environmental stewardship in the future.

For more information, go to:

The proposed rule as published in the Federal Register:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-04-21/pdf/2014-07142.pdf>

Proposed definition of “Waters of the United States” at 40 CFR 230.2:

<http://www2.epa.gov/uswaters/definition-waters-united-states-under-clean-water-act>

Questions and answers about the proposed rule:

<http://www2.epa.gov/uswaters/questions-and-answers-about-waters-us-proposal-pdf>

Facts about the proposed changes:

<http://www2.epa.gov/uswaters/facts-about-waters-us-proposal-pdf>

March 2015 League Water Month



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Happy
Holidays

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Senate District 1 - Frank Lasee (608-266-3512)

Wisconsin State Assembly : (Madison Phone)

57th - Penny Bernard Schaber (608-266-3070)

56th - David Murphy (608-266-7500)

40th - Kevin Petersen (608-266-3794)

6th - Gary Tauchen (608-266-3097)

5th - Jim Steineke (608-266-2418)

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

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