

In 1920, the 19th amendment was enshrined in the U.S. Constitution, giving women the right to vote. In celebration of this landmark, the **Fox Valley 19th Amendment Centennial Coalition** is sponsoring a year-long series of nonpartisan events throughout 2020, with the goal of women's empowerment.

The Fox Valley 19th Amendment Centennial Coalition is a collaborative effort of women from women-run associations, organizations and clubs, all aligned in the desire to celebrate, educate and advocate women's rights. The group represents the League of Women Voters of Appleton, Northeast Wisconsin Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Women's Fund for the Fox Valley Region, American Association of University Women-Appleton, Mid-Day Women's Alliance and more.

Along with planned Fox Valley 19th Amendment Centennial Celebration events, the Coalition has developed additional outreach opportunities for community groups and organizations, area schools and local businesses.

People underestimate the important role of women in democracy, as well as the power of each vote. While a representative democracy depends on everyone voting, *the strength of our democracy* depends on exercising *an informed vote*.



Here are five ways businesses and organizations can get involved and help celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment:

1. Consider sponsoring or donating to the Coalition

Help support the Coalition's mission and promote women's empowerment. Online donations are being accepted at *hervoicehervoteourvictory.com*.

2. Attend a Coalition sponsored or partner event

The 19th Amendment Centennial Kick-Off Brunch is on Saturday, December 14 at 10:00 a.m. at the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center. Join us then or for our other events throughout 2020. For a full calendar of events, registration information and more, visit *hervoicehervoteourvictory.com*.

3. Secure a speaker from the Coalition's *Speaker's Bureau*

Volunteers from the key partner organizations are available to speak to local groups of any size or age about some of the more important, and sometimes unknown, history of the women's suffrage movement. They will also provide voting information, if appropriate. If your organization is interested in securing a speaker, please contact Gayle Hardt via email at gayle.hardt@gmail.com.

4. Request to have a *Traveling Exhibit* displayed at your business, office or organization

A Traveling Exhibit, developed by the Wisconsin Historical Society, is available for limited display at locations throughout the Fox Valley. The exhibit tells the story of women's suffrage, particularly the history of suffrage in Wisconsin. For more information, please contact the History Museum at the Castle at 920-735-9370.

5. Spread the word about available Educational Toolkits

Coalition members created Educational Toolkits with information about the Women's Suffrage Movement and the importance of the right to vote for both the elementary and secondary students. The age-appropriate materials can be found downloaded from our website at *hervoicehervoteourvictory.com/outreach/resources/*.

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