President’s Message
Pam Rewey

The LWVDC welcomes you to a new League year. Your Board has been meeting this summer and learning what different portfolios entail. We look forward to seeing you at the first General Meeting and Open House on September 3. In addition to socializing, we will hear Board member and Madison attorney Fred Wade speak about the uses and abuses of our Governor’s partial veto powers. Learn why the referendum did not fix the problem and how the League has been involved from the beginning of the partial veto.

This year we will look at the Great Lakes Water Compact, health care, the popular vote, predatory lending, air quality, and 4-year-old kindergarten.

The September primary will limit the number of candidates in some important Assembly races. Look for Candidates’ Answers on the LWVDC Web site; it won’t be printed. Please share this information widely.

Voter registration is an important part of the League’s work. Statewide voter registration has been a boon to the League. Thanks to all who have attended training sessions and who have been registering voters at area farmers’ markets and food pantries. Work is underway to register citizens who don’t usually vote, and registration will pick up considerably when the college students return. The presidential race will mean a high voter turnout for the November election. Keep up the good work...there is much to do!

Open House and General Meeting
Wednesday, September 3, 2008

6:00 PM Refreshments and conversation. Bring a friend!

7:00 PM The Origin, Uses, and Abuses of Wisconsin’s Partial Veto Power

Frederick B. Wade, Madison attorney and LWVDC Board member

The Capitol Lakes Grand Hall
333 West Main Street in Downtown Madison
(Free parking in the ramp across the street)
June & July Board Highlights
Janet Kane

The outgoing and incoming LWDVC Boards met together in June and the new Board met in July. At these two meetings the Board:

- Identified Board member portfolios and educated new Board members about past events;
- Reviewed the monthly financial reports. League members are reminded than any expenses to be incurred must be approved by the Board in advance;
- Discussed plans to increase membership, including targeting young adults who may be energized by the presidential election;
- Discussed the success of the highway cleanup and Brat Fest projects;
- Finalized plans for the September Open House and General Meeting on the topic of partial veto;
- Discussed program topics for the 2008–2009 year.

Greetings from the Membership Committee!
Tebague Harvey, tbharvey@wisc.edu, 770-0660

Approximately half of last year’s members had sent in their annual dues for the fiscal year July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009 by the end of July. If you find a blue dot on your mailing label, please remember to submit your membership dues by November 14, 2008, so that your name can appear in the Membership Directory issued in December. Please contact the LWVDC office or use the membership form on page 5.

The Open House and General Meeting on September 3 are a great opportunity for potential members to learn about our exciting League programs. (Current members, this is a chance to learn more about what your League is doing!) Please bring friends or family who might be interested in the LWVDC. The Open House is from 6–7 PM with light refreshments, so come early and meet other League members!

One of our new objectives for this year is targeting a younger group of potential members. As a student at UW–Madison, I am surprised by the lack of civic involvement by those aged 18–25. If you know a young adult who might be interested in learning more about the LWVDC, please email me contact information so that I can speak with the potential member personally.

I invite anyone interested in assisting with our membership efforts to contact me. Thank you, and enjoy the rest of your summer!

Eleanor Barschall Scholarship Fund Adopted at Annual Meeting
Carol Kiemel, ckiemel@sbcglobal.net, 286-1446

Do you know someone who is very interested in joining the League but cannot because the League’s “Special Rate Member” category is more than their income allows? Ten full scholarships for a one-year LWVDC membership are now available. Contact the League office or me to obtain a copy of A Process for Awarding An Eleanor Barschall LWVDC Scholarship Membership and the Membership Form for you to complete with the new member. You will be asked to mentor the scholarship recipient so that the League experience is beneficial for the new member and the League.

PR Committee Seeks Members
Gloria Meyer, gloria.meyer@juno.com, 288-8160

This will be an exciting and busy year for the League—and a great year for publicity. If you would like to help with publicizing our events and election activities, please contact me.

In Memoriam
We remember Benita Springer Byrd, who died in April. Benita left Madison in 1992, but, as an active member of the League of Women Voters, she had a life-long commitment to tolerance, equality, and environmental protection. We also remember Kay Sayles, former LWVDC member, who died in May. Kay served as mentor to Sharon Berkner in the Verona unit.

“A nonpartisan citizen education and advocacy organization”
**Voter Services News**

*Pricilla Thain, priscillathain@gmail.com, 233-5578*

The League has mounted a huge voter registration effort around the city. We need volunteers to register voters this fall before the general election. In addition to continuing at the sites listed below, we’ve been asked to register voters on a weekday at the YWCA building on the Square, the Sebring Assisted Care Residence, and the VA Hospital. If you can help, please sign up at the General Meeting, or contact the site coordinator or me.

A big thank you to the following members who registered voters this summer at the new LWV voter registration site at the Westside Community Farmers’ Market at Sheboygan Avenue:

- Linda Holthaus
- Helen Horn
- Pat Levin
- Joan Lundin
- Marie McCabe
- Gloria Meyer
- Barbara Mortensen
- Rose Sime
- Priscilla Thain
- Pat Watson

Registrars are needed at this site from 9 AM–12 noon on Saturdays on Sept. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11.

The League has been asked to register voters at the Hilldale shopping center on Saturdays from 11 AM to 1 PM on Sept. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11.

Dorothy Wheeler (244-4711) is interested in starting a voter registration site on the north side of the city. She is looking for a loan or donation of a table. The Northside Farmers’ Market is on Sundays, and voter registration would be from 9 AM–12 noon.

Thank you to Barbara Karavolas and Sara Markham, who registered voters at the Juneteenth celebration at Penn Park. Thanks also to those who registered voters at Capitol Square (coordinator Myrna McNatt), at Monona (coordinator Mary Bean), at St. Vincent’s food pantry (coordinator Carol Kiemel), and in South Madison.

**Deputized Registrars Needed for Food Pantries**

*Carol Kiemel, ckiemel@sbcglobal.net, 286-1446*

After a successful registration drive last spring at the St. Vincent de Paul pantry (at least 90 voters registered and a dozen more took registration forms with them), the League is expanding its efforts to include the First United Methodist Church (FUMC) pantry. We need you to make this happen. Even if you are not a deputized registrar, you can help by working with a deputized League member.

Everyone who volunteered in the spring wants to do it again! We not only register voters, we have time to discuss issues with them as they wait an hour or more for their turns in the pantry.

Registration at St. Vincent de Paul pantry, 1309 Culmen St. (near Madison Newspapers), is scheduled for Sept. 11–Oct. 11. The pantry is open Monday, Tuesday, Friday, 11–3; Thursday, 3–7; Saturday, 9–11. Registrars come a half hour before the pantry opens and stay two to three hours.

Registration at the FUMC pantry, 203 Wisconsin Avenue (entrance from parking lot off Dayton St.), is Sept. 15–Oct. 14. The pantry is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10–12:30; Monday and Thursday 5:30–6:30. Registrars come a half hour before the pantry opens and stay for one shift.

If you have already volunteered to help register voters in low-income areas, you will be contacted by phone or email to sign up. Others should contact me to volunteer at the St. Vincent de Paul pantry or Mary Bean, 222-5783, marybean@charter.net to volunteer for the FUMC pantry.

**Highway Cleanup**

*Maureen Kind*

Several Leaguers came out on a lovely May Saturday, the 17th, to clean our stretch of Highway 14. Pat Kippert, Gloria Meyer, Rose Sime, Brook Soltvedt, James Moser, and Maureen Kind collected 11 bags of trash and 5 bags of recyclables. Rose brought her camera to record the fun. Hope you can join us when we do the next cleanup in October.

**Congrats on a Job Well Done**

*Rose Sime*

The World’s Largest Brat Fest set a new world record of 191,712 brats sold, and many LWVDC members and a few spouses were there to help. The promise of $8/hr netted $454 for the 56.75 hours LWVDC members worked.
A huge thank you to the following people who wrapped, ran with brats or drinks, acted as cashiers, or grilled in the intense heat: Lois Bernbeck, Sybil and Maurice Better, Helen Horn, Doug and Kathy Johnson, Jesse Kehres, Maureen Kind, Clare McArdle, Myrna and Dobin McNatt, Barbara Mortensen, Gloria Meyer, Barbara Park, Rose Sime, Brook Soltvedt, Pat Watson, and Dorothy Wheeler.

I hope you all had fun and were able to spread the word with your co-workers about the good things the League does in Dane County and in the state. Thanks so much for once again coming out to help the League!

Correction
The LWVDC Annual Report, 2007–2008, requires a correction to page 9, where the beginning of the Monthly Program Report was inadvertently deleted. We regret the error. The full text should read as follows:

September 5, 2007:
The first general meeting was an Open House held at the Biopharmaceutical Technology Center of the Promega Corporation in Fitchburg. The topic, “Meeting the Needs of the Changing Face of Education,” was introduced by Julie Underwood, Dean of the UW School of Education, and Sarah Archibald, UW–Madison Consortium on Policy Research in Education. The speakers addressed issues related to funding of education in Wisconsin.

Statements by the League
In May, 2008, Carol Kiemel, representing the Children and Families At Risk Committee, wrote to the United Way of Dane County to ask their Health Matters Committee to consider the impact of Dane County Human Services funding cuts on purchase of service (POS) agencies. She pointed out that the long history of such cuts has led to a critical situation where the system cannot even help all of those most severely in need. She further asked, “How many of the children who deal with mental health issues that affect them in every area of their lives are not helped because financial resources are decreasing every year?”

Also in May, Connie Threinen wrote to the Zoning Committee of the Dane County Board of Supervisors to oppose the proposal that would allow property owners to further develop their shoreline property, on the basis of the impact on the long-term quality of our water resources.

A Big Thank You!
Pat Levin, Treasurer
The LWVDC Board gratefully acknowledges the wonderful additional support we received last year. We enjoy many extra activities thanks to the July 1, 2007, to June 30, 2008, donations of many members and non-members.

General Operating Fund (GF) Donations
♥ Indicates member Valentine birthday contribution.
★ Indicates other member contribution.
+ Indicates member contribution to LWVWI, a portion of which is sent to LWVDC.
† Indicates non-member contribution.

Ahern, Katherine ★
Baldwin, Janice ♥
Bean, Mary ★
Beatty, Ellouise ♥ ★
Benevenga, Cynthia ★
Bernbeck, Lois ★
Better, Sybil ♥ ★
Bicknell, Fran ♥ ★
Blanchard, June Weisberger ♥
Briggs, Catherine ♥
Brown, Lee ♥
Cain, James and Miriam Simmons ♥ ★
Carpenter, Sally ♥ ★
Chern, Laura ★
Daniels, Cheryl ★
Davenport, Arlene ★
DeBardeleben, Helen ♥
Elder, Joann ★
Farley, Linda and Gene ♥
Fraser, Lemuel ♥
Fullin, Kathy★
Gartzke, Emlyn ★
Gorski, Harriet ★
Halle, Arneita ★
Halvorson, Mary Ann ♥ ★
Harris, Marjorie ★
Hasler, Hatheway ♥
Hecht, Ilse †
Horn, Helen ♥ ★
Jensen, Betsy ♥ ★
Jensen, Nancy ★
Johnson, Kathy and Doug ★
Jones, Donald ★
Karavolas, Barbara ♥ ★
Kehres, Jesse ★
Kiemel, Carol ♥
Kindig, Margi ★
Kippert, Pat ★
Kleinmaier, Judith ★
Kupferberg, Merilyn ★
Lardy, Annrita ★
Lewis, Elizabeth ★
Lewis, Libby ★
Liedtke, Carol ★
Lloyd, Susan ★
Lucas, Patricia ★
McArdle, Clare ★ +
Metz, Mary ★
Meyerson, Dolores and Charles ♥
Moore, Elizabeth and John ♥
Navarre, Helen ★
Nelson, Ann ♥ ★
Niebauer, Joan ★
Palmer, Carol ★
Palmer-Smalley, Connie ★
Passman, Marjorie ♥
Poppelbaum, Sylvia ★
Rewey, Pam ♥ ★
Rider, Claire ★
Sample, Virginia ★
Sater, Lois ★
Schten, Marilyn ★
Schuette, Joan ★
Schultz, Amy and Dave Welo ★
Shorewood Hills Community ★
Sime, Rose ★
Slautterback, Marilyn ♥ ★
Smith, Suzanne ♥ ★

Soltvedt, Brook ★ +
Symon, Mary Louise ♥
Thain, Priscilla ♥ ★
Threinen, Connie ♥
Toussaint, Carol ♥ ★
Turski, Deborah ♥ ★
Turski, Megan ★
Vitense, Georgene ♥
Voltz, Barbara ★ +
Waidelich, Ann Elizabeth ★
Watkins, Pat ★
Watson, Pat ♥ ★
Wheeler, Dorothy ★
Wolens, Sandra ★
Young, Rebecca ★
Zimmerman, Marjorie ♥

Education Fund (EF) Donations
Ashman, Alicia ★
Blanchard, June Weisberger ★
Fisher, Louise ★
Jensen, Nancy ★
Kunkel, Mary ★
Lacy, Margaret ★
Lersch, Nancy ★
McCabe, Marie ★
Peterson, Bernadine ★
Pitterle, Diana ★
Reisdorf, Phyllis ★
Rider, Claire ★
Sime, Rose ★
Thain, Priscilla ★
Trine, Jean ★

If you search in vain for your name in the above listings, we apologize; please contact the LWVDC office so that corrections can be made.

Yes, I want to be a part of the League of Women Voters of Dane County, Inc.
[Please submit dues for the fiscal year July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009 by November 14 to be included in the Member Directory.]

Name: _______________________________________
Address: _______________________________________
City: ______________ State: __ Zip: __________
Phone: ___________ Year Joined LWV: __________
E-Mail: _______________________________________

Please make check payable to:
The League of Women Voters of Dane County, Inc.
2712 Marshall Court, Suite 2, Madison, WI 53705-2282

Membership: [Check your selection]
☐ Member ______ $70
☐ Second Member ______ $60
☐ Special Rate Member ______ $35
[Same address, shares mailings with first member]
[Of limited income or a student]

Member Contribution: [Check your selection]
☐ $1,000 – 500
☐ $499 – 200
☐ $199 – 100
☐ $99 – 50
☐ other ______

Total: ______
September 2008 Unit Locations

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2008**

**Middleton, 7 PM**
Barbara Karavolas
1038 Rooster Run; 836-4804;
bkaravolas@charter.net
-unit leader: Diane de Vos, 836-0070, djdevos@chorus.net

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2008**

**Tuesday Afternoon, 12:45 PM**
Oakwood 1st floor Community Room
6225 Mineral Point Rd.
Parking on grounds or in P1 Heritage Oaks Parking Ramp
-unit leader: Ann Nelson, 230-3128

**Tuesday Evening West, 7:30 PM**
Ellen Burmeister
1114 Gilbert Rd, 271-9750;
ellenburmeister@msn.com
-unit leader: Cristel Gjerde, 833-7638;
crisgjerde@charter.net

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2008**

**Northeastside, 3:30 PM**
Lakeview Public Library
2845 N. Sherman Ave.
-unit leaders:
Dorothy Wheeler, 244-4711;
dorothywheeler@charter.net
Mary Bean, 222-5783; marybean@charter.net

**Downtown Dinner, 5:30 PM**
Paisan’s
131 W. Wilson St.
-unit leaders:
Sally Phelps, 251-4834; phelpssa@charter.net
Priscilla Thain, 233-5578;
priscillathain@gmail.com

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- **September 3** – Open House and General Meeting: *The Origin, Uses, and Abuses of Wisconsin’s Partial Veto Power*
- **September 8** – LWVDC Board Meeting
- **September 9** – Primary election
- **September 10** – *Bulletin* deadline
- **October 1** – General Meeting (Great Lakes Water Compact)
- **October 10** – *Bulletin* deadline
- **October 13** – LWVDC Board Meeting
- **November 4** – Election Day
- **November 5** – General Meeting (Health care)
- **November 10** – *Bulletin* deadline
- **November 10** – LWVDC Board Meeting
- **November 14** – Deadline to renew membership and be in 2008–2009 Membership Directory
- **January** – Lively Issues Luncheon (Predatory lending)
- **January 10** – *Bulletin* deadline
- **January 12** – LWVDC Board Meeting
- **February 4** – General Meeting (The popular vote)
- **February 9** – LWVDC Board Meeting
- **February 10** – *Bulletin* deadline
- **March 4** – General Meeting (Air quality in Dane County)
- **March 9** – LWVDC Board Meeting
- **March 10** – *Bulletin* deadline
- **April 1** – General Meeting (Four-year-old kindergarten)
- **April 13** – LWVDC Board Meeting
- **May 6** – LWVDC Annual Meeting