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President’s Message
Earnestine Moss

Greetings! Thank you for electing me as your president. It is an honor, privilege, and challenge to serve you in this capacity. Special thanks to our office administrator, Sara Markham, for her patience, tireless efforts, and support as I transition to this role. I have been a League member since 2004, and have served as the Outreach Chair for the Dane County League, as Outreach Chair and a member of the Voter Service Project for the State League. In my new role, my goals include helping the League to grow in numbers, diversity, and sustainability. Dane County is richly diverse and we want our League to reflect the county’s population. I look forward to working with each of you to ensure that Wisconsin’s citizenry is informed when casting their BALLOTS. Candidate’s Answers has been published online for the September 14th partisan Primary. Remember, democracy only works if everyone participates!

I appreciated the opportunity to attend the National Convention in Atlanta and the State Convention in Eau Claire this summer. Joining me at the State Convention were Andrea Kaminski, Margi Kindig, Clare McArdle, Melanie Ramey, Pam Rewey, Brook Soltvedt, and Deborah Speckmann.

September brings our Open House and “Behaving Sustainably: Enabling You to Do Your Part,” with Kathy Kuntz as speaker and discussion leader. Please attend, and bring a friend! Many thanks to Carol Dutton and the Program Committee for planning a great series for us this year.

We invite you to attend the issue forums, Unit meetings, serve on a committee, read study materials, and/or help with voter service activities. We want to make a special appeal to women of color and young people.

Open House and Forum
Wednesday, September 15, 2010

6:30 PM Open house
Bring a friend! Enjoy locally grown foods. Renew acquaintances, make new friends, find out how to get involved in studying and taking action on this year’s priorities.

7:00 PM Behaving Sustainably:
Enabling You to Do Your Part
Kathy Kuntz, Executive Director
Wisconsin Climate Change Action Initiative
The Capitol Lakes Grand Hall
333 West Main Street in Downtown Madison
(Free parking in the ramp across the street)
August Board Highlights

Membership—The Board agreed to apply to be included in the national and statewide Membership Recruitment Initiative (see separate article). Deborah Speckmann requested authority to partner with the Urban League of Greater Madison to hold training or informational events on topics such as becoming a poll worker or an election observer. Earnestine Moss plans other outreach efforts at the Simpson Street Reunion and UW student registration.

To aid in membership retention, Speckmann and others on the Membership Committee will be phoning non-renewing members. Speckmann also plans to welcome new members with a phone call and a personal invitation to attend a unit meeting and forum.

Program—Carol Dutton, who has done a stellar job with her Program portfolio, is moving to Newton, Massachusetts. Before leaving, Dutton saw to it that most of the program for the coming year was organized. She is already in touch with the Newton League! The Board thanked Dutton for the energy and professionalism she brought to our League.

Voter Service—See separate articles on voter registration initiatives and Candidates’ Answers.

New Business—Office relocation: the Board is looking for new office space because our building is likely to be sold for development. We will have at least 6 months’ notice. The Board reviewed the requirements for a new space, which include a central location on a bus line with one free parking space and 2-hour street parking; a reception/office area with room for three workstations; conference room with a door; inner office (to sublet to Physicians for Social Responsibility); room for a copier; access to a kitchenette and bathroom; AC; and storage space. If you have any leads on a suitable property, please leave a message with Sara in the office, or contact a Board member.

LWVWI Issues Briefing

The State League will have an Issues Briefing from 8:30 AM–1:45 PM on October 2 at Monona Terrace in Madison. LWVUS President Elisabeth MacNamara has been invited to speak at the luncheon, although she has not been able to confirm that she will attend. The fee to attend the Issues Briefing has not been determined yet. Donations are encouraged!

In Memoriam

We send our condolences to two 50-year members who recently lost their husbands. Mary Page’s husband, Ted Page, was a long-time household member of the Dane County League. Annriva Lardy’s husband, Henry Lardy, passed away in August.

Voter Service Needs Volunteers

Thank you to the following members who have registered voters at the Downtown Farmers’ Market on the Capitol square or at the Westside Farmers’ Market: Eileen Hanneman, Helen Horn, Maureen Kind, Marie McCabe, Myrna McNatt, Gloria Meyer, Barbara Mortensen, Sylvia Poppelbaum and husband, Clare Rider, Rose Sime, Brook Soltvedt, Priscilla Thain, and Tom Vandervest. Thanks also to Mary Bean, Pat Kippert, and Ed Reid, who have been registering voters at the Monona Farmers’ Market on Sundays.

The League needs registrars at the Capitol Square market on September 18 and 25 and October 2 and 9. Please call Priscilla Thain at 233-5578 to volunteer to help. If you’d like to help in Monona, contact Mary Bean at 222-5783 or marybean@charter.net.

Gloria Meyer is organizing voter registration at the St. Vincent De Paul food pantry on Fish Hatchery Road. Please contact her at gkmeyer68@gmail.com or 288-8160 if you are interested in helping.

The 2008 Wisconsin Voter Registration Application Form GAB 131 (in English) has been updated as of June 2010. It is available on the Government Accountability Web site http://gab.wi.gov under Forms. Special Registration Deputies should be using the new form. The Spanish and Hmong forms from 2008 are still current.

Candidates’ Answers

For the partisan primary election on September 14, Candidates’ Answers is available on the Web only. Candidates for Dane County Sheriff and Clerk of Circuit Court received questionnaires from the Dane County League. Candidates for State or Federal offices received questionnaires from the LWV of Wisconsin Education Fund, developed in partnership with Common Cause in Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign. The questions are aimed at learning where candidates stand on issues of clean government. Responses are on the National League’s Vote 411 site, to which our Web site provides a link.
Thank to Our Generous Supporters!

We thank the members listed below, who have contributed to well-being of LWVDC through the May Member Challenge Grant or by adding a contribution with their membership renewal. Contributions received through August 16, 2010, are acknowledged.

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- Anonymous donors
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- Kiemel, Carol
- Kippert, Pat
- Kupferberg, Merilyn
- Lersch, Nancy
- Levin, Pat

You Are Valuable!

Deborah Speckmann, 442-9144; daspeckmann@charter.net

In this 90th-anniversary year, as we reviewed the history of the Dane County League, we were reminded again that our long-term members embody our history. We need you! Members are the life blood of any organization. Whether you serve on the Board, help to organize a forum, register voters, act as part of an observer corps, participate in unit meetings, fold Bulletins, help with Candidates’ Answers, attend forums, respond to action alerts, or simply pay your dues, you are valuable to us.

If there is a blue dot on your mailing label, it means we have not received your membership renewal. If you have misplaced the renewal packet, please use the form in this Bulletin. And if you receive a friendly reminder call, know that it is because you are a valued member.

### Membership Recruitment Initiative

Deborah Speckmann, 228-1319; daspeckmann@charter.net

The National League has begun a Membership Recruitment Initiative to help local Leagues be more effective in retaining and recruiting members. The Dane County League has applied to be one of six Leagues statewide to receive special training in this area. If we are chosen, we have one spot available for a volunteer. Please contact me if you would like to learn how to help our League stay strong.

Our September Issues Forum is Behaving Sustainably: Enabling You to Do Your Part. We hope you will attend the open house and forum with a friend or family member who would like to hear Kathy Kuntz speak and then participate in a discussion. Enjoy locally grown foods while socializing with members. Inviting a friend to a forum or a unit meeting is a great way to increase League visibility and increase membership.

Scholarships for a one-year LWVDC membership are available. Contact the League office or Carol Kiemel, 286-1446, ckiemel@sbcglobal.net, to obtain more information, 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.
September Unit Locations

League members meet monthly in one of five units to discuss the topic of that month’s Issues Forum, using study materials provided by the program planners to guide the conversation. The discussion concludes with recommendations for further study or action. Units meet regularly at different times and locations. Find a meeting that is convenient for you and participate!

Please let the host know that you plan to attend.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2010
MIDDLETOWN, 7 PM
Community Room, Gardd Parc Condos
6767 Frank Lloyd Wright Dr.
Park behind building; walk through courtyard to lobby;
Ring buzzer to # 221 if inside door is not open
Diane de Vos, 836-0070; djdevos@chorus.net

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2010
TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 12:45 pm
Oakwood Village Retirement Community
6205 Mineral Point Rd.
Ann Nelson, The Oaks, D-37; 230-3128
Jean Freese, 230-3540; jfreese7@gmail.com
Elizabeth Lewis, 230-3101; bettyfay1916@gmail.com

TUESDAY EVENING WEST, 7:30 pm
Gloria Meyer, 13 Jacobs Ct
Gloria Meyer, 288-8160; gloria.meyer@juno.com

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2010
NORTHEASTSIDE, 3:30 pm
Lakeview Public Library, 2845 N. Sherman Ave.
Mary Bean, 222-5783; marybean@charter.net
Dorothy Wheeler, 244-4711; dorothywheeler@charter.net

DOWNTOWN DINNER, 5:30 pm
Capitol Lakes Retirement Center Restaurant “The Seasons”
333 W. Main St. – Free parking across the street
Sally Phelps, 251-4834; phelpssa@charter.net
Priscilla Thain, 233-5578; priscillathain@gmail.com

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- September 7 – LWVDC Board Meeting
- September 10 – Deadline for Bulletin and study materials
- September 14 – Partisan primary election
- September 15 – Open house and Issues Forum: Behaving Sustainably: Enabling You to Do Your Part with Kathy Kuntz.
- October 2 – LWVWI Issues Briefing
- October 6 – Issues Forum: Campaign Finance Reform with Jay Heck, Executive Director of Common Cause in Wisconsin.
- October 10 – Deadline for Bulletin and study materials
- October 11 – LWVDC Board Meeting
- November 2 – Election Day
- November 3 – Issues Forum on the impact of changing demographics on human services and education in Dane County, speakers to be determined.
- November 8 – LWVDC Board Meeting
- November 10 – Bulletin deadline
- January 10 – Deadline for Bulletin and study materials
- January 10 – LWVDC Board Meeting
- January 15 – Lively Issues Luncheon (tentative)
- February 2 – Issues Forum (TBA)
- February 14 – LWVDC Board Meeting
- February 10 – Deadline for Bulletin and study materials
- March 2 – Issues Forum (TBA)
- March 14 – LWVDC Board Meeting
- March 10 – Deadline for Bulletin and study materials
- April 6 – Forum (TBA)
- April 10 – Deadline for Bulletin
- April 11 – LWVDC Board Meeting
- May 4 – LWVDC Board Meeting
- May 9 – LWVDC Annual Meeting (tentative)
Yes, I want to be a part of the League of Women Voters of Dane County, Inc.  
[Memberships paid by October 1, 2010 will appear in the printed copy of the 2010-2011 Member Directory.]

Name: ______________________________________  
Address: ______________________________________  
City: _______________ State: ___ Zip: ________  
Phone: ___________ Year Joined LWV: ________  
E-Mail: ____________________________  

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

Please make check payable to:  
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2712 Marshall Court, Suite 2, Madison, WI 53705-2282  Total: ___