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**Presidents’ Message**

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Mayor Soglin has agreed to appoint Mary Anglim, Membership Chair of our League, to the Public Safety Review Committee. We requested this appointment because Mary is committed to the League’s position that elected officials should oversee the policies and procedures used by our community’s police and fire departments.

We believe this Committee will play a key role in the community’s examination of the police department’s policies and procedures. The City has issued a Request for Proposals seeking a professional evaluation of those policies and procedures. The overall schedule, which is yet to be negotiated, is expected to take a number of months until the recommendations are presented.

The League has also written Mayor Soglin to request additional money for staffing in the City Clerk’s Office. We learned from City Clerk Maribeth Witzel-Behl’s testimony in the federal trial on voting issues that she often works until 3:00 AM around elections in order to stay within her budget for staff overtime.

We wrote “The League would like to make sure that Maribeth stays healthy and energized for many more years so she can continue to provide the excellent voter service for which she is widely appreciated.”

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**Wednesday, September 7, 2016**

Social Hour 6:00 pm
Issues Forum 7:00 pm

**Election Administration in 2016 - What Have We Learned?**

Maribeth Witzel-Behl, City of Madison Clerk
Josh Kaul, Voter ID Litigation Attorney from Perkins Coie

The Capitol Lakes Grand Hall, 333 West Main St., Madison
(Free parking in the ramp across the street)

Encouraging informed and active participation in government.
Presidents’ Message, cont.

The National League has changed its bylaws to welcome non-citizens and students age 16 and 17 to membership in the League. As required, we have changed our bylaws to conform to this national policy on membership. (Conforming changes do not require membership approval.)

If you know any high school students who would like to join our League, we have a reduced student membership rate as well as a “whatever you can afford” rate.

Voter Service Report
Gail Bliss, Voter Service Chair

As you see elsewhere in this newsletter, the September 7 forum is about the things we have learned about the changes in the voting regulations over the last 5 years.

During June and July we have registered 252 people, including a very successful registration drive at Epic July 11, where the team lead by Marian Matthews registered 152 voters. We were unable to register 57, and provided voter ID information to more than 200 people.

On July 18th, the State League kicked-off their "Gear Up to Vote" statewide voter registration/information tour with an event at the Madison Senior Center. LWWWI unveiled their brightly colored minivan, which hit the road that evening with a stop at the Theresa Terrace/Hammersley neighborhood on Madison’s SW side, where League volunteers registered 8 voters, gave out 2 absentee ballot request forms, and provided voter ID, polling place and election information to dozens of residents.

We want to thank the following individuals who have been involved in our voter registration efforts January through May 2016:

- K.K. Anderson
- Ruth Ann Berkholtz
- Carol Donnelly
- Kathy Fullin
- Shirley Haidinger
- Andrea Kaminski
- Elizabeth Kohl
- Consuelo Lopez-Springfield
- Paul Malischke
- Molly McGrath
- Mary Anglim
- Gail Bliss
- Ruth Duxbury
- Erin Grunze
- Miriam Hull
- Ellen Karlson
- Pat Lessie
- Marian Matthews
- Joan McCarthy
- Gloria Meyer

- Jim Pencykowski
- Steve Ploeser
- Kathy Shurts
- Sandi Vandervest
- Bonnie Webber
- Mary Ploeser
- Beatrice Ptacek
- Brook Soltvedt
- Tom Vandervest

Contributions

Between June 1 and July 31, the following people contributed to our League. Thank you to all of our generous donors.

- Cain/Simmons Household
  - Beverly C. Davison
  - Michael Kane
  - Kathleen C. Fullin
  - Shirley S. Inhorn
  - Sally Phelps
  - Carol T. Toussaint
  - Patricia A. Levin
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  - Emily Dickmann
  - Mary T. Anglim
  - Mary M. Bean
  - Frederic A. Ogg Trust
  - Helen L. Horn

In honor of Fran Bicknell:
  - Marie S. McCabe

New Members

The following members joined our League from July 1 through August 4. Welcome!

- Joan Collins
- James Cronmiller
- Betsy Korbinyr
- James Pencykowski
- Melissa Ruplinger
- Debra Cronmiller
- Ivy Edelman
- Iris Levitis
- Ralph Petersen
- Marlene Storms
State League Annual Meeting
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Ten Dane County league members attended this year’s annual state convention, hosted by the Door County league in beautiful Egg Harbor. Janet Kane, John Koch, and Consuelo Lopez-Springfield (incoming state league board member) joined LWVDC board members Mary Anglim, Mike Casey, Kathy Fullin, Diane Liebert, and Brook Soltvedt. LWVDC members Alexandra Graff, Erin Grunze, and Andrea Kaminski also attended as state league staff members.

There was little “down time” at the meeting. Friday evening included dinner, a presentation by local bank chairman and CEO Robert Atwell on the importance of protecting shared resources. Atwell made The Economic Case for Improving Water Quality. The talk was recorded; you can stream it from the web page below.

Following Atwell’s address, attendees met in small groups for working sessions on water quality and CAFOs, the Lake Michigan and Upper Mississippi River Region ILOs, Websites and Social Networking, Poverty and Inequality, and Redistricting Reform.

Saturday began with the Zabelle Malkasian Lecture. Colleen Gruszynski, formerly of Wisconsin Voices, reported on Emerging Voters in Wisconsin. Who are they? Unmarried women, people of color, and youth (18-34). The demographic information she presented made it clear that promoting voting education requires new approaches and methods. Gruszynski’s lecture, including a copy of her PowerPoint presentation, can be viewed from the web page below.

Following the keynote presentation, Andrea Kaminski and Louise Petering conducted a workshop on membership development, and how we can convert interest in the League into actual membership and active participation. Later, Petering was awarded the Meg McLane award for advocacy, for her tireless work with League Membership and Leadership Development.

For me, the highlight of every annual meeting is the Parade of Leagues. Each League has three minutes to share accomplishments of the previous year. The breadth and depth and level of innovation seen in different Leagues’ efforts is inspirational. Milwaukee County’s high school voter education and registration curriculum, My Vote, My Voice, was most impressive!

To find streaming video and PowerPoint slides from the presentations mentioned, visit www.lwwvi.org/NewsEvents/2016AnnualMeeting.aspx

Thank You, Volunteers!
Our League would not be able to do all that it does without many hours from our volunteers. We’d like to thank the following July office volunteers:

Mary Bean    Mary Conroy
Jesse Kehres  Joyce Knutson
Pat Levin     Janet Van Vleck

Receive LWVWI News Online
Brief, informative emails are sent by the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin (LWVWI). Topics include legislative highlights, updates on the League’s Voter ID legal actions, and key policy initiatives.

If LWVDC has your current email address, you should already be receiving the LWVWI news. But if you aren’t receiving it, it is very easy to subscribe. Just go to the LWVWI website at www.lwwvi.org and fill in your name and email at the bottom of their home page.

Keep Us in the Loop
If your contact information changes (address, email, phone), let us know so we can update our records. We want to keep in contact with you!
Please contact the office (lwvdc@chorus.net or 608-232-9447) regarding your changes.

Did You Know?
We bold the names of our LWVDC members in our bulletins to highlight and recognize their contributions within our League and throughout our community.

Can You Help with Social Hour?
Contributions of fruit, dessert, appetizer, or a beverage would be appreciated for the 6 p.m. social hour preceding our September Forum. Remember to bring a serving piece if needed. Thanks!
Upcoming Events Calendar

- **Sep 7** – Issues Forum, 7:00 pm  
  *Election Administration in 2016 – What Have We Learned?* (Capitol Lakes)

- **Sep 14** – LWVDC Board Meeting, 2:00 pm

- **Oct 05** – Issues Forum, 7:00 pm  
  *Money in Politics.* (Capitol Lakes)

- **Oct 12** – LWVDC Board Meeting, 2:00 pm

- **Nov 02** – Issues Forum, 7:00 pm  
  *Stabilizing World Climate.* (Oakwood Village West)

- **Nov 09** – LWVDC Board Meeting, 2:00 pm

- **Dec 14** – LWVDC Board Meeting, 2:00 pm

Bulletin Feedback

If you have suggestions for articles that you would like to see included in the bulletin, any other comments about the bulletin or if you’d like to write for the bulletin, please contact the Bulletin Editor, **Mike Casey**, at jmcasey222@aol.com or 703-732-1542.

Make a Difference

- Sign up for the Voter Education Ambassador trainings offered by the Madison City Clerk to become a Special Registration Deputy (SRD) and learn about the Voter ID requirements and absentee voting. See “SRD Central” on our website for the dates: lwvdanecounty.org/srd-central.
  
  After you become a SRD, contact our office to get on our email list for SRD’s so you are informed of opportunities to do voter outreach and registration.

- Join the Dane County Voter ID Coalition and assist with voter education events. More information at: sites.google.com/site/voteridwisconsin.

- Take some Voter ID brochures from our office or the Madison City Clerk to a meeting or place where they would be available to people who may need the information. Brochures are tailored for seniors, for Hmong or Spanish speakers, or for the general public.

- Post a poster with a picture of the acceptable ID’s; glossy, color posters are available in our office and at the Madison City Clerk’s office.

Unit Meetings

League members meet monthly in one of four units to discuss the topic of that month’s Issues Forum, using study materials provided by the program planners. The discussion concludes with recommendations for further study or action. Please let the host know that you plan to attend.

If any of the units have questions or issues, please contact the Unit Coordinator, **Diane Martin Liebert**, at dliebert@gmail.com or 608-698-4143.

**MONDAY, September 19, 2016**

**Monday Evening West/Middleton - 5:30 pm**

**Panera, 3416 University Ave.**

Barbara Mortensen, 233-7563, morten21@att.net  
Priscilla Thain, 233-5578, priscillathain@gmail.com

**TUESDAY, September 20, 2016**

**Tuesday Afternoon - 12:45 pm**

**Oakwood West, D-76 (Jean Freese’s apartment)**

Parking on grounds or in Pt Heritage Oaks Parking Ramp  
Nancy Simonsen, 230-3014, njsimonsen@gmail.com

**WEDNESDAY, September 21, 2016**

**Northeastside - 3:30 pm**

**Lakeview Public Library**

2845 N. Sherman Ave.  
Dorothy Wheeler, 244-4711, dorothywheeler@tds.net

**WEDNESDAY, September 21, 2016**

**Downtown Dinner Group - 5:15 pm**

**Capitol Lakes Retirement Center**

**Restaurant “The Seasons”**

333 West Main St. - Free parking across street  
June Weisberger Blanchard, 238-7337, jmweisbe@gmail.com  
Katie Mulligan, 338-4598, katielmulligan@yahoo.com

Missed a Forum?

Find the links to videos and/or podcasts for our past events on our website at lwvdanecounty.org. Select the **Forums** link under the *For Members* menu. Links relevant for each event are located on that event’s detail page.