



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE RIPON AREA

BULLETIN



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ripon Area Leaguers,

The October League meeting brings our Poverty Study-Phase 2 into a topic area that had not been addressed thoroughly in our earlier study. We will learn about Health Care in Green Lake and Waushara Counties especially as it relates to poverty.

Please mark your calendar for October 12th and contact me or a member of the Poverty Study Committee if you'll need a ride to Green Lake.

County Health Officers Kathy Munsey (Green Lake) and Patti Wohlfeil (Waushara) will present information found in the 2016 COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT document which was researched and compiled by the Central Wisconsin Healthcare Partnership (CWHP) comprised of six area counties.

Copies of this document are available to review at Ripon Public Library, Green Lake Caestecker Library, Berlin Public Library, and the Wautoma Public Library.

CWHP has a history of collaborating successfully on a number of projects in the past and decided that a blended Community Health Assessment would provide another opportunity to share, learn and explore best practices that would improve health outcomes in our rural communities. (CWHP document introduction)

Please note that the location of our meeting has been moved from Ripon to Green Lake. Press releases list Green Lake High as the meeting location but that location and time is now incorrect. The October 12th Local Poverty "Focus on Health" meeting will be held in Green Lake at Caestecker Public Library at 5:30PM.

Poverty Study Committee members include Cindy Diemer, Lelani Sanchez, Jolene Schatzinger, Liz Ringstad and Chris Stewart.

Cindy Diemer
LWV-Ripon Area
President

Mark Your Calendar

- THUR OCT 12** Local Poverty Study Focus on Area Health
[@ Caestecker Library, Green Lake; 5:30 PM]
- THUR OCT 26** LWV-Winnebago County Soapbox Series
[@ Oshkosh Best Western; 5:30 PM] **RSVP**
- SAT OCT 28** LWV-WI Issues Briefing 2017
[@ Madison College Traux Building; 8:30 AM] **RSVP**
- THUR NOV 9** LWV Lake Michigan Region Annual Meeting
[@ Hyatt Regency, Green Bay; 3:00 PM] **RSVP**

Please see our [Online Calendar](#) or [Facebook Page](#) for updates, cancellations and other changes!

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

League Fundamentals

SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

RIPON, WI

Our League Fundamentals meeting served as a refresher for current members and an introductory overview for new members.

Cindy Diemer and Ellen Sorensen presented a power-point covering the main points about League. Lelani Sanchez spoke about what brought her to league. Liz Ringstad spoke about the history of our local studies and their impact in Ripon.



New LWV member, L. Sanchez, and founding member, L. Ringstad, speak about what they value in LWV.

One of the main questions centered on the LWV non partisan policy. New members wondered if they could join league if they belonged to a political party.

The panel reassured everyone that as long as members do not speak on behalf of LWV or try to portray personal political opinions as League opinions, LWV does not discourage political involvement among its members.

However, if a member serves on the board and/or if a member serves as President or Voter Service chair, there are a few further limitations.

For more league fundamentals:

<http://lww.org>

MEMBERSHIP

The September meeting League Fundamentals – Get to Know Your League A-Z was successful for several reasons. We were able to assemble a panel of League members with anywhere from two years of experience to 50 years of experience. Thank you to both Lelani Sanchez and Liz Ringstad for their contributions. President Cindy Diemer led us on a discussion including: how we come to consensus, League positions, advocacy and voter service.



E. Sorensen and C. Diemer present League Fundamentals at the September 14th meeting.

A lively discussion followed. As a result Cal and Janis Edwards joined that evening. Welcome to both of you. Another three people have indicated they would be joining our League.

We continue to need members to mentor our new League members. It will not take a great deal of time and may even from time to time be resolved via email or a phone call. If you are willing to support our new members please contact me via email: eclairtogo@gmail.com or call me at 920-960-3397.

Thank you to all of the League members who attended the meeting and contributed to the lively discussion that followed.

Respectfully submitted
Ellen Sorensen

NON PARTISAN POLICY

The League of Women Voters does not support or oppose any political party or candidate. However, the LWVUS/EF Board values the many skills and types of experience that individual board members bring to the League, including those learned in public life through elective or appointive office. In fact, involvement in the public and political life of this country is something that the League of Women Voters recommends for all citizens and other members of the public.

Nevertheless, the LWVUS/EF Board believes that some basic limitations on board members' political activity, while they are serving in this capacity, are necessary to protect the nonpartisanship of the League as an organization. Other than in her/his official capacity, the President shall not engage in any political activity, partisan or nonpartisan, including attending political fundraising events.



<http://lww.org/content/nonpartisan-policy>

LWV-WI:
OCTOBER 28, 2017
8:30 AM – 2:30 PM
ISSUES BRIEFING



LWV-WI
Anyone can attend Issues Briefing on Saturday. LWV-WI welcomes members and nonmembers, men and women. No, you don't need to be a member of LWV WI, but we encourage you to join your local League or become a member at large. You can find out more information at Issues Briefing.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER :

Attorney Glorily A. López
"Current Issues on Immigration"



Glorily A. Lopez
murphydesmond.com

FEATURED SPEAKER:

Dr. Timothy Smeeding, UW
La Follette School
"Poverty and Public Policy in Wisconsin"



Dr. Timothy Smeeding
lafollette.wisc.edu

For more information about this event and to register online:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lwv-wi-issues-briefing-2017-registration-37747484743>

REGISTER BY OCTOBER 19.

Madison College
Truax Building
1701 Wright Street
Madison, WI 53704

For Citations, see "SOURCES" on Page 5.

UPCOMING

LOCAL LWV: Local Poverty Study Phase 2

WHAT	Focus on Area Health Issues
WHEN	12 OCTOBER 2017 (THURS) -- 5:30 PM
WHERE	Caestecker Library, GREEN LAKE

League of Women Voters of the Ripon Area will host an Informational Meeting on Health Care Issues, Services, and Needs on **Thursday, October 12th at 5:30pm at Green Lake Caestecker Library**. The meeting will focus on health care in both Green Lake and Waushara Counties.

Kathy Munsey, Green Lake County Health Officer and Patti Wohlfeil, Waushara County Health Officer will present a detailed overview of current statistical information compiled by the Central Wisconsin Health Partnership (CWHP) that was published in 2016.

Copies of the documents are available to preview at Ripon Public Library, Caestecker Public Library in Green Lake, Berlin Public Library and Wautoma Public Library. Following the presentation there will be a question and answer period.

LWV of Winnebago County

WHAT	Soapbox Series: Pat Durkin
WHEN	26 October 2017 (THURS) -- 5:30 PM
WHERE	Best Western, OSHKOSH

Award winning writer and outdoor columnist Pat Durkin presents Politics and the Outdoors in Wisconsin. More information on the speaker and presentation at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/lwvwinnebago/home/soapboxseries>
RSVP BY OCTOBER 21, 2017.

LWV of Lake Michigan Region

WHAT	Conference & Annual Meeting and Dinner
WHEN	November 7-10, 2017
WHERE	Hyatt Regency, GREEN BAY

Join us in attending the State of Lake Michigan (SOLM) Conference, November 7 - 10 at the Hyatt Regency Green Bay. The Conference is organized by the International Association of Great Lakes Research (IAGLR) to provide a bridge between the research and policy communities.

LWV Lake Michigan Region's Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 9, along with dinner and speaker. Attend one or more days of the conference, LWVLMR events only, or just join in the Annual Meeting or our dinner (November 9), as your schedule allows.

<http://www.lwvlmr.org/>
RSVP BEFORE EVENT.



LOCAL POVERTY

HEALTH CARE

ISSUES SERVICES NEEDS

KATHY MUNSEY
Green Lake County Health Officer

PATTI WOHLFEIL
Waushara County Health Officer

THURSDAY || **OCTOBER 12, 2017** || **5:30 PM** ||
CAESTECKER LIBRARY || GREEN LAKE, WI

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SOURCES

LWV NONPARTISAN POLICY

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LWV-WI ISSUES BRIEFING

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LWV WINNEBAGO COUNTY SOAPBOX SERIES

League of Women Voters Winnebago County. "2017 Soapbox Series-Politics & the Outdoors in Wisconsin." Received by Cindy Diemer, 15 September 2017.

LWV OF LAKE MICHIGAN REGION

League of Women Voters Lake Michigan Region. "LWV Lake Michigan Region September Splash!" Received by Cindy Diemer, 25 September 2017.



JOIN A COMMITTEE!

CALLING COMMITTEE

Be part of a member calling tree; remind members about upcoming meetings and events.

Meetings: none, as needed.

POVERTY STUDY (PHASE 2)

Study aspects of our local rural poverty. Keep members informed and organize presentations, support consensus, brainstorm action plans.

Meetings: Monday nights, monthly.

VOTER SERVICE

Plan voter service events including forums and registration drives.

Meetings: as needed.

WATER ADVOCACY

Keep members informed about water issues through updates and presentations.

Meetings: as needed.

CONTACTS AND COMMITTEES

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