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President's message:

As you can see from Cindy Diemer's note we have been having an interesting time learning about poverty. Be sure and come to the meeting on Thursday, March 10 at 6:30 PM at the high school where Linda and I have more ideas for you to consider. Also bring any ideas that you have. This includes any groups which you think might be interested in this subject for next year. I hope that the study club, the science club and the educational club might be. Recently a Ripon College student contacted me for information. And I have been noticing articles in the Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel on poverty and jobs. Also Linda and I gave a church service on poverty and spirit which was well received. This really seems to interest a lot of people

The April meeting is to be on results of the national study which we did not take part in. If they do not have anything we may consider water. That issue does not go away.

Please note that Gary has scheduled a voter's forum for the one contested city council position.

Jean Johnson

Voter Registration Committee

We will be sponsoring a voter forum on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 starting at 7:00 PM at the Ripon City Hall council chambers. This will be for the contested seat for Ripon City Alderperson, District 3. The two candidates vying for the seat, and who will be participating, are Annette Klein and Aaron Becker. We could use a couple of volunteers to be a timekeeper and to collect audience questions. For this or if you have questions that you would like to have asked contact Art Baseler or Gary Wetzel. Thank you.

Gary Wetzel

Poverty Study Continues at March 10th Meeting Come one. Come all!

Please plan to come to the **Poverty Study Discussion** on March 10th. The meeting begins at 6:30pm in room 181 at Ripon Senior High School. >Use the south side temporary entrance. Turn to the right after coming down a short hallway. Signs will be posted.

The Poverty Study committee recently reviewed our progress to date:

1. We've had a series of informative, insightful and well attended open meetings during the first half of our 3-year study.
2. We've examined and shared responses to our Area School District survey with 7 participating Districts and interested attendees. Conclusions and pertinent anecdotal information is now available to members and to interested area citizens.
3. We've listened and questioned presenters from an economic development and available services perspective such as Fond du Lac County Board Chair Marty Farrell, ADVOCAP Deputy Director Tony Beregszazi, and Green Lake County Dept. of Health and Human Services Unit Manager Shelby Jensen.
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DISCUSS and BRAINSTORM-

Now we'll meet to discuss what we've learned, what other questions we have, and what directions should the study take as we now head towards consensus and action. We'll also discuss very recent news article focused on growing poverty in Wisconsin and its many repercussions.

Cindy Diemer

Judy Harris, Linda Holloway, Jean Johnson, and Liz Ringstad

Interested in Touring
the Berlin Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area?

Jean Johnson and Cindy Diemer will soon be booking a daytime tour of the Boys & Girls Club located in Berlin.

Their Mission is to improve the lives of children and families.

We're interested in learning more about their programs and services including: After School, Summer, Transportation, Academic Success, Healthy Lifestyles, and Good Character and Citizenship.

Please watch your email for a separate announcement of the date and time. We plan to carpool.