



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE RIPON AREA

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings.

Our League has had sadness and also wonderful camaraderie combined with a sense of achievement this spring.

We have recently lost both Jean Johnson and Linda Holloway, devoted friends and active, committed Leaguers. Both were brave and resilient, to be admired and remembered. We will continue to be inspired by them in our Studies of Poverty and Water Issues and in the actions we take to support our consensuses.

Diane & Karl Beres, Lelani Sanchez, and Jonathan Gatzke represented our League at the State of Wisconsin LWV Annual Meeting on June 9 and 10. During preparation for the State Annual Meeting, we responded to a request to name our League's top priority for the new year and our enthusiastic response follows:

In the past year our League grew to include 38 members, 29 percent of whom are men. Our TOP PRIORITY is to integrate and orientate new members in order to foster understanding, participation, and commitment to the League of Women Voters.

Please contact Ellen Sorensen with League business or questions as I will be gone June 7-July 3.

**Cindy Diemer
LWV-Ripon Area
President**

Mark Your Calendar

**THUR
JUL
13**

Members' Reports
[@ RHS Community Room;
6:30 PM]

**THUR
AUG
10**

**Redistricting in WI: Voting
Maps Past and Present**
[@ RHS Community Room;
6:30 PM]

**THUR
SEP
14**

League Fundamentals
[@ RHS Community Room;
6:30 PM]

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

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

55th Annual Meeting

**MAY 13, 2017
RIPON, WI**

Members and guests enjoyed a lively 55th Ripon League Annual Meeting in Ripon High School's Community room on May 13.

Speakers Fond du Lac County DA Eric Toney and Ellen Sorensen of the FDL program Drug Free Communities provided an informative presentation. Discussion focused on issues facing Ripon and FDL County related to Drug and Opioid use, issues, and treatment.



Cindy Diemer introduces DA Eric Toney and Ellen Sorensen to members in attendance.

Required business and voting were completed. Please note, we have annual meeting booklets for all members who were unable to attend. Contact Cindy Diemer if you need one.

Local favorite, J's Barbecue, catered the event and the buffet meal was enjoyed by all!



League Members enjoyed the catered meal at the LWV of Ripon Area Fifty-Fifth Annual Meeting.



Learn more about the work being done by Fond du Lac County Drug Free Communities.

www.drugfreefdl.com

Potluck Picnic

**JUNE 8, 2017
RIPON, WI**

Several members were in attendance for our local annual Potluck Picnic. League member Cindy Ebert has hosted this event at her scenic country home for many years and it is always an enjoyable get together.



Jonathan Gatzke and Art Baseler enjoy a conversation in the sunroom.

Members brought dishes to share and gathered in the sun room and on the deck to enjoy good food and good company.



Diane Beres, Karl Beres, and Gary Wetzels taking in the views from the deck.

After the meal, league member Mary Fillion-Zulesdorf took the floor to speak about her experience testifying at the recent Joint Finance Committee Budget Hearing and shared advice and information. It was a great talk and we hope everyone is encouraged to remain active, invested, and vocal.



"Honorary Little Leaguer", Memphis (8), sits and chats with Todd and Betty Berens.

We are saddened to report the recent passing of two of our incredibly active and beloved League members.

**Dr. Jean Johnson
(8/6/1941-4/29/17)**



**Linda Holloway
(6/21/55 - 5/12/17)**

We are still collecting memories about both of these amazing women which we share families. We invite any and all league members to contribute their thoughts.

Please send your remarks to Cindy Diemer and/or to: lwvriponarea@gmail.com



(L to R) Dr. Jean Johnson & Linda Holloway

POVERTY STUDY COMMITTEE

The Poverty Study Committee is actively seeking new committee members as we start Phase 2 of our study!

We've switched our afternoon meeting time to Monday nights at 7:00pm in order to have a more convenient time for those of you working days. If you've considered or are considering joining the committee, please contact Cindy Diemer (920-527-1931). We can easily review the first study and explain the focus of the new study.

We'll study four topics that were strongly supported by members at the December Gala – **Housing, Health Care, Food Security/Food Deserts, and Transportation**. The study will emphasize how the topics and solutions are interconnected. Emphasis will be placed on Rural Poverty in our broad Ripon area.

Committee Members – Cindy Diemer, Roberta Martin, Liz Ringstad, Lelani Sanchez, and Jolene Schatzinger.

Cindy Diemer
LWV-Ripon Area
Poverty Study Chair

INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY PROCESS

“Studies are part of League Program and, in League parlance, League Program includes all of the positions the League uses to affect public policy as well as the procedure for adopting these programs. Program is such an integral part of the League that, according to League Basics, “Program is the League’s reason for being.”

Program has three parts: 1) selection of an issue, 2) study of that issue, consensus and formulating a position, and 3) use of that position to influence public policy. All LWVUS positions are included in the League publication, *Impact on Issues, 2012-2014: A Guide to Public Policy Positions*, <http://www.lwv.org/content/impact-issues>.

The purpose of a study, at any level, is to educate members so that they can be informed participants in consensus and provide the necessary data for formulating the ultimate position.”

Read more at:

<http://lwv.org/content/introduction-study-process-0>

For Citations, see “SOURCES” on Page 6.



POVERTY STUDY RESOURCE:
UNITED WAY'S STUDY
OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP
ALICE

ALICE[®]
ASSET LIMITED, INCOME CONSTRAINED, EMPLOYED



“ALICE, a United Way acronym which stands for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed, represents the growing number of individuals and families who are **working, but are unable to afford the basic necessities of housing, food, child care, health care, and transportation.**

Through a series of new, standardized measurements, United Way is quantifying the size of the workforce in each state that is struggling financially, and the reasons why. These measurements provide a broader picture of financial insecurity than traditional federal poverty guidelines.”

To find out more about ALICE and to read their report on Wisconsin (including data breakdowns by county) go to:

<http://www.unitedwayalice.org/>



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Understanding the Impact of Violence Against Women & Girls

Wednesday, 21 June 2017, 9AM-12PM; Fond du Lac

In partnership with Agnesian Domestic Violence, ASTOP, Solutions Center, and the Fond du Lac Police Department, the Fond du Lac Area Women's Fund will be holding a Community Education event, 'Understanding the Impact of Violence Against Women and Girls', on June 21, 2017, from 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

The purpose of the event is to educate the Fond du Lac community on a concerning issue facing women and girls in our community - domestic violence. The event will include an overview on statistics in Fond du Lac, in addition to presentations/ personal stories shedding light on the issues of domestic violence and sexual assault.

This event is free of charge and will be located at UW-FDL in room UC 113/114. A light breakfast will be served.

To RSVP please click on the link below. Seats are limited.

REGISTER TODAY:
<https://goo.gl/cDc5rN>

This event is sponsored by AAUW.

If you have any questions please feel free to call the Women's Fund office at 920-322-8778.

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UPCOMING

LOCAL LWV: Members' Reports

WHAT	Delegate Annual Meeting Reports
WHEN	13 JULY 2017 (THURS) -- 6:30 PM
WHERE	RHS Community Room, RIPON

Join us as our member delegates report on what they learned.

Rich Diemer will cover the Upper Mississippi Region ILO Annual Meeting. Diane Beres, Jonathan Gatzke, Lelani Sanchez will cover the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin Annual Meeting.

More details to come!

LOCAL LWV: Redistricting in Wisconsin

WHAT	Voting Maps Past and Present
WHEN	10 AUGUST 2017 (THURS) -- 6:30 PM
WHERE	RHS Community Room, RIPON

What is gerrymandering and why does it matter? Marty Farrell will discuss how Wisconsin voting maps have changed over time and how that affects our right to fair elections.

We will have past maps and present maps on hand for comparison!

More details to come!

LOCAL LWV: League Fundamentals

WHAT	Get to know your league A-Z!
WHEN	14 SEPTEMBER 2017 (THURS) -- 6:30 PM
WHERE	RHS Community Room, RIPON

Cindy Diemer and Ellen Sorensen will cover league fundamentals. Confused by League Lingo? Do you have questions about what we do after we've studied a local issue? Interested in learning more about a particular committee? Ever wonder what is required of the board members? Find out the answers to all these questions and more!

More details to come!



For real time event updates & details, calls-to-action, relevant local happenings LIKE us on Facebook!

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LWV-WI CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CONVENTION & GERRYMANDERING

The state Assembly passed a resolution this week calling for a constitutional amendments convention for the purpose of inserting a balanced budget requirement into the U.S. Constitution.

The League opposes both the convention and the balance budget requirement as explained in this column.

<http://www.leadertelegram.com/Opinion/2017/06/11/Convention-supporters-misguided.html>

The resolution (AJR 21) was passed on a 54-41 vote, with some Republicans joining all of the Democrats in opposing the measure.



Andrea Kaminski, LEADER TELEGRAM

Seventeen county boards have passed resolutions calling for a nonpartisan approach for drawing voting maps. Our friends at Wisconsin Democracy Campaign have posted a list of these counties and other great redistricting resources on their website.

http://wisdc.org/redistricting_resources.html



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MEMBERSHIP

It has been determined that membership orientation will be a priority for this coming year. Our League is growing and there is a need to ensure members are aware of League structure including our voter services as well as our programs and studies.

The calendar committee will generate a calendar of upcoming meetings with opportunities for both new and seasoned members to engage in the mission and vision of the League of Women Voters. We continue to recruit new members.

If you have some time to spare and are interested in assisting the membership committee please contact Ellen Sorensen at eclairtogo@gmail.com or Cindy Diemer at cindydiemer4@gmail.com.

Ellen Sorensen
LWV-Ripon Area
Membership Chair



Tim Lyke Photo, Ripon Commonwealth

NAME:

Andy Sorensen

PLEASE PROVIDE INFORMATION THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE ABOUT YOUR BACKGROUND, PERSONAL AND/OR PROFESSIONAL.

I was born and raised in Ripon and returned home with Ellen to open Dear Prudence shoppe.

HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT LWV? HAVE YOU BELONGED IN ANOTHER COMMUNITY OR ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BASIS?

I was previously a member when I lived in Ripon. I believe in active participation in government.

WHAT STUDIES OR POSITIONS OF THE LEAGUE ARE YOU MOST INTERESTED IN?

Voter Service.

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