



# League of Women Voters of the Ripon Area

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## President's message:

We have been busy with a well attended December gala and interesting talk by Sarah Grosssheusch and Kathy Munsey on poverty in the area and equity, and the connection between health, income, job development, childhood education. These are areas we will be looking at, plus others, for Fond Du Lac county especially at the Feb. 11 meeting at 6:30 PM at Prairie Lakes Fellowship, 315 Eureka St. Hope to see you there. We are really emphasizing the poverty study because it is complex and important. In March we may do some more on poverty. See more from Cindy Diemer.

On Sat Jan 16 we had a Lively Issues meeting and these were the results. We answered questions from the state on areas we would like to see addressed.

We will be registering Ripon College students before the April election. We could not get the training in before the Feb election. It has to be done yearly. Art Baseler and Gary Wetzel are working on that.

Jean Johnson

## Lively Issues - Board Secretary Minutes

Lively Issues agenda led the discussion and the following recommendations.

1. Assistance with voter education - no
2. Rapid information for public education and lobbying on LWV priority areas which may be targeted in the state budget - yes
3. Funding dependent an educational presentation developed by state league on storm water runoff, flooding to be presented for public education – yes
4. Under current grants lead advocacy for redistricting reform, campaign finance reform and voting rights – yes
5. National redistricting process and update on campaign finance has been done and we will receive the results. We did not participate.

Motion by Art, seconded by Ellen to accept the recommendations as presented 4 yes/1no

**Poverty Study Moves to Examination of 3 Area Counties'  
Economic Development Issues & Statistics**

Please plan to attend the February 11<sup>th</sup> Panel Discussion.  
Prairie Lake Fellowship, 315 Eureka Street, Ripon WI  
6:30pm - 8:30pm

Tony Beregszazi, ADVOCAP Deputy Director, will discuss this organization's *mission to create opportunities for people and communi-ties to reduce poverty and increase self-sufficiency in their 3 county range including Fond du Lac and Green Lake Counties*. ADVOCAP has been active in our area since the mid 1960s.

Fond du Lac County Economic Development Corporation (FCEDC) will share very recently updated statistics and information with the group.

The committee is seeking additional information from (TREDC) Tri-County Regional Economic Development Corporation (Green Lake, Waushara, & Marquette Counties) to be distributed.

This discussion will highlight topics ranging from job loss, available jobs, unemployed and underemployed statistics, wages, required education and training for area workforce, transportation, support agencies such as Meals-On-Wheels and food pantries, aging population and needed services for them as well as County Economic Development plans and success stories.

The Poverty Study Committee will share conclusions and data from our 2015 area School District Survey which lists survey questions and answers posed to 7 participating schools.

Printed spreadsheets will be available at this meeting or by emailing Linda Holloway ([linda@wellspringfarm.us](mailto:linda@wellspringfarm.us)) or Cindy Diemer ([cindydiemer4@gmail.com](mailto:cindydiemer4@gmail.com)) to request a paper copy or an emailed one

Cindy Diemer  
Poverty Study Chair

Remembering Gladys Gray

In November, President Jean Johnson received a note with a LWV finance drive donation from longtime Ripon Leaguer Nedra Martz which we'd like to share with members.

*First, thank you for continuing to email me the LWV newsletter and alerts. Second, please thank Cindy for reminding me to send the enclosed contribution in memory of Gladys. She was my older son's teacher, and he dearly loved her. Each day I would hear how nice she*

*smelled and how pretty she looked. When she stopped teaching in the middle of the year (her first daughter had arrived), he was desolate. Happily the school district replaced her with another fine teacher. Although my son's relationship with her ended, mine continued through our League association. I particularly remember her very important contribution to the development of the Ripon League at a time when the organization was struggling to become organized. Her steady presence and fine intellect truly made a difference.*

*Keep up the good work with the League and please say "hello" to Harry.*

*Your friend and former neighbor,  
Nedra*

Note- Thank you Nedra for sharing your memories and association with Gladys. We're glad to have you still connected with the Ripon League.