



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE RIPON AREA

BULLETIN



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ripon Area Leaguers,

Our Voter Service Committee has scheduled two **Candidate Forums** to be held in March. The first focuses on City of Ripon candidates for office and the second Forum includes Fond du Lac County Board Supervisor candidates whose Districts include parts of the Ripon Area. Even if you're not a Fond du Lac County resident, the Forums will be of interest especially to new members who will learn how well our League conducts these important events. Please look for detailed information from our Voter Service Chair Jonathan Gatzke in the Bulletin.

PLEASE NOTE: The Poverty Study meeting planned for March has been moved to **Thursday, April 12th**. It will focus on Food Issues/Deserts and Transportation issues in Fond du Lac, Green Lake and Waushara Counties.

The February 8th **Respectful Political Discourse** presentation by Matt Rothschild of the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign was well attended by members and other guests. The audience posed excellent questions and comments in response to Rothschild's informative and spirited talk.

Please welcome new member Malcolm McIntyre, a new resident of the Green Lake Area whose mother was a founding member of the League of Women Voters of Appleton!

Cindy Diemer
LWV-Ripon Area
President

Mark Your Calendar

TUES
MAR
6

Candidate Forum -- Ripon
Mayoral & 4th District
[@ Ripon City Hall
Council Chambers; 7 PM]

WED
MAR
14

Candidate Forum -- FDL
County Supervisor
[@ Ripon City Hall
Council Chambers; 7 PM]

TUES
APR
3

SPRING
ELECTION



THUR
APR
12

Local Poverty Meeting
[@ Ripon High School
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

RESPECTFUL DISCOURSE

FEBRUARY 8, 2017

RIPON, WI

Our league was happy to host a presentation about Respectful Political Discourse -- a topic which remains as relevant as ever these days. We thank everyone who came out to hear our passionate guest speaker Matt Rothschild, Executive Director of Wisconsin Democracy Campaign.



Matt Rothschild (left) greeted audience members after his invigorating presentation and a lively Q&A.

Mr. Rothschild stressed the importance of continuing to have civil conversations across party lines and especially with those we may disagree with.

"I feel strongly about the need for respectful political dialogue across our differences. I believe in discussion. I believe in debate. I believe in the fair exchange of ideas. I'm an old John Stuart Mill guy: I believe the truth will ultimately prevail. It's important, in this day and age especially, that we're able to converse, respectfully, with people who don't agree with us."

Read Mr. Rothschild's speech notes and learn more about the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign online: wisdc.org

"On Respectful Political Discourse"

<http://www.wisdc.org/op020918.php>



MEMBERSHIP

League membership is growing rapidly. As a result we are looking for additional League mentors as well as volunteers to do brief introductory interviews with new and/or returning 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
Membership Chair



JOIN A COMMITTEE!

CALENDAR PLANNING

Help plan our calendar year!

Meetings: one, as needed

CALLING COMMITTEE

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

Meetings: none, as needed.

FINANCE DRIVE COMMITTEE

Assist with the planning of our annual fund drive(s).

Meetings: as needed.

MEMBERSHIP (MENTOR)

Help acclimate and orientate new members through an ongoing mentorship pairing.

Meetings: as needed.

MEMBERSHIP (INTERVIEW)

Interview new members for our bulletin!

Meetings: 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: 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.

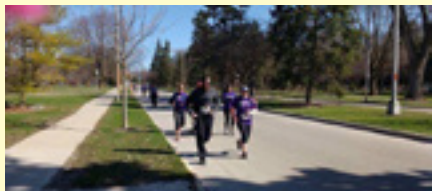
**“START THE CONVERSATION”
5K RUN/WALK**
APRIL 7 | 9AM
LAKESIDE PARK, FDL

Hosted by Drug Free Communities of Fond du Lac County and Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling. Bigger and better this year! Bring your dog to join the fun!

Schedule of Events

- 9:00 AM - Registration Opens
- 10:00 AM - 5K Run/Walk Start
- 11:00 AM - Kids 100Yard Race
- 11:30 AM - Awards Ceremony

Visit the [FB Event Page](#) and/or contact Ellen Sorensen for more information.



Drug Free Communities of FDL County, Facebook

WAKE UP CALL PRESENTATION
APRIL 25 | 6PM
RIPON HIGH SCHOOL, RIPON

Wake-Up Call is a life-size exhibit of a teen’s bedroom with more than 20 “red flags” that can signal drug or alcohol use. Our goal is to educate parents and other adults who are influential in the lives of youth so they know what seemingly innocent items can actually be an indication of substance abuse. The experience will include a guided tour, signs and symptoms of drug use, tips for parents and a question-answer session. Resources will be available for participants. Please Note: This event is for adults (21+).

Visit the [FB Event Page](#) and/or contact Jolene Schatzinger (920) 748-4637 for more information.



Your Choice-Live Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program, Facebook

For Citations, see “SOURCES” on Page 6.

UPCOMING

LOCAL LWV: CANDIDATE FORUM

WHAT	Mayoral & 4th District Candidate Forum
WHEN	6 MARCH 2018 (TUES) -- 7:00 PM
WHERE	Ripon City Hall Council Chambers, RIPON

Voter Service is hosting a Ripon Mayoral and 4th District Candidate Forum in anticipation of the upcoming Spring Election. Ripon has three candidates running for Mayor and two candidates vying for 4th District Alderman. All candidates will be in attendance.

Please contact Voter Service Chair (Jonathan Gatzke) if you are interested in volunteering for the forum and/or if you’d like to join the Voter Service Committee.

LOCAL LWV: CANDIDATE FORUM

WHAT	FDL County Board Candidate Forum
WHEN	14 MARCH 2018 (WED) -- 7:00 PM
WHERE	Ripon City Hall Council Chambers, RIPON

Voter Service is planning a Candidate Forum in anticipation of the upcoming Spring Election. Two Fond Du Lac County Board Supervisor districts have contested seats. All candidates have been invited to participate.

More details to come.

LOCAL LWV: Local Poverty Meeting

WHAT	Local Poverty Meeting
WHEN	12 APRIL 2018 (THURS) -- 6:30PM
WHERE	RHS Community Room, RIPON

The Poverty Study Committee is planning an April meeting to replace the previously planned March meeting. We will discuss Food and Transportation issues related to local poverty.

More details to come.



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VOTER SERVICE

The Ripon Area League is hosting two upcoming candidate forums.

The first forum will be for two contested city of Ripon elected positions: City Mayor and City Council 4th District. All three candidates vying for the mayoral position (incumbent Gary Will, and challengers Craig Tebon and Jason Kauffeld) will be present. The two candidates running for the 4th District Alderperson position (incumbent Al Schraeder and challenger Todd Elliot) will be present. The **Ripon Mayoral and 4th District Candidate Forum** will be held in the City Council Chambers of Ripon, on **March 6th, at 7pm**.

The second forum will host the candidates for two separate Fond Du Lac County Board Supervisor districts: Lowell Prill and Michael C. Beer for 6th district, and Gary Will and Andrew Zuelke for 2nd district. The **Fond Du Lac County Supervisor Candidate Forum** will be held in the City Council Chambers and will take place on **March 14, at 7pm**.

The forums will be open to the public. If you are interested in helping at the forums and/or joining the Voter Service Committee, please contact me at jdgatzke@gmail.com.

Jonathan Gatzke
Voter Service Chair

**MAYORAL & 4TH DISTRICT
CANDIDATE
FORUM**
RIPON CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY • MARCH 6TH • 7PM

**FDL COUNTY SUPERVISOR
CANDIDATE
FORUM**
RIPON CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY • MARCH 14TH • 7PM

LWV-US VOTER ID

The problem that voter ID laws are trying to solve isn't voter fraud, but the growing number of women, people of color, young, and low-income voters at the ballot box.

"If judging only by the 99 new laws proposed in 2017 to restrict registration and voting access, one might assume that voter fraud is a widespread issue. Yet according to a study in May by the Brennan Center for Justice, of the 23.5 million votes cast in the 2016 general election, only an estimated 30 incidents across 42 jurisdictions were referred to by election officials as suspected noncitizen voting. In a one-year period, America has had more proposed laws prohibiting voting than cases of actual voter fraud incidents. So what makes a statistically nonexistent issue warrant the current level of scrutiny or legislative action?"

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<http://bit.ly/TimeToRestoretheVotingRightsAct>



Download new free art by Ashley Lukashesky at Amplifier.org.



Ashley Lukashesky, Rock The Vote

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LWV-WI ELECTION OBSERVERS

Help the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin monitor the April 3rd election. We are seeking volunteers to be trained as **Election Observers** and placed in polling places in specific areas around the state. We will do our best to assign you to a location near your home. You don't need to be a League member to volunteer for this -- although we'd love to have you join us!

For the April 3rd election we are focusing the Election Observation Program in three areas:

1. to be sure there is no disenfranchisement
2. to monitor the voter experience - including registration and showing ID
3. to track any problems that can be fixed for the fall elections

If you have questions about this volunteer opportunity contact our Voter Education Coordinator, Eileen Newcomer, at electionobservation@lwvwi.org or (608)256-0827.

Learn more about the **Election Observation Program** and sign up to volunteer here:

<https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin/employment-and-volunteer-opportunities-league>



LWV-WI, Facebook

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98 YEARS
DEFENDING
DEMOCRACY!

#lwv



MOVEMENT TO END GERRYMANDERING FLOWING SWIFTLY INTO NORTH CAROLINA

Karen Hobert Flynn
WRAL.COM
FEB 11, 2018

"...a separate three-judge panel here in North Carolina struck down the state's congressional map as a partisan

gerrymander that violates the U.S. Constitution, the first-ever such ruling impacting U.S. House districts. The U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments in Whitford in October and is likely to hear the North Carolina cases, Common Cause v. Rucho and League of Women Voters of North Carolina v. Rucho, later this year."



WRAL.COM



Daniel White, Daily Herald

'BIRTHDAY BOXES' ENCOURAGE NAPERVILLE 18-YEAR-OLDS TO VOTE

Marie Wilson
Daily Herald
JAN 17, 2018

"League members gathered Wednesday to prepare Birthday Boxes for students in government classes...The boxes contain nonpartisan information about

registering to vote, searching for reliable information about candidates, voting by mail while in college, forming opinions in a democracy and why voting is important. Along with the handouts, each box contains pencils, mints and Tootsie Rolls in patriotic wrappers, a business card for the League of Women Voters' VOTE411 website, and a letter from a fellow voter."

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