



# League of Women Voters of the Ripon Area

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## President's message:

The annual meeting is coming up on Sat May 14 at 11 AM. Place, speaker and food TBD. Please put this on your calendar.

Nominating committee report as follows:

Treasurer- Rich Diemer  
Director-Gary Wetzel  
Director-Ellen Sorenson  
Director-Lelani Sanchez  
2nd vice president- Cindy Ebert (one year term)

This was a busy and educational year with our local poverty study. Cindy Diemer as head of the study did lots of work, especially on the school part. She got good advice from Liz Ringstad on the way to organize a study. We got amazing help from Linda Holloway on information, organization and ideas. Judy Harris managed to fit in research on areas west of Ripon before being gone during the winter. It was good doing this personal research and learning more like leagues did in the past. We plan on more year.

Cindy Ebert will be moderating our April 14 meeting at Prairie Lakes Church, 315 Eureka at 6:30 PM looking at decisions made on the national study. See her message.

Because we have so many people who leave us in the winter I think we should think about other ways to organize our meetings, eg. more in the summer and skip some winter. We do not have to decide now, but I would like ideas.

Jean Johnson

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## Local Poverty Study Meeting, 3/10/16 Our Conversation Continues

Poverty Study committee members Jean Johnson and Linda Holloway presented detailed information focused on economic development and growth from a 3 county area perspective, as well as Wisconsin state and national statistical information and projections. This conversation also included information of a personal nature for those seeking employment and economic stability.

Living wage calculations of the Tri County area (Fond du Lac, Green Lake, and Waushara counties) were shared as well as a listing of the projected top 10 job occupational categories, only one of which has strong earning potential. This information was found in the Tri County Regional Economic Development Corporation 2015 Annual meeting booklet and was shared by the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development.

Statistical information supplied by the US Department of Labor was used to confirm the living wage calculator for the 3 counties in our study.

Many ideas were shared by the 12-15 participants, one of which was the need to continue to also gather anecdotal information from area recipients and providers of services for those in poverty.

Cindy Diemer, Poverty Study Chair

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## Voter Service Committee

On March 22nd. We held a voter forum for candidates for the Ripon City Council 3rd District. Ald. Annette Klein and challenger Aaron Becker participated and answer questions for about an hour. We would like to thank league members Betty and Todd Berens , Sandy Scamehorn and Cindy Ebert for their help to make this happen.

Gary Wetzel and Art Baseler

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## Attention to All regarding the April 14th League Meeting

**The location of the meeting has changed due to all of the destruction and construction at Ripon High School**

**Meeting location: the Prairie Lakes UU Fellowship - 315 Eureka St. in Ripon**

**Time: 6:30**

**Topic: LWV State update on Urban Policy and National Programs for Study**

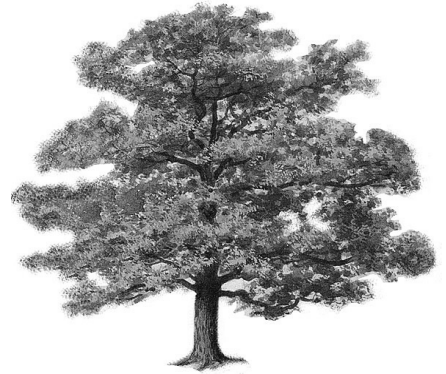
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## *LWV RECRUITMENT IS ONGOING...*

Who do you know?

Who do you think would enjoy & benefit from our studies and activities?

Please invite them to an upcoming meeting and we'll share what's really great about the League of Women Voters of the Ripon Area. Upcoming meetings are scheduled for 4/14, 5/14 (Annual Meeting) and soon to be determined June picnic.



- > Who else has been actively studying Ground & Surface Water?
- > Who else has been actively studying Poverty in our 3 County area, sharing results of our study and relevant speakers with the public?
- > Who else provides unbiased Voter Forums in contested elections?

Please contact me if you have questions, new member ideas, or creative suggestions for membership recruitment.

Join our Membership Committee as we invite area residents, young and old, men and women, former or potential new member, to learn about our organization founded in 1920 by Carrie Chapman Catt, a suffragette born in Ripon Wisconsin.

Cindy Diemer, Membership Chair

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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.

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