



# League of Women Voters of the Ripon Area

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## From the President's Desk

Dear Ripon Area Leaguers and Friends,

We ring in the New Year with TWO meetings this month. And they should both interest you. Jean Johnson coordinated a presentation with three experts on navigating coverage through the Affordable Care Act. Gary Wetzel, who also originally requested the topic, is helping to distribute information about this event.

And yours truly has invited a tenacious LWV member from Indiana who makes a fabulous presentation on above-ground chemical storage tanks. Both these events provide excellent guest speakers. Please join us for this two-day LWV extravaganza!

Read on for details.

Yours in League,  
*Pam*

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New members are welcome!

*Calendar Updates*

**January 2015**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8 <b>6 PM, Ripon Library: LWVRA Board Meeting</b>	9	10
11	12	13	14 <b>6:30 PM, Rm. 167, Ripon High School: Navigating Healthcare Coverage in Wisconsin</b>	15 <b>7 PM, Ripon City Hall: Above-Ground Storage Tanks</b>	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 <b>LWVRA bulletin deadline</b>	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	<i>Mark your calendars for our Lively Issues meeting on February 5! And the Spring Primary is the 17<sup>th</sup>!</i>

## Regional league news

Good news. If you are interested in or just curious about the affordable care act: what it is, how it works, and how you personally can use it, the League of Women Voters of the Ripon Area is having an informational meeting on Wed, January 14 at 6:30 PM, Room 167, at Ripon High School, 850 Tiger Drive.

The three speakers have given talks on this subject around this region of the state. They are from the Wisconsin association of free and charitable clinics and are from the

group for this region. Besides a brief informational PowerPoint discussion there will be a panel-roundtable discussion so we may discuss myths and facts about health care reform. The speakers are Jessica Osenbrugge, the regional enrollment coordinator Moraine Lakes Consortium, Ken Maciolek, who provides in person assistance with [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov), and June Johnson, an insurance specialist with My Choice Insurance in Appleton.

*(A flyer is attached to the last bulletin page.)*

*– Jean Johnson*

## Coordinated with the LWV Lake Michigan Region

According to League of Women Voters (LWV) Indiana Natural Resources Chair Jeanette Neagu, Wisconsin is among the majority of states in the U.S. that do not have mandatory inspection programs for above ground chemical storage tanks. She discovered this and more as she delved into the topic in response to last year's disastrous chemical spill into West Virginia's Elk River that left 300,000 residents without drinking water.

She interviewed officials across the country to determine which states regulate these tanks. She found only five. That number includes West Virginia, which adopted regulations following the January 2014 Elk River spill.

The LWV of the Ripon Area is partnering with the LWV Lake Michigan Region to host a talk by Neagu addressing above ground storage tanks at 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 15, in the Council Chambers of Ripon City Hall, 100 Jackson Street.

An environmental advocate for sixty years, Neagu served as president of Save the Dunes and remained on their board for many years. She currently serves on the board of directors of the League of Women Voters Lake Michigan Region and is a retired social worker with a degree from the University of Chicago. Married and a mother of three children, she lives in Michigan City, Indiana.

## Local Election Observer report

Last November, I observed in Oshkosh at four locations and for a while at the Town of Alto.

The Oshkosh locations were quite busy during the times I observed. Although busy, the poll workers did a good job and I was pleased to see that they made great effort to help people get registered.

There was some confusion for those registering about the need for photo ID vs. those already registered and just needing to vote.

One of the locations was at Ablee Hall at University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. They had nine people who were helping people register and the line stayed at about 90 feet

for three to four hours.

The poll workers thought that the turnout was approaching presidential levels (the workers weren't even able to take breaks until late afternoon).

I suggested to the league that they advocate that the colleges strongly suggest a month to a month and a half that students

use the GAB website to fill out as much of the registration form as possible in advance to speed the process along.

I did see two other observers. One was from the Wisconsin Democratic Party and the other was an onsite observer for the League. No one challenged any voters.

– Art Baseler

## League of Women Voters of the Ripon Area

### Presents

# Need health coverage?

**Join us** for this exciting event to learn more about the Health Insurance Marketplace. Insurance enrollment assistance will be offered!

The Health Insurance Marketplace is a way to find coverage that fits your budget and meets your needs. Whether you're uninsured, or just want to explore your choices, the Marketplace will help find coverage that's right for you.

**Date:** January 14, 2015

**Time:** 6:30p.m.

**Location:** Ripon High School, 850 Tiger Drive,  
Ripon, WI 54971

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