



Bulletin

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President's Message

Kathy Johnson

Remember to vote in the spring election April 6th! *Candidates' Answers*, with information on the candidates running this spring, will be available as an insert in *Isthmus* on newsstands on March 25th. The information will also be on our Web site (<http://www.lwvdanecounty.org>). In the meantime, our site also has a list of candidate forums and a link to Madison City Channel 12, which broadcasts and streams our *Know Your Candidates* interviews.

We will be hosting our last public forum of the year on Wednesday, April 7th at 7 pm. See the information below. We also invite you all to attend the annual meeting of the League of Women Voters of Dane County on Wednesday, May 5th, at the Doubletree Hotel on West Johnson Street. We will start with a social hour at 5 pm, business meeting at 5:30, dinner, and then our program. We hope many of you will be with us for this final event of our program year where we will also celebrate our 90th year as a League of Women Voters and 90 years of women's suffrage.

I have enjoyed this year of being president again and hope many of you might have this opportunity in the future.

Public Forum
April 7, 2010, 7 PM

**Too Many Dane County Minorities
Incarcerated:
What Can We Do?**

Celia Jackson,
Co-chair, Dane County Task Force on Racial Disparities
in the Criminal Justice System

John Bauman,
Administrator, Dane County Juvenile Court

The Capitol Lakes Grand Hall
333 West Main St. in Downtown Madison
(Free parking in the ramp across the street)

Recent Board Highlights

Approved minutes of Board meetings are available on the League Web site at www.lwvdanecounty.org/content/lwvdc-board.

Treasurer – Pat Levin reviewed the proposed budget for next year, which will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Web Site / Bulletin – The Web site got 900 “hits” on Primary election day. *Candidates’ Answers* for the Spring General Election will be published online as well as in *Isthmus*.

Fundraising – Fred Wade applied for an Evjue Grant to help defray the cost of publishing *Candidates’ Answers*. Fundraising efforts this year have raised less than in past years.

Program – Carol Dutton reviewed the list of topics assembled by the program committee for next year. Because one or more of our forums next year may need to deal with a state or national issue, the Board decided to have the membership rank their interest in each topic. The outcome will guide any decisions that may need to be made once the year is underway.

Voters’ Service – Priscilla Thain has received more requests for the League to moderate forums for the spring election. The schedule of forums is on our Web site.

President Kathy Johnson attended an organizing meeting for CRANES, which hopes to organize about 30 environmental groups in Dane County. Depending on the final form of CRANES policies, this is a group the League may wish to partner with and support.

Johnson will also be hosting a focus group on behalf of Dane County United, an umbrella organization of faith groups, to determine what issues will be priorities for taking action in the coming year.

New Business: The Board voted to donate \$100 to WYOU in recognition of their service to LWVDC. WYOU provides the equipment and training for the League to video record and broadcast its events.

The Board voted to recognize special donors. Look for an announcement at the Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting to Celebrate League History

This year's annual meeting will celebrate the Dane County League's history. We are planning to have oral reminiscences and singing. If you know of interesting or significant League events that occurred over the past 90 years, please contact Gloria Meyer (288-8160 or gkmeyer68@gmail.com) or Carol Dutton (467-2007).

Our Condolences

We would like to express our sympathy to **Fran Bicknell** on the recent death of her daughter, Shari Miles, and to **Pam Rewey** on the recent deaths of her mother and grandmother.

Grateful to Our Donors

The League of Women Voters of Dane County depends on contributions from its members, former members, and members of the public who value the work we do “encouraging informed and active participation in government.” We gratefully acknowledge the following contributors.

Member contributor from the 2010 Lively Issues Luncheon:

Jesse Kehres

Member Contributors responding to the annual Valentine-Birthday appeal:

Diane Adams	Renee Miller Knight
Mary Anglim	Dr. Margaret Lacy
Marian Ashman	Elizabeth W. Lewis
Janice Baldwin	Clare McArdle
Mary Bean	Marie McCabe
Cynthia Benevenga	Gloria Meyer
Fran Bicknell	Robert Muller
Judith Bowser	Ann Nelson
Sally Carpenter	Beth Ross
Laura Chern	Dolly Schoenberg
Joann Elder	Arlene Silveira
Jean Freese	Suzanne Smith
Arneita Halle	Keith R. Symon
Mary Ann Halvorson	Priscilla Thain
Shirley Inhorn	Marilyn Townsend
Nancy Jensen	Tom and Sandy Vandervest
Kathy and Doug Johnson	Yvonne Vitense
Jesse Kehres	Fred Wade

It's not too late to send in a contribution in honor of the League's 90th birthday.

Five Special Registration Deputies Recently Retrained

Five of our members took the recent training to remain Special Registration Deputies in March. **Carol Kiemel, Barbara Mortensen, Claire Rider, Brook Soltvedt, and Priscilla Thain** can register voters who reside anywhere in Wisconsin. If you have not been certified since December 31, 2009, and would like to take the training, please contact Priscilla Thain priscillathain@gmail.com.

2010 Brat Fest!

Fred Wade, fred.wade@mtownlaw.com

It is time to sign up for the 2010 Memorial Day Weekend Brat Fest! **League members, friends, and family should sign up directly on the Brat Fest Web site by April 1** to volunteer for a shift or shifts on Friday, May 28, 5 pm–9 pm, Saturday, May 29, and Sunday, May 30, 10 am–9 pm, and Monday, May 31, 10 am–6 pm.

First go to <http://volunteer.bratfest.com>. Enter the username **LWVDC** and the password **bratfest**, then click **Log in**. Illustrated instructions for using the Brat Fest site are posted on the League Web site. Look for the link on the League home page.

On April 1, Brat Fest will allow other groups to select available shifts. Thank you in advance for helping to make this a successful fundraiser. Questions? Contact me or Nicole Hall at Nicole.H@ShopMetcalfes.com or (608) 236-2041.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- **April 6** – Spring General Election
- **April 7** – Public forum (**Too Many Dane County Minorities Incarcerated: What Can We Do?**)
- **April 13** – LWVDC Board Meeting
- **May 5** – LWVDC Annual Meeting
- **May 11** – LWVDC Board Meeting

March 2010 Unit Locations

League members meet monthly in one of five units to discuss the topic of that month's General Meeting, using study materials provided by the program planners. The discussion concludes with recommendations for further study or action. Units meet regularly at different times and locations. Find a convenient meeting and participate! Please let the host know that you plan to attend.

MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2010

Middleton, 7:15 PM

Middleton EMS Building, 2020 Parmenter St.
Use the side door by the ambulance bay.
Discussion Leader: Mary Fulton, 836-0070
Unit Leader: Diane de Vos, 836-0070, djdevos@chorus.net

TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2010

Tuesday Afternoon, 12:45 PM

Helen DeBardleben, 238-2357
6209 Mineral Pt. Rd, # 620
Unit Leaders: Jean Freese, 230-3540; giggi@chorus.net. Elizabeth Lewis, 230-3101; bettyfaylewis@gmail.com

Tuesday Evening West, 7:30 PM

Barbara Mortensen, 233-7563; morten21@att.net
Unit Leader: Cristel Gjerde, 833-7638; crisgjerde@charter.net

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2010

Northeastside, 3:30 PM

Lakeview Public Library
2845 N. Sherman Ave.
Unit Leaders: Dorothy Wheeler, 244-4711; dorothywheeler@charter.net
Mary Bean, 222-5783; marybean@charter.net

Downtown Dinner, 5:30 PM

Capitol Lakes Retirement Center Restaurant, "The Seasons," 333 Main St.
Unit Leaders: Sally Phelps, 251-4834, phelpssa@charter.net and Priscilla Thain, 233-5578, priscillathain@gmail.com
Please RSVP, as reservations are required!