



Bulletin

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President’s Message

Earnestine Moss

The League’s 2010 program year was kicked off with much excitement – an open house with locally prepared food and Kathy Kuntz’s engaging presentation on “Behaving Sustainably: Enabling You to Do Your Part.” We thank the Northeastside Unit for their open house contributions.

In October we start by supporting our state League’s Lively Issues Briefing on October 2. On October 6 we gather for our public forum on campaign finance reform, featuring a presentation by Jay Heck, Executive Director of Common Cause in Wisconsin. As we approach the 2010 Fall general elections on November 2, clean government continues to be a major concern for League members, and once again the program committee has invited an expert in the field to provide us with recent perspectives on campaign finance reform. Also in preparation for the general elections, mark your calendars for two Global Affairs candidate forums that we have been invited to co-sponsor: October 10, for the U.S. Senate seat, and October 17, for the 2nd Congressional District seat – both forums will occur in Grainger Hall on the UW-Madison campus. We hope that you will help to publicize and support these events. We encourage you to come out, listen, join in the conversation and share your thoughts and ideas on these matters. Are you satisfied with how today’s campaigns are being run – local, state and/or national? Do you think the current methods encourage the best among us to seek office?

In other outreach activity, LWVDC will soon be partnering with the Urban League to Get Out The Vote. We invite you to consider chairing the LWVDC Outreach committee -- just contact me or the office.

Fall Election Day is November 2, 2010. Please Vote!

Thank you to those of you who have renewed your membership in LWVDC. You are a critical part of the League and we appreciate you. Membership is the life-blood of this organization. We also are pleased to report that Donna Norton has offered to be Program Coordinator!

Join us!

Executive Committee:

- President – Earnestine Moss
- Pres-Elect – Donna Norton
- Secretary – Barbara Mortensen
- Treasurer – Kathy Johnson

Office Administrator – Sara Markham

Bulletin Editor – Brook Soltvedt

October Issues Forum

Wednesday, October 6, 2010
7:00 PM

Campaign Finance Reform
Jay Heck, Executive Director
Common Cause in Wisconsin

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

September Board Highlights

Membership—LWVDC was not chosen for training as part of the Membership Recruitment Initiative this year.

Fundraising—**Gail Bliss** is applying, through a competitive program offered by the UW Association of Fundraising Professionals, for assistance from UW students with fundraising to support *Candidates' Answers*. She is also seeking League members or friends who are employees of larger companies that have matching or grant programs for non-profits in the community. [See Gail's piece in the next column, "Where Do Your Work?"]

President's Report—**Earnestine Moss** plans to attend the Wisconsin Association of Student Councils Leadership Conference in October.

Old Business—There is no imminent need to vacate our office space. If space as good or better than what we now have becomes available at a comparable price, the Board will pursue it.

Voter Service

Thanks to **Helen Horn**, who moderated a candidate forum for the Assembly District 77 seat September 9th.

The League needs registrars at the Capitol Square on October 2 and 9. Please call **Priscilla Thain** at 233-5578 to volunteer to help. If you'd like to help in Monona, contact **Mary Bean** at 222-5783 or marybean@charter.net. **Gloria Meyer** is organizing voter registration at the St. Vincent De Paul food pantry on Fish Hatchery Road. Please contact her at gkmeyer68@gmail.com or 288-8160 if you are interested in helping.

Special Registration Deputies should be using the June 2010 update of the 2008 Wisconsin Voter Registration Application Form GAB 131 (in English), which is available on the Government Accountability Web site <http://gab.wi.gov> under **Forms**. The Spanish and Hmong forms from 2008 are still current.

Candidates' Answers for the fall general election will be printed in *Isthmus* on October 21 and will be available on the Web as soon as all responses are available via the Vote411.org Web site.

In Memoriam

Many Leaguers will remember the wit and kind presence of fifty-year member **Louise Fisher**. She was actively involved in fundraising for LWVDC for many years.

Global Affairs Forum

LWVDC has once again agreed to cosponsor (with an alliance of nonpartisan groups) a Global Affairs Forum for the candidates in the 2nd **Congressional District** race (October 10). This year, **US Senate** candidates have been invited to participate in a similar forum (October 17). Participation by the candidates has not yet been confirmed, but the forums will be held in room 2080, Grainger Hall, 975 University Avenue in Madison if the candidates accept. Check our Web site for updates!

If you are willing to staff an information table for LWVDC at one or both of these events, please contact Priscilla Thain at 233-5578 or leave a message at the League office 232-9447.

Where Do You Work?

The fundraising committee is looking for people who work for companies that have grant programs or matching funds. Several banks and utilities have programs, as do Kraft foods, REI, Starbucks and others. We are not going to ask you to join the committee, but we would like to talk to you. Please contact Gail Bliss, gail3511@gmail.com, or 608.231.3511.

Thank You

*Deborah Speckmann, 442-9144;
daspeckmann@charter.net*

Thank you for being a member of the Dane County League of Women Voters. When you made the decision to join this organization, those whose rights we try to protect were indeed fortunate. Why? Because you bring unique qualities, which, when combined with the attributes of others, make this county, state, and country a more ethical, humane, equal, and civil place for all to live.

These are the faces of membership. This is what membership does. Last month an appeal was made to renew your membership if you had not done so. Thank you to those of you who heard that appeal. We are a third of the way towards 100% renewal. Not only should you be thanked, you should be commended for your commitment toward continuing the necessary work of the Dane County League of Women Voters. Just a reminder to complete your *Interest Forms* so that we can get you involved in the organization's work as soon as possible.

October Unit Locations

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2010

MIDDLETON, 7 PM

Pat Levin; 836-1176; smlevin@tds.net
Community Room, Gardd Parc Condos
6767 Frank Lloyd Wright Dr.

Park behind building; walk through courtyard to lobby; Ring buzzer to # 221 if inside door is not open

Unit Leader:

Diane de Vos, 836-0070; djdevos@chorus.net

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2010

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 12:45 pm

Oakwood Village Retirement Community
6205 Mineral Point Rd.

For exact location, please contact:

Unit Leaders:

Jean Freese, 230-3540; jfreese7@gmail.com

Elizabeth Lewis, 230-3101; bettyfay1916@gmail.com

TUESDAY EVENING WEST, 7:30 pm

For exact location, please contact:

Unit Leader:

Gloria Meyer, 288-8160; gkmeyer68@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2010

NORTHEASTSIDE, 3:30 pm

Lakeview Public Library, 2845 N. Sherman Ave.

Unit Leaders:

Mary Bean, 222-5783; marybean@charter.net

Dorothy Wheeler, 244-4711; dorothywheeler@charter.net

DOWNTOWN DINNER, 5:30 pm

Capitol Lakes Retirement Center Restaurant

"The Seasons" -- 333 W. Main St.

(Free parking across the street)

Unit Leaders:

Sally Phelps, 251-4834; phelpssa@charter.net

Priscilla Thain, 233-5578; priscillathain@gmail.com

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- **October 2** – LWVWI Issues Briefing
- **October 6** – Issues Forum: *Campaign Finance Reform* with Jay Heck, Executive Director of Common Cause in Wisconsin.
- **October 10** – Deadline for *Bulletin* and study materials
- **October 10** – Global Affairs Forum, US Senate candidates, Grainger Hall, 975 University Avenue, Madison
- **October 11** – LWVDC Board Meeting
- **October 17** – Global Affairs Forum, 2nd Congressional District candidates, Grainger Hall, 975 University Avenue, Madison
- **November 2** – Election Day 
- **November 3** – Issues forum on the impact of changing demographics on human services and education in Dane County, speakers to be determined.
- **November 8** – LWVDC Board Meeting
- **November 10** – *Bulletin* deadline
- **January 10** – Deadline for *Bulletin* and study materials
- **January 10** – LWVDC Board Meeting
- **January 15** – Lively Issues Luncheon (tentative)
- **February 2** – Issues Forum (TBA)
- **February 14** – LWVDC Board Meeting
- **February 10** – Deadline for *Bulletin* and study materials
- **March 2** – Issues Forum (TBA)
- **March 14** – LWVDC Board Meeting
- **March 10** – Deadline for *Bulletin* and study materials
- **April 6** – Forum (TBA)
- **April 10** – Deadline for *Bulletin*
- **April 11** – LWVDC Board Meeting
- **May 4** – LWVDC Annual Meeting (tentative)
- **May 9** – LWVDC Board Meeting

- If there is a blue dot on your mailing label, we have not yet received your membership renewal.

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Yes, I want to be a part of the League of Women Voters of Dane County, Inc.

[Memberships paid by October 1, 2010 will appear in the printed copy of the 2010-2011 Member Directory.]

Name: _____ **Membership:** *[July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011]*

Member _____ \$70

Address: _____ Second Member _____ \$60

[same address, shares mailings with first member]

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____ Special Rate Member _____ \$35

[of limited income or a student]

Phone: _____ Year Joined LWV: _____ Scholarship Member _____ \$0

E-Mail: _____ **Member Contribution:** *[Check your selection]*

\$1,000 – 500 \$499 – 200 \$199 – 100

\$99 – 50 other _____

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