

La Crosse Wisconsin Voter

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THE PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

Spring is here and Legislation has sprung. You received a number of alerts regarding various issues of concern to League. Please review and take action based on your knowledge and interest. We have members at the state level who do more intensive education for legislators but it is our personal interest that makes a difference.

Spring also brings thoughts of our annual meeting and the changing of our Board of Directors. We continue to need someone for Voters Service so if you would like to coordinate that effort, please let Ellen Rosborough, Ellen Frantz or myself know. At this years annual meeting there will be a wonderful gift from Bath and Body Works for the person who has the most answers to a short game on Wisconsin Government Trivia such as what is our state bird and how many representatives do we have, etc. Some of you may remember the Governors in sequential order. Find the Blue Book online or get it from your representative and have some fun catching up on facts about Wisconsin.

Spring also means there is preparation for the annual League Convention. It is in Janesville this year, June 3-4. If you are interested in attending, please let us know as our League pays expenses for a certain number of our League members. We are allowed to send one delegate for every 15 voting members of our local league so if you would like to hang out with a group of dynamic, savvy women, let me know. More information on the convention is on our lwwwi.org website and a registration form is included with the bulletin.

See you at the annual meeting!

Kay Adams

President, League of Women Voters of the La Crosse Area

Thanks, Kay, for your all your contributions as League President, 2003 - 2005.

League of Women Voters Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be held Monday, May 23 at Ciatti's with a social hour at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by the program and business meeting. Please make a reservation no later than Wednesday, May 18 by calling the League number at 791-1191 or contacting Pam Thiel at 788-6411 or e-mail at jctpat@aol.com.



LWV of Wisconsin Fifty-Ninth Convention

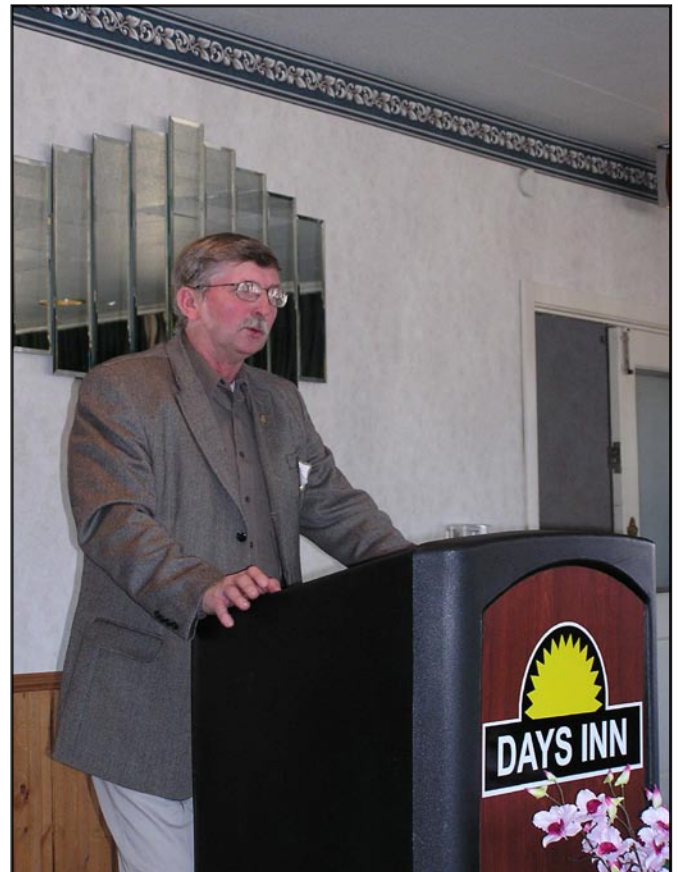
Included with this bulletin is the registration form for the State League Convention in Janesville, June 3-4. The EARLY Registration Deadline requires a post-mark of May 20. ALL Registrations must be received by May 27.

Make hotel reservations by calling Holiday Inn Express, Janesville, by May 15th. Ask for the League rate of \$79. The phone number is 608/756-3100; the website is www.hiexpress.com

League Legislative Breakfast 2005



Senator Dan Kapanke (above left), Rep. Jennifer Shilling (above right), and Rep. Lee Nerison (right) joined League members on Saturday, April 2 for the annual League Legislative Breakfast. Rep. Ron Kind did not attend, but a staff representative talked about issues of concern to Rep. Kind: greenhouse gas emissions; higher education and Pell Grants; and social security. Rep. Shilling talked about the state budget, health care; the minimum wage; and her concern about the Voter ID Bill. Senator Kapanke stressed that he is making an effort to reach out to the other side and expressed his concern about the tax load on citizens; he has not signed on yet to TABOR, but is studying it. Rep. Nerison focused on legislation and issues pertaining to agriculture, including AB145 (investment tax credit to livestock producers) and biodegradable fuels. Both Sen. Kapanke and Rep. Nerison shared their perspectives on what it is like to be newly elected to the Senate and Assembly respectively. As usual, there was a lively question session ranging from the state economy and budget to the “Conscience Clause” Bill..



League Membership

When you join the League of Women Voters of the La Crosse Area you automatically become a member of the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin and the League of Women Voters of the U.S. The local League pays a per/member assessment to each of these organizations that totals \$50. The assessments have gradually increased as the costs of maintaining offices and staff to follow legislative issues and do voter education also have increased. In response, the local League Board is proposing a dues increase from \$45 to \$50. That means our local activities are funded primarily by donations and the Oktoberfest Heritage Night Fundraiser. We deliberated try to keep dues as affordable as possible.

We are asking you to pay your dues at the Annual Meeting and if you can't attend to send them to the Treasurer:

You can mail dues to:

Dee Peacock, 2102 S. 29th St., La Crosse, WI 54601 or League of Women Voters of the La Crosse Area, P.O.Box 363, La Crosse, WI 54602-0363.

Thank you!

Nominating Committee Report, April 22, 2005

The Nominating Committee would like to present the 2005-2007 slate of officers:

2005-2007 POSITIONS

President Roxanne Reynolds
Vice-President - Open

Directors

Maureen Kinney
Betty Kruck
Catherine Kolkmeier

Nominating Committee Chair – Ellen Frantz

Note that there are no portfolios attached to these positions, though each of the directors have agreed to take on a portfolio. According to our bylaws, each Board determines the portfolios needed for the year to accomplish their goals. In addition to the elected board, there can be up to 6 appointed directors, to help with special projects, or even to take on what may be considered an elected director's portfolio.

Appointed (Volunteer) Directors

Kay Adams - Past President
Jane Klecamp
Ellen Rosborough – State Board Liaison
Jean Marck

CONTINUING BOARD MEMBERS (2004-2006 TERMS)

Secretary Sandy Sechrest
Treasurer Dee Peacock

Directors

Nancy Hill
Pam Thiel
Anita Evans

Respectfully Submitted,

Nominating Committee

Kay Adams
Ellen Frantz
Ellen Rosborough, Chair

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La Crosse County web site (information on Board of Supervisors and Committees):
<http://www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/Default.htm>

State Legislative Hotline:
(800) 362-9472

Wisconsin State Legislature (including Wisconsin Blue Book): <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>

To check on the voting record of elected officials, go to:

Project Vote Smart
<http://www.vote-smart.org/>

League of Women Voters
DemocracyNet: <http://www.DNet.org/>



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