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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BELOIT

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Hello League Members,

Excuse this formatting for the June Newsletter. The new board has not met yet to plan the summer and year; however there are many events coming up quickly that we want you all to know about:

100 years of the 19th Amendment

On June 10, 1919, Wisconsin became the first state to ratify the 19th amendment. There are several events across the state celebrating this event-- why not choose to go to one and join the celebration. Call someone and ask them if they want to go with you, who can drive etc. Here are a few to choose from:

*Monday, June 3, 7:00 PM. City Hall Forum, Beloit:

The City of Beloit will be acknowledging the **100th anniversary of the state of Wisconsin ratifying the 19th Amendment** giving women the right to vote at 7:00 PM, on June 3. Lori Stottler, City Clerk, has requested that the League come to the ceremony, which will be held at the beginning of the City Council meeting. We hope that many of our members will be able to attend.

* **At noon on June 10th**, join the Wisconsin Historical Society at the State Capitol for a 100-year anniversary celebration of Wisconsin being the first state to ratify the 19th amendment, giving women the right to vote. See the original 19th amendment document (1 day only Noon to 10pm), hear from speakers and much more. The event is free and open to the public.

* **A March to Honor 100 years Votes For Women** and to celebrate a Century of Progress. **Monday June 10** in Janesville. A fun and educational history lesson for the whole family. Gather at the Town Square in Janesville at 4pm for poster making. At 5pm join in the walk to JPAC for a Living-History Show at 6pm , celebrating the progress of women in Janesville and the nation.



* Join the LWV's Wisconsin and Dane County on **Sunday June 23 at Noon** at the Forward statue on the Capitol Square (State St. corner) Madison for a short program, followed by marching in song around Capital Square. Participants can make a suffrage sash, enjoy free frozen vanilla custard and view the Wisconsin Historical Society exhibit, **The Woman's Hour Has Struck, Wisconsin: The First State to Ratify the 19th Amendment** on display in the Capitol Rotunda.

League of Women Voters of WI Centennial

information: https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin/lwv-centennial-celebration-events

OTHER INFORMATION

Saturday, June 8, Green Lake LWVWI Annual Conference

Pat Zody and Betsy Brewer will be representing the Beloit League. They will also be receiving the Membership and Leadership Development Award for the Beloit League. Beloit has once again received this award (\$175) this time with the Appleton League, as well. We thank Deb Fallon, Membership Chair for all of her meticulous event data collection for submission for this award, with Susan Adams assistance. It does matter if you attend our events!!

Saturday, June 22, 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Telfer Park, Beloit Juneteenth Day

The League of Women Voters of Beloit will be assisting citizens to register to vote at the Juneteenth Day, hosted by the Rock County YWCA, celebrating the annual observance to remember when Union soldiers enforced the Emancipation Proclamation and freed all remaining slaves in Texas on **June 19, 1865**. This day is an opportunity for people to celebrate freedom and equal rights in the United States. If you are able to assist with this activity at Telfer Park, Beloit, that would be great! Please contact Pat Zody, at <u>zody@rocketmail.com</u>

ANNUAL MEETING HELD APRIL 27

The League of Women Voters of Beloit held its Annual Meeting on April 27th (yes, the day of the last blizzard)!! However, inside the Beloit Historical Society event room, there was warmth and learning going on. Dorothy Harrell, President of the NAACP and League member, and Ruth Kolpack, President of Justice Overcoming Borders (JOB), gave a presentation titled *"Owning the Problem."*

Participants learned about the WI data on prisons and the imbalance of people of color behind bars. The prison system needs many changes and both the NAACP and JOB continue their leadership on this issue.

League Board members, Lynda Owens, Deb Fallon, and Dorothy Stroud retired from the former board and new board members Dave Dobson, Treasurer, and Sam Erickson,



Beloit College, have joined the 2019 board. Continuing on the board are Bette Carr, Beatrice McKenzie, Gayle Hotchkiss, Susan Adams, Stephanie Dobson, Joyce Metter, Pat Zody, and Barb Porter.

Daksha Howard, Beloit College Office for Inclusive Living and Learning Coordinator, was awarded the Making Democracy Work-Community Award for all of her work on encouraging political participation and voting in the broader Beloit community, among her student workers, and advisees, and among Beloit College Students; and Bette Carr, was awarded the Joyce Schoenfield Making Democracy Work Award for her years of leadership in the League. The Board will be working as a collaborative team in the coming year, as no president ran for office. The Board will be looking for leaders to assist with the many tasks that the League performs annually. What would you like to help with?? Let us know!!

HARVARD CASE METHOD PROJECT AWARDS

Frank Crivello (Clinton), James Hoey (BMHS), and Matt Flynn (Beloit Turner), area civics teachers were nominated by the Beloit League to receive the Harvard Case Method Project Award. They submitted essays to the League and passed phone interviews with the Harvard Team and we are happy to announce that all three have been awarded the all-expenses paid educational program at Harvard this August. To learn more about this program you can go to: <u>https://www.hbs.edu/case-method-project/Pages/default.aspx</u>

We look forward to learning more from them in the coming school year. Congratulations!!

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