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**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BELOIT**

**February-March 2018**

**THE LWV IS A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION THAT DOES A PROFESSIONAL JOB**

***Upcoming League Events:***

**February 7, 6:30 p.m. Homelessness Event**

Location: Beloit Public Library, Riverside Room

**February 10, 12:00 p.m. Susan B. Anthony Celebration**

Location: UW-Rock County, Commons

**February 13, 6:30-8:00 p.m. "Speed Friending"**

Location: Merrill Community Center

**February 15, 4:30 p.m. Evicted Book Study Continues**

Location: Bushel and Peck's, Beloit; come for lively discussion!

**February 20 Election Primary for WI Supreme Court Justice, Beloit School Board**

Locations: Central Christian Church/Beloit Historical Society

**March 14, City Council Candidate Forum, City Hall**

**March 22, Beloit School Board Candidate Forum, Kolak Ed. Center**

**April 28, Annual Meeting- more info to come**

LWV Leadership Team/Board Meetings

February 21<sup>st</sup> , March 21<sup>st</sup> , 5:00 p.m. Atonement Lutheran Church

**BELOIT LWV BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*Susan Adams, Bette Carr, Stephanie Dobson, Deb Fallon, Effie Garrett,  
Gayle Hotchkiss, Alice Lamont, Beatrice McKenzie, Joyce Metter,  
Dalynda Owens, Joyce Schoenfield, Dorothy Stroud*

**Community Events from other Rock County organizations:**

**February 6<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.** The documentary “13<sup>th</sup>”, Beloit Public Library  
Sponsored by: JOB (Justice Overcoming Borders) , NAACP, Courageous Conversations, YWCA, Diversity Action Team, and the African American Liaison Advisory Committee  
<https://www.netflix.com/title/80091741>

**February 13<sup>th</sup> 7:30-9:00 a.m.** Primary election candidates’ forum for Beloit Public School District Board of Education, Beloit Public Library, [Rising Professionals](#)



We are extremely pleased to announce that we have a new Beloit College Intern working with us. Her name is **Parker Blunt** and she is studying anthropology and English. She is from the Stateline area and is excited to be helping the League on local projects. She will be helping on the Community Alliance Project (Diversity) and the Youth Voter Services. Please welcome Parker when you see her at events. She will also be working on our Facebook page, so “like” our page when you have time to visit it: <https://www.facebook.com/LeagueOfWomenVotersBeloit/>



**League of Women Voters of Beloit**

The League of Women Voters of Beloit subscribes to the belief that diverse perspectives and inclusiveness are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision making. The Beloit LWV affirms this belief in diversity and pluralism through its values and practices.

The Beloit LWV is, therefore, committed to reflecting the diversity of Americans in its membership, board, and programs, which means that there shall be no barriers to participation in any activity of the Beloit LWV on the basis of race, national origin, creed, age, gender, sexual orientation, economic status, political activity or disability.

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Check out our

Beloit League of Women Voters web site: [www.beloit.wi.lwvnet.org](http://www.beloit.wi.lwvnet.org)

## Homelessness Study Continues



**Homeless: How are they being served? February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 6:30 p.m.,**

### **Beloit Public Library Riverside Room**

The League of Women Voters of Beloit is in the middle of a two-year study of the issues of the Homeless in the Beloit area. To educate its members and interested members of the community, the League will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, February 7, from 6:30p-8p at the Beloit Public Library. Entitled, "Homeless: How are they being served?" a panel of local agencies who provide services for the homeless in the Beloit area will discuss what their agencies can provide and what they see as needed in the area. To include the various organizations, there will be additional meetings later this spring. The public is encouraged to attend to learn more about the homeless issue and participate in this community discussion on homelessness, who is affected, what services are available and to explore the different causes and possible solutions. Panel members for this meeting include representatives from Sparrows Nest, 16:49 and Family Promise. Meeting participants are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item or toiletry to the meeting and donations will be given to a local agency serving the homeless.

**We encourage those that attend to bring non-perishable food items for area resource facilities.**



## Book Study February 15, 2018, 4:30 p.m. Bushel and Peck's, Downtown Beloit

The homelessness study continues on with the book study on *Evicted*. Anyone is invited to participate in the book study, even if you have not had the opportunity to read the book. The second meeting will continue on. The book takes place in Milwaukee and shows how the lives of many people are upended when threats of eviction are made or carried through.

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## Longtime League Member Helen Forbeck Passes Away

Former longtime League member and community activist, Helen Forbeck passed away on January 14, 2018. She was a past president of the League. She went on to be the first female Beloit City Council President and worked for US Congressman Les Aspin. Although she recently was more active with all of her grandchildren and children than politics, she never hesitated to speak her political conscience. She will be greatly missed.



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## Susan B. Anthony Celebration February 10

Thank you to our very generous members who volunteered to pay for student tickets to be used by Beloit Memorial and Clinton High School students!



## Lively Issues---“Lively for 2018”

Last year at Lively Issues many members recommended studying Homelessness, as it covered such issues as poverty, education, housing, jobs, mental health and many others. The board and homelessness study committee has committed this study for league for two years, this being year one.

Since this local issue is a very large project the LWV of Beloit Board has decided that rather than have members suggest new ideas for study that time would be better spent reviewing several of our current positions that have been under review over the past year. Although there were few members present, it was a very productive meeting. The updates on the positions below will be readied for distribution before the annual meeting. Recommendations for any final changes to any of the positions will come to the membership at the annual meeting in April.

Local positions under review during 2017:

**City Government:**

Community Development

Library Resources

City Government

City Budget and Priority Setting Process

**Education:**

Interracial/Multicultural Relations

English Language Learner (ELL) Programming

Vocational, Technical, and Adult Education (Blackhawk Technical College)



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## Youth Voter Registration Project

Once again, the Beloit League has been successful at receiving a national league grant to help cover costs in assisting in registering youth voters. Since we are no longer able to “register” voters for the city clerk, we will now be looking at other methods to assist youth voters to register themselves to vote. The Beloit League plans on visiting area high schools—BMHS, Beloit Alternative High School, Rock County Christian, Turner, Clinton, and Beloit College and Blackhawk Tech—Beloit Campus. We will need many people to help on this project. If you have worked on this project in the past, or if you would like to begin to be part of this very rewarding project, please contact Bette or Alice Lamont as soon as possible.

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# Diversity Action Team of Rock County Presents:

## Speed Friending! #DATfriendrequest

As part of the LWV of Beloit's objective of increasing diversity in our organization, the Beloit League will be participating in this Diversity Action Team activity. We hope that you will consider coming and will bring a snack for all to share. See you there!!!

Have you considered the diversity of your friendships? Diversity Action Team of Rock County is hosting this fun "speed friending" event in hopes to bridge the diversity gaps in our own lives. Join us for this insightful program as we get to meet each other and embrace who we are rather than fearing our differences.

Program Sponsors: Yellow Brick Road, Janesville Police Department's African American Liaison Advisory Committee, Beloit League of Women Voters, JOB (Justice Overcoming Borders), Hedberg Public Library, Janesville Police Department's Latino Liaison Advisory Committee, Community Action, Inc., Community Action's Fatherhood Program and YWCA of Rock County.

Merrill Community Center  
1428 Wisconsin Ave. - Beloit, WI  
**6:30 PM TO 8PM**

**TUESDAY**  
**FEB. 13, 2018**

For Further Information, please contact:  
Katie (608) 728-0602



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## **Prepare for the May City-wide Rummage Sale!!**

*Start saving all of those treasures for the League's Rummage Sale Fundraiser. The sale will be part of the annual city-wide rummage sale the first weekend in May—Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. The sale will be at the home of Bette Carr, 1732 Oakwood. As we get*

*closer, we will set dates for dropping items off and to ask for help the day of the event.*

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Application for LWV Dues Scholarship: I hereby request consideration for a LWV Dues Scholarship for one year's membership. I understand that it is my responsibility to pay a portion of the annual dues and that a Board member will be in contact with me regarding final completion.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_