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**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BELOIT**

**January – February 2018**

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

***Upcoming League Events:***

**January 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> 4:30 p.m. Evicted Book Study Begins**

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

**January 27<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m.-12:30 Lively Issues**

Location: Beloit Public Library, Riverview Room

This event gets a makeover this year!

**February 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. Homelessness Event**

Location: Beloit Public Library, Riverview Room

**February 10<sup>th</sup> Susan B. Anthony Celebration**

Location: U-Rock

**February 20<sup>th</sup> Election Primary for WI Supreme Court Justice, Beloit School Board**

Locations: Central Christian Church/Beloit Historical Society

**April 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting- more info to come**

LWV Leadership Team/Board Meetings

January 17<sup>th</sup>, February 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,  
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**Community Events from other Rock County organizations:**

**January 13, 3-5:00 p.m.** Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Event  
Blackhawk Technical College, no cost, all welcome  
"50 years-A dream deferred?"

**January 15<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m.** Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Breakfast, Eclipse Center  
Contact Tasha Bell, at [tbell@sdb.k12.wi.us](mailto:tbell@sdb.k12.wi.us) or at 608-361-4165 to RSVP

**January 22<sup>nd</sup> 4:30 p.m.** Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation, Beloit College,  
Eaton Chapel

**January 22<sup>nd</sup> 6-7:00 p.m.** Courageous Conversations, Merrill Center, 1428  
Wisconsin Ave., Beloit; hear from the SDB Equity Committee

**January 29<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m.** Cesar Chavez Movie, Janesville Labor Temple, 1605  
Center Ave, Janesville

No cost, all welcome

**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>



**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.

**In This Issue:**

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

## Homelessness Study Continues



**Book Study January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 4:30 p.m. Bushel and Peck's, Downtown Beloit**  
*(Original start date of January 11<sup>th</sup> was canceled due to inclement weather)*

The homelessness study continues on with the book study on *Evicted* starting January 25<sup>th</sup>. Anyone is invited to participate in the book study, even if you have not had the opportunity to read the book. The first meeting will include a review of "About this Project", at the back of the book, as well as Chapters 1-4. 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.

**Homelessness Discussion on Current Resources February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 6:30 p.m.,  
Beloit Public Library Riverside Room**

Speakers have been invited to be part of a discussion on current resources for homeless persons in Beloit. It is hoped that there will be discussion on what is available versus what the need may be. Come ready to talk about what Beloit citizens are doing to provide for the homeless.

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



## Lively Issues---“Lively for 2018”

**January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 10:00 a.m. Beloit Public Library, Riverside Room  
Continental breakfast provided**



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. We could use many more members on the study and those who are interested should contact Bette Carr.

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 (yikes!!!), that time would be better spent reviewing several of our current positions that have been under review over the past year. There will also be an opportunity for members to suggest the next set of positions that should be reviewed. Recommendations for any final changes to any of the positions will come to the membership at the annual meeting in April, but before then, we are hoping to get more input from members on the following positions at the Lively Issues meeting January 27<sup>th</sup>.  
Under review 2017:

### **Community Development DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED AT LIVELY ISSUES**

The LWV of Beloit supports:

- the city plan commission and the city council going out into the community to gain citizen input in the planning process.
- the encouragement of various individuals and/or community groups to provide input on the use of community development funds.
- (The LWV suggests informing the community of public hearings, informing interested groups about the process of obtaining funds, and writing letters to groups who have needs that would qualify for community development funds).

(1978 - Ladwig, Boutelle, Rentz)

### **Library Resources DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED AT LIVELY ISSUES**

The LWV of Beloit supports:

1. expansion of financial support for the Beloit Public Library from public and private sources on an equitable (fair and just) basis
  - a. city
  - b. county– Arrowhead Library System provided that services and funding are fairly allocated to all libraries
  - c. state
  - d. federal
- the library's ability to provide:
  - timely and accurate responses to requests for information

- timely access to current, high-demand materials
  - a user-friendly facility and adequately paid staff, both of sufficient size to meet community needs.
  - adherence to the principles stated in the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights, 1980 revision.
- (1995 - Beyer, Kanitz, Page, Pineles) (1990 - Page, Pineles) (1988 - revised) (1973 - Kolb, Elliott)

**- GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE AND PROCEDURES -**

**DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS IN RED**

**City Government**

The LWV of Beloit supports:

- the council/manager form of city government.
- a city manager or administrator who is hired by the city council on the basis of qualifications and experience, after publicly advertising the vacancy.
- a city council elected at large on a non-partisan ballot.
- a uniform code of ethics for elected officials, department heads, and commission members.
- a method of appointing citizens to advisory boards and commissions which is as open as possible. All pending vacancies should be published, posted, and announced at Council meetings prior to the appointment, and all names submitted for appointments should be kept and considered for future vacancies.

(2017-revision in progress): Williams, Lamont, Jacobsen are seeking others to work on the committee

(1995 - revised: Hansen, McCormick, Page, Pineles, Swannack)

(1990 - revised: Johnson, Carr, Schoenfield, Hansen, Bloedorn, Kepplinger, Page, Swannack, McCormick)

(1980 - Forbeck, Stoner)

SEE ALSO: Affirmative Action: Public Institutions in the SOCIAL POLICY SECTION

**City Budget and Priority Setting Process**

Recognizing that a properly developed budget not only reflects the activities, goals, and aspirations of an organization but is the very tool used to implement the planned accomplishments, the League of Women Voters of Beloit recommends that the City of Beloit use its budget planning process to reflect and achieve the city's goals. To this end, the League recommends a formalization of the process of long-range strategic planning for the city of Beloit through development of a mission statement, goals, and objectives. This planning process should incorporate an assessment of the city's strengths and weaknesses and an analysis of the opportunities and threats facing the city. The framework thus developed must be reflected in the annual budgets to ensure that progress will be made toward achieving the city's mission and goals. Any long-range planning must be evaluated and revised as necessary; therefore, ongoing analysis and review of actual progress is required. Strategic planning should affect all areas of city government fiscal activity.

The LWV of Beloit recommends: (An August 2017 meeting with the City Finance Director indicates no non-employee citizen committee)

- the formation of a special committee charged specifically with the responsibility of developing both long and short range goals and objectives for the city of Beloit. (Not currently in place as a citizen committee)
- Committee members should represent a broad spectrum of community interests.
- The committee should seek input from the city council, city manager, representatives from city offices and community members in developing an assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of the city of Beloit.
- A mission statement providing direction for the city of Beloit should be established on the basis of the completed assessment.
- Goals for the development of Beloit over a period of no less than ten years should be established from the mission statement and adopted by the council.

- The list of goals and objectives should be revised and updated annually by the special committee.

The LWV of Beloit recommends: (An August meeting with the City Finance Director verified these are being done by division and department heads)

- the use of long and short range goals and objectives for the city of Beloit as a basis for the development of the city budget.
- On the basis of the long-range priorities each department of city government should develop departmental goals and annual objectives subject to review and approval by the city manager.
- These departmental goals and annual objectives should justify departmental requests.
- The special committee should annually review the city budget prior to its passage to determine if spending priorities are tied directly to the goals and objectives of the city.
- justification of budgeted expenditures by evaluation of services provided rather than total dollars spent or saved.
- quarterly review by the administration of actual expenditures in comparison to the adopted budget to be publicly discussed during a regular council meeting. (could this be omitted?)
- quarterly public review of the General Fund balance to determine its adequacy. (could this be eliminated?)
- prompt response to the recommendations of authorized or commissioned studies by including in each study a timetable for prompt public review of its recommendations and ongoing assessment of implementation.

The LWV of Beloit endorses: (The current LWV revisions committee could not agree on whether the following were taking place)

- the Capital Improvements Program format and process of development as initiated in 1986 with the inclusion of the following recommendations:
- inclusion of the full five-year capital program of estimated expenditures so that long-range needs can be examined and appropriate fiscal policies developed.
- inclusion in the Capital Improvements Program budget report of the balance remaining from prior years' appropriations.
- annual review of the proposed Capital Improvements Program budget by a citizens' committee, such as the City Planning Commission.
- approval of the Capital Improvements Program prior to development of the operating budget so that administrative and operating costs implementing the capital improvements can be budgeted and so that the Capital Improvement Program sums can be incorporated into the operating budget for a comprehensive understanding of total expenditures during the coming year.
- incorporating criteria into the point rating system which provides justification of proposed expenditures on the basis of the city's goals and objectives.

The LWV of Beloit supports:

- efforts to encourage input from citizens in the budget development process by such actions as:
- timely publication and public distribution of the budget preparation schedules for the operating budget and the Capital Improvements Program.
- development of a mailing list of citizen groups who would receive the operating budget and Capital Improvement Program preparation schedules, a summary list of proposed expenditures, and a clear explanation of how citizens can provide input into the budget development process. These documents should be available to any citizen who requests them.
- scheduling the operating budget hearing no later than the first two weeks of November (TOO LATE) and early presentation of the budget to the council so there is adequate time for public review prior to adoption.

#### DEFINITIONS:

Mission Statement: broad philosophical sentence i.e., "provide the best service at the least cost to the customer"

Goals: narrower statement i.e., "ensure that service staff is well trained"

Objectives: measurable i.e., "each staff member will have a minimum of 60 hours of training per year" and/or "staff members who are not certified will obtain the appropriate license within 6 months of their date of hire"

(2017-18) Jacobsen, Lamont, Williams seeking additional members to this revisions committee

(1986 - Bloedorn, Hansen, Metter, Pineles, Schoenfield, Williams)

### **Education:**

#### **Interracial/Multicultural Relations DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED AT LIVELY ISSUES**

The LWV of Beloit supports:

- continued emphasis on employing a diverse staff.
- continued emphasis on improved interracial/multicultural relations, through:
  - a planned, structured program for staff development, which emphasizes problems regarding interracial/multicultural relationships as well as general concepts regarding positive self-image.
  - evaluation of staff development workshops and programs on interracial/multicultural relations by those who plan, conduct, and attend the programs and by any advisory committees on human relations. These evaluations should be used in planning future workshops.
  - a full-time position of human relations director who deals with interracial/multicultural relationships as a major responsibility and has the financial and moral support of the administration.

(Although the above statements focus specifically on concerns of interracial relationships, the Beloit LWV supports continuing emphasis on improving human relations among all employees and students.)

(2002 - Boutelle, Henderson, Kades, Schneider)

(1982 - Driggins, Mueller, McNamee, Schoenfield, Seguin, Hotchkiss)

#### **English Language Learner (ELL) Programming DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED AT LIVELY ISSUES**

The LWV of Beloit supports emphasis given to research-based English Language Learner(ELL) programming through:

- continued attention to early childhood English language learning.
- support for students as they progress through the levels of language learning.
- provide for communication with families in their native language.
- continued family and community involvement in planning and implementation.
- continued support for after school and summer school programming.
- continued support for adult programming.
- continued efforts to secure multiple funding sources (*with the addition of a grant person.*)
- continued partnerships with other community agencies.
- continued efforts to assure cultural competence (*i.e. cultural knowledge, awareness and sensitivity, and knowing how to effectively operate in different cultural contexts*) by all school staff members.

*The school district, as of September, 2011, initiated a Spanish for Spanish Speakers class at the high school. This year (January 2013) there are two sections of one level and the district is exploring the possibility of starting a similar class at the 6<sup>th</sup> grade for native speakers of Spanish. In September 2012 the district started a dual language program in kindergarten at two elementary schools, Robinson and Hackett. The program follows the model of 50% English and 50% Spanish. About 67% of the students participating in the program are native speakers of Spanish and about 33% are native speakers of English.*

2008 - Boutelle, Christensen, Henderson, Kades, Lamont,

#### **Vocational, Technical, and Adult Education (Blackhawk Technical College) DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS IN RED**

The LWV of Beloit supports:

- improving and expanding the facilities for training in occupations needing qualified workers.
- improving and expanding the facilities for training in health occupations as needed.
- the provision for and availability of vocational **and technical** courses during evening hours so that people who have daytime jobs can gain additional training. **Flexible learning options (open lab, enroll at any time, evening hours, on-line courses).**

- providing transportation between campuses and outreach centers by Blackhawk Technical College funded shuttle or other means
- the continuation of VTAE programs in Beloit, at the Beloit Center or other sites. These programs include basic skills, English Language Learners, pre-college, nursing assistant, personal care worker and other classes as needed.
- providing guidance for students that gives them clear intake processes and pathways to reach their goals. This includes a user-friendly website and course schedules.

(2017 – revised by Dorothy Stroud, Barbara Sequin)

(1988 - revised )

(1983 - Kieffer, Pineles, Rothe, Schoenfield, Swannack, Wehrle)

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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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## Susan B. Anthony Celebration



**Saturday, February 10, 2018 •  
12:00 p.m.**

*Susan B. Anthony fought for the right to vote;  
how are voting rights in danger today?*

**Rick Daniels, Guest Speaker**  
Director of Campus Inclusion at  
Oakton Community College

Lunch and speaker in the Commons @ UW Rock County  
2909 Kellogg Ave, Janesville, WI  
Tickets: \$30.00 for adults; \$20.00 for students

**Registration deadline February 1, 2018**

To R.S.V.P. call 608-758-3351  
or send your check to

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Wesleyan University  
<http://www.wesleyan.edu/mlk/posters/suffrage.html>

## Black Women and the Suffrage Movement

This dynamic presentation features Gloria Browne-Marshall on C-Span 3, taped November 21, 2017. Please find time to review.

**Black Women and the Suffrage Movement** “Professor Gloria Browne-Marshall talked about the struggle of black women to obtain voting rights and compared this with the experiences of: white suffragists and black men. This program was part of a symposium titled “Enfranchising Equality 150 years of the 15th Amendment” hosted by the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee.”

Complete video: <https://www.c-span.org/video/?434697-3/black-women-suffrage-movement> (56 mins.)

A short clip can be found here: <https://www.c-span.org/video/?c4696031/african-americans-womens-suffrage-movement> (3-4 mins)

Thank you to member Wanda Sloan for bringing this to our attention.

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