

IN LEAGUE

*The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed, **diverse**, and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.*

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BELOIT

October 2017

THE LWV IS A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION THAT DOES A PROFESSIONAL JOB

Up-coming Events:

Beloit LWV Leadership Team / Board Meeting

Members are always invited, email Bette to let her know you are coming.

Wednesday, October 18

5:00 pm

Atonement Lutheran Church

901 Harrison Ave.

October 24th, 6:00 p.m.

Fair Voting Maps

Speakers: Tim Cullen, Dale Schultz

Collaborative event with the Janesville LWV

UW-Rock County, Allen Hall, Rm.106

October 28th

Wisconsin League of Women Voters Issues Briefing

Madison College Truax Main Campus 1701 Wright St, Madison WI 53704

Other calendar dates to save:

November 15, 5:00 p.m. Beloit LWV Leadership Team/Board

November 20, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Homelessness Study Kick-off, Beloit Public Library

December 2, LWV of Beloit 70th Birthday Celebration, Place to be announced 9:00 a.m.

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*

- Beloit LWV delves into study of HOMELESSNESS: -

*At the spring Annual Meeting, our Beloit League voted to undertake a study of homelessness. To initiate the study we're reading the bestselling and acclaimed book, **Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City** by Matthew Desmond.*

November 20th, 6:30 p.m. will be the kick-off of the LWV of Beloit's Homelessness Study at the Beloit Public Library. This study is projected to last two years, with this first year being a fact-finding, listening sessions, book-reading, and resource availability review. The book "Evicted" will be discussed as a parallel program, with the purpose of offering the author's perspective on the many factors of homelessness.

The League's study will also factor in current state and national League positions that may intersect with the study. The scope of the local study as voted on by the League in April was:

"With homelessness out of control across the country, what should the City of Beloit, Rock County or the state do to prepare for the inevitable federal budget cuts to help those already homeless or struggling not become homeless."

Please contact any of the organizing committee members to request an "Evicted" book and to join in on the study committee. Everyone is invited to attend Nov. 20th!

Organizing committee members: Deb Fallon, Gayle Hotchkiss, Lynda Owens, Effie Garrett, and Stephanie Dobson



**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

The LWV of Beloit membership dues are renewed in October

It's that time of year to stand up, be counted and be proud as a **MEMBER OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**. League members are encouraged to be as active in League activities as their time and interest allows, but it is essential that you be a dues paying member to receive the information and benefits that your membership brings from the local, state and national leagues.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

email _____

Please send this form and a check payable to **LWV of Beloit**: Deb Fallon, 1232 Elm Street, Beloit, WI 53511

Don't let this form get lost in the holiday chaos--Please **send your check no later than November 17, 2017**.

The dues categories include basic membership and additional categories which recognize that many members are passionate about the League. Therefore, they want to acknowledge the bravery and leadership provided by women who worked and suffered to achieve the rights we now often take for granted.

____ \$65 Individual Membership _____ \$98 2 person household _____ \$33 Student

____ Additional \$ to specifically support dues scholarships in the amount of \$ _____

____ \$75 Carrie Chapman Catt, LWVUS Founder, reorganized the National American Woman Suffrage Association, then after the 19th Amendment, reconstituted the group as the League of Women Voters.

____ \$100 Susan B. Anthony, Suffragette Susan B. Anthony was arrested twice just for trying to vote!

____ \$150 Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Suffragette, often credited with initiating the first organized woman's rights and suffrage movements in the U.S.

____ \$200 June Swannack, a LWV Beloit founder and a lifelong member and supporter

____ Additional support for LWV of Beloit (general fund) \$ _____

Thank you for your enthusiastic support of the Beloit League! Total enclosed
\$ _____.

LWV Dues Scholarships are available where member responsibility is to pay at least \$25.00 of the annual dues. For more information, please contact a Board member.

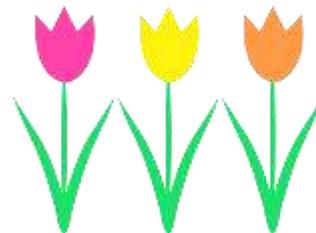
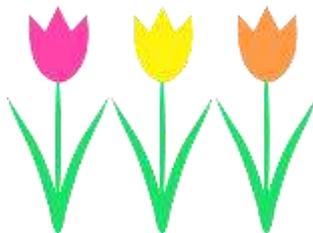
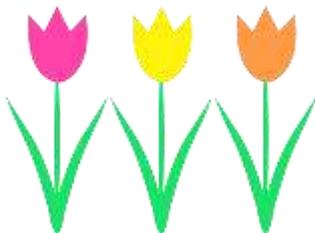
With revisions to the By-Laws of the LWV of Beloit in 2011, LWV of Beloit is recognized as a 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code where dues and contributions are charitable and can be tax deductible. Receipts for tax purposes will be provided.

Beloit LWV Farmers' Market a Success!

The League's Farmer's Market Fundraiser and Educational table was a huge success. Between baked goods, t-shirt sales, and flower bulbs the total raised for programming was approximately \$600! Thank you to everyone who helped to provide time, goods, or make purchases. We also had many community members stop by the table to learn about voting changes and important information was handed out. It was a beautiful day with a beautiful end result!



If you would still like to purchase a t-shirt for \$20, please contact Bette.





FAIR VOTING MAPS FORUM

UW-ROCK, ALLEN HALL, RM 106

October 24, 6-8:00 p.m.



On Tuesday, October 24, learn more about the process behind Wisconsin's voting map districts and why the Fair Elections Project is vital to our state's elections. The project is working with citizens in other states to bring suits against other gerrymandered maps, whether drawn by Democrats or Republicans.

Former State Senators Dale Schultz (R-Richland Center) and Tim Cullen (D-Janesville), are co-chairing the Wisconsin campaign. During this forum, Senators Schultz and Cullen will share how they became involved in this project, and the importance of drawing non-partisan voting districts.

League members are encouraged to bring a guest to this free program. All who attend will receive materials to get involved and take action.

To learn more prior to this event go to fairelectionsproject.org to read the Whitford v GM documents, campaign and related articles.

Co-sponsors: American Association of University Women, Forward Janesville, League of Women Voters Beloit and Janesville.

If you can't
attend October
24th, go
October 19th

Fair Voting Maps in Wisconsin Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 7 p.m. Council Chambers, Whitewater, WI

If you are unable to attend the event in Janesville, there will be another chance to get on the discussion by attending the Thursday, October 19, Fair Voting Maps session in Whitewater. The Whitewater League will have Tim Cullen speaking. The Fair Elections project is working with citizens in other states to bring suits against other gerrymandered maps, whether drawn by Democrats or Republicans. Former State Senators Dale Schultz (R-Richland Center) and Tim Cullen (D-Janesville) are co-chairing the Wisconsin campaign. During the meeting, Senator Tim Cullen will share how they became involved in this project and the importance of drawing non-partisan voting district. The public is invited to this program. All who attend will receive materials to get involved and take action. For information, contact: laurent70@charter.net

October 28 State Issues Briefing in Madison

Madison College Truax Main Campus 1701 Wright St, Madison WI 53704

The LWV-WI State Issues Briefing will be held in Madison, on Saturday, October 28. Topics addressed will include: current issues on immigration; an update on the WI gerrymandering lawsuit following oral arguments to the US Supreme Court; poverty in Wisconsin; diversity, and watershed and water quality in Wisconsin. You can register online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lwv-wi-issues-briefing-2017-registration-37747484743> The registration fee is \$40 (\$18 for students) and includes lunch. The league hopes that there will be members who are interested in attending. Carpooling will be available. Please let Bette know if you are interested in attending.

For more information, go to the state [2017 Issues Briefing page](#) .

Campaign Management Institute

Have you thought about running for a government office—school board, city council, county board or other offices? This may be the program that you are looking for to help learn about government, how to run a successful campaign, and winning campaign strategies. These sessions, starting Nov. 1, are being offered by Forward Janesville and the Janesville League of Women Voters. Cost is \$50. For more information, please go to:

<http://www.forwardjanesville.com/what-we-do/government-relations/campaign-management-institute>



JOB OPENINGS

Website Manager

- Do you have your own website and love the intricacies of websites?
- Do you love keeping up on timely information?
- Do you have time to commit to keeping up the League of Women Voters of Beloit website?

If interested in this volunteer job, please contact Bette at bclwv2010@gmail.com for more information. Training is available. www.beloit.wi.lwvnet.org

Facebook Manager

- Are you a Facebook fanatic?
- Have you used Facebook tools that your friends have never even heard of?
- Does Facebook come easy to you and you have used Facebook professionally?
- Do you have the time to keep the League of Women Voters of Beloit Facebook page up to date and send out invites and messages on it?

If interested in this volunteer job, please contact Bette at bclwv2010@gmail.com for more information. Facebook page can be found: <https://www.facebook.com/LeagueOfWomenVotersBeloit/>



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 Write your check to the League of Women Voters of Beloit. **Dues are \$65.**
 Mail it to the Beloit LWV Treasurer: Dorothy Stroud
 2790 E. County Road (Phone: 815-988-2259)
 Beloit, WI 53511

name _____ phone _____ date _____

street _____ city/state _____ zip _____

e-mail _____ signature _____

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 _____