

# 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**

**MARCH 2017**

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

## ***Beloit LWV Leadership Team / Board Meeting***

*Members are always invited.*

**Tuesday, March 7**  
**4:45 pm**

Beloit Public Library  
Library Conference Room

## ***Vie Campbell, suffragette tells her story***

***Tuesday, March 7 7:00-8:30pm Beloit Public Library***

## **SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES FORUM**

**7:00 pm - Monday, March 20**  
**Board Room, Kolak Center**

## **CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES FORUM**

**6:30 pm - Thursday, March 23**  
**City Hall Forum**

**Mark your calendars now for the Beloit LWV ANNUAL MEETING:**

**9:00am - Saturday, April 29 - Beloit Memorial Hospital**

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### **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*

*Bette Carr sent notice this week to League members that Gertrude Taylor, a past League member, has passed away. Bette described the Gertrude many of us remember. I'm including the formal obituary of the more official information:*

## Obituary for Gertrude Taylor

Gertrude Taylor, 92, of Juneau, WI, died Sunday, February 19, 2017 at Clearview Nursing Home, Juneau, WI.

She was born November 16, 1924 in Pontotoc, MS, one of several children who have all predeceased her. Gertrude took some college courses and several painting classes and later moved to the Janesville/Beloit area around 1965.

Gertrude was employed by McCue & Buss Drug Store when she first moved to the area. She later worked for Chrysler Corporation for over 15 years. Gertrude enjoyed golfing and was on the Women's Krueger Golf League.

She is survived by one cousin in Mississippi, neighbors, friends, and her caregivers.

Gertrude was predeceased by her parents; siblings, and daughter, Alice Taylor in 2013.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, February 27, 2017 in the Daley Murphy Wisch & Associates Funeral Home and Crematorium, 2355 Cranston Road, Beloit, WI with Reverend David Carlson officiating. Burial will be in East Lawn Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service Monday in the funeral home.

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*Including Gertrude's obituary gives me a chance to remember the many happy memories she provided for me by just being herself!*

## Beloit League establishes a LWV internship

The Beloit League board took time over the last couple of months to discuss the possibility of establishing a Beloit League Intern position as suggested by **Wanda Sloan**. The intern would be able to earn a Beloit College class credit or half credit for fulfilling a number of requirements set by the League. **Susan Adams** and **Beatrice McKensie** created a League intern contract/job description. The requirements include observing and participating in LWV projects and activities. The intern would gain valuable community service experience and will receive credit at Beloit College for research on voting.

I'm happy to report that the Beloit League now has an intern! Beloit College student **Tatiana Rodriguez** is already helping us with Facebook postings as well as other tasks.



**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.

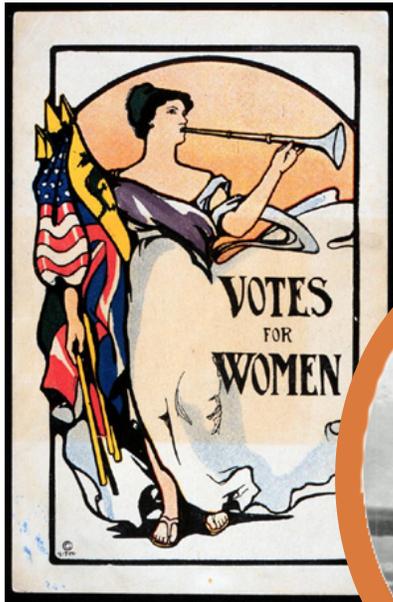
The Beloit LWV is, therefore, committed to reflecting the diversity of Americans in its membership, board, and programs, which means that there shall be no barriers to participation in any activity of the Beloit LWV on the basis of race, national origin, creed, age, gender, sexual orientation, economic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

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

# WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



## VIE CAMPBELL



REFORMER  
AND  
SUFFRAGETTE

Ruth Ann Montgomery will introduce us to Vie Campbell, one of Wisconsin's suffragettes, who was a Cooksville native and an Evansville resident. Refreshments served.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7  
FROM 7-8:30 P.M.

*Sponsored by the League of Women  
Voters and Beloit Public Library.*



**beloit public library**

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# *Vie Campbell, a Woman who made a Difference*

On a previous page you read about an upcoming meeting which will feature a **re-enactment of the achievements of one of Rock County's own suffragettes.**

*In honor of Women's History month, events from the life of Vie Campbell will be portrayed by Ruth Ann Montgomery.*

*Ms Montgomery has done extensive research on Vie Campbell. I've included a bit of the info here, but you will want to come to the more complete and 'lively' re-enactment at the Beloit Library.*



Malvina A. Howard (Vie) was born in 1848, the year Wisconsin became a state. Her father, Charles A. Howard, was one of the first settlers in Cooksville. He was a Civil War veteran and was a leader of the temperance movement. He felt that "manufacture, importation and the sale of everything that intoxicates ought to be prohibited." Vie's mother, Harriet Hoxie, was also active in the temperance movement.

In the early 1860s, Vie's family moved temporarily to Kansas where Vie began teaching at the age of 15. Vie was 19 when she married Henry Campbell on December 27, 1865. She used her own name rather than be known as Mrs. Henry Campbell. Henry purchased a farm east of Evansville. He and Vie raised three children; Eva, Leo, and Pearl.

The couple was very active in the organization of the Grange, also known as the Patrons of Husbandry. The Grange encouraged families to band together to promote the economic and political well-being of the community and agriculture. Vie began her public speaking career by encouraging women's work in the Grange and Farm Institutes. She also began to give papers at the State Horticulture meetings and published articles about child-rearing.

Vie Campbell, was also described as "an enthusiastic worker for women suffrage (right to vote)." Like many of the women working for suffrage, she was also involved in the temperance movement and held offices in both the temperance and suffrage organizations.

Vie and Henry joined the Prohibition Party, a third political party in 1884 and Vie helped draft the constitution for the organization. That same year, 1884, Vie Campbell was the state organizer for the Wisconsin Women's Suffrage Association, set up a booth at the Rock County Fair, and served as the group's Vice-President.

Vie helped write the Wisconsin suffrage law that allowed women to vote on school issues in the late 1880s. The WCTU also urged women to vote at school board meetings and for school board elections. Some women tried to vote in general elections, expressing the idea that any election would relate to school issues, but they were denied the ballot.

By the 1890s, Vie's leadership abilities were recognized at the local, state and national level. She was a national delegate to WCTU conventions and Wisconsin WCTU president from 1892 to 1898. In one year alone she gave 151 lectures on temperance, suffrage, household chores, child rearing, and horticulture, while also serving as the editor of the Wisconsin Horticulturist.

Vie's dream for suffrage was fulfilled when the 19th amendment was ratified in 1920. Vie died in 1922. She is buried beside her husband in Maple Hill Cemetery in Evansville.

*This information has been gleaned from Ruth Ann Montgomery's notes. --- J. Schoenfield*

# SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES FORUM

Monday, March 20

7:00 pm

Board Room, Kolak Center

*Presented by the Beloit League of Women Voters,  
the NAACP, and the Beloit Chamber of Commerce*

***On Election Day, Tuesday, April 4:***

*You will be able to vote for **up to three** of the  
following ***five Beloit School Board candidates:****

Adam Aberle (*challenger*)

Shelly Cronin (*incumbent*)

Laurie Endres (*incumbent*)

Tia Johnson (*challenger*)

Wendy Sanchez (*challenger*)

# CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES FORUM

Thursday, March 23  
6:30 pm  
City Hall Forum

*Presented by the Beloit League of Women Voters, the NAACP,  
and the Beloit Chamber of Commerce*

There will be **three open seats** and **six candidates** for Beloit City Council.  
None of the candidates are incumbents.

The candidates are:

Clinton Anderson	Sherry Blakeley
Nancy Forbeck	Jeanette Hansen
Ana Kelly	Rose Richard

Other offices to be elected this spring are:

State Superintendent of Public Instruction (vote for 1)

Supreme Court (vote for 1)

Court of Appeals Judge, District 4 (vote for 1)

Rock County Circuit Court Judge, Branch 6 (vote for 1)

*The Beloit LWV has two New Members!*

**Rose Richard**

*and*

**Adam Ricks**

*Rose and Adam are new student members of the League*

Welcome Adam and Rose!

*We're proud to have you as League members!*

Are YOU reading this newsletter as a 'guest'?

Joining the League of Women Voters is easy!

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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: Alice Lamont

2429 Lathers Road (Phone: 365-4747)

Beloit, WI 53511

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Application for LWV Dues Scholarship: I hereby request consideration for a LWV Dues Scholarship in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for one year's membership. I understand that it is my responsibility to pay at least 20% (\$13.00) of the annual dues.

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