



The VOTER

Susan B. party “Women Who Ran Before”



As you may have noticed a woman ran for president this fall! Over the centuries more than 200 women have run for the highest office in the United States, the most recent being Secretary Hillary Clinton. This program, designed to celebrate our right to vote and to serve our communities as elected officials, introduces us to three remarkable “Women Who Ran Before.”

“Susan B. Anthony was a woman of foresight!”

says organizer Linda Renaud. “The Beloit and Janesville Leagues of Women Voters gather each year for her birthday to honor her efforts to gain rights for women which she sought with such energy and eloquence.”

Susan B. Anthony’s Birthday Celebration will be held at Domenico’s Italian Restaurant, 547 E. Grand Ave., Beloit WI, beginning at 11:30 am on Saturday, February 11, 2017. Tickets for the event are \$25. Please make checks payable to: “League of Women Voters-Beloit”, and mail to: Deb Fallon, 1232 Elm St., Beloit, WI 53511.

This program is inspired by the book [The Highest Glass Ceiling: Women’s Quest for the American Presidency](#) by Ellen Fitzpatrick, and written by Linda Renaud. It introduces, by reenactment, three remarkable candidates: Victoria Woodhull (1870), Margaret Chase Smith (1964) and Shirley Chisholm (1972).

In 1870, an era when a woman could not vote, could not enter a restaurant, a store, or an establishment of any kind unless she was escorted by a man, Victoria Woodhull decided to run for president. She created her own political party, and nominated Frederick Douglass, the famed civil rights activist, to be her vice president.

In 1964, Republican Sen. Margaret Chase Smith of Maine had a national following. She threw her hat into the ring along with a remarkable list of candidates including Barry M. Goldwater of Arizona, and Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York. She established herself in Washington when she was NOT intimidated by Senator Joseph McCarthy.

In 1972, just a few years after being elected to Congress, Shirley Chisholm announced that she

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was seeking the Democratic nomination for the presidency. As a U.S. Representative for New

York, she had quickly become known not for her race or gender, but for being outspoken and unafraid to fight for what she believed in.

Susan Brownell Anthony, fondly called “Susan B.”, (February 15, 1820 – March 13, 1906) was

a prominent [American civil rights](#) leader who played a pivotal role in the [Women’s Suffrage](#)

Movement. She became a much sought after speaker, traveling in Europe and the United

States, averaging 75 to 100 speeches a year. Her

speeches and writings helped to introduce the idea of [women’s suffrage – the right to vote – into the United States](#).

Women’s suffrage in the United States was achieved gradually, at state and local levels, during the late 19th century and early 20th century. It culminated in 1920 with the passage of the [Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution](#), which provided: “The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.”

“RSVPs are needed by Thursday, February 2, 2017,” Renaud reminds us. “So don’t delay!”

January’s Membership Meeting



Photos by Carol Herzig

Nancy Stabb *Membership*

The January membership meeting was excellent with several new faces and local elected officials present. We are delighted that some of our guests responded to the information about the event on Facebook. Much appreciation goes to the Diversity Committee for bringing members up-to-date on their process of gathering information and for giving members an opportunity to give feedback on what next; also appreciation to Sue Conley for providing a door prize basket, and to Lois Allen who decided to give the basket she won to the youngest of our new members. Thanks goes to Carolyn Brandeen who shared her insights gained from her experience as an League Observer of a County Board Committee. Also thanks to LWVJ Board who provided wine for the event.

OBSERVER CORPS

Protecting our right to know is integral to the health our democracy. Decisions that determine how our schools will be run, how community services and pro-

tection will be paid for, how land will be used and many others that impact our lives and are vital to our well-being need to be made with public input and oversight. One important way to protect our right to know is to observe government meetings not with an ax to grind but as someone interested in what’s going on. The Board is interested in knowing if you as an individual have an interest in being an League Observer. If you have questions or already know you are interested, contact Nancy Stabb at nstabb@charter.net.

Purpose:

1. Encourage informed citizen participation in local government.
2. Inform LWVJ members about local government decision making and actions by observing the work of Boards and committees and reporting to membership when appropriate.
3. Increase visibility of LWVJ as a resource for good governance.

★ Observer Corps

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What does an observer do?

1. Attend meetings as a member of the audience. You don't need to say or do anything, but introducing yourself to the Committee chair would be a polite gesture. It usually helps to get to know the secretary to the Committee as well.

Refer to Purpose 1 and 2 if there are questions.

2. Report to Nancy that you were present so we can keep track of the volunteer hours. Also report if there was anything said or done that members might want to know about which can then be included in the newsletter.

If you would like to be a part of this League activity, contact Nancy Stabb (nstabb@charter.net) and let her know which Board or Committee you are interested in observing. You will be given a LWV pin to wear. If you wish Nancy will correspond with the president or the chair of the Board or Committee to let them know you will be coming.

We will set a 5 PM meeting with Observers sometime in Feb or March to talk about your experience and answer questions.

A list of Boards and Committees whose responsibilities are of particular interest to League are:

JANESVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD

Regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Education are held the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 5:30 p.m. These meetings are typically held in the Board Room at the Educational Services Center,



League of Women Voters Wisconsin

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State Board

The state office would like to update you on two items pertaining to the WI Budget:

1. A Wisconsin Budget for All is an alternative state budget proposal written and brought forth through a collaborative effort led by Wisconsin Council on Children and Families (WCCF). It is endorsed by 20 organizations including LWV WI. You can review the very reader-friendly presentation of the document here: <http://www.wisconsinbudgetproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Wisconsin-Budget-For-All.pdf>

2. WiLD: Wisconsin Budget Action Workshops are being offered in four locations in Wisconsin this Spring. These workshops are open to all Wisconsinites. Discussions will center around the budget process, current budget issues and advocacy tools, especially in regards to the upcoming Joint Finance Committee's public listening sessions. The Budget Action Workshops will prepare people to provide informed and effective tes-

527 S. Franklin Street in Janesville, Wisconsin. Agenda is published online.

ROCK COUNTY BOARD 2nd and 4th Thursdays
6 PM in Rock Co Board Room 4th Floor East

ROCK COUNTY WISCONSIN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COMMITTEES

*Behavior Health Redesign Steering Committee meets 3rd Thursday of the month at 12:00 Noon , Court House Rooms N1-N2 5th floor

*Criminal Justice Coordinating Council meets 3rd Thursday at 3:00 PM, Court House Conference Center 2nd Floor East Wing

*Health Services meets 2nd Wednesday at 8 AM, Rock Haven Conference Room, Highway 51 North

*Human Services meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 4:30 PM, Rock Co. Health Center 3rd Floor conference room Highway 51 North

*Land Conservation meets 1st Wednesday at 7:15 PM, Land Conservation Department Conference Room 440 N. US Highway 14

*Planning & Development meets 2nd and 4th Thursday at 8:00 AM, Court House Conference Center 2nd Floor East Wing

*Public Safety and Justice
1st and 3rd Monday at 4:00 PM, Court House Conference Room N-1 5th Floor East

Agendas and Minutes are published on line.

For a list of all County Committees go to www.co.rock.wi.us

timony at the JFC hearings (either in person, virtually, or in writing). The workshops, as well as the JFC public hearings, are excellent opportunities for people to learn and connect with others.

Here is a link for more information and to register: <http://tiny.cc/BudgetActionWorkshop>

I've also attached a flyer at the end of this message. Please share with your members. Registration is open to all.

I attended a WiLD Leadership Training last Spring and found it interesting and educational, and the materials were immediately usable. I'll be attending the Budget Workshop in Middleton in March. I hope you or some of your members will consider participating. I suggest registering early as the sessions are likely to reach capacity for attendance.

These are exciting collaborative efforts and opportunities around the WI State Budget and give LWV in Wisconsin a chance to connect with others on important issues.

Let Andrea or me know if you have any questions.

BUDGET ACTION WORKSHOPS

\$15 includes lunch. Register now:

<http://tiny.cc/BudgetActionWorkshop>

KAUKAUNA

Sat. Feb. 25

9:30am-2:30pm

Contact: Carol Lenz
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EAU CLAIRE

Sun. Feb. 26

11am-4pm

Contact: Jeff Smith
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MIDDLETON

Sat. March 4

9:30am-2:30pm

Contact: Sandy Whisler
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or Ellen Lindgren
ellenmlindgren@gmail.com



MILWAUKEE

Sun. March 5

11am-4pm

Contact: Jenni Hofschulte
jenni.hofschulte@gmail.com



Get the tools & resources you need to tell your story and make an impact. Let the people drive the people's budget!



YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Calendar

Upcoming Activities 2015-16*

*Additional events may be planned. Check website: lwvjvl.org/calendar



February

February 7 @ 6:30 p.m. Board meeting @ Rock County Courthouse

February 11 Susan B. Anthony Party at Domenico's in Beloit @ 11:30 a.m.

April

April 11 @ 6:30 p.m. Board meeting

May

May 2 Annual Meeting Time and place to be determined.

March

March 14 @ 6:30 p.m. Board meeting

June

June 9 & 10 State Annual Meeting, Green Bay



To contact the League, please feel free to use either of these options:

www.lwvjvl.org or

P.O. Box 8064, Janesville, WI 53547-8064

Are you reading this newsletter as a 'guest'?

Joining the League of Women Voters is easy simply fill in this form and mail.

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Phone Number _____

- Individual \$65.00
 Student \$30.00

- Household \$95.00

I am unable to join the League at this time but enclosed is a contribution of \$_____.

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Janesville, P.O. Box 8064, Janesville, WI 53547-8064

I request consideration for a LWV scholarship.