

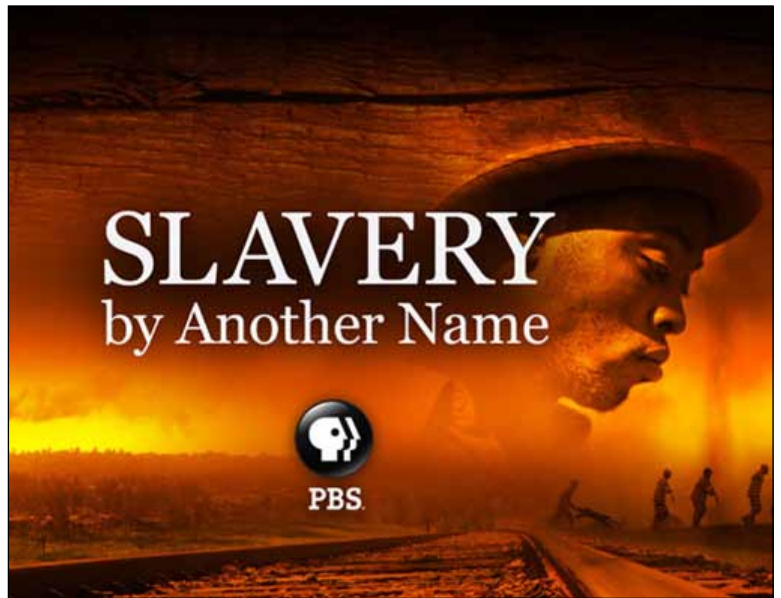



# The VOTER

## Slavery by Another Name

**Saturday, January 20, at 10:00 a.m. to NOON in the Community Room at Basics Cooperative Natural Foods,**

1711 Lodge Drive, Janesville. This 90-minute documentary, based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning book by Douglas A. Blackmon, explores the slavery that existed in the US well after the Civil War up until the advent of WWII through the forced labor of imprisoned black men and women in the convict lease system.





**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

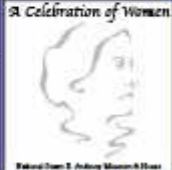
Lunch and speaker in the Commons @ UW Rock County  
 2909 Kellogg Ave, Janesville, WI  
 Tickets: \$30.00 for adults; \$20.00 for students

Registration deadline February 1, 2018

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### What's Inside this Issue

# Communications from the President

Dear Friends in League,

Greetings to you in the New Year of 2018. There is much for League members to look forward to in the coming New Year. Two events are coming up soon that will provide opportunities for us to socialize with sister and brother League members, and think about issues that are sure to generate some “warm” discussions during these winter months:

• The Diversity Committee is hosting an opportunity for us to watch and discuss the film, **Slavery by Another Name**, on Saturday, January 20, at 10:00 am to NOON in the Community Room at Basics Cooperative Natural Foods, 1711 Lodge Drive, Janesville. This 90-minute documentary, based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning book by Douglas A. Blackmon, explores the slavery that existed in the US well after the Civil War up until the advent of WWII through the forced labor of imprisoned black men and women in the convict lease system.



• On Saturday, February 10, we will hold our annual **Susan B. Anthony Birthday Celebration at NOON in the Commons of the University of Wisconsin-Rock County**, 2909 Kellogg Avenue. Our guest speaker will be Rick Daniels, the Director of Campus Inclusion at Oakton Community College. Mr. Daniels has spoken on college campuses and to community organizations across the country on issues such as race, social justice, and unconscious bias. We thought it was fitting to honor Susan B. Anthony's legacy as a champion for women's right to vote, to ask Mr. Daniels to help us consider why we need to be concerned about recent policies and actions that introduce restrictions to voting.

Finally, I want to share the great news we received just before Christmas from the National LWV. Please join me in congratulating Kay Deupree, Deb Thielen, and Bill McCarty of our Voter Services Committee on their success in obtaining a grant from the League of Women Voters Education Fund (LWVEF) to support their proposed project for registering young voters in first months of the year. Please be willing to volunteer when called upon to help register newly eligible voters from our area high school and college campuses.

Linda

## It's planning time for the LWV-US Convention

**LWV National Convention at the Chicago Hilton Hotel June 28-July 1, 2018.**

*We have learned that hotel rooms are being snatched up for the Convention!*

LWV US has reserved a block of rooms in the Hilton, 720 S Michigan Avenue location, but they are moving quickly. If you're thinking of going, reserve your room now. You can cancel it if you change your mind. The number is 312-922-4400 and ask for a room from the League of Women Voters block.

Our local President Linda is planning on going, if you would like to join her and others please contact her quickly. It is a great invigorating experience!



### Meeting Times



To increase the participation of our membership it has been determined that we need to survey to find out when it is most convenient to meet. At which

time would you be more likely to attend a meeting, book discussion, etc...

- Weekday
- Weeknight
- Saturday
  - Morning
  - Afternoon

Please respond to Carol Herzig at caherzig@gmail.com or 608.289.0183.

Thank you for your cooperation.

# ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

**Coral Swanson**  
*Observer Group*

Since April 2017 I have been learning a lot about the public health of Rock County through my attendance as a League observer at the monthly meetings of the Rock County Board of Health. The Board meets at the Health Department offices on Highway 51 and consists of four members from the Rock County Board of Supervisors and five citizen representatives from various health professions. The Board seems to operate primarily in an advisory and “watchdog” role, reviewing and commenting on department programs. I have not observed any controversial issue discussions.

I volunteered to observe the Board because I wanted to know more about the health issues affecting our county. I am continually amazed by the breadth of subjects covered by the department and the kinds of things they do to keep us healthy.

Programs are operated under two categories: Environmental which includes, but is not limited to, air quality, food & lodging, and water quality and Family & Community Health which includes, but is not limited to, communicable disease, maternal and child health and obesity prevention. A significant amount of data

is collected, analyzed and used by the department to identify Rock County health challenges and changes over time and to direct department programs.

For example, a nationwide and statewide data collection program enables us to see where Rock County ranks in a range of health related indicators. (Carolyn Brandeen mentioned the report in last month’s newsletter.) I was surprised to learn that Rock County ranks second only to Menomonie County in obesity. As a result the Health Department is involved in a number of efforts with community partners to encourage physical activity and improve access to a variety of healthy food choices. Much of this information is available at the Health Department’s web site: <http://www.co.rock.wi.us/health>.

Although there are often different people in attendance at the meeting depending on the program to be reviewed I think I am pretty safe in reporting that I am the only member of the “public.” The Board has been welcoming and they’ve begun to notice my absence when I miss a meeting. It has been a good experience. I recommend it.

December, 2017

## CALENDAR

### Upcoming Activities 2017-18\*

\*Additional events may be planned. Check website: [lwwjvl.org/calendar](http://lwwjvl.org/calendar)

#### January 2018

January 8 @ 6:30 p.m. Board Meeting at Hedberg Library

January 20 @ 10:00 a.m. Membership meeting & Program- Slavery by Another Name @ Basics Cooperative

#### February 2018

February 10 @ Noon  
Susan B. Anthony Birthday Party at U-Rock

February 12 @ 6:30 p.m.  
Board Meeting at Hedberg Library

February 20 Spring Primary

#### March 2018

March Candidate Forums

March 12 @ 6:30 p.m. Board Meeting

#### April 2018

April 3 Spring Election

April 9 @ 6:30 p.m. Board Meeting

#### May 2018

May 16 @ 5:30 p.m. Annual Meeting, Location TBD

#### June 2018

June State Meetings

June 28 - July 1 National Convention - Chicago





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Household \$95.00

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

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I request consideration for a LWV scholarship.

# Celebrate your Birthday with the League!

*Remember you may still  
contribute to the State  
League with a birthday  
donation and half of your  
donation will be returned to  
our Janesville League.*

