



The VOTER

From Mental Health Committee

Mary Buelow
Mental Health Committee

Two events will be happening in the Janesville to help illuminate through entertainment the experiences of those with mental health and disability issues.

The Boys Next Door. Janesville Little Theatre. November 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16 JPAC An Off-Broadway success, this very funny, yet very touching play focuses on the lives of four mentally handicapped men who live in a communal residence under the watchful eye of a sincere, but increasingly despairing, social worker. Filled with humor, the play is also marked with compassion and understanding. Mingled with scenes from the daily lives of these four, where "little things" sometimes become momentous (and often very funny), are moments of great poignancy when, with touching effectiveness, we are reminded that the handicapped, like the rest of us, want only to love and laugh and find some meaning and purpose in the brief time that they, like their more fortunate brothers, are allotted on this earth. Tickets: \$13 adults, \$6 students

Making Lemonade with Ben: the Audacity to Cope. AAUW Brunch and Program. January 17, 2015. 10:30 Brunch, 11:45 Program "Meet Katherine Perreth and Ben, featuring her book Making Lemon-



ade with Ben: The Audacity to Cope." This dynamic, humorous, entertaining speaker will inspire with her compelling story tracing sixteen years of Ben's life after a brain hemorrhage at age seven. Inspiration from Katherine and Ben will provide insights into what one can make of a traumatic event such as this. Until October 31, 2014, tickets can be purchased for \$11.00 for the meal and the program or 3 tickets for \$30. At the door prices will be \$14 for the meal and program or \$5 for the program only. Send checks to AAUW - Janesville (Brunch) P.O. Box 8033, Janesville, WI 53547-8033. Questions? Contact Emily Scheuneman at 608-490-1121

The reading list for this study is found on page 2.

Save the Date! From the Susan B Committee

Susan B Takes on the World!
The 2015 Susan B Anthony Birthday Party will be held Saturday February 7 at the Butterfly Club in Beloit.



What's Inside this Issue

- Page 2 Mental Health Committee book list
- Page 3 Senatorial Candidate's Forum photos
- Page 4 Calendar

Suggested reading for the Mental Health Committee

Submitted by Mary Buelow
Mental Health Committee

Books:

Earley, Pete. *Crazy: A Father's Search Through America's Mental Health Madness*

Former Washington Post reporter Pete Earley had written extensively about the criminal justice system. But it was only when his own son-in-the-throes of a manic episode-broke into a neighbor's house that he learned what happens to mentally ill people who break a law.

This is the Earley family's compelling story, a troubling look at bureaucratic apathy and the countless thousands who suffer confinement instead of care, brutal conditions instead of treatment, in the «revolving doors» between hospital and jail. With mass deinstitutionalization, large numbers of state mental patients are homeless or in jail-an experience little better than the horrors of a century ago. Earley takes us directly into that experience-and into that of a father and award-winning journalist trying to fight for a better way.

Carter, Rosalyn. *Within Our Reach: Ending the Mental Health Crisis*

Rosalynn Carter and coauthors Susan K. Golant and Kathryn E. Cade render an insightful, unsparing assessment of the state of mental health. Mrs. Carter has been deeply invested in this issue since her husband's gubernatorial campaign when she saw firsthand the horrific, dehumanizing treatment of people with mental illnesses.

Using stories from her 35 years of advocacy to springboard into a discussion of the larger issues at hand, Carter crafts an intimate and powerful account of a subject previously shrouded in stigma and shadow, surveying the dimensions of an issue that has affected us all. She describes a system that continues to fail those in need, even though recent scientific breakthroughs with mental illness have potential to help most people lead more normal lives.

Within Our Reach is a seminal, searing, and ultimately optimistic look at how far we've come since Carter's days on the campaign trail and how far we have yet to go.

Reference Materials:

All of the following articles are available through Library's research database EBSCOHost, and anyone who would like a copy e-mailed to them should call the Hedberg Public Library at 758-6600.

Hedberg Public Library Ref 327

Mental Health Policy: BACKGROUND.

CQ Researcher. 5/10/2013, Vol. 23 Issue 18, p433-440. 7p.

The article provides a background of mental health

issues in the U.S. It chronicles the rise of state hospitals that care for mentally ill patients in the early 1900s and the slow creation of community mental health centers (CMHCs) from the late 1960s to the 1980s. The article also reviews the changing U.S. federal policy on mental health since the 1980s and discusses the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008.

Backgrounders and Reports from Treatment Advocacy Center

Treatment Advocacy Center Backgrounder: *How Many Individuals with Serious Mental Illness are in Jails and Prisons?* (updated April 2014)

Treatment Advocacy Center Backgrounder: *How Many Individuals with a Serious Mental Illness Are Homeless?* (updated 4/2014)

Treatment Advocacy Center Backgrounder: *What Percentage of Individuals With Serious Mental Illnesses Are Receiving No Treatment?* (updated March 2014)

The Treatment of Persons with Mental Illness in Prisons and Jails: A State Survey

The Shortage of Public Hospital Beds for Mentally Ill Persons. A Report of the Treatment Advocacy Center.

Articles:

Avoiding Jail Pays Off. [Steverman, Sarah](#) and [Lubin, Tara.](#) *State Legislatures.* Apr2007, Vol. 33 Issue 4, p20-21. 2p. (accessed EBSCO Masterfile Premiere 10/03/2014)

Mental Health Advocates Brace for Budget Cuts (April 3, 2011)

Mental Health Musical Chairs. [Cohen, Erika](#) [Business NH Magazine.](#) Sep2012, Vol. 29 Issue 9, p35-37. 3p. (accessed EBSCO Masterfile Premiere 10/03/2014)

Out of the ER. [Zigmond, Jessica](#) [Modern Health-care.](#) 5/28/2012, p32-33. 2p. (accessed EBSCO Masterfile Premiere 10/03/2014)

Trends in Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services at the Nation's Community Health Centers: 1998--2003. [Druss, Benjamin G.](#) [Bornemann, Thomas](#) [Fry-Johnson, Yvonne W.](#) [McCombs, Harriet G.](#) [Politzer, Robert M.](#) [Rust, George](#) *American Journal of Public Health.* Oct2006, Vol. 96 Issue 10, p1779-1784. 6p. 3 Charts. (accessed EBSCO Masterfile Premiere 10/03/2014)

★ Mental Health

Continued from page 2

10/03/2014)

Information about funding:

Community Behavioral Health's Newest Leader Looks Ahead. [Edwards, Douglas J. Behavioral Health Management](#). Jan/Feb2005, Vol. 25 Issue 1, p34-37. 3p. 1 Chart. (accessed EBSCO Masterfile Premiere

Editorial: Managed Care for the Seriously Mentally Ill. [Mechanic, David American Journal of Public Health](#). Jun92, Vol. 82 Issue 6, p788-789. 2p. . (accessed EBSCO Masterfile Premiere 10/03/2014)

15th Senatorial District Candidate's Forum



Carol Herzig, Photos
President Amy Golackson welcoming attendees (to the left). Janet LeBrie moderator with candidates Brian Fritzgerald and Janis Ringhand (at right).



Voter Service Chair Carol Tidwell explains the rules of the forum (at right).



There was a decent sized crowd attending the informative forum. Beside the insightful, carefully prepared question by the league there were many good questions from the audience.



Brian Fritzgerald, candidate



Janet La Brie, moderator



Janis Ringhand, candidate

CALENDAR

Upcoming Activities 2014-15*

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

November

November 4 General Election
November 11 @ 6:30 pm Board meeting
November 5 Publicity Meeting
TBD Wellness Committee
TBD Domestic Violence Committee
TBD Susan B planning

TBD Voter Registration
TBD Wellness Committee
TBD Domestic Violence
Committee
TBS Susan B planning



December

December 9 @ 6:30 pm Board meeting
TBD Wellness Committee
TBD Domestic Violence Committee
TBD Susan B planning

February 2015

February 13 @ 6:#0 pm
Board meeting
February 7 @ 11:30 am Susan B Event at the Butterfly Club
TBD Publicity for Spring Primary
TBS Voter Registration
Spring Primary Election
TBD Candidate Forums
TBD Wellness Committee
TBD Domestic Violence Committee

January 2015

January 13 Board meeting
January 28 @ 5:30 pm Winter Membership Event
TBD Publicity for Spring Primary

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.*

