



The VOTER

Wellness Committee Report

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Wellness Committee

The Wellness Committee held a strategy session in May to organize the Mental Health Study actions at our mid-way point of this two year study. There are many exciting programs and initiatives in progress for Mental Health services here in Rock County, and LWV needs to have a position statement so we can advocate and support these initiatives. Our goal is to start working on a position statement in October 2015. Between now and then we will continue to research some of the topics we learned about during this past year.

In June and July committee members have been reading about the concepts of «trauma informed care» and «co-occurring competencies». With co-occurring competencies practitioners and systems are better prepared to handle patients with «dual diagnosis», who have both mental health and drug/alcohol issues. With trauma informed care, mental health providers use structures and treatment frameworks that involves understanding, recognizing, and responding to the effects of all types of trauma as part of the treatment process.

Committee members have also been observing sessions of Rock County's diversion courts. Rock



County has three diversion courts - Drug Court, OWI Court, and Veterans Court. Diversion Courts (also known as Treatment Courts) are a form of sentencing where offenders

can be in strict, supervised treatment instead of going to jail. Requirements of diversion courts include

education and restrictions aimed at preventing future offenses by the offender, restitution to victims of the offense, and completion of community service hours.

If you wish to observe a diversion court session they are open to the public. Drug Court is held on Thursdays at 8 am in Courtroom B of the Rock County Courthouse. OWI Court is held on Tuesdays at 4 pm in Courtroom C. Veterans Court sessions are on an irregular schedule.

The next meeting of the Mental Health Committee will be Tuesday July 28, 6:30 pm. in the Hedberg Public Library Group Study Room #3. If you cannot attend but have questions or information to contribute please contact Mary Buelow or Christy Marsden.

Volunteers needed

We are looking for members who are interesting in serving on the study committees for Diversity and Domestic Violence.

Of interested e-mail or call Katie (katie.kuznacic@gmail.com or 262-903-1396) for more information.

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SAVE THE DATE! WWN's Women's Equality Day Celebration is Aug. 26!



The Wisconsin Women's Network's Annual [Women's Equality Day Celebration](#) will take place on Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at [The Madison Concourse Hotel and Governor's Club](#) in Madison! As we honor 95 years since the passage of the 19th Amendment and celebrate 36 years since the founding of the Wisconsin Women's Network, we invite you to join us for this important event:

Women's Equality Day Celebration

Forward Women Building Bridges

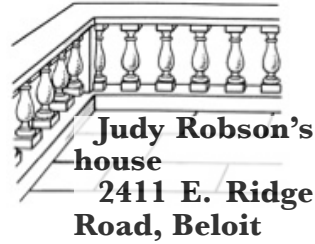
Wednesday, August 26, 2015

5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

The Madison Concourse Hotel & Governor's Club
1 W. Dayton St., Madison

We will be joined by powerful and inspiring women leaders from across the state as we look together towards a future of full equality for all. Mark your calendars for a fantastic evening of entertainment, appetizers, and bidding on fabulous silent auction items! Look for more details closer to the event.

Beloit LWV Porch Discussion



Come, come all to a LWV Porch Discussion on Judy Robson's Porch and meet the new Library

Director, Nick Dimassis

Wednesday July 29,

Time: 2 pm - 3:30 pm;



Nick will talk on his vision for our library, the future of libraries in general; and tell us a little about himself. There will be plenty of time for Nick to answer questions.

Love the League? Consider making a charitable gift that will benefit your bottom-line too

IRA owners age 70½ and better have the ability to make tax-free gifts directly from their IRAs. If you've been waiting to make your IRA transfer, you can act now to take advantage of this opportunity.

Under the recently reinstated law, you may move funds from your IRA directly to qualified charities such as the League of Women Voters of Janesville without having to pay income taxes on the money. This is known as the IRA charitable rollover; talk to your financial



or tax advisor about this and thank you for considering a gift to the League of Women Voters of Janesville!

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A Travesty in Wisconsin

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WE INVITE YOU TO COME AND BE A PART OF THIS DISCUSSION TO HELP ERADICATE THIS PROBLEM!

07.25.15
AT EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH
1-3PM
1151 East Grand Ave
Beloit, WI

\$15.00 PER PERSON

(TABLES FOR EIGHT AVAILABLE FOR \$100.00)

LUNCH IS INCLUDED

TO PURCHASE TICKETS CONTACT
BRENDA ATLAS, PASTOR
608-365-7947 CHURCH
608-346-0249 CELL

OR

GARY/DEBRA VANCE
608-302-1005
KELLY JACKSON
608-362-2052

Jean Randles resigns from the board

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the resignation Jean Randles from the board due to conflict with her family's schedule. Thank you for your service on the board, Jean, we will miss you and wish you well.

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.*