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## Voter Registration assistance needed

Carol Tidwell  
Voter Services Chair

We now have a commitment from UW-Rock for September 23rd from 11 to 1. I have asked Gayle for a Beloit League volunteer and we will need at least one SRD from Janesville as well. I will be out East that week and unable to be there.

Please let me know if you have the time/energy/disposition/wherewithal to take this on.

### Blackhawk Technical College:

Wednesday, September 17, 12 noon-1, Commons area outside of cafeteria: Carol Tidwell and Beloit SRD(s) to be named

Tuesday, September 23, 11-1, Commons area outside of cafeteria: Need Janesville SRD and Beloit SRD(s) to be named

### University of Wisconsin - Rock County

Tuesday, September 23, 11-1, Upper Lobby, Allen Hall: Christy Marsden, Deb Fisher and Beloit SRD(s) to be named



## Blue Jeans in High Places; *how to get our democracy back on track*

Our annual September membership meeting will feature Mike McCabe on September 25th. at KANDU's event hall, 1741 Adel St. with the social starting at 6:00 p.m. program st 6:30 p.m. He will discuss his book *Blue Jeans in High Places: how to get our democracy back on track.*

### Voting doesn't have to be like this

"We have one party that is scary and another that is scared. The choice for voters is an unpalatable one, when one's ambitions are both overly extreme and too backward for most people's tastes, and the other is paralyzed and afraid to lead. Just because voters do ultimately have to choose between the two doesn't mean they hold

either in high esteem or fail to see their faults. The truth is most people hate both parties.... The ranks of the politically homeless are growing and growing fast." – excerpt from *Blue Jeans in High Places*

*Blue Jeans in High Places* identifies three distinguishable periods during which the nation's ruling class employed distinctly different instruments of social, economic and political control. The book brings readers to terms with the troubling reality that we face another historic moment when democracy in America is giving way to oligarchy, and gives this dismal period a name that captures its essence.

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# Rock County Wellness project Mental Health meeting September 8, 2014

The Mental Health portion of Rock County Wellness project will hold its organizational meeting on Monday September 8 in Group Study Room #4 at the Hedberg Public Library. The objective for this first meeting is to identify information sources and contacts for gathering

information about the state of mental health and mental health resources in Rock County.

If you cannot attend but have questions or information to contribute please contact Mary Buelow or Christy Marsden

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## Planning for the October 4th Issues Briefing underway

**Andrea Kaminski,**

*Executive Director League of Women Voters of Wisconsin*

1. I'm delighted to announce our keynote speakers for Issues Briefing, October 4 in Madison. Chairman Mike Wiggins of the Bad River Tribe will open the conference with a presentation on water quality and mining. Thanks go to Elizabeth Wheeler for helping me to reach Mr. Wiggins. At lunch, State Superintendent Tony Evers will talk about the challenges expected in the coming legislative session for public instruction in Wisconsin. I am working to bring on other speakers and will send you the full agenda soon. (Unfortunately Issues Briefing coincides with the LWV Lake Michigan Region annual meeting, not to mention Yom Kippur. I hope we'll still have a good turnout. I'm sure you won't

be disappointed by the speakers at either conference. I've invited Wisconsin Eye to record the Wiggins and Evers presentations for online viewing.)

2. At the state Annual Meeting delegates asked for a comprehensive state planning calendar from LWVWI. It is attached. There will be a prettier copy of the calendar in the August issue of the Forward newsletter, which will be mailed on Monday.

3. Finally, in case you are getting questions about possible recounts following the August 12 Primary, here is a memo from the GAB about the process and timeline for recounts below.

## Recounts for the August 12 Partisan Primary

From the Government Accountability Board Website  
Date: August 13, 2014

MADISON, WI – There were several close races in Tuesday's Partisan Primary Election that could result in recounts, said Kevin Kennedy, director and general counsel of the Government Accountability Board.

"The G.A.B. is watching unofficial results and will consult with county clerks about official canvass and potential recount procedures," Kennedy said.

There is a Recount Manual on the G.A.B. website that explains the process in detail: <http://gab.wi.gov/manuals/recount>. In addition, here are some frequently asked questions about the official canvass process and recounts:

Are all the ballots in?

No, absentee ballots that are postmarked by August 12 have until 4 p.m. on Friday, August 15 to arrive in the municipal clerk's office. That deadline also applies to provisional ballots which voters may rectify by providing required documentation. Because Wisconsin has Election Day voter registration, very few provision-

al ballots are cast. Municipal clerks are required to post the number of absentee and provisional ballots which were outstanding as of Election Night. The G.A.B. does not have a centralized count of those outstanding ballots for a particular election.

When will official canvass results be available?

The municipal boards of canvassers must complete their work by 4 p.m. on Monday, August 18.

They immediately report results to the county clerk, who convenes the county board of canvassers.

The county boards of canvassers must begin their work by 9 a.m. on Tuesday, August 19. They can usually finish their work within a day, but county clerks must report their canvass statement to the G.A.B. by the close of business on Friday, August 22. The Board will certify the state canvass of any state and federal elections for which no recount petition is filed no later than August 27.

Are recounts automatic if a race is close?

No. A losing candidate must request a recount.

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When can a candidate request a recount?

State and federal candidates cannot request a recount until all the counties in a district have reported official canvass results to the G.A.B. The deadline for reporting is Friday, August 22.

How long do candidates have to request a recount?

State and federal candidates have until 5 p.m. on the third business day after the last county in a district reports results to the G.A.B. to request a recount. If all county canvasses in a particular district are reported to the G.A.B. on Tuesday, August 19, the deadline for a recount petition will be 5 p.m. on August 22.

How soon does the recount start?

The G.A.B. notifies county clerks of any recount petition filed by a state or federal candidate and issues a recount order. The clerk has until 9 a.m. on the second day after receiving the notice to convene the county board of canvassers. If that date is a Saturday (or holiday) the G.A.B. recommends that the county board of canvassers begin the recount on the Saturday (or holiday).

How much does the requesting candidate pay for a recount?

The cost depends on how many votes were cast and the margin between the top two candidates. When there are more than 1,000 votes cast for the office, there is no fee if the margin is less than or equal to 0.5 percent. Between 0.5 and 2 percent, the candidate requesting the recount pays a fee of \$5 per ward. If the margin is more than 2 percent, the candidate who requests the recount pays the actual cost.

Where are recounts conducted?

The county board of canvassers conducts recounts for county, state and federal offices. In a multi-county district, a losing candidate can request a recount in one, some or all of the counties. Recounts in all counties occur simultaneously.

When do recounts have to be finished?

Recounts must be completed as soon as possible but, for state and federal offices, no later than 13 days from the date of the G.A.B.'s recount order. A candidate may file an appeal to circuit court within 5 business days of a recount determination by the G.A.B. Recount results are not certified until either the expiration of the appeal period or the conclusion of any court challenge.

For more information, contact:

Reid Magney, Public Information Officer, 608-267-7887

## Planning for the 2015 Susan B. Anthony Party underway

Linda Renaud

*Beloit LWV*



**W**e decided to meet again on September 20 at Bette Carr's house in Beloit at 11 am. I'll send the address later. We will finalize the program, graphics, menu, etc. We're also planning to set up a tentative calendar for e-mails, mailing, and publicity. I hope you'll all be able to attend.

If you are interested in assisting, please contact Linda at

# CALENDAR

## Upcoming Activities 2014-15\*

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

### September.

September 8 Wellness Committee  
September 9 Board meeting  
September 17 & 23 Voter Registration  
September 20 Susan B planning  
September 25 Fall Membership Event  
TBD Publicity for General Election  
TBD Candidate Forums

### October.

October 4 Issues Briefing  
October 14 Board meeting  
TBD Publicity for General Election  
TBD Voter Registration  
TBD Candidate Forums  
TBD Wellness Committee  
TBD Domestic Violence Committee  
TBD National Domestic Violence Awareness Month  
TBD Susan B planning

### November.

November 4 General Election  
November 11 Board meeting  
TBD Wellness Committee  
TBD Domestic Violence Committee  
TBD Susan B planning

### December.

December 9 Board meeting  
TBD Wellness Committee  
TBD Domestic Violence Committee  
TBD Susan B planning



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**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.*

