



The VOTER

Annual Meeting was held on May 2nd



Photos by Carol Herzig
Upper Left Katie opening the thank you gift and card. Above Lisa Furseth presenting the Diversity position and lower left; Mary Buelow presenting the Behavioral Health position.

The Annual meeting was held on May 2, 2017 at 29 South. Katie Kuznacic presided over her final meeting as president. The minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting had been read by Sue Ellen Madere, Laura Boettcher, and Kay Deupree, they were moved, seconded, and approved. Coral Swanson, Barbara DuBois, and Judy Adler will read the minutes from this year's meeting.

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A few photos of our group above both left and right. Below is Laura Boettcher taking the registration for the event and membership dues.



Annual reports were given by Nancy Stabb (Membership), Laura Boettcher (Treasurer), and Katie. Our local Positions were readopted; the new positions on Behavioral Health and Diversity were both adopted.

Local Study/Program: Continuing the study on Diversity, possibly focusing on how minorities are treated within the justice system and in addition to include other forms of Diversity. Under Action we need to work on the Behavioral Health. With the State and National studies we will need to appoint committees chairs to provide knowledge to our league and to pass on our input.

The 2017-2018 Budget was passed, which includes an increase in the household dues from \$90.00 to \$100.00 because of the increase at the National level.

The nominating committee's report was brought forward and the election was held. **Your new board is as follows:** Linda Reinhardt (2017-2019), First Vice President Ethel Himmel (2017-2019), Second Vice President Sarah Kopp (2016-2018), Treasurer Laura Boettcher (2016-2018), Secretary Heide Keith (2017-2019), Director Jennifer Johns (2016-2018), Director Carol Herzig (2017-2019), Director Mary Buelow (2017-2019), Director Evon Mitchell (2017-2018). The nominating committee for 2018 is Marie Bilek, Deb Kolste, Nancy Stabb and an additional member appointed from the board. *Thank you to the nominating committee for 2017: Jennifer Johns, Marie Bilek, Deb Kolste, and Nancy Stabb.*

Your assistance is needed with two Membership Surveys

Mary Buelow
LWV-JVL Board

The second is on behalf of the Diversity Committee

I will be conducting two surveys of Janesville LWV members. The first is on behalf of the Board:

The Janesville LWV Board wants to know your preferences about planning future LWV membership events. Please click on the attached link to answer a short survey. The survey takes about a minute of your time, and the information will be extremely useful for planning future events. Deadline May 31.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LD23R26>

Last year the Diversity Committee sponsored a discussion of Waking Up White by Debby Irving. We are trying to find out if there is sufficient interest for more discussions, and what books people might like to read. Please click on the link to answer a short survey. This survey takes just a few minutes of your time, and will help us gauge interest in this project.

Deadline May 31.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2828NVC>

Please Click on the links to answer the survey questions.



League of Women Voters Wisconsin

The LWVWI state office is offering a new Google Group/Listserv [LWVWI-NR] designed around Natural Resources. We invite any League members who are interested in this general topic to join this group. We want this to be an opportunity for members to stay in touch across the state on specific issues and to stay on top of legislative actions and key developments of Natural Resources/Environmental Issues.

Please share this email announcement to your League members or committees who are involved with Natural Resources. Anyone interested in joining the group and the discussion, please email me (egrunze@lwvwi.org) to be added to this group.

Here are some general things to note:

- This group is ONLY for LWV members.
- You do NOT need a gmail email address to join. Any email address will work.
- You DO NEED to send an email to me (egrunze@lwvwi.org) to add you to this group.

--The "Natural Resources" topic is very broad. It will be helpful, when posting to the group, to make sure you clarify in the subject line the specifics of the post/email.

Subject examples: [LWVWI-NR] High Capacity Well Bill passes
[LWVWI-NR] Interesting article to share on toxins in Great Lakes
[LWVWI-NR] Air quality study to be taken up by LWV

--ETIQUETTE FOR LEAGUE GROUP COMMUNICATIONS - see <http://tinyurl.com/LWVWI-etiquette>

The state staff would like to thank members of LWV Milwaukee for their assistance in creating and launching this project.

We will be adding more Google Groups/Listservs in more topic areas as we can manage. Up next will be our SMWG team and Voter Services team.

Please send me any questions you have about the intent of the Google Group or if you have technical questions.

Thank you,
Erin

cc: All local League Presidents, Co-Presidents and Vice Presidents
State Board
State Staff

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# Katie's Report...



Janesville League of Women Voters  
2016-17 Annual Report  
President, Katie Kuznacic  
Currently at 66 members



July 19: Rock County Candidate Forum, in partnership with LWV-Beloit

August 23: LWV: Meet - Eat - Learn at Turtle Creek Parkway County Park, in partnership with LWV-Beloit



August: Janesville League of Women Voters t-shirt debut and sale



August: Get out the Vote Event at Janesville Night Out, in partnership with State of Wisconsin LWV



January 18: LWV-JVL Membership Event, at 29 South with a special focus on the efforts of the Diversity Committee

February 11: Susan B. Anthony Birthday Celebration, LWV-Beloit year



March 16: City Council Candidate Forum, in partnership with Forward Janesville (featured popular Facebook Live Stream!)



March 29: School Board Candidate Forum, in partnership with Forward Janesville

Our committees have been doing excellent work you will hear about today!



...and we've gotten a little more active on social media with some help from the state!



# Calendar

## Upcoming Activities 2017-18\*

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



**June**  
June 9 & 10 State Annual Meeting, Green Bay Mary Buelow and Linda Reinhardt will be attending

**A new Calendar will be developed when the new board meets this summer!**

*Thank you!*

Our league has had some wonderfully civic minded members over the years and we continue to do so. At present we wish to thank several members who are retiring from city councils this spring, they are: Nancy Lader, Carol Tidwell, and Kay Deupree. And we would love to congratulate Sue Conley on her election to the Janesville City Council!

## Membership Directories are available

Carol Herzig  
*Editor*

Many of the directories have been handed out at the Annual meeting, if you weren't there Carol Herzig will be getting them to you as soon as possible.

Within the directory there are a couple of errors/mistakes. Karel Cripe's e-mail should read [karelcripe@gmail.com](mailto:karelcripe@gmail.com) and two e-mail addresses that somehow disappeared when I was laying out the book: Carol Tidwell: [caroljtidwell@gmail.com](mailto:caroljtidwell@gmail.com) and Linda Reinhardt: [linda.reinhardt@uwc.edu](mailto:linda.reinhardt@uwc.edu) Sorry for the inconvenience. If you haven't gotten your book, the corrections have been made; if you have your books, please make the corrections. Thank you.

## Good morning, LWW members and dear friends,

I am both sad and happy to tell you that Jim and I sold our house in Janesville and are moving to Illinois to be closer to our only kidling and his wife, our kidling-in-law. They hope to have a child (grandkidling) next year, I am very happy to say and they asked awhile ago that we move closer. Their wish is our command, obviously.

We close on the house here on June 15 and will pack up Tina, our dear cat, and head out. I will leave part of myself in Janesville with each of you who were so welcoming, gracious, and kind when we moved here in 2010. I know our future welcome in Illinois could not possibly be any better.

For those of you on Facebook you will not escape me. Others of you have my email and phone which will remain the same. I look forward to staying in touch with each of you as you are willing and able. And since we will only be 1.5 hours away visits are happily inevitable.

Take care of yourselves and enjoy what will soon be a warm Wisconsin spring,  
Carol Tidwell

**Are you reading this newsletter as a 'guest'?**  
Joining the League of Women Voters is easy simply fill in this form and mail.

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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 \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Please make your check payable to: League of Women Voters -  
Janesville, P.O. Box 8064, Janesville, WI 53547-8064

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.*

