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## Janesville League has *NEW* T-shirts to order!



Pictured in their T-shirts are Lynn Vollbrecht, Kerri Kotsch Harold, Sarah Kopp, Heide Keith and Katie Kuznacic.

Our new “THIS IS WHAT A VOTER LOOKS LIKE” t-shirts are now available for ordering!! We have a women’s cut v-neck tee size Small - 3XL or a basic men’s crew neck tee size Small - 4XL available. Both are lavender and \$15 each for size small - XL or \$17 each for 2XL & up. Here’s how to order:  
1. E-mail Sarah at [publicity@lwjvl.org](mailto:publicity@lwjvl.org) with your name, phone, size(s), and specify men’s or women’s.  
2. Stop by Perfectly Plus at 32 E Racine Street in Janesville with your prepayment. Sorry, but orders that haven’t been paid by 9/9/16 will be cancelled. Please make checks out to Janesville

League of Women Voters. Cash is also accepted.  
3. The deadline for this first order is Friday, September 9 and the shirts will be available for pick up at Perfectly Plus the following week (wait until we call you to pick up). Thanks!!!

### ***Frequently asked question***

**Question:** Do they run small/big or are they true to size? I’m thinking I want a 2xl. Yes? No?

**Answer:** They do run pretty true to size and wash up really nicely. They are very soft. I am wearing a ladies large in this photo, I hope this is helpful! :)

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# Our Meeting at County Park Turtle Creek Parkway



Photo: David Hollman

The members of the League of Women Voters of Beloit and Janesville gathered for a joint meeting in the clubhouse of the Turtle Creek Parkway. on August 23, 2016.



Photos: Carol Herzig

Food, Fun and Fellowship... getting to know each other is one of the benefits of joint meetings between our two leagues.



Janesville League member, Carolyn Brandeen was hostess of the evening.

A County Parks display showing the location and some photos of the 18 different county parks.



Guest speakers: on the left is David Hoffman, Community Coordinator, Department of Public Works - Parks Division. David gave us an overview of the parks within our county and the budgetary constraints they are working with. On the right is Janesville League member Den Adler. Den gave us an interesting talk on the history of the bridge.



# LWV-US Convention 2016 Report

Sue Conley  
Secretary

**Making Democracy Work campaign** was continued into the next biennium.

Motion to adopt the LWVUS Board-recommended concurrence with the position on **Redistricting** was **approved** by a card vote. This was somewhat controversial because some felt that the language would cause harm to redistricting efforts in their state.

Motion to adopt the LWVUS Board-recommended concurrence with the LWV Colorado position on **Behavioral Health Care** was **approved** by a voice vote.

Motion to retain all current LWVUS Positions in the areas of Representative Government, International Relations, Natural Resources, and Social Policy was **approved** by a voice vote.

The **Bylaws were amended** to read “Persons at least 16 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of local Leagues, state Leagues, and of the LWVUS; (1) those who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League. . .” So, members no longer need to be “*citizens* at least 18 years of age.”

**Fifteen new Leagues** were recognized including LWV of Upper St. Croix Valley (WI).

The next biennium budget was passed **without an increase to the PMP.**

Motion to move a resolution responding to gun violence in America. In the wake of our country's worst mass gun violence in our history that killed 49 people in Orlando, Florida, we ask for a moment of silence to remember those who were killed, pray for peace for

their families and friends and strength for the community and our country.

Be it resolved to continue our long-standing position LWVUS position on Gun Violence – approved.

Motion to move a resolution on gun safety and Center for Disease Control Research - Support restoration of funding for gun violence research at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) was approved.

A resolution was approved to strongly support legislation that will establish statehood for the people of the District of Columbia.

## ELECTION OF LWVUS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Convention delegates participated in the election of LWVUS Board, Officers and Nominating Committee on Monday afternoon. The results are below.

The Officers are:

Chris Carson, president  
Karen Nicholson, vice president  
Toni Zimmer, secretary  
Henrietta Saunders, treasurer

The Directors are:

Maribel Balbin  
Amy Hjerstedt  
Kim Lauth  
Anita Loch  
Jessica Lowe-Minor  
Brenda Rogers  
Jessica Rohloff  
Deborah Turner

The members of the Nominating Committee are:

Peggy Appler, chair  
Mary Ann Reeves  
Susan Smith

The new LWVUS president, Chris Carson addressed the convention.

We were all invited to the 2018 Convention to be held in Chicago.

Of course, it was wonderful to spend time with so many women and men who care deeply about our democracy and D.C. is always interesting and energizing. It was my honor to represent LWV-Janesville.



# November 8, 2016 – General Election Day from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**O**ur rights, as voters, have been under an onslaught of attacks in recent years. The following will hopefully answer the frequently asked questions. Also, you will find the schedule of deadlines that are required to be met for the General Election come November 8, 2016.

## **Time Off For Voting:**

Employees are entitled to up to 3 hours leave to vote. The employee must request leave before Election Day. Pay can be deducted for time lost. The employer can set the time for leave to vote.

## **Voting At The Polls On Election Day**

Poll Hours: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Remember to bring an acceptable photo ID to the polling place. You should also bring along proof of residence, in case you need to register at the polls.

**Voters should have their photo ID ready when they enter the polling place.**

## ***At The Polling Place On Election Day***

- The voter's photo ID must be one of the acceptable documents specified by law.
- The voter's photo ID must be current. For WI driver licenses and WI state ID cards, military IDs, and passports, they can be expired, if they expired since the last General Election – currently November 4, 2014.
- The voter's photo ID must reasonably resemble the voter.
- The voter's photo ID must have the voter's name on it.



## **Can I Register At The Polls On Election Day?**

Wisconsin: Yes

Wisconsin allows you to register at the polling place in your election district or an alternate polling place on Election Day if you provide identification and proof of residence. You can also register in person at the municipal clerk's office up until 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election, provided you sign a registration form and present proof of residence.

## **Deadlines**

October 19, 2016

## **Descriptions**

Voter Registration deadline – By Mail: Last day for electors to register to vote by mail or by Special Registration Deputies in General Election. Mailed registrations must be postmarked no later than this date. (After this date, electors must register in person in their municipal clerk's office or at the polls).

October 24, 2016

Absentee Ballot Begins: First day for clerk's to issue absentee ballots in person in the clerk's office.

November 3, 2016

Absentee Ballot Request deadline – By Mail: Last day (5:00 p.m.) for electors (Except military and indefinitely confined electors) to request absentee ballots by mail for General Election.

## Deadlines

## Descriptions

November 4, 2016

Absentee Ballot return deadline – In Person: Last day (7:00 p.m.) for electors to make application in person to the municipal clerk for absentee ballots to vote in the General Election (except hospitalized electors and sequestered jurors).

November 4, 2016

Absentee Ballot Request deadline – In Person: Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for indefinitely confined electors and military electors who are NOT on active duty away from their residence to request absentee ballots by mail for General Election.

November 7, 2016

Voter Registration deadline – In Person: Last day (5:00 p.m.) for electors to register to vote in the General Election in the municipal clerk's office.

November 8, 2016

Absentee Ballot return deadline – In Person: Deadline (8:00 p.m.) for absentee ballots to be delivered to the polling place.

November 11, 2016

Absentee Ballot return deadline – By Mail: Deadline (4:00 p.m.) for all absentee ballots to be delivered via USPS to the municipal clerk (must be postmarked by Election Day, November 8).

Information taken from [elections.mytimetovote.com/date/wisconsin.html](http://elections.mytimetovote.com/date/wisconsin.html) \*Website say the date November 4th, I corrected it to be consistent with the other information on the site.

# Calendar

## Upcoming Activities 2015-16\*

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



### September

September 13 @ 6:30 p.m.  
Board meeting

### October

October 11 @ 6:30 p.m. Board  
meeting

### November

November 8 @ 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Fall General  
Election

November 8 @ 6:30 p.m. Board meeting

## Web addresses of National, State and Local Leagues:

To check out the action go to:

**LWV-US** <[www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org)>

**LWV-WI** <[www.lwvwi.org](http://www.lwvwi.org)> **JANESVILLE**

**LEAGUE** <[www.lwvjvl.org](http://www.lwvjvl.org)>



**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.*



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*Anytime: Invite a friend to become  
a Janesville LWV member:  
[lwvjvl.org](http://lwvjvl.org)*

# Are you reading this newsletter as a 'guest'?

Joining the League of Women Voters is easy simply fill in this form and mail.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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.

## The 2016-17 Board of the League of Women Voters of Janesville



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