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## Elections and Voting

### Membership Meeting

Wednesday, September 12th

• 29 South •

• 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. •

Please bring a \$5.00 donation for snacks and drinks

This program will be a kick-off for the Janesville League's election year activities and is a great opportunity to introduce a friend to League.

**If you haven't paid your dues, it's a good time to do that as well.**

Beth Jozwiak, professor of American History at UW Whitewater at Rock County, on the Direct Popular Vote for President: history of the Electoral College; why it was preferred by the founders over direct election, and the League's support of the of the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.

Christina Barrett & Jennifer Bleak for a Voters Services report to members on what their committee is doing; explain why Vote411.org is so important; what League can do to get out the vote; explain Automatic voter Registration, etc.

## Communications from the President



Dear Friends in League, issues, get to the polls, and vote successfully on Tuesday, November 6.

The partisan primary is behind us, and the General Election is two months ahead.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE**

**NEEDED.** It is not too early to be thinking about what we, as League members, can do to help citizens register to vote, learn about the candidates' positions on the

Our Voter Services Committee will be operating in high gear between now and November 6, and we can help. League members and friends are working nearly every day to register voters, and we are planning some special events for September 25, National Voter Registra-

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# ★ President

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tions Day. League members and “friends of League” can contact Jennifer Bleak [Fjswblk@hotmail.com](mailto:Fjswblk@hotmail.com) to get involved.

The three candidates running for the U.S. Congress from the 1st Congressional District have been invited to participate in a candidates’ forum in late September/early October (Date TBD). Forward Janesville and JATV will be our partners in conducting this event on the UW Whitewater at Rock County campus. We can all come and encourage others to come with us to watch the forum live, or view JATV’s video recording of the event before the election.

We can volunteer to help on Election Day:

LWV WI is looking for volunteers to be trained as election observers to focus on three areas: 1) to be sure there is no disenfranchisement; 2) to monitor the voter experience—including registration and showing ID; and, 3) to track any problems that can be fixed for future elections. League members and friends can contact LWV WI Voter Education Coordinator Eileen Newcomer at [electionobservation@lwvwi.org](mailto:electionobservation@lwvwi.org) or 608-256-0827 for information.

The City of Janesville (and probably every municipi-

pality in our area) is looking for volunteers to serve as Election Inspectors for the upcoming election. In Janesville, we can find more information on the City Clerk-Treasurer’s webpage, or by calling the office at 608-755-3070. If we live outside of Janesville, we can contact the clerk’s office in our city, village, or town.

Let’s reconnect with long-time League members and meet some of the 13 newbies who have joined League this year at our September General Membership meeting on Wednesday, September 12 at the 20 South Café 5:30-7:00pm. We have a two-part program planned for the evening that should generate some thoughtful discussion and enthusiasm as we gear up for the election :

Beth Jozwiak, a professor of American History at UW Whitewater at Rock County (UW-Rock County) will help us make sense of the Electoral College, then and now. (What were the Founders thinking? Why do we still not elect our President by direct popular vote?)

Christina Barrett and Jennifer Bleak, co-Chairs of the Voter Services Committee will bring us up-to-date on current local efforts toward “Empowering voters. Defending democracy.”

I hope to see many of you on September 12.

## The 2018-19 Board of the League of Women Voters of Janesville

<b>President</b>	Linda Reinhardt	2017-19
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<b>Director</b>	Nancy Stabb	
<b>Director</b>	Christina Barrett	
<b>Director</b>	Jennifer Bleak	

Board Meetings are the 1st Monday of the Month (Except September 17, because of Labor Day) and are open to our membership.

# Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.

Virginia Kase  
League of Women Voters US

Two weeks ago I started in my new role as CEO at the League of Women Voters of the United States. When I



think about the history of this organization, I am proud to see so many women running for

political office this year. And I want you to know that I am committed to our mission today.

## Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.

Part of my motivation for taking this position is to provide women with an opportunity to be heard, especially those who are often overlooked. I want young women to know that there's no one way to achieve their aspirations. Everyone's path is different.



## College of Letters and Sciences Contemporary Issues Lecture Series at UW-Whitewater



The College of Letters and Sciences Contemporary Issues Lecture Series schedule for the 2018-19 academic year. You may find the full schedule on the website (<http://www.uww.edu/cls/about/lectures>).

In fall 2018, the speakers are Washington Post staff writer Amy Goldstein, author of "Janesville – An American Story", and Kyle Whyte, Michigan State University professor who conducts research on the moral and political issues concerning climate policy and Indigenous peoples.

***All events are free and open to the public.***

**Amy Goldstein**  
**"Janesville - An American Story"**  
**Monday, October 22, 2018**  
**7 p.m. Young Auditorium**

In over 30 years as a staff writer at the Washington Post, Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Amy Goldstein has focused on stories that lie at the intersection of politics and public policy and explore the effects of both on ordinary people. Her first book, "Janesville - An American Story", reflects this interest. In writing this book, Goldstein spent years immersed in Janesville, Wisconsin, where the nation's oldest operating General Motors assembly plant shut down in the midst of the Great Recession. She is currently the Post's national health-care policy writer and has reported on a number of other social policy issues. Goldstein has

been a visiting scholar at the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Institute for Research on Poverty, a public policy scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, a visiting journalist at the American Institutes for Research, and a fellow at Georgetown University's Kalmanovitz Initiative for Labor and the Working Poor.

**Kyle Whyte**  
**"Indigenous Sustainability: Honoring Lands, Resurging Communities, Resisting Injustice"**  
**Monday, November 26, 2018**  
**7 p.m. Young Auditorium**

Kyle Whyte holds the Timnick Chair in the Humanities at Michigan State University. He is Associate Professor of Philosophy and Community Sustainability. His primary research in Indigenous philosophy addresses moral and political issues concerning climate policy and Indigenous peoples and the ethics of cooperative relationships between Indigenous peoples and climate science organizations. This research covers Indigenous philosophies of sustainability and resilience and connects with theoretical literatures on decolonization and Indigenous resurgence. He is an enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Professor Whyte is involved in a number of projects and organizations that advance Indigenous research methodologies and Indigenous sustainability, including the Climate and Traditional Knowledges Workgroup, Sustainable Development Institute of the College of Menominee Nation, Tribal Climate Camp, and Ng Pae o te Mramatanga New Zealand's Mori Centre of Research Excellence. He has served as an author on the U.S. National Climate Assessment and is former

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member of the U.S. Federal Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science.

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Linda Reinhardt, photos

## National Night Out

Linda Stehura and Linda Reinhardt attended to help potential voters with their registration needs.



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# Joining League Offers an Opportunity to Give Back to the Community

Nancy Stabb  
Membership Chairman

We welcome new member Lisa Johnson, a Farmer's Insurance agent in Janesville.



Like other new members Christina Barrett and Jennifer Bleak, Lisa became immediately involved in Voters Services. She said she saw League as a non-partisan way to give back to the community.

When I asked Lisa

what first attracted her to League she said, "What initially brought me to the League was my concern about all of the changes in voting rules etc. Our right to vote is being challenged. I also support the Leagues' lobbying efforts nationally.

What better way for me to support these efforts than at a local level with Janesville League of Women Voters!" She added, "I have been very impressed with the organization and feel that it provides an effective way to participate in promoting the Leagues' objectives. I have enjoyed the Voter Services activities and hope as a member that I can make a meaningful contribution."

Already these 3 new members Christina Barrett, Jennifer Bleak and Lisa Johnson are definitely making a difference in what we are able to accomplish locally.

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## League of Women Voters - Voter Service Report

Christina & Jennifer  
Voter Service Committee Co-Chairs

Jennifer and I want to thank the many wonderful League members and volunteers who worked with the Voter Service Committee to make this past election season a success. In the two months before the August Primary Election, volunteers were at events all over town and gave information to more than 500 people! You might have seen us at:

- The Farmer's Market
- The Hedberg Public Library (just about every week-

end!)

- The Fourth Ward Fourth of July Picnic
- The Fourth Ward Barbeques
- Cedar Crest
- The National Night Out
- The Janesville Athletics Club

But our work is far from over! Let's see if we can do even better for the November Election!

Want to be part of the action? Contact [LWVJ.voter-service@gmail.com](mailto:LWVJ.voter-service@gmail.com) for more information.

Most importantly, **don't forget to vote!**

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## Dear Janesville League of Women Voters members,

Today I went to the DMV to check into how voters without birth certificate and other documents could get a Wisconsin ID that would enable them to vote. All they need to do is go to the DMV and fill out 2 forms. There is a Spanish version of the more complicated form. After the forms are filled out, the DMV will overnight mail a document the voter can use as ID for voting while their Wisconsin ID is processed.

In the meantime, the DMV searches birth records according to the forms the voter filled out. Once birth records are located, a Wisconsin ID is issued free of charge.

I obtained a flyer from the DMV for voters regarding how to get a Wisconsin ID with or without documents



(and will see about getting it reproduced so those doing voter services work can provide it to voters without the proper ID for voting).

Hey, between now and November, those who can, let's all get out there even if just for an hour and interact with voters needing help. No need to stop efforts 20 days before the election as there is plenty of work to do other than doing the actual registering. If you have any interest in voter services work, contact me and I will do my best to pair you up with someone, provide training, location, materials, and most of all encouragement!

Many thanks to all for being a member and doing all the great work you do.

Jennifer Bleak, Co-chair, Committee for Voter Services, Janesville League of Women Voters

P. S. If you have any voter services materials that you are not going to be using in the near future, could you contact me so I can collect them? That way I can provide them in a timely manner to whoever is doing voter services on particular dates. Thanks, J

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## BOOK DISCUSSIONS:

Kudos and thanks to the following summer book discussion leaders: Kay and Neil Deupree for *The Life and Death of the Great Lakes*; Evon Mitchell for *The White Working Class: Class Cluelessness*; and Linda Stehura for *Undocumented: How Immigration Became Illegal*.

If you have read a book on a public policy issue which you think League members would find interesting please pass that suggestion along to Nancy Stabb <nstabb@charter.net>

## 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.*



# CALENDAR

## Upcoming Activities 2018-19\*

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

### September 2018

September 3 Labor Day  
September 17 Board Meeting  
September 12 General Membership Meeting  
5:30 to 7 p.m.

### October 2018

October 1 Board Meeting  
Candidates' Forums

### November 2018

November 5 Board Meeting  
November 6 General Election



**December 2018**  
December 3 Board Meeting

### January 2019

January 7 Board Meeting  
Membership meeting

### February 2019

February 4 Board Meeting  
Susan B, Anthony Party

### March 2019

March 4 Board Meeting  
Spring Election - Candidates Forums

### April 2019

April 1 Board Meeting  
Spring Elections

### May 2019

May 6 Board Meeting  
Annual Meeting

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## Campaign Management Institute scheduled for October 6



[Campaign Management Institute \(CMI\)](#) is co-hosted by Forward Janesville and the League of Women Voters of Janesville.

Forward Janesville created Campaign

Management Institute (CMI) to give civic-minded citizens a firsthand look at the nuts and bolts of running a campaign. From filing nomination papers to developing campaign materials (and everything in between), CMI examines every aspect of the political process. Nearly 150 individuals have graduated from CMI during its history, and twenty graduates have been elected

to office.

The first segment of the Campaign Management Institute will focus on at government structure, the responsibilities of elected officials, and the personal and professional challenges faced by public officeholders. The second segment will delve into the technical details of running a successful campaign, including the filing and nomination process, required forms and records, and campaign finance. The final segment will help participants develop a winning campaign strategy by focusing on topics like media relations, connecting with voters, and designing effective campaign materials.

Campaign Management Institute will be conducted by recognized local and state leaders with decades of diverse political experience. CMI will take place on Saturday, October 6 at 8 AM in Forward Janesville's conference room at 14 South Jackson Street. This free class is open to anyone interested in learning more about the political process, especially those who are considering seeking local office.

For more information or to register, please contact Dan Cunningham at (608) 757-3160.

**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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Janesville, P.O. Box 8064, Janesville, WI 53547-8064

I request consideration for a LWV scholarship.

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