



The VOTER

The first presentation in our series on Mental Health is scheduled

The League of Women Voters in Janesville will host a series of presentations to create awareness and inform the community about mental health issues and support available in Rock County.

The first presentation will be on Thursday, January 28 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Rock County Job Center, located at 1900 Center Avenue in Janesville.

Guest speakers will be Kate Flanagan, division manager Mental Health and AODA Services and Neil Deupree, Behavioral Health Redesign Steering Committee member. Flanagan will provide an overview of how Rock County services handles mental health needs in our community. And Deupree, will share a brief update on



the steering committee's progress since its inception in 2012.

Access to quality mental health care is a much needed resource in our community. According to



the 2014 Human Services Department annual report, more than 34,000 calls were received by the Rock County Crisis Intervention Center.

To learn more, join the League and guest speakers at the first in a series of presentations this year.

The all-volunteer local League of Women Voters of Janesville is a non-partisan organization which works to register voters, host candidate forums, study local, state, and national issues and to bring informative programs to the citizens of Janesville and northern Rock County.

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Book reading/discussion “Waking Up White”

Deb Fisher
Diversity Committee

The Janesville League of Women Voters approved a new study topic, recommended by the Board of Directors, on Diversity at our April 28th Annual meeting. The newly formed study group met for the first time in September and elected Lisa Furseth as convener.

The Diversity Study is sponsoring an All League Read. The book selected, among many excellent choices, is “Waking Up White” by Debby Irving. This new book is available at Amazon in paperback for \$16.00. Books A Million in the Janesville Mall will order the book for you and ship it to your home in 5-7 days of placing your order. Book World can also have the book within 5-7 days but you need to pick it up at the store. The Hedberg Library has borrowed one copy from UW Madison for our purposes. Contact Deb Fisher



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(743-0937) if you would like to read that copy.

The book offers questions we can use to look at ourselves in relationship to race and leads us to identify some of what we can do to help address issues of racism.

There will be three opportunities for book discussion.

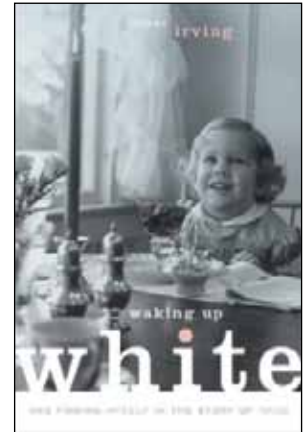
Thursday February 25th 10:00 a.m. at the Hedberg Library. Lisa Furseth and Ethel Himmel facilitators

Saturday February 27th at 10:00 a.m. at the Hedberg Library. Kim Kostka McKay and Deb Fisher facilitators.

Saturday March 5th at 2:00 p.m. at the Hedberg Library. Lisa Furseth and Janet LaBrie facilitators.

“In justice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.”

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Hello, members of the Janesville League of Women Voters!

As most of you are aware, new Voter ID laws will take place in the upcoming 2016 elections. We'd like to make an effort to educate those in our community who may not be aware and are most vulnerable to changes, such as seniors in senior care facilities. To do this, I'm contacting several centers to ask for the opportunity to provide written materials and education from League of Women Voters.

Would you be able to visit centers or attend senior meals on behalf of the league and educate residents? If you're willing and able, I can set up dates and times for you, put you in contact with important people within the organization, and provide materials for distribution regarding what constitutes as

an ID. Please e-mail me so that I can work with you on what you're able to do, with who, and when.

In addition to education, we've considered the option of connecting volunteers willing to drive seniors needing to acquire identification to and from the DMV. I am unsure of the potential demand for this ask, but if you are willing and wanting, please let me know!

On behalf of Voter Services, thank you for your time!

Cheers,
Christy Marsden

P. S.
Interested in when we'll be voting this year?
Spring Primary Election - February 16 (if necessary)
Spring Election (Presidential Preference) - April 5
Fall Primary Election (Partisan Primary) - August 9
General Election (Presidential) - November 8

**Judicial
Primary
February
16th**

Wisconsin Voter Photo ID

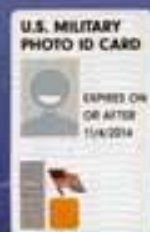
What you need to know.



All Wisconsin citizens must present a photo ID to vote in person on Election Day, to vote early in person at the clerk's office, and (for most voters) to vote absentee by mail.

You must show one of these IDs

Address on your ID does not have to be current!



PROOF OF ENROLLMENT

Proof of Enrollment varies for each college. It is a separate document (may be electronic), such as a class schedule or enrollment verification form. If you are not sure about your proof of enrollment, please ask your college.

Your college ID card MUST have all of the following to be valid for voting:

- Photo
- Expiration date - Not required
- Signature
- Issuance Date
- Your school must be a 2+ accredited college

* Cannot be more than 2 years after card's date of issue

Frequently Asked Questions

What if I don't have an acceptable photo ID?

Voting is a right you can't afford to lose.

Get an ID.

See the reverse to find out how to get a **Free Voter Photo ID**

Do I need a photo ID if I vote absentee?

You **must** include a copy of your acceptable voter photo ID when you send in your signed absentee ballot request. The only exceptions are: if you are indefinitely confined due to age or disability; live in a nursing home or senior residential community; or are a permanent overseas or military voter.

What if the address on my photo ID isn't current?

An acceptable Voter Photo ID **does not** have to include a current address.

Important things to remember:

- ★ There is **not** a separate "Voter Photo ID card." You can use any of the examples pictured on this page as a Voter Photo ID.
- ★ Note the expiration and issuance **date requirements** for acceptable IDs.
- ★ The name on your photo ID does **NOT** have to exactly match the name you use to vote. Nicknames (e.g., "Susan" with ID for "Sue") are OK! However, if you've legally changed your name, your new name must be on the ID you use to vote.

Need more information?

Visit the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board (GAB) website at: <http://BringIt.wi.gov/> Or call the GAB at 1-866-VOTE-WIS (1-866-868-3947)



Here's how to Get a Free Voter Photo ID

Go to your local Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) service center.

(Find the location of your local DMV at: <http://wisconsin.gov/Pages/online-srvcs/find-dmv>)

Bring your **social security number** (doesn't have to be your SS Card) and *original* documents that prove your name and date of birth; your identity; U.S. Citizenship; and Wisconsin residency (*see lists below*).

Fill out a "Wisconsin Identification Card" application.

Documents needed to get a Free Voter Photo ID

Bring one from each of the following four categories (originals, no photo copies).

Documents in **bold** can be used as proof in more than one category (e.g., Birth Certificate).

Note: the lists below contain examples of the most common documents – for more information or a complete list of acceptable documents, visit: www.BringIt.wi.gov/how-do-i-get-free-state-id-card or call 1-866-VOTE-WIS Mon-Fri, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Name and Date of Birth:

- **Birth Certificate (certified)**
- **Certificate of Citizenship**
- Court Order (Adoption, Divorce, Name or Gender Change)
- **Certificate of Naturalization**

Proof of U.S. Citizenship:

- **U.S. Birth Certificate (certified)**
- **Certificate of Citizenship**
- **Certificate of Naturalization**

Proof of Identity:

- Marriage or Divorce Certificate
- Social Security Card
- Driver's License (Other U.S. State)
- State ID Card (Other U.S. State)
- U.S. Gov. & Military Dependent Card
- Military Discharge Papers (including Federal DD-214)

Bring **ONE** from each category!

Wisconsin Residency (must show name and address):

- Utility Bill (e.g., Cable, Phone)*
- Bank/Financial Institution Statement*
- Pay Stub*
- Insurance Policy dated within last year
- Gov. issued Correspondence issued within the last year
- Mortgage Documents for WI Property

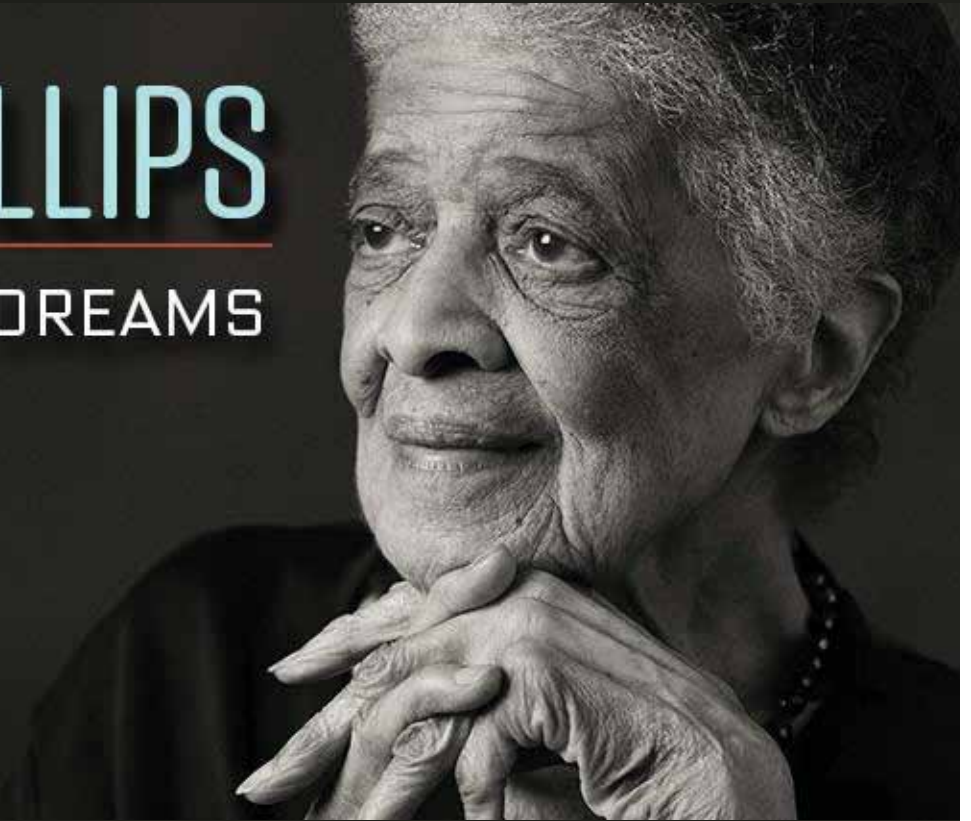
*Issued within the last 90 days

If you don't have the required documents to prove U.S. Citizenship, name and date of birth, and/or legal name change, **you can still get a free ID**, but you must:

Be a U.S. Citizen, indicate that **the ID card is required free of charge for the purposes of voting**; and **fill out a short form** claiming that documents required to prove U.S. Citizenship, name and date of birth and/or legal name change are unavailable and require a fee to a government agency to obtain.

VEL PHILLIPS

DREAM BIG DREAMS



THE STORY OF **ONE REMARKABLE WOMAN** AND THE **STRUGGLES** SHE UNDERTOOK **TO ACHIEVE** A BETTER COMMUNITY.

VIEW & DISCUSS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 6 P.M.

HEDBERG PUBLIC LIBRARY
316 SOUTH MAIN STREET • JANESVILLE, WI

Discover how Vel Phillips rose to prominence as one of Wisconsin's great civil rights activists, achieving an impressive list of "firsts" as part of her legacy, including the first African American judge in Wisconsin and the first woman, and African American, in the nation elected to executive office in state government. More than a documentary, *Vel Phillips: Dream Big Dreams* is a statewide engagement project that will bring the community together for conversations about equity and civil rights in the 21st century.

The screening is part of Wisconsin Public Television's Real to Reel project in partnership with the Wisconsin Library Association. The program is also made possible by the efforts of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, the Janesville League of Women Voters and the Diversity Action Team of Rock County.



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS:



When asked why she joined the League and what she gets for her membership, Sue Conley said:

“I joined the League of Women Voters in part because other women I worked with were actively involved in League and they encouraged me to join. I’ve been working for women’s issues ever since

I care about in a non-partisan format. The Janesville League facilitates candidate forums and is now working to help find solutions to mental health issues in our community. I am happy to be an active member.”



I can remember and I had partnered with the League through other women’s groups. The League provides me with up to date information on public policy that

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 2015-16*

*Additional events may be planned. Check website: lwvjvl.org/calendar

January

January 12 @ 6:30 p.m. Board meeting
January 28 @ 6:00-7:30 p.m. Mental Health Program - History of Services at the Job Center

February

February 6 @ Doors open @ 11:00 a.m. Brunch @ 11:30 a.m. Susan B. Anthony Birthday Party at the Armory
February 9 @ 6:30 p.m. Board meeting @ Carol Herzig's
February 25 @ 10:00 a.m. Hedberg Public Library - *Waking Up White* Book Discussion
February 27 @ 10:00 a.m. Hedberg Public Library *Waking Up White* Book discussion 2

March

March 2 @ 6:00-7:30 p.m. Mental Health Program

- Mental Illness & Law Enforcement

March 5 @ 2:00 p.m. Hedberg Public Library *Waking Up White* Book Discussion 3

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

April

April 12 @ 6:30 p.m. Board meeting

April 13 @ 6:00-7:30 p.m. Mental Health Program - Treatment Options

May

May 10 Annual Meeting Basics



Officers for the Janesville League of Women Voters 2015-2016

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League Board meetings are the second Tuesday of each month and are open for members to attend.



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.

Web addresses of National, State and Local Leagues:

To check out the action go to:

LWV-US <www.lwv.org>

LWV-WI <www.lwvwi.org>

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