



The VOTER

Deadline approaches for the Susan B. Anthony Birthday Party Reservations!

To make your reservations contact Deb Fisher. Checks can be sent to Janesville, WI 53545. or call Debbie at

The RSVP deadline is February 5.

Join us on Sunday, February 16, 2014.

Pontiac Convention Center, 2809 Pontiac Dr. Janesville

Sign in begins at 11:30; program starts promptly at 12:00 noon.

Price \$32; \$20 for students with valid student ID



Rose Stephenson as Susan B. Anthony

Andrea Kaminski

Celebrate Women's History Month with a viewing and discussing of a film

Invite young women to come with you!



Wonder Women: The Untold Story of American Superheroines

**Tuesday, March 18,
6:30-8:30 p.m.
@ Hedberg Library**

C o-sponsored by the Janesville League of Women Voters and Hedberg Public Library. From the comic book superheroine to the blockbusters of today, this film offers a fun and witty look at how

popular representations of powerful women often reflect society's anxieties about women's liberation. Discussion to follow the film.

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Multicultural Diversity and the Janesville School System

Debbie Fisher
Multicultural Diversity chair

The Janesville League of Women Voters adopted a position statement on Multicultural Diversity and the Janesville School System in 1993 when the racial/ethnic diversity in Janesville was 1%. In 2013 the racial/ethnic diversity in the Janesville School District was 23%: Hispanic, 11%; African American 5%; bi-racial 5% and Asian 2%. The League decided it was time to update our position statement.

Ted Kinnaman and Debbie Fisher have studied the issue since last July. They are ready to gather your input. We will meet on Saturday March 15th at 9:30 at the Hedberg Library. Your responses are valued. Here are some portions of the 1993 position and changes that have occurred in the District in recent years.

“The Janesville School District should include in the K-12 sequential curriculum plans instructional objectives and activities, at each grade level, designed to give all pupils an understanding and appreciation of cultural diversity, individual and group differences, and the skills needed to succeed in a diverse, democratic and pluralistic society.”

Four years ago the District introduced movement and music into much of the curriculum. They are using culturally relevant curriculum. They want to make sure the students see people who look like them in their books and on the walls of the school. They want to make sure the students see women in occupations historically male dominated. The history textbooks have changed radically over the past decade. The new material acknowledges the perspective of persons of color. History is frequently viewed through the eyes of the minority. They are also moving beyond textbooks and using more digital resources that feature cultural diversity. The Library Media Specialist is a great proponent of making sure the students are reading authors who are persons of color. It is fair to say that everyone, at all levels in the District, owns diversity.

There is obvious diversity in the Central Office Staff and in the individual building administrative staff. All administrative staff are evaluated each year based upon measurable goals. The process is known as the Leadership Evaluation Measurement (LEM). Each year one of their goals has to be “How are we working to close the cultural and racial achievement gap?” Four years ago the District Equity Leadership Team (DELT) was formed. The purpose of the Team was to work to close the cultural/racial achievement gap in the District. Today each building



has a DELT Team. In 2013 the Promise Schools I Janesville received recognition from the Department of Instruction because they have done an excellent job of closing the cultural/racial achievement gap.

We look forward to seeing you at the Hedberg Library on March 15th at 9:30 to receive your input on the new Janesville League of Women Voters Position on Multicultural Diversity and the Janesville School System.

Forums Scheduled

Carol J. Tidwell
Chair, Voter Services Committee

The forums for candidates for city council and school board for the spring election (on April 1) are as follows:

School Board: Tuesday, March 4th in the evening at the school district building. More details will follow.

City Council: Wednesday, March 12, 7 p.m. in the program room at Hedberg. JATV will again record the event.

Forward Janesville is again co-sponsoring, as is JATV for the city council forum. Please let me know if you have any questions about either of these.



After the Polar Vortex, January 29, 2014



Carol Herzig, photos

Burr it is cold outside!

But warm inside 26 current members and prospective members met at the Armory for an evening of conversation and debut of the new voting video and public service announcements to join our league. (Available on Youtube.com and facebook) What a pleasant evening, so glad that those of you were able to make it!



Tell us about yourself!
Introductions all around at the start of the evening.





Your League Membership Can be Whatever You Want it to be!

Choose to be active in a committee, on the board, or dues only. Whatever level you want or can be, we need you! If you joined this evening, or not, we enjoyed your attendance. We hope you learned enough to make up your mind to join us and contribute to our activities.

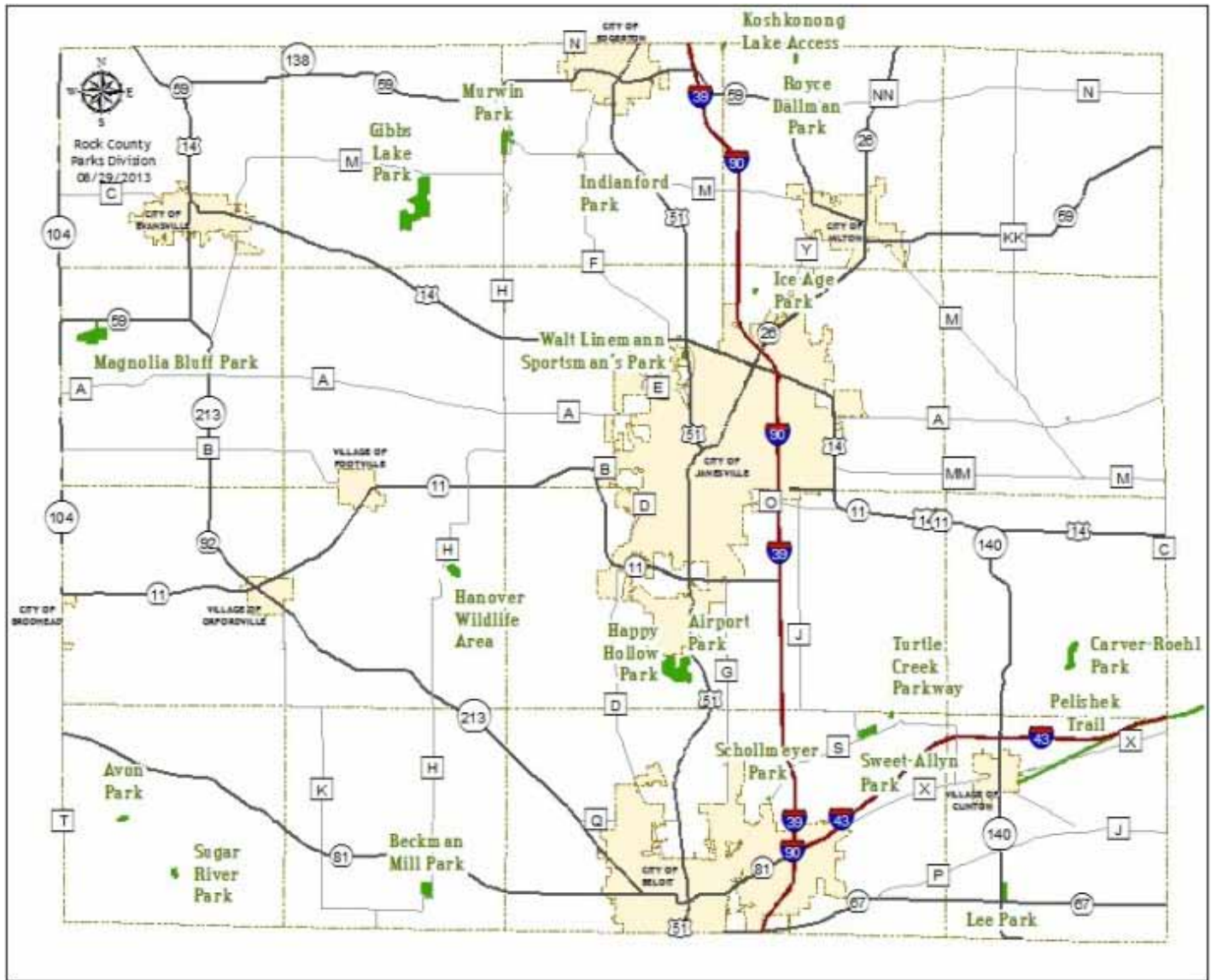




Our very own Wonder Woman!

President Amy Golackson wearing her Wonder Woman shirt to advertise our program, co-sponsored by the Hedberg Public Library, on March 18 for Women's History month. Come and join us for this PBS video and discussion! Bring a guest, especially younger women.





League of Women Voters of Janesville's position on the Rock County Parks System

Members of Rock County League of Women Voters, Beloit and Janesville, are supportive of Rock County Parks and planning for parks and open space. A working-group from the two Leagues is currently working to update the local LWV park's position but in the meantime here [are 2] is an opportunity to join with others to visit a county park.

http://www.co.rock.wi.us/images/web_documents/departments/parks/press_releases/2013_candlelight_sportsmans.jpg



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> **JANESVILLE LEAGUE** <www.lwvjvl.org>

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Board Appointments:

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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.*

