



The VOTER

Presidential Notes...

Amy Golackson
President LWV-JVL

It is intimidating to me to think about writing an article for this newsletter. You are a smart and informed group of citizens. It is likely that you read the state newsletter and the national information like I do. Then I started thinking how the group is always better when everyone adds in; when everyone does their part, so here are some thoughts.

On Saturday, June 8th I attended the state league conference with our newly elected vice president Carol Tidwell. Besides having a great time getting to know Carol better, I learned a lot about the concerns around the mining laws and redistricting just to name two current issues. We drove to Milwaukee together and joined about 80 other women from across the state who care enough to give up a Saturday to learn and talk about some important work surrounding Wisconsin's democracy.

The morning started out with a keynote speaker, Kim Wright, from the Midwest Environmental Advocacy Group. She was a very passionate and eloquent speaker who talked about the concerns about ground water and air quality. Including some information about the factory farms in the state and the lack of oversight regarding how they dispose of their waste. This concern would be fitting with our sustainability committee's concerns regarding groundwater safety.

This state wide interest is opening an opportunity for a statewide committee to meet regarding ground water policy. It would make sense to have someone from the sustainability committee but we certainly would also invite others who maybe aren't currently on that committee who have an interest in this subject.

The state League is also leading a statewide effort to improve the redistricting process starting now. Redistricting only happens every 10 years but starting



the year or two before never seems to be soon enough, so they are starting now. By allowing enough time

to amass the support, they have higher hopes to make a well thought out and positive change. If you are interested in that long range process, please let me know.

We also talked about membership in the League. Making sure that those who newly join feel welcomed, informed and encouraged to jump in where ever they have an interest. Bottom line, everyone can't know everything and the more we all keep learning, monitoring the process and advocating for a good democratic system we will all be doing a great service.

Voter Service Chair and First VP

Carol Tidwell
LWV - Janesville

It was educational and fun for me to attend my first state LWV meeting on June 8th along with the Janesville chapter president, Amy Golackson. We rode up to Milwaukee together that day,

leaving town by 6:30 a.m. It was worth it!

The presentations by other Wisconsin chapters of the LWV gave me several new ideas, especially for voter services. I will ask for this group's input on these in the near future.

I have been a Leaguer for

about two years now and every day I am more and more impressed with all of you in Janesville and now the women from the other chapters around the state.

I am glad to be a part of this wonderful organization.

Thank you to our supporters!

The following members and non-members have contributed generously to our 2012-2013 fund raising campaign. A total of \$1,424 has been contributed to the League of Women Voters of Janesville during this fiscal year.

- Barbara Bobzien
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Again, thank you for your support of the League of Women Voters of Janesville.

Dues Notice and Membership Involvement Questionnaire

The membership year for the Janesville League of Women Voters is July 1 to May 31. Dues notices and member involvement questionnaires will be sent out in the next few weeks. Dues approved at the annual meeting in May are \$65 for an individual and \$30 for each additional member of the household.

We look forward to having each of you rejoin the League for the 2013-2014 program year and becoming involved with the many exciting studies and activities that are being planned.



Member Glitch Resolved (We Hope)

Due to a break in communications with the State League of Women Voters, newer members have not been receiving email communications from the State League. A complete membership list was recently sent to the state office. All members with email addresses should now be receiving email updates from the League of Women Voters Wisconsin Education Network. We apologize for this error.

Chico Bag Fund raiser

The Janesville LWV Board approved a fund-raising proposal by the Climate Change Committee of an on-line sale of reusable bags produced by the Chico Bag company. The fund raiser began in May with a goal of raising \$500 for the League of Women Voters of Janesville. We are currently at 20% of our goal

There are a variety of styles including shoulder and cross-body bags, bottle slings, as well as some specific to farmer's market purchases. There is a choice between a polyester fabric in a variety



of prints or 98% recycled materials. The bags

are purchased on-line and 50% of the cost (not including shipping) will be rebated to the League.

To participate, go to <http://www.chicobag.com/fundraiser/lwvjvl>. And use the coupon code VOTE4LWV when you check out. The coupon code will appear on your receipt. And if you happen to forget to use the coupon code, you can e-mail jack@chicobag.com and let him know. He will add the code to your order.

Please share this information with your friends and neighbors. We have created a flyer for the event. If you would like a copy to share, e-mail Judy Adler.

The fund raiser is scheduled to last through September and we will keep members updated as to the progress.



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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>

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.

