

The **LWV** **VOTER**

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Katie Kuznacic
President

2015-16 Annual Report
Currently at 64 members
Local Forums and activities...



Kate Flanagan

We hosted a free community discussion in late September featuring speaker Kate Flanagan of the Rock County Behavior Health Redesign Committee. She shared information about the committee's work regarding mental health issues in Rock County in partnership with our study committee.

In February, in conjunction with the Beloit League of Women Voters, we held our annual Susan B. Anthony event at the Armory in Janesville, featuring Martha De La Rosa, Wisconsin State Director if 9to5.



Annual Susan B. Anthony birthday party

Our league and the Hedberg Public Library co-sponsored a film viewing and discussion of

Vel Phillips - Dream Big Dreams from Wisconsin Public Television.

The Mental Health and Wellness committee wanted to share the information gathered through the last year of study, not only to provide a space to discuss through the various needs and gaps in service we had discovered, but to also highlight some of the positive steps Rock Coun-



Judge Vel Phillips



ty and the City of Janesville have been taking to improve out comes of those dealing with mental health crises. In three forums, various guest



City Council Forum

speakers discussed the needs and gaps of mental health services in the county health system, within

★ Annual Meeting

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the medical system, and on the judicial side.

Voter Services worked to register new voters and pro-

vide information on the new Voter ID laws, which took much to keep up with!

The spring also brought on local candidate forums, praised by attendees and local media alike.

Exceptional coverage in local media



What will 2016-17 bring? (besides a big election this fall!)

Keep an eye out for new events, study committees, featured speaker series, partnership events with the LWV-WI and LWV-JVL branded merchandise for sale!

The 2016-17 Board of the League of Women Voters of Janesville as elected at the Annual Meeting



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An invitation from Janesville AAUW - An Evening with Harper Lee

The Janesville branch of the American Association of University Women is opening its June book discussion to the public. Go Set a Watchman returns to Maycomb twenty years after Lee's classic To Kill a Mockingbird. Returning home to visit her father, Jean Louise (Scout) Finch struggles with issues both personal and political, involving Atticus, society, and the small Alabama town that shaped her.

The combined AAUW Book Discussion group and Diversity Action Team hopes to use these two stories as a starter to a conversation about race. Harper Lee's portrayal of Atticus Finch from Mockingbird is further

developed in Watchman. How do we process this? Did Atticus suddenly become a racist in Watchman or is this a fuller picture of the man and the way racism works? What can we learn about our own attitudes toward racism? Please join us on Tuesday, June 28, The Woman's Club, 108 S Jackson St in Janesville. We'll have wine for purchase, other beverages provided. Please bring a dish to pass for a 6:30 p.m. meal. Discussion starts at 7:00 p.m.

For more information please contact Mary Buelow at buelow_m@msn.com or 754-0544

Calendar

Upcoming Activities 2015-16*

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



June
 June 3-5 State Annual meeting -
 Egg Harbor, WI
 June 7 Board meeting @ Rock

County Courthouse
 June 16-19 National Convention - Washington,
 D.C.

Are you reading this newsletter as a 'guest'?

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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 \$_____.

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

I request consideration for a LWV scholarship.

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