

# The **VOTER**

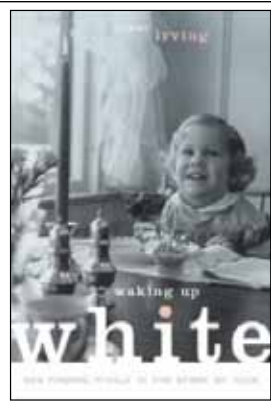


## If you haven't read it yet, please do!

**Deb Fisher**  
*Diversity Committee*

room at the Hedberg Public Library.

The Diversity Study is encouraging every member of the Janesville League of Women Voters to read the book "Waking Up White" by Debby Irving. There will be three opportunities to discuss the book. Each discussion will take place in the first floor meeting



**Thursday February 25th 10:00 am Lis Furseth and Ethel Himmel facilitators**  
**Saturday February 27th 10:00 am Kim Kostka McKay and Deb Fisher facilitators**  
**Saturday March 5th 2:00 pm Lisa Furseth and Janet LaBrie facilitators**

## Help the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin monitor the elections in 2016 - Become an Election Observer!

We are seeking volunteers to be our eyes and ears at the polls in cities, villages and towns across the state. We really appreciate when our League members



get involved, and we welcome non-League members to be Election Observer volunteers as well. We will be monitoring whether new election laws are being uniformly applied state-

wide. In particular, we will be watching for signs of voters being disenfranchised by election laws or election administration procedures. The League will provide online training and a packet of materials to support your work.

State and local elections officials, as well as the media, consider the League's election observer reports a reliable source of information about what is working and what is not on Election Days. Sign up now, especially if you can help out with the April 5 primary. Thanks! Any questions, e-mail Erin.

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## Report from our first public meeting on the status of Mental Health in Rock County

Evon Mitchell  
*Mental Health Committee*



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**Mary Buelow, Mental Health Committee**

would constitute a strong League policy statement.

Neil Deupree, representing the Behavioral Health Redesign Steering Committee, gave a short recap of their work in the county. Kate Flanagan, Division Manager of Mental Health and AODA Services (now known as Behavioral Health Division), then provided an overview of how Rock County Services handles community mental health needs. Kate said the division is developing a more holistic and accessible approach focusing on:

- Improving earlier access to care
- Continuing to integrate care between behavioral health and substance abuse
- Targeting the criminal justice system population to

develop treatment program for reducing recidivism

Providing more evidence-based practices/programs to close the gaps in the continuum of care.

There are four program areas in the county's Behavioral Health Division, and Kate shared her presentation time with the program managers of those areas:

Greg Winkler: Out-patient Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

Tera O'Connor: Clinical Services for Children and Families

Amy Cottington: Comprehensive Community Services and Support Programs

Melissa Meboe: Crisis Services

Their information was very helpful for understanding the broad range of services available. They were excited about programming growth and the extent of available services, but they were also honest about service gaps hindering client progress.

A video tape of this forum is available at <https://youtu.be/6jAP4fXPOQs>. Thanks to Norm Aulabaugh for donating his video-taping/editing skills to make this tape possible!



**Kate Flanagan, Division Manager of Mental Health and AODA Services**

# Second Public Mental Health Committee meeting to be held March 17th

Mary Buelow  
Mental Health Committee

In our second forum on Mental Health issues we will be looking at the front line experience in a mental health crisis. A crisis is any situation in which a person's behaviors puts them at risk of hurting themselves or others, or when their usual coping strategies are overwhelmed and they need urgent support. Sometimes the individual in crisis can reach out and obtain help on their own. Other times the illness interferes with their understanding that anything is wrong, and family, friends, and community members need to reach out and connect them with the help they need. This intervention is not always smooth or easy.

We will be hearing about the experience of mental

health crises from three different perspectives - a family member, a crisis worker, and a hospital worker. Please join us!

**Title: *The Front Line Experience in a Mental Health Crisis***

**March 17**

**6:00 – 7:30 p.m.**

**Location:**

**First Lutheran Church**

**Fellowship Hall**

**612 N. Randall Avenue, Janesville**



## City Launches Online Service Request System

The City of Janesville is pleased to announce a new opportunity for citizens to submit requests for services or report issues. Beginning Monday, February 1, 2016, Janesville's citizens may make a number of service requests or reports online through the City's website. The City has defined approximately twenty topics for which citizens can make requests or report issues including reporting graffiti, sign code violations, snow plowing issues, missed trash/recycling collection and more.

Visit [www.ci.janesville.wi.us/servicerequest](http://www.ci.janesville.wi.us/servicerequest) to view the system, create an account and begin making requests. Please note that emergency or highly time sensitive issues should not be reported using this system.

In order to use the new online service request system, citizens must create an account using a valid email address. The system allows citizens to track the status

of all current and past requests. Individuals submitting requests may upload photos and provide comments. City staff will respond to requests and inform the requestor when the issue is resolved.

Citizens may continue to report issues or make requests to the City using traditional methods such as by phone, e-mail, or visiting City facilities during hours of operation. The new online service request system simply allows another convenient way for citizens to contact City staff, track the status of their requests and provide photos of the issue.

This new service is consistent with the City's strategic plan and will continue to broaden the City's ability to be accessible and responsive to the citizens of Janesville. Please contact Management Information Specialist Maggie Hrdlicka with questions at [athrdlicka@ci.janesville.wi.us](mailto:athrdlicka@ci.janesville.wi.us) or (608) 755-3103.



# Susan B. Anthony's birthday celebration!



Carol Herzig Photos  
Janesville LWV President Katie Kuznacic and Beloit LWV Convener Susan Adams greeting guests and introduction of our speaker.

Eaves dropping on a conversation between Lori Stottler (Susan's friend) and Sue Ellen Madere (Susan B. Anthony) on the wage inequality Susan experienced as a school teacher.



Guest speaker, Martha De La Rosa, Wisconsin State Director of 9to5. Martha gave us information on how things haven't changed that much since Susan's day. Women are still paid less than their male counterparts.





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## ***Crowd shots***

It is heartening to see the number of participants are growing again for this annual celebration.



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Some of the young (high school) ladies that joined us this year, above. We were fortunate to have representatives from both Craig and Parker High Schools.

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## Spring Forums scheduled

### Janesville City Council Forum:

On March 9th, the Janesville LWV will be hosting a candidate forum for Janesville City Council election in partnership with Forward Janesville and JATV. Candidates XYZ all plan to attend. The discussion begins at 7pm in the main program room of the Hedberg Library, so please join us! Audience members will be able to ask questions. The forum will be recorded, so if you can't make it look for a rebroadcast from JATV.

### Janesville School Board Forum:

On March 16th, the Janesville LWV will be hosting the Janesville School Board form. Candidates XYZ all plan to attend. The forum begins at 7pm in the School Board Room at the Janesville School District office, located at 527 S Franklin Street. Audience members will be able to ask questions, and the Janesville School District will record the event for later rebroadcasts.



### Voter ID Educational Opportunities

Our next opportunity to vote is April 5th, and it's incredibly important that folks have the proper form of identification when going to the polls. In order to make sure our senior audiences are aware of changes to the laws, volunteers are being sought to attend the Rock County Senior Meals that take place in Janesville. League Members will be asked to educate seniors about changes in the law and what documents are necessary to vote. An opportunity exists to help provide transportation to the DMV should folks not have a proper form of ID. If someone does not have their birth certificate (a necessary document for getting a state-issued ID), then they can pay a fee to use the database. This process takes time, and so it's necessary that folks interested in participating in the April 5th election have enough time to use this system.

If you are interested in volunteering in this capacity, please contact Christy Marsden. Information and training will be provided to you.

Cheers,  
Christy



# Calendar

## Upcoming Activities 2015-16\*

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

### February

- 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



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### **Money in Politics**

On Saturday January 23rd approximately 11 members of the Janesville League of Women Voters gathered to discuss the topic Money in Politics. With the results to be submit to the state League. The lively discussion was facilitated by Judy Adler.



## 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](http://www.lwv.org)>

**LWV-WI** <[www.lwvwi.org](http://www.lwvwi.org)>

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