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League participates in ‘12,000 Voices’ at PAC

A cast of 12 women in leadership positions in the Fox Valley lent their impassioned voices to the roles of jurors in a reading of the classic play, “12 Angry Men,” by Reginald Rose at the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center in Appleton..

More than 130 attended the successful event.

The local reading was part of a nationwide effort that had thousands of women participating in readings of “12 Angry Men” between April 5 and April 8.

The League of Women Voters partnered with the project, providing an opportunity for attendees to register to vote or confirm their voter registration information at the event.

The project locally was spearheaded by Maria Van Laanen, president of the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, and Kathy Privatt, the James G. Ethel M. Barber Professor of Theatre and Drama and associate professor of theater arts at Lawrence University, who directed the production.

The cast (it actually included 13 women; 12 jurors and a guard) for the April 6 reading included:

- Kimberly Barrett, vice president for diversity and inclusion and associate dean of faculty at



Female leaders from throughout the Fox Cities participated in the event.

- Lawrence University
- Becky Bartoszek, president and CEO of the Fox Cities Chamber
- Tracy Bauer, music director and teacher at Mishicot High School
- Lisa Cruz, president of Red Shoes PR

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- Alison Fiebig, corporate communications manager of U.S. Venture
- Karen Laws, longtime community leader and philanthropist
- Lisa Malek of WFRV-TV
- Linda Morgan-Clement, the Julie Esch Hurvis Dean of Spiritual and Religious Life at Lawrence
- Karen Nelson, diversity coordinator for the City of Appleton
- Colleen Rortvedt, director of the Appleton Public Library
- Jennifer Stephany, executive director of Appleton Downtown Inc.
- Christina Turner, president of the Trout Museum of Art and the Building for the Arts
- Maria Van Laanen, president of Fox Cities Performing Arts Center

“12 Angry Men,” which debuted as a Broadway play 50 years after it was first released on the big screen, focuses on a single juror who stands up for a defendant he believes is about to be wrongfully convicted. The film was released in 1957, 16 years before the last of the 50 states allowed women to serve on juries. The message is about embracing our responsibilities as citizens.

“It’s about how we live our lives, and in this case, how we live our political lives,” Privatt said. “But in a completely nonpartisan way. We live in a democracy. That means that jury duty is important. It means that voting is important, that that’s part of being an American.”

The “12 Angry Men” reading, with an all-female cast, was first done in New York a year ago. It drew



LWV members helping a young woman with voter assistance information and the other two are photos of the staged reading of “12 Angry Men.”

such a buzz that organizers floated the idea of stretching it across the country.

“When I heard talk in New York about this program and what it achieved when it was done a year ago, and the fact that they were going to try to make it a nationwide effort, it just really rang true to me,” Van Laanen said. “It is so important that we understand that one voice does make a difference, and we need to make sure we are finding a place where we can speak our mind and yet be open to being influenced by other people.”

“And ‘12 Angry Men’ is a great example of that. You have 12 people with divergent views coming in and really working through, conversationally, how you discuss differing views, and then take that information and find a consensus.”

Annual meeting to be held May 16 at Pullman’s Trolley Square

Mark your calendars now for our LWV-Appleton Annual meeting on Thursday, May 16. This year’s meeting will be at Pullman’s at Trolley Square, from 5:30-8:30 or so. At this meeting we will vote to approve next year’s budget, slate of officers and directors, plus approve new positions on Education and Youth Advocacy. We will also

discuss outcomes from Lively Issues and agree on a proposed new study for next year.

To register, please <https://bit.ly/2lrTAIN>. Registration is required with a cost of \$25, and the deadline to register is Monday, May 13. Pre-reading material will be sent out in mid-April.

April program brought discussion of climate change congressional bill

What is the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Legislation? And how does it relate to reducing greenhouse gases? And why do we think it will work? The Citizens Climate Lobby (CCL) group has been working toward this legislation for 11 years. Now the bill is before Congress to:



- Enact a steadily rising cost for the burning of fossil fuels by imposing a fee upstream at the mine, well, or port of entry;
- Provide 100% of the net fees back to American households as a monthly dividend to offset the rising prices of gasoline, natural gas, fuel oil, and manufactured goods made using fossil fuels as the energy source; and
- Include border adjustments in the form of import fees or rebates in order to discourage businesses from relocating.

This Carbon Fee and Dividend plan (CF&D) does not increase the size of government. It is not a tax. It does create a market incentive for companies and all Americans to switch to clean energy sooner rather than later.

Studies have shown that CF&D policy would be an economic stimulus package with Wisconsin among the states benefitting most. The April program featured guest speaker Kate Hancock-Cooke of CCL.

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League collaborates with high schools, colleges

The League of Women Voters has worked hard at working with local high schools and colleges especially regarding voter registration and turnout. Voter Services President Jacqui Klimaszewski has been very active in organizing voter assistance events at all four Appleton Public High Schools as well as Fox Valley Technical College and UW-Fox Valley. She has also been working with the Willems' student marketing team again this year to develop a marketing strategy especially geared towards young voters.

This year Jacqui also arranged to have high school students from Appleton West, East and North ask a question of the candidates at the Appleton School Board forum, which was very well received by all.



Students from all three Appleton high schools participated in a candidate forum for the Appleton School Board.

Partnerships with local programs continue to grow

The League of Women Voters of Appleton has been busy in collaboration with several organizations for programs and voter services events.

The LWV was involved in a Living Room Conversation at the History Museum at the Castle in which voter services vice president, Jacqui Klimaszewski, moderated a conversation between Democratic State Assemblyperson Amanda Stuck and Republican State Assemblyperson Ron Tusler.

The LWV Appleton has partnered with the City of Appleton, Wisconsin Public Television and the History Museum to present "Vel Phillip - Dream Big Dreams."

In addition, we worked with the Fox Cities Advocates for Public Education for two events, including a program by Dr. Julie Meade regarding "How School Privatization Opens the Door for Discrimination" and the Appleton School Board forum.

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THANK YOU!

President's note: Business year quickly draws to a close

We are quickly coming to the end of our business year with the Annual Meeting on May 16 at Pullman's. This meeting will be an important one as we discuss our business from this past year as well as prepare for next year. The meeting will include approving two new positions from two different studies. We will also prepare for a celebration of the founding of the League of Women Voters in June 2019 and next year's celebration of the founding of the League of Women Voters U.S. in February of 2020. This will be followed by a celebration of the passage of

the 19th amendment in August of 2020.

These important celebrations will make for a lively discussion at the Annual Meeting, including how we choose to celebrate as well as how we budget for these celebrations. Our budget will include a pilot project intended to increase membership especially among younger and more diverse communities which is a primary goal of the LWV-US. We hope to see as many of you as possible at the Annual Meeting.

- Jeanne Roberts

Annual state convention coming to Green Lake June 8

The Wisconsin State Annual Convention is being sponsored this year by the Ripon League of Women Voters at the Green Lake Conference Center. Members of the LWV of Appleton will participate in plenary session on increasing membership among diverse communities.

In addition, the Bridging the Gap Years display from the History Castle at the Museum will be available at the entire convention for anyone who did not get a chance to see it during its run at the museum.

Genevieve McBride, author of the book "On Wisconsin Women - Working for their Rights from Settlement to Suffrage" will be the keynote speaker. For anyone who has attended and wants to continue or anyone

who has not attended and wants to learn more about the great work of the League of Women Voters, this is a great opportunity. There will likely be carpooling available for anyone who wants that.

Plan to attend!

Saturday, June 8, 2019

Green Lake Conference Center
W2511 State Road 23 - Green Lake

Hosted by LWV Ripon Area

To register or learn more: <https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin/event/lwvwi-2019-annual-meeting>

100th anniversary celebration needs many volunteers

The year 2020 is a major milestone for women's rights: the centennial of the ratification of the 19th amendment and the birth of the LWV. Many events are being planned to mark this important anniversary, which will also bring a focus on the ongoing struggle for women's equal rights.

Marti Hemwall and Linda Bjella are co-chairing a sprawling committee to coordinate our local initiatives. Several other local organizations will be co-sponsors, but our League will take the lead. To make these efforts manageable, several subcommittees have been identified, and many League volunteers will be needed to support this major undertaking. Here are the subcommittees which are in need of more volunteers:

***Publicity & Marketing:** This committee will organize communication through social media, press releases, radio/tv/newspaper interviews, and work with other committees to make sure communication is broad and accurate.

***Speakers Bureau:** This committee organizes speaking opportunities to community organizations, services clubs, and schools, and will recruit volunteers to speak, both in this outreach effort and to the media.

***Community Engagement:** This committee will work to encourage and coordinate other community organizations, such as libraries and historical societies, to highlight the women's rights movement in 2020.

***Educational Resources:** This committee will do the research to identify important information to be communicated and write the content for a brochure/pamphlet, scripts for speakers, develop kits to be used by teachers in local schools, and work with other needs identified by the publicity committee.

Please consider how you can be involved to help make this major community event happen and contact either Marti (mhemwall@gmail.com) or Linda (lindabjella@gmail.com) to volunteer.

LWV Wisconsin to mark 100th anniversary of 19th Amendment passage

Please join LWV Wisconsin and LWV Dane County as we mark the 100th anniversary of Wisconsin's ratification of the 19th Amendment. Wisconsin led by example on June 10, 1919, when the state legislature voted to approve the 19th Amendment and delivered its ratification papers to Washington ahead of all other states.

Gather with us at noon on **Sunday, June 23**, at the Forward statue on the Capitol Square (State Street corner), for a short program highlighting the importance of Wisconsin's first-to-ratify vote, how it gave hope to many women but not to all, before marching with us in song around Capitol Square. League members will be on hand to assist the public with voter registration. Families and friends can make a suffrage sash, enjoy free frozen vanilla custard, and view the Wisconsin Historical Society exhibit, *The Woman's Hour Has Struck, Wisconsin: The First State to Ratify the 19th Amendment*, now on display in the Capitol Rotunda.



**Save the Date! June 23
Madison, Capitol Square, Noon-2pm**

Join in the rallying cry, **Forward! Wisconsin - FIRST TO RATIFY - 19th Amendment**, in remembrance of the day Wisconsin promptly acted to grant national suffrage to women.