

MANITOWOC COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS MAY 2014 NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

05/20 **May Banquet**
05/30-31 **Annual Wisconsin League of Women Voters Convention**
06/06-10 **National League of Women Voters Convention**
06/30 **Board Members Planning Meeting for the Fiscal Year 14/15**

Dear League Members,

This is the last newsletter that I will publish for the fiscal year of 2013-14. It has been another busy season with many wonderful programs presented to you as members and to the public.

This is also my last letter as president of League. I have been your president for three years and hope that I have conducted myself with the integrity and dignity that this office upholds. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve in this position.

I want to thank all of the members of the board who make this job appear easy. They are dedicated and hard-working women, who without their help, the League would not have the reputation in the Community that we have.

During my term in office, the League has received the Frank Cella Award for Great Decisions, recognition from the state for increased membership, and received recognition from the state for the completion of the Mental Health Study.

I have been proud of the programs that we have presented to the public that have been informative, educational, and entertaining. I hope all of you will attend our annual meeting so that I can personally thank each and every one of you for your contributions, participation, and continued support to the League.

Thank you very much for a wonderful term in office.

Sincerely,

Cathy

ANNUAL MAY BANQUET DINNER

The end of the year Banquet Dinner will be held at the **Manitowoc Holiday Inn on Tuesday, May 20th, 2014**. It will begin with a sign in and social at **5:00 pm** with the dinner starting at **5:30 pm**. After dinner, we will have the “**Raging Grannies of Madison**” perform.

The Raging Grannies of Madison began as a project of the Madison Chapter of the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom, first singing to the crowds of Madison, Wisconsin anti-war protesters in the fall of 2003. They sing out for peace, economic and social justice and the environment. **Mayor Nickels** will then give us a report on “**What’s Ahead for the City of Manitowoc.**” A business meeting will follow. During the meeting, we will elect new officers and board members, approve the budget for next year, honor a few citizens, and discuss programs that should be included in the following year. We would appreciate that members stay for this part of the program.

The cost of the dinner is **\$12.50**. Please make out the check to the Holiday Inn. Reservations and final count is needed by **Thursday, May 15, 2014**. Please contact Marilyn Sontag at 682-8988 or e-mail her at sontag.c.m@gmail.com.

The dinner and the following program are always a delight. I hope to see everyone there!

IRON JAWED ANGELS

Someone borrowed the DVD of Iron Jawed Angels from Anita Rappe. Please be so kind to bring the DVD to the May Banquet or call Anita at (920) 682-9597 so that arrangements can be made. She would greatly appreciate it.

Thank you.

TO ALL LEAGUE MEMBERS

At the last Manitowoc County Board meeting, Judge Rohrer spoke in regards to the creation of a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and evidence based treatment courts. He stated that all three judges: Judge Fox, Judge Bendix , and him supported the creation of this council. Those minutes are available at:

<http://www.manitowocounty.com/upload/3MIN%20April%2015,%202014.pdf>

A copy of the draft resolution that was given to all supervisors along with a sheet of explanation of terms is attached in JPEG format.

Judge Rohrer then played a video provided by Department of Justice of Wisconsin about CJCC and the value of EDM practices and then he answered these questions:

- . Cost? None
- . Length of time of CJCC in other places in the state? Longest 10 years
- . Does the council allow discussion “ex parti” of specific cases? No, only procedures and future policies.

We have 25 members of the County Board to contact. Please call your own elected Supervisors and others on the County Board and ask them to support this effort. They do “count the calls.”

Information is found at this link to get the list of supervisors and their phone numbers and e-mail addresses: http://www.manitowocounty.com/countyboard/supervisor_list.asp is current for all listing committees they are on: Bob Cavanaugh and Greg Dufek do not use e-mail even though they have an address – so please phone or send through the postal system your support for the creation of a CJCC in our County.

INEQUALITY FOR ALL

On **Wednesday, May 14th at 6:30 pm at St. James Episcopal Church, 434 North 8th Street**, Manitowoc, the movie, Inequality for All will be presented free of charge to all who wish to attend. This is sponsored by RUTH (Responding with Understanding, Truth and Hope – a faith-based social justice group) for Manitowoc County. If you have any questions, please call 682-7723.

EARTH DAY

A special thank you goes out to those who worked and contributed to the Earth Day Celebration at the JFK Auditorium. Marilyn Sontag, Julie Grinde, Nancy Slattery, Anita Rappe, Mary Wallace, Darlene Wellner, Joan Kaeiser and Cathy Cole.

BOARD PLANNING MEETING

The Board will be having its planning meeting on Monday, June 30, 2014 at Julie Grinde’s home at 5:00 pm. Please bring a dish to pass. We will have dinner first and then get started. Since we have much to discuss and determine, this is the only meeting not open to members of the League. However, if you wish for something to be included in the fiscal year of 2014-15, please contact Cathy Cole at (920) 553-8757. We will be happy to consider your requests.

VOTER REGISTRATION TRAINING AND FUTURE FORUMS

On Tuesday, August 12, 2014, we might be having a Partisan Primary Election. If that occurs, the League will have to schedule a forum sometime in July. Voter Registration training will also be conducted in the month of July. I will be sending out a schedule with dates for the training. The phone tree will be implemented to remind members of the various forums that will be presented in the area. Stay tuned as this is going to be another exciting year in Wisconsin politics!!! Anything can happen.

On Saturday, June 14th, 2014, there will be a memorial service for Vicki Mayer at

**U U Church on the corner of
7th and Park at 1:00 pm
Manitowoc, Wisconsin**