

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MANITOWOC COUNTY  
SEPTEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

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**Calendar of Events**

<b>09/22</b>	<b>Soup-UP the League – Kick-Off Meeting</b>
<b>09/25-26</b>	<b>LWVLMR Conference – Glenview, Illinois</b>
<b>10/05</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
<b>10/10</b>	<b>LWV-WI'S State Issues – Madison, Wisconsin</b>

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Dear League Members,

I can't believe summer has slipped away again, but September is looming, and our Manitowoc County League needs to get in gear again. You have already heard from Cathy Cole, our Membership Chairperson, about renewing and hopefully, you have all done that.

We have an exciting program for you to kick off our year. We have decided to have an evening event, so all members can participate. I encourage all of you to attend. It is called **"Soup-Up the League."** It will start with a simple supper of soups of various kinds, bread, beverage, and dessert. After our meal, we will have a dramatic presentation by members of the Heritage Players of Green Bay. Then, there will be a lot of valuable information given by various members of the League concerning our upcoming events in 2015-16. Included will be the foci of our state and national league, to get you up to speed.

I want to encourage **ALL** of you to be at the September gathering because it will get you up to speeds on what is happening locally, statewide, and nationally. Please bring with you someone you think may be interested in joining the League, and members who need rides or haven't been active lately. It is an event that will hopefully energize all of us for the coming year.

Yours truly,

Anita Rappe, President

## **SOUP-UP THE LEAGUE –FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR**

Our first meeting of the year will be held at the **Presbyterian Church located at 502 North Eighth Street at 5 pm on Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**. We begin with a simple supper of assorted soups, a variety of breads with butter, desserts and beverages.

Next, we will have entertainment provided by Bev and Stu Smith of Heritage Players. They will be presenting a program on Olympia Brown (1835-1926), a woman suffrage activist and early U. S. woman minister ordained in 1863 with full denominational authority. She served Universalist churches in Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Racine, Wisconsin. She joined protesters picketing the White House and President Woodrow Wilson in 1918 for denying women the right to vote. She also belonged to the organization which changed its name from the National American Woman suffrage Association to the League of Women voters. When she was finally able to vote in 1920, she was one of the few suffragists active since the 1860s to do so. **“The Flame of Her Spirit Still Burns Today!”**

After this performance, we will be presenting brief information updates on the League about the various programs happening at the national, state, and local levels.

We hope that all of you can attend this meeting. It will give you the opportunity to reconnect with friends, both old and new. Bring a friend, significant other, and or your spouse. This is open to the public and all are invited to attend. If you need a ride, please contact Cathy Cole at 553-8757.

## **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

Most of you have sent in your dues. I am waiting for about ten more members to renew their membership at this time. If some of you have decided not to renew, please let me know so that I can prepare the membership list, update the phone tree, and the interest forms. You can either e-mail me or phone me at: [cathyanddan@lakefield.net](mailto:cathyanddan@lakefield.net) or Cathy Cole at 553-8757.

Thank you so very much to all that have sent in your dues so promptly. The list and phone tree will be sent to all as soon as possible. I appreciate everyone’s consideration. The sooner I get this information, the sooner everyone will receive it.

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## **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS LAKE MICHIGAN REGION**

The League of Women Voters of Manitowoc County is a member of this organization. The League of Women Voters Lake Michigan Region is having their annual meeting and conference at Wyndham Suites, Glenview, Illinois on Friday evening and Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. If anyone wishes to attend, please visit their website for more information

lwvlmr.org. Also, please let me know if you plan to attend so that we can send a proxy to this meeting. Call Cathy Cole at 553-8757 or send to: [cathyanddan@lakefield.net](mailto:cathyanddan@lakefield.net). Thank you.

## **LOCAL STUDY: POVERTY IN MANITOWOC COUNTY**

At the Annual Meeting in May 2015, a two-year local study was adopted, "Poverty in Our Midst: "How it Affects Families in Manitowoc County and Our Community." This study includes General Economic Factors, Basic Shelter Needs, Food Security Issues, and Impact on Health. There are 13 people on the committee and they created 4 sub-committees which met during the summer to collect information. This committee will be responsible for the February League meeting. If you are interested in serving on this committee, contact Julie Grinde at [grinde6145.yahoo.com](mailto:grinde6145.yahoo.com).

### LWVMC Poverty Study Preliminary

#### Resources

The League of Women VotersManitowoc

County has begun work on the 2015 Poverty Study.

Eventually, we will publish a complete list of resources, but here are a few to whet your interest.

United States Census Bureau State & County Quick Facts

<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/55000.html>

The Wisconsin Council of Churches

<http://www.wichurches.org/resources/hungerresources/>

#### ● SPENT

#### Play "Spent"

You are unemployed, you've lost your house, your savings are gone, and you're single parent. You are down to your last \$1000. Can you make it through the month?

Feeding America Map

the Meal Gap

<http://map.feedingamerica.org/county/2013/overall/wisconsin/county/manitowoc>  
**Poverty and Food Security in Manitowoc County, Wisconsin**

Curtis, Katherine J., Judy Bartfeld, and Sarah Lessem.

*Http://www.apl.wisc.edu/resource\_profiles/pfs\_profiles/manitowoc\_2014.pdf*.

Rep. Applied

Population Laboratory Department of Community and Environmental Sociology

University of WisconsinMadison,

2014. Web. 7 Sept. 2015.

Poverty USA QUIZ

<http://www.povertyusa.org/povertyresources/>

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### **League of Women Voters of Wisconsin's State Issues Briefing**

Sign-Up today for the LWV-WI's State Issues Briefing that will be held at the Courtyard Marriott, 2266 Deming Way, Middleton on Saturday, October 10, 2015 from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm.

The briefing will feature the following:

Climate Change: Current Threats & Opportunities: Tia Nelson, Managing Director, Outrider Foundation.

Surprising Research Finds on election Laws & Voter Turnout: Barry Burden, Professor of Political Science, Director of Elections Research Center, UW-Madison.

Collaborating for Reform: Jay Heck, Executive Director, Common Cause in Wisconsin.

Go to [lwvwi.org](http://lwvwi.org) for further information and registration on this meeting by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Anita Rappe and Jaci Collins will be attending this meeting if you wish to carpool with them. Please contact Jaci at 553-3909 or Anita at 682-9597.

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