

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MANITOWOC COUNTY
NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| 11/16 | Movie “Iron Jawed Angels” |
| 12/05 | League Members Social Evening |
| 01/02 | Board Meeting |
| 01/24 | GAB Speaker on Voter ID |
| 01/30 | Board Meeting |

Dear League Members,

During the month of November, the Board has approved the results of the Education Consensus Study and sent them to the National League.

League has never been like any organization that I know. We don't have set monthly meetings and when we do have meetings, it is always to educate and inform the public. We are dedicated to promote an increasing understanding of major public policy issues. Sometimes it can be difficult to know when and where we will be meeting for a month that is why the Newsletter, our Website, and Telephone Tree is so important to you.

With this in mind, I would like every member to bring spouses, family, and friends to sit back and enjoy the movie, “**Iron Jawed Angels**” on **Wednesday, November 16th at 6 pm**. More information is in the Newsletter.

On December 5th, Julie Grinde has graciously opened her home to have our Annual Holiday Social. **ALL League Members and their significant other are invited** to attend this wonderful event. We hope to see many of you there for a relaxing and enjoyable evening. More information is located in the Newsletter.

Please note that this Newsletter is for the months of November and December. I will not be sending out another newsletter until January 2012. We want to wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving and a Happy Holiday Season.

Cathy

MEMBERSHIP

On Wednesday, November 16th at 6:00 pm, at the Manitowoc City Hall Council Chambers, 900 Quay Street, the League of Women Voters of Manitowoc County will host an evening of information and entertainment for all League members, spouses, family and friends. The movie, **“Iron Jawed Angels”** will be shown, and discussion can follow the movie. It is the true story of how defiant and brilliant young Activists Alice Paul and Lucy Burns took the women’s suffrage movement by storm, putting their lives at risk to help American women win the right to vote. Released in 2006, it received critical acclaim.

High School students are being invited to attend this movie. Light refreshments will be served. We hope to see all of you at this meeting to see old friends and meet new ones.

VOTER ID

It is our hope that after watching this movie that many of you will tell **anyone** who has **not registered** to vote to do it as soon as possible. This movie should inspire all of us to get out there to vote in the 2012 Election Year.

As you are aware, the LWVWI has filed a lawsuit challenging the law’s constitutionality. The lawsuit may cost as much as \$200,000 or more by the time we get a ruling on this recently passed Voter ID Bill. **To show our support our board is contributing \$100 to the State League. Individual board members have also committed to this cause as well.**

The board would like to encourage all of you to show your support by contributing as generously as you can to the League of Women Voters Wisconsin Voter ID Lawsuit. No amount is too small, and will help further the cause of protecting voter rights. To contribute please send your check to: LWVWI, 612 W. Main Street, Suite 200, Madison, WI 53703-4714.

Remember that your donation is **tax deductible**.

Thank you so much for considering this request.

LAKE MICHIGAN LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Anita Rappe attended the Annual Meeting of the Lake Michigan League of Women Voters in Oak Lawn, Illinois on October 21-22. About 40 men and women from the four states surrounding Lake Michigan (Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan) attended. Topics discussed related to the preservation and improvement of our natural resource,

Lake Michigan. Many other groups are involved in this endeavor that include all of the Great Lakes. They are: The State of Lake Michigan, Great Lakes Beach Association, Healing Our Waters, Fresh Waters Futures, and the Alliance of Great Lakes.

Much of the discussion, and the topic of one of the main speakers was the Asian carp invasion. Some progress has been made in keeping the carp out of Lake Michigan. There has been electrification systems installed in the Calumet and Illinois Rivers, which are two of the main feeders to Lake Michigan. They have been quite successful. The other plan is to sell the carp to China. The Chinese consider the carp a delicacy and 40 tons have already been sold to them.

During the business meeting, the areas of emphasis for 2011-2012 were decided upon. They are:

- Implementation of Great Lakes Restoration bills
- Restore water quality
- Prevent and control invasive species
- Clean up toxic pollution
- Mitigate the impacts of global warming on the Great Lakes.

Proactive Measures Include:

- Limit uses of “fragile” historical, cultural, and scenic shoreline areas
- Preserve wild and pristine areas within the watershed
- Protect the quality of the air and waters of the ecosystem
- Protect the remaining dune formation
- Control the invasion and spread of non-natural aquatic and terrestrial nuisance Species.

The League of Women Voters of Manitowoc County is a member of the Lake Michigan League and therefore, has a vote at the Annual Meeting. The Lake Michigan League has a Board of Directors that meets four times a year. The next Annual Meeting will be in Indiana, time and place to be announced.

SPECIAL SESSION BILL #24

This bill did not go through during this fall session. However, look for it when the State Legislation gets together again. This bill will sell out our natural resources statewide – not just to mining companies, but also to power plants, developers, and other polluters.

This destructive bill is a grab bag of bad policy:

- Cuts the public out of decisions that impact our waterways
- Guts Wisconsin’s water quality protections:

Threatens water quantity in Wisconsin's lakes, streams, and wells;
Undermines Wisconsin's clean air protections;
Serves as a backdoor attempt to weaken Wisconsin's mining laws.

Tell legislators: Don't put polluters over people!! Your Wisconsin Legislators are:

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SOCIAL

This year Julie Grinde has volunteered to have the annual Holiday Social at her home. ALL members and their significant other are invited to attend this joyous occasion. It will be held on **MONDAY, DECEMBER 3RD AT 5:30 PM.** Board Members are asked to bring appetizers. This is a time to relax and enjoy visiting with one another. We value all of you and this is our way to show appreciation for supporting all of our endeavors.

Directions to Julie's house are:

Turn right on HWY 42 at Menards. Take the first right onto Victoria. Then left onto Silver Hills. The address is: 6145 Silver Hills Drive, Manitowoc
Phone Number is 682-6747

We hope to see all of you there.

INFORMATION

To all members of League, the Membership Directory and the Phone Tree will be coming to all of you through e-mail or through the postal system. The Phone Tree will show all members who will be calling you and you can also call your caller to clarify or verify an event. I hope that these lists will be of help to all of you. As for the Newsletter, if you have any problems with it, please telephone me at (920) 553-8757 or e-mail me at cathyanddan@lakefield.net.

Cathy