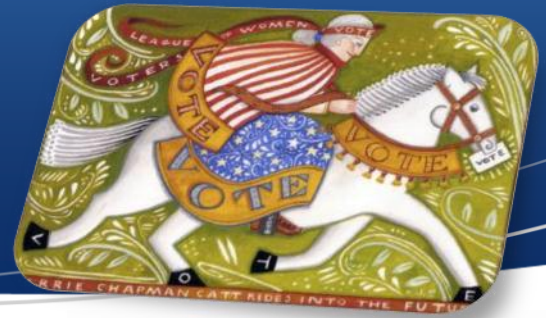


Whitewater-Area LWV Newsletter

“The Skills Gap”

March 21st, Thursday – 7:00 pm

Whitewater City Hall, Council Chambers



The Skills Gap: Matching Worker Skills to Employer Needs

Debbie Davidson

**Vice President of Workforce and
Economic Development Division
Gateway Technical College**



March’s program will focus on learning how Gateway works with local employers and partners with workforce and economic development, to address the skills gap and provide training to job seekers and incumbent workers alike. The skills gap is part of a national, state and local conversation and applies to many different industries.

Ms. Davidson is employed at the Kenosha campus of Gateway where she oversees five advanced technology centers and serves as an outreach resource to business and industry. She is a past-president of the National Coalition of Advanced Technology Centers (NCATC) and serves on the Board of the National Coalition of Certification Centers.

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“Get to Know Your League”

Our February meeting highlighted how our League works both in Whitewater as well as on the state and national level. Ellen Penwell facilitated a great discussion with our members and covered many topics during the evening.

Emma Lou Sederholm presented a great overview of the history of the Whitewater League. She is featured in our *Member Spotlight* this issue and is our resident historian on the group. We will be compiling this information with her and posting on the website soon.

Our non-partisan policy was also reviewed and can be referenced on the website as well. Finally, discussion of interests within our 46 member League will guide the Board on future programs.

Public Forums Good Government

Whatever Happened to Good Government in Wisconsin? And How Can We Fix It?

Two public forums, with a bipartisan panel of speakers, are being sponsored by the nonpartisan group Common Cause in Wisconsin and by the League of Women Voters.

Monday, March 18th, at Beloit College
6:30–8:00 PM, Science Center Atrium

Panelists: State Senator **Tim Cullen**, Former State Senator **Tim Weeden**, Editor of *Beloit Daily News* **Bill Barth**, Political Science Professor, Beloit College, **Georgia Duerst-Lahti** and CC/WI Executive Director **Jay Heck**

Moderator: History Professor, Beloit College, **Beatrice McKenzie**

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April 22nd, in Whitewater - *details next newsletter*

Candidate Forum

The League will sponsor a candidate forum for the April 2nd Whitewater municipal elections on **Saturday, March 16th at 10AM**. The forum will be held in the Whitewater City Hall Council Chambers.

Candidates running for open seats have been invited to attend the forum. Included will be:

- Aldermanic District 1 - **Jim Olsen**
Aldermanic District 3 - **Jim Winship**
Aldermanic District 5 - **Sara Bregant** and,
- the At Large seat - **Patrick Singer** and **Andrew Crone**

A Candidate Questionnaire for this election was posted on the League's website. All candidates responded and their responses are now posted and will remain on our website through the April 2nd election.

A referendum on the **Citizens United Decision** will be on the April 2nd ballot. This referendum is a non-partisan issue. Please reference the **Move to Amend** website - www.movetoamend.org

Referendum:

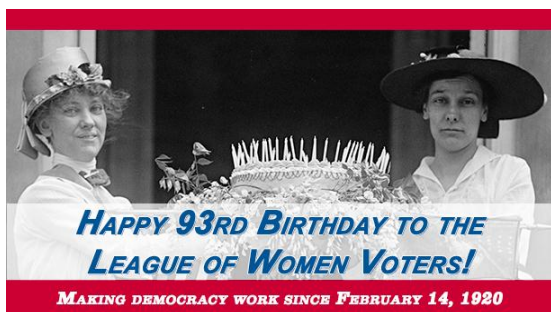
"Resolved, that 'We the People' of the City of Whitewater (Fort Atkinson), Wisconsin, seek to reclaim democracy from the expansion of corporate personhood rights and the corrupting influence of unregulated political contributions and spending.

We stand with the Move to Amend campaign and communities across the country to support passage of an amendment to the United States Constitution stating:

1. Only human beings - not corporations, limited liability companies, unions, nonprofit organizations or similar associations and corporate entities - are endowed with constitutional rights, and,
2. Money is not speech, and therefore, regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

Be it further resolved, that we hereby instruct our state and federal representatives to enact resolutions and legislation to advance this effort."

Wisconsin League Celebration Events



- ✚ 93rd LWV Birthday, February 14th, recognizes our founding in 1920. The League has worked tirelessly to advance understanding of key policy issues and to promote clean, responsive government. Founded by the suffragists who won the right to vote for women, the League works to protect and uphold the constitutional right to vote, a right that forms the very foundation of our democracy.
- ✚ International Women's Day, March 8th, an annual occasion that honors the economic, political and social achievements of women past, present and future.
- ✚ Sunshine Week, March 10–16, is an annual nationwide effort to call attention to transparency in government and freedom of information. It is a reminder to us how important it is to make our voices heard all year long, not just on Election Day.

Member Spotlight

Our "Member Spotlight" better acquaint our membership with significant contributors to the Whitewater Area League of Women Voters. The focus will be on interests, general background and priorities for the future.



Emma Lou Sederholm

**Board Member &
Former President
LWV Whitewater**

Emma Lou is one of the founders of the Whitewater area LWV, serving as President for several terms and on the Board at different times over the years. She conducted the first meeting of the Whitewater Provisional League of Women Voters on October 29, 1964. There were 35 members with by-laws, a budget and nominating committee in place. In April 1966, they were granted full League status by the State.

Emma Lou attended the University of Iowa in Iowa City. She graduated in 1955 and worked as a Speech and Hearing Therapist 1955 – 1972. Emma later worked in Research and Development in a company developing new technology for providing electronic information. In 1989 and until 2005, she worked on developing new product information for an ingredient company.

She was born and raised on a farm in Iowa, near Des Moines, and is an only child. Emma Lou married in 1955 and moved to Whitewater in 1961. Her husband was on the faculty at UW-Whitewater until his death in 1987. She has two married daughters living in Wisconsin with two grandchildren.

Emma Lou has been most interested in local issues – the Know Your Town study and publication (1966-68), Fair Housing (1969-70), Know Your Schools (1972-73), "Smart Growth for Whitewater" (2001-06) are some examples. Emma Lou states "the League of Women Voters of the Whitewater Area will continue to be one of my priorities."

Calendar of Whitewater-Area LWV Events

Date: March 16th (Saturday)

Event: Candidate Forum for Municipal Elections

Where: 10:00 AM, Whitewater City Hall, Council Chambers

Date: March 21st (Thursday)

Event: Education Training and Jobs

Where: 7:00 PM, Whitewater City Hall, Council Chambers

Date: April 2nd (Saturday)

Event: Spring Non-partisan Elections

Date: April 25th (Thursday)

Event: Judicial Independence

Where: 7:00 PM, Whitewater City Hall, Council Chambers

Date: May 25th (Saturday)

Event: Annual Membership Meeting

Where: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Fairhaven Fellowship Hall

Date: June 7th & 8th (Friday/Saturday)

Event: Annual LWV Wisconsin Meeting

Where: Milwaukee, WI

Date: August 17th (Saturday)

Event: Annual LWV Summer Garage Sale – *Start Saving Now!*

Where: 8:00 AM -3:00 PM, 230 S. Cottage Street, Whitewater



Happy St Patrick's Day

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