LWV – Whitewater Area Newsletter

"Framing of Elections in Past Presidential Campaigns" Thursday, November 19th 7:00 PM City Council Chambers - Whitewater



Framing of Elections in Past Presidential Campaigns

Dr. Richard Haven will present a program on **Past Presidential Elections** with a focus on how they changed America and how the candidates and political parties framed their particular election. He will include examples of speeches, advertisements and even rumors that were used in some campaigns.

Dr. Haven is an emeritus professor of Communication and former Dean and Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Communication. Dr. Haven was one of the 135 scholars who helped determine the 100 Greatest American Speeches of the 20th Century. He is a regular guest on WFAW 's Morning Magazine on Tuesday mornings. Dr. Haven is also the host of Inside the University on WKCH radio, and he is the resident political analyst for NBC 15 in Madison.

The meeting will be held in the Whitewater City Hall Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. and the public is invited to attend.



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Annual Holiday Dinner

Join us for an exciting evening celebrating the holidays and sharing good conversation with all. We'll also be presenting the winners for our Whitewater Student Video Contest and our Making Democracy Work Award for 2015.

It will be held at the **Whitewater Country Club** starting at 4:30 PM for cocktails, dinner served at 5:00 PM and our program beginning at 6:00 PM. The Black Sheep Restaurant here in Whitewater will be catering the meal for the evening at a cost of \$15 per person.

Reservations are due November 30th!

Anyone in the community is invited to attend the event and can make their reservation by calling League Treasurer Julia Ross at 262-581-5411 any evening before 8PM or (j22ross@gmail.com), PR Chair Virginia Laurent at 262-473-4719 (laurent70@charter.net), or by completing the reservation form included in this newsletter.

DON'T MISS A WONDERFUL EVENING WITH FRIENDS!



Making Democracy Work Award



MARION BURROWS

The League board unanimously voted to honor League member Marion Burrows with the 2015 Making Democracy Work Award for her years of service as a welcoming and informative face of democracy in the Armory on Election Day in her role as Special Election Inspector since the early 1990s, and her commitment to make Whitewater an enriching community in which to live through decades of volunteer work with social service and cultural organizations.

Marion's kind and helpful demeanor and wealth of election knowledge have benefited thousands of Whitewater citizens entering the Armory to vote. She made sure they had what they needed before entering the poll, confirmed voters' Ward and Aldermanic District designations, assisted with curbside voting, and substituted at polling tables when needed. For the past 15 years, Marion spearheaded voter registration needs at Fairhaven and Hearthstone, providing voter registration services to new residents and assisting with the absentee voting process.

Since moving to Whitewater in 1965, Marion has actively participated in many local volunteer organizations, often in leadership roles. She served two 2-year terms as President of the Emerson Club, one 2-year term as President of the Federation of Women's Clubs, and a three-year term on the Bassett House board. Marion is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, a founding member and Choir Director of Community of Christ the Servant Church, volunteers at the Young Auditorium, served on several search committees for open UWW administrative positions, and has been a member of the UWW Cultural Affairs Committee since 1990.

After graduating from UWW with an English major and German and Education minors, Marion taught English at Janesville Parker High School from 1973-1990. Marion's deep and wide-ranging history of volunteerism and elections work in the Whitewater community exemplifies an early motto used in the fight for women's voting rights – DEEDS NOT WORDS! Please join us in honoring Marion with the 2015 Making Democracy Work Award at the League's Holiday Dinner on December 6th.



Educational Video Contest WW High School

The submission deadline for the League's educational video contest for Whitewater High School students on voter registration, photo ID, and the importance of voting is drawing near. Videos are due by 5PM Friday, November 13th.

Judging will take place over the next two weeks. Judges for the contest include League members Anita Loch and Ellen Penwell, Whitewater City Clerk Michele Smith, UWW Associate Professor of Political Science Jonah Ralston, Daily Union Reporter Chris Welch, Director of Whitewater Community TV Alan Luckett, and Kiwanis representative Kathy Schumacher.

Look for an announcement of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners on the League's website www.lwvwhitewater.org on or before November 30th and be sure to attend the League's Holiday Dinner for a premier showing of the winning videos and an opportunity to question the students who made them and get their insights on the importance of voting.

Access to Voter Information



The League's October 15th program by GAB Public Outreach Elections Specialist Meagan McCord Wolfe on the photo ID law and voter registration requirements can currently be viewed from the City of Whitewater's home page at www.whitewater-wi.gov. When it falls off the home page, look for its scheduled airtime on Whitewater Community TV's broadcast schedule at http://www.whitewater-wi.gov/department/whitewater-community-television. A DVD of the program is also available by contacting Ellen Penwell at 262-203-6529 or by e-mail at espenwell@gmail.com. Student voter information can be accessed on a website maintained by the UWW Department of Media and Marketing Relations. Visit http://www.uww.edu/vote to keep updated on student voting requirements. To learn more about Wisconsin's photo ID law visit this GAB website: http://bringit.wisconsin.gov/.

League News

4 Step Right Up!!

- ♣ Appointed: Kelly Davis has stepped up to manage our website for the Whitewater Area League. She replaces Stacey Lunsford, who did a great job over the past three years. Thanks to both!!
- ♣ Needed: Persons interested in doing Election Night reporting. Election results for Walworth County are released at the Walworth County Building in Elkhorn AFTER the polls close on election eve. Calls are then made to major media outlets as the results are reported. The League receives \$100+ for each election covered.
- Needed: A Chairperson for the February 18th meeting. Suggestions for topics: 1) Environment (protection of air/water resources, pipeline coming through Wisconsin, etc.); 2) Programs for Senior Citizens including health services, etc. Both of these topics are priorities for either the State or Local League.
- ♣ If interested in either of these opportunities, please contact Mary Beth Byrne at #262-473-8723 or wisconsinwoods@gmail.com.

4 Annual Dues Renewal

Reminder - It's that time of year again to renew your commitment to the League of Women Voters in the Whitewater Area. Membership dues should be paid no later than December 1st by filling out the form included with this newsletter. Your check and form should be sent to our Treasurer, Julia Ross, 701 East Clay Street, Unit B1, Whitewater, WI 53190.

LWV Whitewater-Area Calendar of Events

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Date: November 19th (Thursday)

Event: Framing of Elections

In Past Presidential Elections

Where: 7:00 PM, City Hall Council Chambers



Event: Annual Holiday Dinner

"Making Democracy Work" Award Presentation &

Student Video Contest Winners Where: 4:30PM, Whitewater Country Club

Date: January 21st (Thursday) Event: Consensus Meeting

Date: January 23rd (Saturday)

Event: Municipal Primary Candidate Forum

Date: February 16th (Tuesday)
Event: Municipal Primary Election

Date: March 12th (Saturday)

Event: Common Council Candidate Forum

Date: March 31st (Thursday) Event: Money in Politics

Date: April 5th (Tuesday)

Event: Wisconsin Presidential Primary Election

Date: April 21st (Thursday)

Event: University of Wisconsin, Whitewater Chancellor Update

Date: May 21st (Saturday)

Event: Annual Meeting and Elections

REMEMBERING WINONA CAMPBELL

We will remember Winona Campbell for her active role with the League after moving to Whitewater in 2000. She joined the League in 2001, served as a faithful and active Board Member through the years, and provided leadership with programs, voter registration, and candidate forums. For the past 6-7 years she reported Walworth County election results which helped contribute to our local treasury. She offered support and new ideas, and will be greatly missed by the members of the League of Women Voters~~Whitewater Area.

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