

April 2017

League of Women Voters - Whitewater Area

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Calendar of Events

April 20th 7:00pm

An Epidemic: Opioids
City Council Chambers,
Whitewater, WI

May 20th 9:30am

Annual Membership
Meeting

Fairhaven Fellowship Hall,
Whitewater, WI

June 9th – 10th

State Annual Meeting

Green Bay, WI

July 4th Holiday Parade

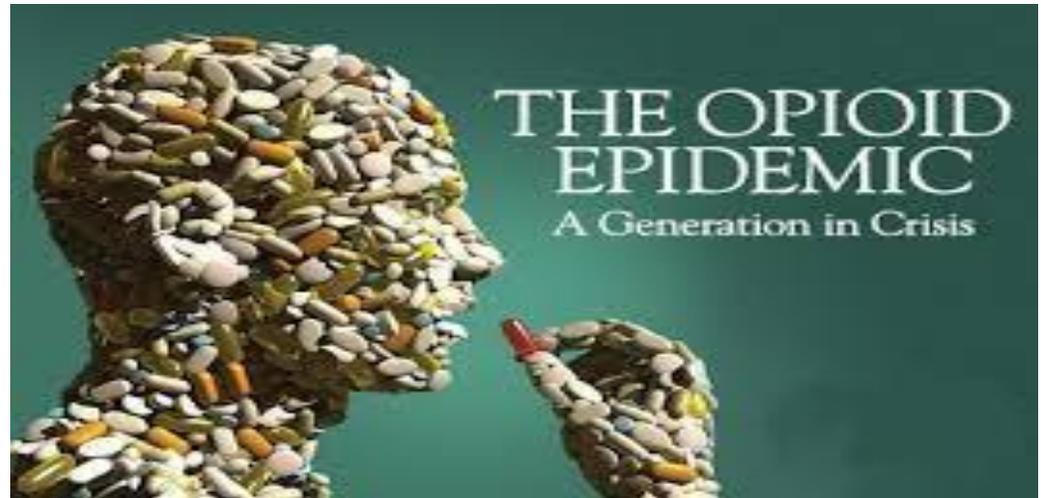
July 29th, 9am

League Garage Sale

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Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 7 PM
Council Chambers, Whitewater

The **U.S. Surgeon General** recently sent a call out to health practitioners and public health leaders **asking for help in addressing what he describes as “an urgent health crisis facing America”—the prescription opioid crisis.** Overdose deaths are now the leading cause of accidental death, with more Americans dying every year from overdoses than from motor vehicle crashes. **More than 40 Americans die each day from prescription opioid overdoses.**

Walworth County is not immune. As is the rest of the country, we are in the midst of an opioid epidemic, with **dramatic increases in the number of opioid-related overdoses and deaths** from prescription medications and heroin.

Over the past several years, state and federal legislatures have started to devote some serious resources to this issue. In 2016, Governor Scott Walker signed a series of bills as part of the Heroin Opioid Prevent and Education (HOPE) agenda, aimed at stifling heroin and prescription painkiller abuse in Wisconsin. Late last year, Congress passed the 21st Century Cures Act which will

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provide \$1 billion over the next two years to help rural communities deal with substance abuse.

On **Thursday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m.**, the League of Women Voters - Whitewater will host a program on the issues facing our city and county regarding the opioid crisis at the City Hall Council Chambers in Whitewater, Wisconsin. **Katie Behl, Treatment Court Coordinator, Walworth County Department of Health & Human Services**, will present on the opioid epidemic in Walworth County and what we can do in our own homes, and community, to help. **Appearing with Ms. Behl will be representatives from the Walworth County District Attorney's office and the Walworth County Drug Enforcement Unit.** The program is free and open to the public.

Annual Meeting LWV Whitewater

YOU are invited to the Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of the Whitewater Area on Saturday, May 20, at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall at Fairhaven!

This has been a very active and productive year, and we will be taking a **look at what we have accomplished**. We will also approve a **new budget** for the upcoming year, as well as **elect new officers**.



One of our major discussions has been updating our **Non-partisan Policy**. You will want to be a part of the continuing discussion prior to final approval at this meeting. In addition, we will be updating our **By-Laws** to bring them into line with our actual practices.

We are always looking for **program ideas** from all of you, so come with questions and suggestions of areas we might deal with in our upcoming programs to **"make democracy work" better in the Whitewater area.**

Plan to join us and bring a friend as we seek to educate our public about the new online voter registration process, and work to encourage

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“LIKING” the League’s FACEBOOK will automatically send posts to your feed. Then, we recommend that you not only “Like” the post but “Share Public” as well. This will help us to get our message out to a much broader audience. Do your part and make it happen ... this is the time to be active!

LWV WISCONSIN ANNUAL MEETING June 9 – 10

Information on the LWVWI website

<http://www.lwvwi.org/NewsEvents/2017Annualmeeting.aspx>

informed and active participation in government. There are many pressing issues that we will want to learn about and to influence public policy through our advocacy.

I look forward to seeing all of you on Saturday, May 20, at 9:30am. Brunch and coffee will be provided!!

Mary Beth Byrne, President

Garage Sale Coming This Summer!



The League’s BIG garage sale fundraiser has been scheduled for **Saturday, July 29th, 8AM-3PM.**

The event will be held once again in **Tom Drucker and Betsy Brandt’s expansive 3-car garage/driveway at 230 S. Cottage Street.** Tom and Betsy graciously hosted the sale in 2013 and 2015 and are willing to do it again. We can’t thank them enough.

A sign-up sheet for interested workers (pre-sale, day-of-sale, and post-sale) will be available at the League’s Annual Meeting on May 20th. For now, please **mark your calendars – July 29th** – and start boxing up items!

Contact Ellen Penwell, sale chairperson, if you are interested in working the event or have questions (262-203-6529, espenwell@gmail.com). New this year - a bake sale component might be added to the event.

Watch for updates!

Faculty Lectures through April

Dream Scholars and
Colleagues Presents...

Walk in our Shoes

*"Understanding the
Latino Experience"*

**Tuesday, May 2nd
5:00 – 7:30pm**

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The Walk In Our Shoes simulation experience is designed to help participant understand what it's like to live as a Latino in our community. It is a simulation, not a game. The object is to focus and sensitize participants to the realities faced by area Latinos.

The event is free but space is limited. Be sure to register early!

Sign up at
my.uww.edu/signup

For more information
email DSC@uww.edu

UW-Whitewater's Office of Continuing Education and Fairhaven Senior Services continue hosting free faculty lectures through the end of April. Lectures in the "The Wisconsin Idea: Whitewater, Wisconsin, and Beyond" series will explore how UW-Whitewater faculty and students share their expertise and resources in areas as diverse as technology, education, business and farming. Four lectures remain, including two rescheduled from earlier this spring.

For nearly 35 years, UW-Whitewater faculty and staff, and community and business leaders have offered free presentations to thousands of people on topics ranging from art and current events to history and literature.

The titles and presenters of the lectures remaining in the spring series are:

Monday, April 3 at 3:00 p.m.

"Socially Responsible Business: Making a Difference in Women Artisans' Lives"

Presented by Paul Ambrose, Associate Dean, College of Business and Economics

Wednesday, April 5 at 3:00 p.m.

"The Third Space of Teacher Education for Future Elementary Teachers"

Presented by Matt Vick, Associate Professor and Chair, Curriculum and Instruction

Monday, April 10 at 3:00 p.m.

"Food, Farming and Cultural Diversity: Capturing Stories through the Wisconsin Farms Oral History Project"

Presented by James Levy, Assistant Professor, History

Monday, April 17 at 3:00 p.m.

"Sensors in Our Lives and Why They Matter"

Presented by Ozgur Yavuzcetin, Assistant Professor, Physics

All lectures are free and open to the public and are held in the Fellowship Hall of Fairhaven Retirement Community, 435 West Starin Road, Whitewater. Street parking is adjacent to the building. Unable to attend?

Links to videos of lectures, including those from prior series, can be found at <http://www.uww.edu/ce/fairhaven>. If you have a disability and desire accommodations, please advise us as early as possible. Requests are confidential. UW-Whitewater provides equal opportunities in employment and programming including Title IX and ADA requirements. Please contact Kari Borne at 262-472-1003 or bornek@uww.edu for further information.