

February 2017

League of Women Voters - Whitewater Area

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Calendar of Events

February 11th 11:30am

Susan B. Anthony

Domenico's Restaurant,
Beloit, WI

February 18th 10:00am

League Policies &
Program Studies
Discussion

Fairhaven Fellowship
Hall, Whitewater, WI

February 21st

Spring Primary Election

March 11th 10:00am

Common Council
Candidate Forum

City Council Chambers,
Whitewater, WI

March 16th 7:00pm

Electoral College
Assessed

City Council Chambers,
Whitewater, WI

Calling All League Members & Friends



PLEASE Join Us!

February Membership Meeting

League Policies & Program Studies Discussion

Saturday, February 18th, at 10:00 am
Fellowship Hall at Fairhaven

Perhaps you have heard or even made comments about the nature of the League of Women Voters, which holds well-researched positions on many of the current topics of discussion: immigration, healthcare, poverty, homelessness, the environment, clean water, and so much more.

None of our policies are based on any one political party's position. We are a NON-partisan organization, which means that we don't take sides ... rather we base our positions on well researched information and what will be best for the common good. We will be discussing the various non-partisan policies in order to revise our own local policy, and we need your expertise and ideas to help us do this. Come and help us decide what our policy needs to look like. YOU have a voice in the matter!

Also, in preparation for the State League's program planning for 2017-2018, we will be offering suggestions on how we might best research and facilitate policies related to the whole area of "poverty." We need your help in searching out various resources on this topic.

We look forward to hearing your words of wisdom! Don't miss this opportunity to have a great discussion and get to know your fellow League members and friends.

April 4th

Spring Election

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

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Spring Primary Election

February 21st

Wisconsin utilizes an **Open Primary System**; registered voters do not have to be members of a party to vote in that party's primary.

Wisconsin's spring primary elections will take place on February 21, 2017. Information on the election can be found at www.elections.wi.gov.

Candidates



Tony Evers

Incumbent Superintendent of Public Instruction since 2009



Lowell Holtz

Former superintendent, [Beloit School District](#)



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Former administrator, [Dodgeville School District](#)



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Visit Our LWV – Whitewater Area Website and “LIKE” Us On Facebook!

“LIKING” the League’s FACEBOOK will automatically send posts to your feed. Then, we recommend that you not only “Like” the post but “Share” 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!

Volunteers Needed - Get Active NOW

The League will sponsor a forum on **Saturday, March 11th, 10AM-11:30AM** in the City Hall Council Chambers, in advance of the April 4th Spring Election, for candidates running for **Whitewater Common Council**. If you are interested in learning what is involved and would like to volunteer, please contact **Ellen Penwell** at 262-203-6529 or espenwell@gmail.com.



We’re also looking for anyone interested in working on a **Committee** or serving on the local **Whitewater Board**. Just email **Jane Roberts** (rhuntersridge@gmail.com) if you’d like to get involved.

These are great opportunities for new and continuing league members to actively participate in league activities!

Women’s March



The **Women’s March** in locations around the world took place **January 21, 2017**. Over **4.5 million** marched for women’s rights in **914 cities** around the globe. One in every 100 Americans marched making this the largest single day event in US history.

The **League of Women Voters** joined the Women’s March as a **Partner**. We believe that the issues the marchers came out for are the very same ones that the League supports as well.

Members from Whitewater attended the Madison location as well as Washington DC. We were joined by other Leaguers across the state of Wisconsin as well.



***Our Future Depends on Being Active ...
No Matter the Age!!***

Garage Sale Coming This Summer!



The Whitewater Area League has run a successful garage sale fundraiser every odd-numbered year since at least 2011 and we're looking for league members willing to participate this year.

If you are game and interested in helping with the sale, please contact Ellen Penwell at 262-203-6529 or espenwell@gmail.com.

In the meantime, we would like ALL league members to start packing away those garage sale items!