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League of Women Voters - Whitewater Area

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## Calendar of Events

September 21<sup>st</sup> 7:00pm

State of the City and It's Schools

City Council Chambers,  
Whitewater, WI

October 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm

Fair Voting Maps

City Council Chambers,  
Whitewater, WI

November 16<sup>th</sup> 7pm

Challenges to Health Care  
Accessibility

City Council Chambers,  
Whitewater, WI

December 10<sup>th</sup>

League Holiday Dinner

841 Brew House  
Whitewater, WI



## State of the City and It's Schools

**Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at 7 PM**  
**Council Chambers, Whitewater**

Our September meeting will be jam-packed with information!

Again this year, the League will welcome **Whitewater City Manager, Cameron Clapper**, as he delivers a **State of the City** address in the City Hall Council Chambers.

This is an opportunity for Whitewater citizens to become better informed about the condition of our community and to learn about future projects and goals for the city of Whitewater.

We will also be fortunate to hear a presentation from the **Whitewater Unified School District Administrator, Dr. Mark Elworthy**. He will provide us the opportunity to learn about what the district has been doing as a result of last year's referendum.

There will be opportunities after each presentation for question and answer sessions. Please join us and invite your friends and neighbors!

This is a wonderful opportunity to obtain meaningful information about the future of Whitewater and the Whitewater schools, all wrapped up in one informative session.

January 20<sup>th</sup> 10:00am

Member Discussion

Fairhaven Community Rm  
Whitewater, WI

February 15<sup>th</sup> 7pm

Discussion: Janesville, An  
American Story

City Council Chambers,  
Whitewater, WI

March 15<sup>th</sup> 7pm

Fake News & Role of Media

City Council Chambers,  
Whitewater, WI

March 17<sup>th</sup> 10am

Candidate Forum

City Council Chambers,  
Whitewater, WI

April 3<sup>rd</sup> Spring Election

April 19<sup>th</sup> 7pm

Earth Day & Environmental  
Sustainability

City Council Chambers,  
Whitewater, WI

May 17<sup>th</sup> 10am

LWV Annual Membership

Fairhaven Community Rm  
Whitewater, WI

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# President's Message

## An Exciting Year Ahead!

There is much energy around the upcoming programs offered by the **League of Women Voters ~ Whitewater Area!** And YOU are invited to join in as we all work to Make Democracy Work Locally, Statewide, and Nationally!

We usually meet the third Thursday of each month at the City Council Chambers beginning at 7:00 pm.



Check this newsletter to learn more details about our upcoming meeting, September 21, when we will hear from our City Manager, Cameron Clapper, about "The State of Whitewater," and from Dr. Mark Elworthy, our District Administrator for the Whitewater School District. Many good things are happening and you will want to hear what to anticipate during this school year.

This fall we will look at "Fair Voting Maps," "Challenges to Health Care Accessibility," and the presentation of our "Making Democracy Work Award" at our Holiday Celebration in December. New members are always welcome, so come and offer your ideas and skills for the sake of our continuing democracy.

Mary Beth Byrne, President

## Garage Sale A Huge Success!

The League's garage sale fundraiser, held on July 29<sup>th</sup> at the home of Betsy Brandt and Tom Drucker, was a resounding success. We raised a total of \$1,189, which is twice our average intake from the sale in previous years.

We gained a new league member from event, enhanced our community profile, and provided an important social service via our "pay what it's worth to you" policy on non-pricing. Monies earned will help the League cover speaker fees, print voter education and other materials as needed, and support our online voter registration assistance program.

We offer a special thank you to Betsy and Tom for hosting the sale and to everyone who contributed donations, bake goods, and valuable time and labor. We'd also like to recognize and thank The Thrift Shoppe for staying open to accept our unsold items.

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## **FACEBOOK**

*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 Public” as well. This will help us to get our message out to a much broader audience.**

# **Voter Registration Assistance**

## **League Purchases Tablet for Online Voter Registration**

Earlier this year, the League applied for and was awarded a \$200 LWV Wisconsin Pass-Through Grant made possible by The Joyce Foundation, which supports activities and programs related to voting and elections, redistricting, campaign finance, fair courts, and voter information assistance. Joyce Foundation funding may not be used for lobbying.

After considerable comparative shopping and performance analysis, we’re happy to report that a Samsung Galaxy TAB E tablet (\$169.99) and a Logitech Universal Folio (\$59.99) were purchased with the grant money to help us assist voters who want to register online using the MyVote website ([myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov)).

**We are scheduled to launch our use of the tablet on National Voter Registration Day, Tuesday, September 26, at City Market from 3:30PM - 7:30PM.**

The tablet will be used to help register voters whose Wisconsin driver’s license and Wisconsin-issued ID are matched in the DMV/SSA database. Voters unable to use online registration because they lack the aforementioned documents will be able to fill out paper voter registration forms and, with our assistance, follow through with mailing or personally delivering their forms, along with a proof of residence document, to their municipal clerk. Please stop by our table at City Market on September 26<sup>th</sup>!

## **Making Democracy Work Award**

### **Seeking Nominations 2017 Making Democracy Work Award**

Nomination forms for the 2017 Making Democracy Work award are now available. You can pick up copies at the September 21<sup>st</sup> program meeting or download a form from our website ([www.lwwwhitewater.org](http://www.lwwwhitewater.org)).

Please take time to consider who you think should receive this respected award in recognition of their work or volunteerism in projects, organizations, or activities aligned with the League’s mission of nonpartisanship, civil discourse, and making our community a safer and fairer place in which to live.

This year’s holiday dinner and MDW Award recognition dinner will be held at 841 Brew House on Sunday evening, December 10. Please mark your calendars.

# It's That Time Again!

LWV – Whitewater Area membership renewals due by December 1st.

Renewing your membership provides the following benefits:

- Local, state and national League news and publications
- Access to action alerts keeping you informed on issues that matter to you and our community
- Monthly meetings on Programs of interest

*Consider asking a friend or colleague to join us in supporting public policies through education and advocacy.*

A membership form will be sent to current members in a separate e-mail in the next few days.

Your check and completed form will need to be sent to:

Julia Ross, Treasurer  
701 East Clay Street, Unit B1  
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Donations and membership dues to the LWV-Whitewater Area are tax deductible.

## Faculty Lectures through April

UW-Whitewater Continuing Education and Fairhaven Senior Services announce “**Reflections on The Great War**” as the theme for their fall community lecture series. In April 1917, President Woodrow Wilson asked for a “war to end all wars” and shortly after, Congress voted to declare war on Germany. One hundred years and the involvement of four million American military personnel later, we reflect on this war that Wilson had hoped would make the world safer for democracy. What are the political and institutional legacies of the war? What impact did the war have on culture worldwide? Join us in recognizing 100 years and the legacy and lessons from The Great War.

The dates, titles and presenters of the lectures for September/October are:

Monday, September 18

“Back to the Future: The Great War, Nationalism, Imperialism, and the Failure of Internationalism”

Presented by F. Peter Wagner, Associate Professor, Political Science

Monday, September 25

“Woodrow Wilson’s Reluctant March to War in Europe”

Presented by Louis Fucilla, Assistant Professor, Political Science

Monday, October 2

“From Shell Shock to Spanish ‘Flu – Impacts of the Great War on Health and Medicine”

Presented by Elizabeth Hachten, Assistant Dean, College of Letters and Sciences

Monday, October 9

“To Do and Die: World War One Poetry and The End of Victorian Progress”

Presented by John McGuigan, Associate Professor, Languages and Literatures

Monday, October 16

“No One Wants to go to War: African Participation in World War I”

Presented by Adam Paddock, Assistant Professor, History

Monday, October 23

“Have We Learned the Lessons of the War to End All Wars?”

Presented by Jonah Ralston, Assistant Professor, Political Science

Monday, October 30

“The 32nd Division’s Great War”

Presented by Richard Pifer, Freelance Historian and Author, Wisconsin Historical Society Press

All lectures are free and open to the public and are held on Mondays at 3 p.m. 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](mailto:bornek@uww.edu) for further information.