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Communications from the President



Dear Friends in League,

I am pleased to report that we had a successful Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 16.

As you know, the League of Women

Voters of Janesville takes positions on key public policy issues after study, debate and consensus by our membership. Each year the members of the League review their local positions at the Annual Meeting in May. This year the members voted to re-adopt of all the local positions we have taken.

Some of these positions are decades-old, so if you are not familiar with them because you are a relatively new member of League, or if you are concerned that some of our positions may need updating, you can read them in their entirety on our League's website at http://lwvjvl.org/local_positions.html. Please let the Board know if you think it is time for us to revisit any of our current positions or want to suggest a new issue that our League should study. We have one ongoing study topic--Diversity issues.

We elected a strong slate of officers and directors at the meeting. I am grateful that most of our current board mem-

bers will continue in their current or new positions, and I want to welcome our new Treasurer, Nancy Sonntag, to the Board.

The Board will hold its organizational meeting on Tuesday, June 12. If you have any suggestions for the Board, please send them to us.

I passed out a League Interest Survey to assess members' interests in being actively involved in League activities this year. I have sent a link to the survey to all League members who have email so that all League members can participate in this survey. You can go directly to the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/99KCSGR>. Or, if you prefer to respond through US Mail, fill out the hard copy of this survey contained in this newsletter and send it to LWV-Janesville, PO Box 8064, Janesville, WI 53547-8064.

Nancy Stabb also passed out a survey to help her organize some "Back Porch" gatherings this summer so members can get to know each other better through book discussions on topics of interest to League members. You can learn more about the books and the dates for these gatherings elsewhere in this newsletter.

This will be a busy year for League, so we can really use your help. There will be several statewide and local partisan elections held in the fall. The Wisconsin primary elections will be here almost before we know it, on **Tuesday, August 14**. The Voter Services Committee will need help soon in educating

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Wisconsin residents in how to register to vote.

Even if you can't commit to serve on a committee this year, you can be an active



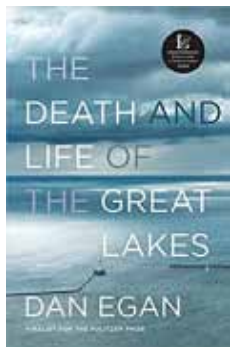
League member by encouraging people who have recently become eligible to vote, or who may have moved recently, to REGISTER AND VOTE. The state of Wisconsin has a terrific website that for voting information and online voter registration: **MyVote Wisconsin** (<https://myvote.wi.gov>).

Thank you!!

Linda

LWVJ SUMMER-TIME BOOK DISCUSSIONS

The LWV Board is recommending 3 books for your summer reading and providing opportunities for you to meet with other League members to discuss what you have read. The book titles, time and location for each discussion are:



Death and Life of the Great Lakes by Dan Egan writer for the The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

This book was the PBS April 2018 "Now Read This" choice and has been chosen by the UW Madison as a Big Read for 2018-19.

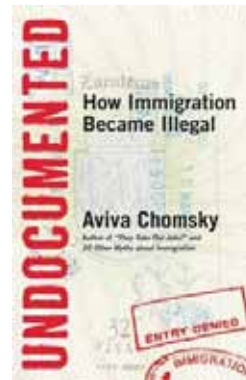
Meet **Wednesday, June 27** at Nancy Stabb's 1200 S. River Rd. **2-3:30 PM**

Discussion Leaders Kay and Neil Deupree

White Working Class: Overcoming Class Clueless by Joan Williams examines political engagement of an often overlooked and misunderstood group.

Meet **Wednesday, June 27** at Carol Herzig's, 2921 Yale Drive **6:30-8:00 PM**
Discussion Leader Evon Mitchell

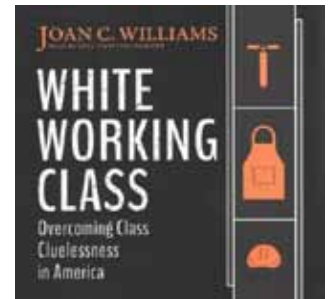
UNDOCUMENTED: How Immigration Became Illegal by Aviva Chomsky



Chomsky who is a professor of history and coordinator of Latin American Studies at Salem State University.

Meet **Wednesday, July 25** at Bodacious Brew, 119 N. Main St. **2-3:30 PM**

Discussion Leader Linda Stehura



Opioid Forum Available on Youtube!

If you were unable to attend the forum sponsored by Janesville Mobilizing for Change and LWV-Janesville you can access it here at this Youtube web address.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sjn0c34N4KA>



Photos by Carol Herzig

Annual Meeting

May 16, 2018 at 29 South. President Linda Reinhardt lead the business meeting. It was a great informative evening,





The 2017-18 Board of the League of Women Voters of Janesville

President	Linda Reinhardt	2017-19
First VP	Ethel Himmel	2017-19
Second VP	Deborah Thielen	2018-20
Secretary	Heidi Keith	2017-19
Treasurer	Nancy Sonntag	2018-20
Director	Evon Mitchell	2018-20
Director	Laura Boettcher	2018-20
Director	Carol Herzig	2017-19
Director	Mary Buelow	2017-19



Nominating Committee
(2019): Jennifer Johns,
Laura Boettcher and Linda Stehura
(With an additional appointee from
the board.)

CALENDAR

Upcoming Activities 2017-18*

*Additional events may be planned. Check website: lwjvl.org/calendar

June 2018



June 8 - 9th
State Meetings
June 27 Book
Discussion 2:00-
3:30 @ Nancy
Stabb's
June 27 Book
Discussion 6:30-
8:00 @ Carol
Herzig's
June 28 - July 1

National Convention - Chicago

July 2018

July 25 Book Discussion 2:00-3:30 Location TBD

August 2018

August 14 Fall Primary Election

November 2018

November 6 General Election

**** Please copy and paste to Linda Reinhardt, lindacreinhardt@gmail.com ****

League Interest Survey

Please indicate your interest in serving on the following local League committees (check all that apply):

Voter Service Committee

_____ Voter Registration _____ Candidate Forums _____ Poll Observer/Poll Watcher

_____ Observer Corps (monitor governmental bodies, be the "eyes and ears of the League)

_____ Susan B. Anthony Birthday Celebration Planning Committee

_____ Publicity Committee

Local Study Committees

_____ Diversity Committee

_____ Other issue for study _____

_____ State and National Study Issues

Are you reading this newsletter as a 'guest'?

Joining the League of Women Voters is easy simply fill in this form and mail.

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Phone Number _____

Individual \$65.00
 Student \$30.00

Household \$95.00

I am unable to join the League at this time but enclosed is a contribution of \$_____.

Please make your check payable to: League of Women Voters -
Janesville, P.O. Box 8064, Janesville, WI 53547-8064

I request consideration for a LWV scholarship.

Celebrate your Birthday with the League!

Remember you may still contribute to the State League with a birthday donation and half of your donation will be returned to our Janesville League.



If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, please e-mail me, Carol Herzig at caherzig@gmail.com Thank you.