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It's almost time to celebrate. Get Your Reservations in Today!!!



Saturday, February 10, 2018 • 12:00 p.m.

Susan B. Anthony fought for the right to vote; how are voting rights in danger today?

Rick Daniels, Guest Speaker
Director of Campus Inclusion at Oakton Community College

Lunch and speaker in the Commons @ UW Rock County

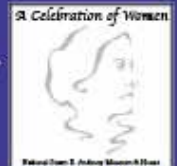
2909 Kellogg Ave, Janesville, WI

Tickets: \$30.00 for adults; \$20.00 for students

Registration deadline February 1, 2018

To R.S.V.P. call 608-758-3351 or send your check to

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Communications from the President

Linda Reinhardt
President

Dear Friends in League,
I hope to see many of you at **the Susan B. Anthony Birthday Party on Saturday, February 10**, at NOON in the Hyatt Smith Hall Commons on the UW-Rock County campus, 2909 Kellogg Avenue, in Janesville. This Rock County event began 25 years ago when League members Carolyn Brandeen and Nancy Stabb shared their experiences from visiting the Susan B. Anthony House in Rochester, NY with friends over dinner. You can read more about the history of this event in the current issue of [Stateline 5 for Women](#). This annual event honors Anthony's legacy as a champion for women's right to vote, and is a celebration of our democracy. At this event we will recognize and honor elected office holders and candidates running for office in the Spring elections, and our guest speaker, Rick Daniels, the Director of Campus Inclusion at Oakton Community College, will share his expertise on issues related to race, social justice, and unconscious bias, will help us understand why we need to be concerned about recent policies and actions that introduce restrictions to voting, and will provide ideas for steps

we can take toward "making democracy work" for all of our citizens.

The Voter Services Committee, led by Kay Deupree and Deb Thielen, is hard at work on two fronts:

Educating the electorate about the candidates for Spring Elections through a **Janesville City Council Candidates Forum** on Thursday March 1 at 6:00 pm at the Hedberg Public Library, and through interviews with candidates for Janesville School Board and contested county supervisory districts. Forward Janesville and JATV will again be our co-sponsors for the City Council Candidates Forum.

Applying the grant funds obtained from the LWVEF to stimulate voter registration among eligible youths attending our local high school and colleges so that they will be able to vote in the Spring Elections in April. Please be willing to volunteer when called upon to help – the elections are coming up soon.

We have completed a major update of our [LWVJVL website](#). Please take a look, and let us know what more we can do to provide you with the information you need. Also be sure to follow us on our [Facebook](#) page.



Janesville League Members and others viewed *Slavery By Another Name*

Mary Buelow
Diversity Committee

Saturday January 20 twenty-two people gathered in the Basics Community Room to watch the docu-

mentary *Slavery By Another Name*. The film uses photos, documents, interviews, and dramatic re-enactments to tell the story of the convict labor system and the people - mostly African Americans - who were caught up in it.

By the end of the Civil War the economy of the American South was in ruins. Developers and entrepreneurs wanted to bring it back. They needed labor to make that happen. The former slaveholders were not willing to pay for what they had once had for free, so they widely exploited a clause in the 13th Amendment's ban on slavery exempting persons convicted of crimes. They turned to state prisons and county jails for laborers and paid a small fee to the local government for each man. This fee gave local jurisdictions incentive to fill the jails. So many African American men were convicted of petty crimes such as "vagrancy" or "walking along a railroad track" that national crime statistics became skewed and the myth of the criminal black man was born.

Attendees had strong reactions to the stories and information the film brought to light, and discussed multiple issues the film raised.



Meeting Times



I have heard from only 3 members. Please give us your feedback. Thank you. The best time for you to meet is...

- Weekday
- Weeknight
- Saturday
 - Morning
 - Afternoon

Please respond to Carol Herzig at caherzig@gmail.com or 608.289.0183. Thank you for your cooperation.

Preparing for the Elections

Kay Deupree
Voter Service co-chair.

The Voter Services Committee has had an easy time so far this year. **NOW** with the February primary and April elections approaching, activity will be in full swing.

As was mentioned in the last *VOTER*, the Janesville LWV has received a national LWV grant to ramp up our registration efforts with youth and under-represented populations in at least 5 schools. An in-person City council forum will be held March 1. In addition, print responses to questions will be posted on the LWV website from school board, county supervisor and judicial candidates (Most of these have no challengers).

Deb Thielen and I are delighted with the LWV members who have agreed to help with these important activities : Christina Barrett, Laura Boettcher, Janet Hay, David McKay, Sue Ellen Madere, Evon Mitchell, Don Prestia and Linda Stehura. There is enough to do that others who would like to join us will be welcomed.

If you have ideas for topics or questions for the city candidates, please send to Deb Thielen at <debbill319@charter.net>

ARE YOU READY TO VOTE IN WISCONSIN?

- Do you have acceptable photo ID to vote?
Go to bringit.wi.gov
- Are you registered to vote?
Go to myvote.wi.gov
- Do you know the candidates & issues?
Go to lwvwi.org
- Do you have a plan to vote?
Go to myvote.wi.gov or contact your municipal clerk
 - ▶ View Sample Ballot
 - ▶ Find Your Polling Site
 - ▶ Request Absentee Ballot

All boxes checked? Yay!
YOU'RE READY TO VOTE.
Now help your friends & family!

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CALENDAR


Upcoming Activities 2017-18*

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

February 2018

February 10 @ Noon Susan B. Anthony Birthday Party at U-Rock
February 12 @ 6:30 p.m. Board Meeting at Hedberg Library
February 20 Spring Primary

March 2018



March 1 @ 6:00 p.m. Janesville City Council Forum at Hedberg Public Library
March 12 @ 6:30 p.m. Board Meeting
March Program by Mary Buelow on *Fake News* Date and location TBD

April 2018

April 3 Spring Election
April 9 @ 6:30 p.m. Board Meeting
April 10, 12, & 14 Book Discussion on *Great Small Things* by Jodi Piccoult, location TBD
April Observer Corps - Janesville Mobilizing for Change @ Hedberg Public Library

May 2018

May 16 @ 5:30 p.m. Annual Meeting, Location TBD

June 2018

June State Meetings
June 28 - July 1 National Convention - Chicago

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.



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