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Candidate Forum
Thurs, March 1 at 6pm
Hedberg Public Library
 Program Room, 316 S. Main St, Janesville, WI

Listen: The League, along with Forward Janesville and JATV, will hold a 90-minute forum with the Janesville City Council candidates .

Learn: Visit the Janesville League of Women Voters website, lwvjvl.org/ and Facebook page for more candidate info.

Vote: April 3 - Spring Election

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Communications from the President

Dear Friends in League,

We are in the Spring Elections season, and I want to encourage you to attend the Janesville City Council Candidates Forum that will be held on Thursday, March 1, from 6:00-7:30 pm at the Hedberg Public Library. Our co-sponsors of this forum are Forward Janesville and JATV, and you will be able to watch a taped version of the forum a later date on JATV if you are not able to be in the audience.

Members of the Voter Services Committee will be posting interviews with candidates in other local elections on our website at www.lwvjvl.org/Spring2018Elections.html. You will be able to find information about the candidates and issues in statewide elections at Vote411.org www.vote411.org a website launched



This nonpartisan “one-stop-shop” provides general and state-specific information pertaining to the election process for the general public.



by the League of Women Voters Education Fund in 2006.

If you would like to help the members of the Voter Services Committee enable eligible high school and college students to register to vote, and/or would like to encourage other citizens who are not registered voters to engage in the

election process by voting, please contact one of the co-chairs of the committee, Kay Deupree deupreen@charter.net or Deb Thielen debbill319@charter.net



If you need a refresher course to help friends and acquaintances navigate the new Wisconsin voting regulations and learn how to register (or change their address) through the online voting registration system, MyVote Wisconsin www.myvote.wi.gov is a valuable resource. In addition, LWVWI has put together a “Tutorial for the Wisconsin Online Voter Registration System.” You can link to this tutorial through our webpage at www.lwvjvl.org/elections.html#register

The Diversity Committee is planning to hold book discussions on Jodi Piccolt’s most recent novel, Small Great Things in April. This book was inspired by a Flint, Michigan event in which a white supremacist father refused to allow an experienced African American labor and delivery nurse to touch his newborn. Plan ahead so you can read the book in time to join us.

Please check out our website, www.lwvjvl.org and let us know what more information you would like to see there. Also, be sure to follow us on our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/JanesvilleLWV and share with your friends.

Yours,

Linda Reinhardt,
President

The Opioid Pandemic - panel discussion sponsored by our League’s Observer Corps and Janesville Mobilizing for Change



“On April 26th hear from local experts on the state of the opioid crisis in Rock County from 6:30 -8 p.m. in the Hedberg Public Library Program Room. This panel will address local conditions and initiatives, results of those initiatives and the gaps discovered, and how to get involved. Learn where to go to ask for help for families, friends or colleagues, and take advantage of the time for questions and answers. Light refreshments will be provided. We hope to see you there!”

Map from: <https://shift.newco.co/capitalism-at-its-worst-the-opioid-crisis-443cb0da91f9>

Susan B. Anthony Birthday Party



Photos by Carol Herzig
President Linda Reinhardt addressing the attendees. Our speaker Rick Daniels. Rick Daniels' daughters blowing out the birthday candles.



And some of the attendees.







You are the leading influence in your child's life.

#EveryParentExpo

MARCH 3, 2018, 10 A.M. - 1 P.M.

**Blackhawk Technical College, Commons
6004 S County Road G, Janesville**

If you are a parent, then this *FREE* expo is for you!

Speak with advocates, experts, and professionals in various fields, discover what to watch for when it comes to your child's social media, and learn about youth mental health and wellness. Also check out our Hidden in Plain Sight display, get a free haircut and **win a DOOR PRIZE!**



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For questions, please contact JM4C:
(608) 741-2105 | JanesvilleMobilizing4Change@gmail.com

Behavioral Health Redesign Steering Committee

Neil Deupree
Observer Corps

The Rock County Board of Supervisors established the Behavioral Health Redesign Steering Committee (BHRSC) in March 2012, to bring stakeholders involved with the behavioral health system together, on a regular basis, to discuss issues affecting the system, resolve problems, and plan for the future.

The BHRSC was formed as the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council became aware that many of the people in the criminal justice system were also struggling with issues of mental health and substance abuse.

The BHRSC meets monthly on the third Thursday

at noon on the fifth floor of the Rock County Courthouse. The meeting is open to the public.

The goal of the committee is to encourage the Behavioral Health treatment providers in Rock County to be welcoming, recovery oriented, trauma informed, culturally competent, and co-occurring capable.

The members include staff of the Rock County Human Services Department (who serve many people with behavioral health struggles), as well as various private counseling centers and other stakeholders.

You may find more information at: <http://www.co.rock.wi.us/behavioral-health-redesign-steering>

You Make *The Big Share* **BIG** for LWV WI



Psst. Mark your calendars. And don't keep it a secret. March 6, 2018 **is going to be a big day.** And we mean **BIG! The Big Share is coming.**

The Big Share is a single day of online giving hosted by Community Shares of Wisconsin with matching grants and prizes dedicated to supporting nearly 70 incredible nonprofits that improve our communities, including the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin.

Last year, through the *generosity of supporters like you*, we

raised over \$11,000 to engage voters and defend our democracy. **We know we can make even more of an impact this year with your help to keep the League strong in Wisconsin!**

LWV WI continues the vital work for voter protections, fair maps, and fair courts.

We are working with members and local Leagues to share resources to increase our reach, as well as assisting with newly developing Leagues and League work across the state.

We are tracking and taking action on bills currently moving through the Legislature.

We are encouraging more Wisconsinites to be engaged with our democracy.

If you're like us, and can't wait to share your love for the League, you can [make your contribution today!](#) All money raised between now and the end of the day on March 6th will count towards the League's Big Share total.

We'll update you with more on The Big Share between now and March 6th, and let you know how you can make The Big Share BIG for LWV WI.

The Diversity Committee will be hosting a Book Discussion of *Great Small Things*, by Jodi Picoult



In this novel, Ruth Jefferson is a labor and delivery nurse at a Connecticut hospital with more than twenty years' experience. During her shift, Ruth begins a routine checkup on a newborn, only to be told a few minutes later that she's been reassigned to another patient. The parents are white supremacists and don't want Ruth, who is African American, to touch their child.

The hospital complies with their request, but the next day, the baby goes into cardiac distress while Ruth is

alone in the nursery. Does she obey orders or does she intervene? Ruth hesitates before performing CPR and, as a result, is charged with a serious crime.

Discussions will be held:

Monday April 9, 6:30 pm at the Hilltop

Thursday April 12, 1:00 pm at the Hedberg Public Library, Public Meeting Room

Saturday April 14, 9:30 am at the Hedberg Public Library, Public Meeting Room

Questions? Please contact Mary Buelow at buelow_m@msn.com or 608-754-0588

Welcome new League members:

We have added several new members to our list since the Annual Meeting in May of 2017. I'm introducing 2 of them in this issue of the Voter. If you are reading this and are not member but would like to know how to join, contact Nancy Stabb nstabb@charter.net.

Nancy Sonntag is a lifelong resident of the area, except for the 4 years she was in college. She met her husband, Dave, when they were both working at the Janesville Gazette. Nancy served on the Janesville School Board from 1997 to 2006. In 2013 Nancy retired from her position as School Bus and Safety Manager at Van Galder Bus Company

Christina Barrett moved to Janesville from Portland, Oregon in the fall of 2017 to work for SHINE Medical Technologies. Before Portland she lived in San Francisco. She grew up in New York City. Her interests include biking, writing, playing board games, and (when she can get to warmer waters) scuba diving.

She joined League because she was looking for ways to get involved and be better informed about local issues. She has already met with the Voters Service committee.



CALENDAR

Upcoming Activities 2017-18*

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

March 2018

March 1 @ 6:00 p.m. Janesville City Council Forum at Hedberg Public Library

March 3 @ The Opioid Pandemic, sponsored by Observer Corps & Janesville Mobilizing for Change @ Hedberg Public Library

March 12 @ 6:30 p.m. Board Meeting

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 Piccolt, location TBD

May 2018

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

June 2018

June State Meetings

June 28 - July 1 National Convention - Chicago

August 2018

August 14 Fall Primary Election

November 2018

November 6 General Election



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.