

Making Democracy Work

Nancy Jones

Honored by the League of Women Voters of Appleton as an outstanding example of civic engagement in American democracy for the public good.

Nancy Jones offers her time, energy, and expertise to several groups in the Fox Cities.

Nancy's work with the *Wisconsin Anti-Violence Effort* includes educating the public to take action for sensible gun laws. Nancy worked with the youth in our area after the Parkland shootings to organize activities to bring attention to the mounting problem of senseless violence.

Nancy's work with Fox Cities Advocates for Public Education led her and colleagues to describe her as organized, professional, informed and knowledgeable.

As a member of the ESTHER Transit Task Force, Nancy was once again educating people (including legislators), this time, on the importance for equitable funding for public transit. Nancy planned advocacy efforts and gave testimony at a Joint Finance Budget hearing in 2017.

Nancy is a core team leader for Stronger Together Fox Valley, a network of citizen leaders working to improve the quality of life for people. Nancy has facilitated "Community Conversations," events to discover areas of shared values with the objective to improve the well-being of the community. Nancy also helped set up community workshops to help people work toward more effective communication in our polarized climate.

Nancy has also worked to mobilize people in the campaign to *End Child Poverty*. As Vice President of ESTHER, Nancy helped launch the campaign in the Fox Cities and continues to educate, speaking frequently to groups in the community.

Thank you, Nancy Jones, for your dedication to a strong democracy.

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Isabella DeVine

The League is happy to present Isabella with the first Making Democracy Work Youth Award for her passion, leadership, and volunteer work in the community.

Meet Isabella DeVine, junior at North High School and first recipient of the League of Women Voter's youth award for Making Democracy Work.

Isabella has helped to organize fundraisers for Make a Wish, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Harbor House, and Hygiene drive for the local "homes" in the parks. She has also helped to organize canned food drives for the Salvation Army. Isabella is president of *Girl Up*, a program to help female students become leaders, and vice-president of Student Council.

Isabella's Club Advisor and nominator, Teri Berlowski, teacher at North High School, describes Isabella as having exceptionally strong leadership skills. As vice-president of Student Council, Isabella organizes, delegates, and advocates with ease.

Congratulations Isabella!

