

President's Report 2008  
By Carolyn Mewhorter

Thanks to all of you who have contributed your time, energy, and intelligence to LWV-Appleton over the past year, especially to the Board. In preparing this annual meeting report, I see the excellence and positive outcomes of the work they have done and want to recognize all of them tonight: VP Action, Nadine Miller; VP Program, Shirley Strange; Treasurer, Sue Silton; Membership, Winnie Doxsie; Voter Service, Shirley Adams; our Bulletin, Vicky Olenski; our Website, Jody VanDomelen, and for our State and Local Studies, Cindy Carter for Natural Resources, and Debra Cronmiller for Mental Health. The position of Secretary remained opened all year with Shirley Strange and Winnie Doxsie doing that work as well as their own. Please note the board reports in this packet.

Activities and events of note:

Joy Povolny, Donna Weis, Corinne Goldgar and Barbara Hoffman were recognized for their fifty year memberships in LWV-Appleton at the Holiday Brunch in December.

Social events for members and potential members were held throughout the year. In September Lunch with League, an opportunity to meet and discuss issues, was held at Cheyenne's. Winnie's Welcome, an event for members and potential members, was held in October at Winnie's home.

The Mental Health Study continued throughout the year. League members were encouraged to attend final meetings in January, February, and March to develop and agree upon our proposed local position. Debra Cronmiller provided leadership for this study and was instrumental in involving numerous local professionals in the field to contribute their time and knowledge.

Lively Issues in January faced still another competition with the weather and it is hoped we can agree to a date change to facilitate greater attendance in the future. Beth English facilitated the meeting.

In November, we met to discuss the National Immigration Study and in January completed the consensus for LWVUS. April had us working on the State study, Election Administration.

Winnie Doxsie met with and gave presentation on LWV to three interested business groups, providing an overview and answering questions.

LWV-Appleton made statements on the local budgets to the Appleton Common Council and Outagamie County Board.

A new Membership Recruitment brochure was produced.

The Poll Worker project was completed. WHBAY and the news promo regarding Poll workers.

In closing, thank you for this opportunity to serve as president of the Appleton LWV. I invite your comments and suggestion at any point along the way and look forward to another year of working together to keep our League strong.