

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2009**

By Carolyn Mewhorter

The past two years as president of the League of Women Voters-Appleton have been educational and exciting. I am grateful to the membership for my election to this position and to our board of directors for their organization, hard work, and support. A whirlwind of activity best describes the past year as we studied a possible merger with the LWV-Neenah-Menasha, took action on the Mental Health Study, prepared for the upcoming election, took emergency action on the Appleton Public Library, studied issues, hosted Shirley Abrahamson, registered hundreds of voters, held general meetings, stayed abreast of natural resources, revamped the Bulletin, explored and obtained a new website, and more. I want to recognize our board members and their positions, and commend them for their work and the cross training that occurred over the past two years. When is our secretary not Miriam Douglass? When she is Shirley Strange. When is our treasurer not Sue Silton? When she is Winnie Doxsie. And so forth and it works! Thanks to Nadine Miller, VP-Action; Shirley Strange, VP-Program; Miriam Douglass, Secretary; Sue Silton, Treasurer; Winnie Doxsie, Membership; Shirley Adams, Voter Service; Vicky Olenski, Bulletin (and Website); Jan Quinlan, Finance; Cindy Carter, Natural Resources; Barbara Dorzweiler, Mental Health Action (and Website). Please read their more detailed reports in your package of materials.

Based on my experience as a past board member and now retiring president, I encourage all of you who have not already participated at the board level to do so. I encourage those who served on the board in the past, but not recently, to do so again. The knowledge you will gain, and the closer connection you will have with league make it well worth it. The resources available to you are unlimited at the national, state, and local levels. Most important to me as a new president were those experts already in our league who are more than willing to share their wisdom. I am especially grateful to Corrine Goldgar for her help on a number of occasions.

Thank you.