

November 2017

League of Women Voters - Whitewater Area

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Calendar of Events

November 16th 7pm

Challenges to Health Care Accessibility

City Council Chambers,
Whitewater, WI

December 10th

League Holiday Dinner

841 Brew House
Whitewater, WI

January 20th 10:00am

Member Discussion

Fairhaven Community Rm
Whitewater, WI

February 15th 7pm

Discussion: Janesville, An
American Story

City Council Chambers,
Whitewater, WI



Challenges to Healthcare Accessibility

Thursday, November 16th, 2017 at 7 PM
Council Chambers, Whitewater

The League of Women Voters Whitewater Area is sponsoring a public program, “**Challenges to Healthcare Accessibility**”. Our speaker is the **Executive Director of the Rock River Free Clinic, Kristin Wallace**.

Learn all about this clinic which provides access to free health services through health professionals dedicated to caring for low and uninsured individuals. The **Rock River Free Clinic** located in **Jefferson** serves all of Jefferson County including Whitewater.

It’s so important for all of us to spread the word about this exceptional service to uninsured individuals. There are many in our area that is in need of these basic services.

A collection of non-perishable food items for the Whitewater Food Pantry will also take place at this meeting.

League members won’t want to miss this interesting program about people doing wonderful things for our community. Please join us and bring someone you know who may have interest in healthcare too!

March 15th 7pm

Fake News & Role of Media
City Council Chambers,
Whitewater, WI

March 17th 10am

Candidate Forum

City Council Chambers,
Whitewater, WI

April 3rd Spring Election

April 19th 7pm

**Earth Day & Environmental
Sustainability**

City Council Chambers,
Whitewater, WI

May 17th 10am

LWV Annual Membership

Fairhaven Community Rm
Whitewater, WI

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League Holiday Dinner



Join us on **Sunday, December 10th** for our annual **League Holiday Dinner**. It will be at the **841 Brew House** in **Whitewater** starting at 5:00 pm with a cash bar and dinner served at 5:30 pm.

We'll be presenting our **Making Democracy Work Award for 2017** as well as an update on all the activities this past year.

Entertainment will be provided by the **University of Whitewater** student violinist **Noah Schaffrick** which will start at 6:30 pm. Democracy Award will conclude the evening.



2017 Making Democracy Work Award

The LWV Whitewater-Area board is delighted to announce that **Lacey Reich Wald**, former UW-Whitewater student and current **Owner of The Sweet Spot Café**, and **James Hartwick**, **Curriculum and Instruction Professor at UW-Whitewater**, have both been named to receive the **League's 2017 Making Democracy Work Award**.

The nominees highlight the dual importance of having UW-Whitewater in our community by demonstrating the positive potential of its students and influence of its faculty.



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Making Democracy Work Awardees

Lacey Reichwald graduated from UWW in 2008 with a degree in Interpersonal Communication. She chose to stay and invest in the Whitewater community, which, as a student, she grew to love.

In 2008, she purchased **The SweetSpot Cafe**, which is now a well-recognized social hub of downtown Whitewater, where town and gown come together in a safe, enjoyable, and family-friendly environment. She expanded her business in 2013 with the opening of **The SweetSpot Bakehouse**. Most recently, Lacey spearheaded the formation of the **Whitewater Grocery Co-Op**, responding to the need for a local grocery after Sentry closed its doors almost two years ago. Lacey’s successful and promising leadership demonstrates the impact one student with vision and compassion can have in our community.

James Hartwick has lived and worked in Whitewater for the past 15 years; he is a staunch defender of democracy, of education and grassroots organizing, and of the common good. As a **Professor** in the **Department of Curriculum and Instruction at UW-Whitewater**, he prepares future social studies teachers, who in turn prepare their students to become thoughtful and engaged citizens and participants in democracy.

His scholarly writing addresses how to engage students in deliberating controversial public issues. As the **Faculty Senate Chair** (2015-16 and 2016-17) and faculty leader, he has been a defender of shared governance, of faculty tenure rights, and of a quality comprehensive university. In 2011, as a part of the *Truth to Power Pilgrimage*, he walked with colleagues to the state capitol, carrying a letter from the UWW faculty to express concerns and to raise awareness over issues and cuts facing the university.

He is the co-advisor for the PEACE student group, which shows monthly documentaries, and hosted a **2011 Occupy Whitewater** event, which was designed to raise awareness of the many issues and inequities facing Wisconsin. Hartwick has been a leader of the **Whitewater Chapter of Move to Amend** and served for two years as the state co-director of Move to Amend. With the help of the PEACE student group and Move to Amend, Whitewater (84% in favor) and Fort Atkinson (77% in favor) passed referenda calling for a Constitutional Amendment to overturn the Citizens United Decision. He was a founding member and leader of the **Historic Strain Park Neighborhood Association**, where he helped to pass a chronic nuisance ordinance and added zoning protections in an effort to build a stable, positive, and connected community.

Still Time To Renew!

LWV – Whitewater Area membership renewals due by December 1st.

Renewing your membership provides the following benefits:

- Local, state and national League news and publications
- Access to action alerts keeping you informed on issues that matter to you and our community
- Monthly meetings on Programs of interest

Consider asking a friend or colleague to join us in supporting public policies through education and advocacy.

A membership form is available on our LWVWW website.

Your check and completed form will need to be sent to:

Julia Ross, Treasurer
701 East Clay Street, Unit B1
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Donations and membership dues to the LWV-Whitewater Area are tax deductible

VOTE SMART PRESIDENT TO SPEAK AT FAIRHAVEN IN WHITEWATER

November 17, 2017 at 1:15 pm

Richard Kimball, Vote Smart President, will give a multi-media presentation on why **FACTS MATTER** on Friday, November 17 at 1:15 pm at the Fairhaven Senior Center in Whitewater.

The talk is only in part about Vote Smart's tools, **much of the presentation is about the history and hardball politics. The public is invited.**

The multi-media presentation on why FACTS MATTER includes:

- The Founding Fathers' fear that if they cast power out to the people, they would not know enough to self-govern successfully and "factions" would take control.
- How funny, famous and dangerous political commercials manipulate people emotionally instead of informing them intellectually.
- ***"A lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is still putting on its shoes."*** --Mark Twain The growth of lies and the people's expectation and acceptance of them.
- **OnPoint:** A practical approach and demonstration of how to easily and instantly defend your right to the facts at any time and in any place right over your smart phone and other mobile devices.

Please join Richard Kimball for this interesting and informative demonstration so you will be prepared to VOTE SMART!

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