

Making Democracy Work Summit

An effective agenda for governmental reform relies on public input and a unified reform movement. On Saturday, September 29, 2007 the League will host *Making Democracy Work: A Summit to Restore Clean and Responsive Government in Wisconsin* at Milwaukee Area Technical College, Main Bldg, 1015 N 6th St, 6th Floor. The forum is made possible with a generous grant from Joyce Foundation.

There League members and other citizens statewide can weigh in on issues related to campaign finance and ethics, voting rights, media, judicial independence, and redistricting. The League will use information gathered at the Summit to help build a unified movement for reform.

Our keynote speakers are Deborah Goldberg, Brennan Center for Justice at New York University, and The Honorable Wanda G. Bryant from the North Carolina Court of Appeals. The summit agenda shows the distinguished workshop leaders from the University of Wisconsin system, nonprofit groups, and state and local government who will also speak at the Summit.

Registration fee is \$40.00. Oshkosh League members wishing to attend should call Kathy Propp (231-4770) or (jkpropp@earthlink.net) by September 17 to reserve a spot at the Summit and to make plans for carpooling. Part of the registration fee will be paid by the Oshkosh Area LWV.

Here is an abbreviated agenda of the Saturday sessions: (Go to <http://www.lwvwi.org/cms/> to see the conference speakers)

- 9:00 a.m. Opening keynote: Protecting Voting Rights & Election Integrity through Positive Reform: Deborah Goldberg, Brennan Center for Justice, New York Univ.
- 10:00-11:00 Breakouts I
- A. Voting Rights Panel
 - B. Campaign Finance & Ethics
 - C. Media and the First Amendment
- 11:15-12:15 Breakouts II
- A. Campaign Finance & Ethics Reform: The Solution
 - B. Redistricting
 - C. Women, money and politics
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch – keynote
Judicial Independence – The Honorable Wanda Bryant, North Carolina Court of Appeals
- 1:45 p.m. Building Consensus
A discussion to create a unified movement for reform in Wisconsin. Facilitated by Melanie G. Ramey, President, League of Women Voters of Wisconsin
- Campaign finance & ethics reform
 - Voting rights
 - Media reform
 - Judicial independence
 - Redistricting

Parks and Recreation Position of the Oshkosh Area League of Women Voters

The Oshkosh Area League of Women Voters supports adequate park and recreational facilities to meet local and area wide needs.

- A. Promote provisions for parks wherever new areas are subdivided.
- B. Encourage alternate methods of financing park acquisition.
- C. Support protection of park areas from encroachment.
- D. Support acquisition of new park land; emphasis on preserving and restoring natural features of acquired and existing parks; implementation of the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.
- E. Encourage inclusion of hiking and biking trails in parks; development of a recreational trail plan.
- F. Support continuation of the Parks Advisory Board.
- G. Encourage development of marine facilities to accommodate many types of craft.



Where are you? These pictures were taken in some of the park, recreational and conservancy areas of Oshkosh. Can you name the parks?





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F. Bowen St. fishing pier

Choose from....

- A. South Park (2)
- B. Campbell Creek conservancy area
- C. Quarry Park
- D. Westhaven Park
- E. Menominee Park (2)
- G. Garden Club



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(Photos by Tom Mengeling)

League Lite

A social for new LWV members

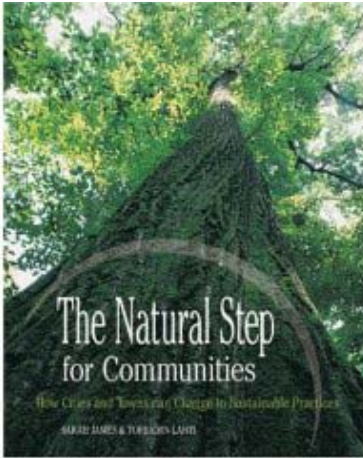
There's more to the League of Women Voters than meets the eye.

Members who joined the League within the last two years are invited to "League Lite", a Wine and Cheese party at the home of Kathy Propp, 1936 Hazel Street on Monday, October 29, from 5:30 to 7 PM. Get to know other newer League members and share ideas about how the League could help connect voters to relevant issues and to candidates in the next election cycle. Bring your questions about how League operates and suggestions for more convenient meeting times and ways League can better meet the needs of its members.

Karen King, Membership Chair, and Kathy Propp, President

Interested in Sustainability?

The Oshkosh Area LWV adopted Community sustainability as a new study at its Annual Meeting in May. Come to the League's Sustainable Community committee meeting Thursday, September 13, 4:30 p.m. at Kathy Propp's home, 1936 Hazel Street. We'll be discussing Green Bay's Sustainability Plan and reviewing a few items Catherine



Neiswender, UWEX Community Development Educator, discussed with us at our first meeting. Future plans include:

- Inviting a speaker from Sustainable Green Bay to speak at the October lunch meeting,
- Participating in a four session Study Circle of the book *The Natural Step for Communities* led by Catherine; and
- Working toward implementation with partners from local government, the university, schools, businesses, industries and conservation and service organizations.

Committee members include Susan Nuernberg and Jan Scalpone, co-chairs; Lurton Blassingame, Anne Hintz, Shirley Mattox, Kathy Propp and Cynthia Thorpe. We welcome additional participants.

To get inspired, take a look at the Oshkosh Community Newsletter's article:
<http://oshkoshnews.org/> "Oshkosh could be going green"

Answers to Park Quizzes

Multiple Choice: 1. *d*, 2. *b*, 3. *d*, 4. *c*, 5. *a*, 6. *c*, 7. *c*, 8. *b*, 9. *b*, 10. *c*

Matching: 1. *F*, 2. *E*, 3. *E*, 4. *G*, 5. *B*, 6. *C*, 7. *C*, 8. *A*, 9. *D*.

