

# La Crosse Wisconsin Voter

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*November is  
New Members Month*

## Membership Tea

The League will be holding a Membership Tea, Saturday, November 11, 2006 at the home of Signe Schroeder, 1411 King St., La Crosse at 1:30 p.m. Alice Green Hixon, founder of the La Crosse League will make an appearance at 2:00 p.m. (courtesy of Lynne Valiquette). We will also be celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the publication of the League book, *For the Common Good*. If you want to get in the spirit of the event, hats and gloves are optional.

Please think of someone you can invite and R.S.V.P. to Jean Marck (jeanm2332@charter.net or 788-4162) by Nov. 9th. An election year is a good time to recruit new members.

*Speaking of new members...President Roxanne Reynolds introduces Cindy Waltershausen and Noreen Kuroski.*

### Cindy Waltershausen

Cindy grew up in Lisle, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. She attended Naperville High School and graduated in 1957. She married George Waltershausen in 1961 and lived in Berkeley, California for two years while George was getting his master's degree in sculpture. George's first teaching position was in Florence, Alabama, where they lived from 1964 to 1966. During that time George Wallace was governor and the civil rights march to Selma, Alabama took place.

In 1966 they moved to Monmouth, Illinois, where George was a Professor of Art until 2000. Cindy completed her B.A. degree from Monmouth College in 1967.

In 1969-70 Cindy and George lived in Albuquerque, New Mexico. While in Albuquerque Cindy taught first grade at Osuna School.

Back in Monmouth, Cindy taught grade school in the Monmouth Public Schools from 1970 to 1987. During that time she was a member of the Monmouth League of Women Voters until the group disbanded. She earned a Master of Science degree in elementary education in 1984 and an Ed.S. degree in educational administration in 1987. Both degrees were from Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois. From 1987 through 1993 she was a grade school principal in the Monmouth Public Schools.

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In 1994 Cindy completed an Ed.D. in school administration from the University of Illinois in Champaign Urbana. From 1994 until 2000 she taught in the educational administration department at Western Illinois University in Monmouth, Illinois.

In 2000 George and Cindy moved to their acreage in the country close to De Soto, Wisconsin. They are now both retired. Cindy reports that they love Wisconsin and appreciate its excellent schools and its progressive tradition.

### Noreen Kuroski

Noreen lives in La Crosse and is a mother of three, and grandmother of three. She is the Director of the La Crosse County Aging Unit, administrator of Older Americans Act programs, Elderly and Disabled Transportation and an advocate for aging issues. Noreen previously was Aging Unit Director for Monroe County and also worked for AARP's National Guardianship Monitoring Program in Washington, D.C. She has sixteen years experience working in the aging arena. Noreen holds a B.A. degree from the University of Chicago.



**REMEMBER TO TAKE A FRIEND TO VOTE ON  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7.**

## State Energy Study

This is the second year of the LWV state study on Wisconsin Energy Policies. The January 2007 meeting will be looking at the information from that study and answering the consensus questions posed by the committee.

Information and resources from the state committee is on the state website at [www.lwvwi.org](http://www.lwvwi.org).

## League Member Honored

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) recognized Margaret Larson of the La Crosse Mental Health Coalition and the La Crosse Community Foundation with their "Community Award." The award is given to individuals and organizations for their outstanding contributions to improve the lives of people living with mental illness and their families.

**League of Women Voters Education Fund voting information: <http://www.vote411.org/>**

## Wisconsin Health Care Reform Panel: December 12

**Wisconsin Health Care Reform Panel  
Tuesday, December 12, 2006  
La Crosse Public Library  
5:00-6:30 p.m.**

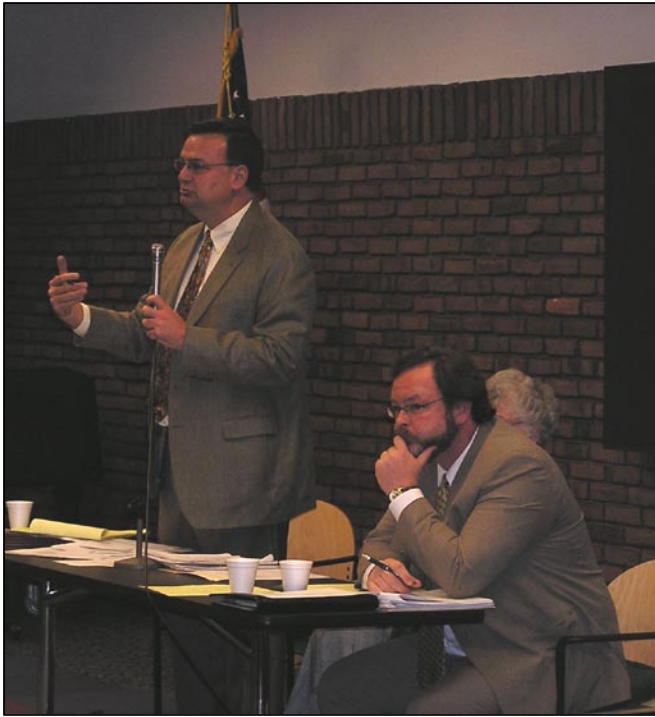
There are three health care improvement bills presently before Wisconsin state legislative committees. The Health Care Reform Panel which is funded by the Brico Fund will describe each of the plans. This panel was part of the program at the LWVWI Issues Briefing in Madison October 21st. Andrea Kaminski, LWVWI Executive Director, reported that all evaluations for their session were very positive.

The proposals differ considerably from each other, but each will reduce the number of individuals in the state who are without health care coverage and can help make more effective use of our excellent health care resources. The proposals are:

- ◆ The Wisconsin Health Plan (AB1140), introduced by Sen. Gielow and Rep. Richards. This plan builds upon the methods by which we fund our present system. <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2005/data/AB-1140.pdf>.
- ◆ The Wisconsin Health Care Partnership Plan (SB698), introduced by Sen. Decker and Rep. Musser is sometimes called the business/labor plan. It is backed by coalition/partners (public/private; labor/business; advocacy groups/governmental organizations) and brings all employers in Wisconsin into one purchasing pool. [www.wiscities.org](http://www.wiscities.org).
- ◆ The Wisconsin Health Security Act (SK388, Ab807), introduced by Sen. Mark Miller and Rep. Chuck Benedict, MD, is sometimes called the Medicare for all or single payer plan. This plan is backed by the Coalition for Wisconsin Health and simplifies the method of funding our present system. It covers all residents of Wisconsin and removes for investor-profit and means testing. <http://www.wisconsinhealth.org>.

The different time scheduled for the program is to provide more time than a lunch program allows for those who work. The presentation of the plans and questions usually takes 90 minutes.

Betty Kruck



District Attorney Scott Horne (left) and Keith Belzer, nationally known advocate for Death Row Inmates, speak on the pros and cons of the Death Penalty Referendum at a forum sponsored by the Soapbox Committee and LWV on October 21.

## County & State

La Crosse County web site (information on Board of Supervisors and Committees):

<http://www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/Default.htm>

State Legislative Hotline:  
(800) 362-9472

Wisconsin State Legislature (including Wisconsin Blue Book): <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>

### Dues

**There are still a few members who have not paid their dues. Please send dues payment (\$50 for a regular membership) to the League address: P. O. Box 363, La Crosse, WI 54602-0363. For more information, see: [http://lwvla-crosse.org/join\\_form.html](http://lwvla-crosse.org/join_form.html)**

## LEAGUE CONTACT INFORMATION

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CALENDAR FOR NOV.. - DEC., 2006  
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE LA CROSSE AREA

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*VOTE: General Election* *Tues., Nov. 7*

*Program: Membership Tea* *Sat., Nov. 11 at 1:30 p.m.*  
*Home of Signe Schroeder, 1411 King St. See details inside.*

*LWV Board Meeting* *Wed., Nov. 15 from Noon - 1:00 p.m.*

*Program: Wisconsin Health Care Reform Panel* *Tues., Dec. 12 from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.*  
*La Crosse Public Library*

*LWV Board Meeting* *December TBA*

Note: Contact LWV Board President or refer to the agenda for Board meeting locations. Board meetings dates and time are subject to change.



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