

League of Women Voters, (LWV), Beloit, WI, 1945-2001

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History

The Beloit League of Women Voters was formed in 1945. First Studies included the United Nations and the Atlantic Charter. June Swannack was elected the first president of the newly formed Beloit League in 1946. The League's early Voters Forums took the form of dinners that attracted increasingly large numbers of people seeking information about candidates and issues in upcoming elections. In time the League was overwhelmed by the size of the dinners and started to hold Voters' Rallies. The State League assisted the Beloit League by providing information which included history of the League and current study topics. In 1954, the Beloit League had 60 members. Dues were \$3.50.

Throughout the years the League has studied child guidance, juvenile detention facilities, public library facilities, Joint and Unified School District laws, city planning, City Manager form of government, disarmament and arms control, combined garbage-trash pickup, new Beloit Hospital, providing housing for minorities, Conservation and water resources, equal opportunities for education, "Know your Town study", Turtle Creek Park Plan, structure and function of Rock County government, public health department, City Health Department, recycling projects, housing code enforcement, property tax formulas, Equal Rights Amendment, water pollution control, open government meetings, Land Use, "Beloiters Together for Tomorrow", state taxes, education in the public school system, reapportionment, Rock County solid waste management, low-level radioactive waste disposal, sewage treatment, landfill crisis, Health Care reform, Vocational Technical and Adult Education in Wisconsin. In 1994, the Wisconsin League of Women Voters was named League of the Year.

Scope of Collection

In the 53-year history of the Beloit League of Women Voters, the group has addressed the relevant issues of the times through their annual meetings and minutes, studies of local and national interest, Candidate Rallies, and newsletter, League Lines. Election data, newspaper clippings of School Board Candidates, Candidates for City Council, Candidate biographies, League of Women Voters sponsorship events, Town meetings, Public Forum opinions, thank

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