

LWV-Upper Mississippi River Region ILO Annual Meeting and Conference 2017

Navigation Tools for Uncertain Waters

May 6, 2017

Lunda Center at Western Technical College, 319 - 7th Street North, La Crosse, WI 54601

Speakers will include:

Mayor Tim Kabat of La Crosse The Mayor will welcome us to La Crosse and talk about his perspectives on water, climate change as a member of the Executive Committee of the Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative.

Heidi Keuler, Fish Habitat Biologist for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, **Fishers & Farmers Partnership** Coordinator, will be speaking on "Fishers & Farmers Partnership for the Upper Mississippi River Basin"

Howard Learner, Executive Director: Environmental Law and Policy Center ***Keynote: "Playing to Win: Achieving Environmental Progress at the State and Local Levels When U.S. EPA Is Stepping Back"***
Howard's talk will be followed by a moderated discussion – how can LWV UMRR members best support needed environmental protection regulations?

Focus on Wisconsin: In Wisconsin today, citizens find they have to bring legal actions to get the government to act, and are also on their own to pay for expert technical review when government can't or won't do it. **Kim Wright**, Executive Director of **Midwest Environmental Advocates** and **Mark Borchardt**, Research Microbiologist at the **Laboratory for Infectious Disease and the Environment**, will tell us about how they are helping to bring justice.

LWV UMRR ILO Business Meeting – Delegates from each Member League present are needed! Needed work includes election of Officers, Adoption of Budget and Action Plan, Bylaw Changes, New Business

Cruise the Mississippi! This fun fundraiser benefitting the LWV UMRR will feature speaker **Gretchen Benjamin**, Associate Director of Water Resources Infrastructure for the Nature Conservancy, along with hors d'oeuvres and fun. Join us at 5:30 for this two hour tour, and bring a friend or two! Separate registration for this event.

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League of Women Voters Upper Mississippi River Region Annual Conference and Meeting: Navigation Tools for Uncertain Waters

What lies ahead in protecting the
Mississippi, its tributaries and its
people?

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- Join us in La Crosse for a day of advocacy, learning and networking around (and on!) the river we love. A little more than a year into our new organization we are gathering to look at the new political realities facing us as river advocates. All are welcome!



Speakers, including Howard Lerner, Director of the Environmental Law and Policy Institute, will talk about water programs that are working and what can be done to strengthen and enhance these efforts. The work will continue into the evening as we adjourn to a fundraising cruise on the La Crosse Queen.

We will be meeting in the Lunda Center on the campus of Western Technical College in La Crosse. May 6! Be there or be square! Send a representative from your local League to participate in the business meeting! Come have fun with LWV UMRR in La Crosse!



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