



# Women's Civic League of Portage, Inc.

*Preserving our Heritage - Fostering Community Welfare*

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**August 2017**



## President's Letter

**Welcome, Members,** to another exciting Civic League Year. Hope everyone had a pleasant and restful summer.

Many of us shared in the fun bus trip to New Glarus in June. A highlight was the delicious lunch at the Hotel including a fondue demonstration – Hope you caught this on Facebook. Thanks to Bobbie, Jean, and Holly for being our tour guides again. On Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> join us for The Zona Gale Ice Cream Social on the Club House lawn. Be sure to invite your friends and family as we share pie, ice cream, and entertainment with the community. Thanks to Tracy Cooper and her team for organizing this event.

We have an interesting array of programs lined up for our luncheon meetings guaranteed to be stimulating, thought provoking, and entertaining beginning with Civic League favorites Mike Powers and Joel Engelland. Thanks to our busy program committee for organizing these presentations; you won't want to miss a single one. So come and invite a friend to join us. And speaking of our luncheons, Dorothy Rice and her committee have arranged for a variety of delicious meals. In negotiations with Dino's and with Board approval, the cost of the luncheons will now be \$14 – the first increase in four years. While we regret this necessity, the cost of the full meal, good service, and use of the meeting room is still a bargain.

Our creative Peggy Nelson continues to update our Website and post interesting activities and events on Facebook. Be sure to check out these means to better communicate with our members and the larger community. We invite you to share your pictures and news items with Peggy to include. Thanks go to new member, Melody Taylor, for putting together our Membership Booklet containing the upcoming year's activities and roster of members. The Booklet will be distributed in September.

Thanks to our many members for stepping forward to do all the jobs that make the Civic League run. I am constantly amazed at your willingness to serve and proud of our Civic League for its contributions to the community. Looking forward to a great 2017-2018 year!!

Betty Kutzke, President

### **Board of Directors and Committee Chairs Meeting Reminder**

August 30th at 9 a.m. at Club House.

All Officers and Committee Chairs are encouraged to attend. Your input and advice are valuable.

# Zona Gale Days

## Hello Everyone and Happy Summer!

It is that time of year again for Zona Gale Days! Come join us at the Women's Civic League Club House for our annual Pie and Ice Cream Social. The backyard has such a beautiful view to enjoy while having home cooked pies and ice cream! So please come and join us.

**Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon.**

*Bring your family and friends! Everyone is welcome!*



**Featuring entertainment by the Flannels!**



## Civic Welfare Donations

Your Civic Welfare Committee met to discuss and select Civic League's charitable recipients with Board approval. We had the pleasure of dividing the \$1600 among worthy causes. The committee consists of Joan Swift, Ann Lee and Kay Jenkins.

Portage High School Band \$300; River Haven \$200; Badger Girls State \$250; Free Clinic \$200; Portage Food Pantry \$150; Historic Indian Agency House \$150; Portage Center for the Arts \$150; Skateboard Park (Phase 2) \$200.

**Kay Jenkins, Chair**

## 2017 Civic League Scholarships

Scholarships were awarded to Charlie Warzecha and Samantha Johnson at the Awards Night at Portage High School on May 1, 2017.

Charlie Warzecha is the daughter of Chuck and Tammie Warzecha. She plans to attend UW-Madison next fall, is undecided about a major but wants to explore a career in a science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) field. Her goal is to eventually give back to a small town community as a sign of gratitude towards the Portage community for supporting the many organizations in which she was involved.



Samantha Johnson is the daughter of Mark and Jennifer Johnson. She plans to attend UW-Madison in the fall and her major will be political science. The issue of social inequality drives her to learn as much as she can about policy in government and the impact on minorities. She wants to make a difference in the lives of others and to continue learning throughout her entire adulthood.

The Women's Civic League Scholarship of \$2000.00 is awarded to two students of Portage High School attending a four-year college. Two hundred and fifty dollars is given for each semester completed. Ten semesters are allowed to complete the scholarship. The Scholarship Committee of four evaluates the applications in March and selects the winners. This year there were 32 applicants.

### ***Women's Civic League Scholarship Description/Criteria:***

*Two \$2,000 scholarships to graduating seniors who plan to attend a four-year college or university. The applicant must have a 3.0 or higher grade point average to apply. Three (3) letters of recommendation are required - one from a classroom teacher, one from a person in the community not associated with Portage High School (including drama/musical activities, clubs and athletics), and one from any other individual of the student's choosing.*

*Applicants are required to complete the electronic "Women's Civic League Activities Form" available on the Local scholarship website.*

### **Dorothy Rebholz, Chair**

#### **Dues Reminder**

If you have not already paid your dues for the new year, we will accept your \$25 payment at the luncheon or you can mail your dues to:

P.O. Box 311  
Portage, WI 53901

### **♥.∴\* "Zona Gale" \*∴.♥**

In 1921, American author and playwright Zona Gale became the first woman to win the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, for the play MISS LULU BETT.

She belonged to the National Women's Party and fought for female equality.

She married William L. Breese in 1928, when she was in her fifties.

Zona Gale died of pneumonia in December of 1938 and is buried in Silver Lake Cemetery.

We are traveling to Italy with ...

# Bella Notte!



**Joel Engelland and Mike Powers** have been performing together for over 40 years. They started at the Showboat Saloon in the Dells and have played various venues throughout the years. Their Dixieland band has played for the Taste of Portage yearly. With Mike on the accordion and Joel on the guitar, this is their venture into Italian music. Their duo is called Bella Notte!

**Wednesday, Sept 13**  
**@ Dino's Restaurant**

**Social Hour: 11:30**

**Lunch: Noon**

**Program to follow**

**Menu:** Lasagna, Salad, Garlic bread, Mint ice cream & cookie

**Cost:** \$14.00 (includes entrée, coffee & water, dessert, tax & tip. Ice tea, milk or soda an extra charge.

**Reservations:** Contact Sandy Blankenheim (617-4957) or Kathy Crawford (742-5262) by Sunday, Sept 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

## Civic League 2017 – 2018 Permanent Reservation List

*If you would like your name added to or removed from this list, or change the months you will be gone, call Sandy 617-4957 or Kathy 742-5262. Reservations and cancellations are due by the Sunday night prior to the luncheon. Thanks, Sandy*

Anderson, Donnalyn  
Beasley, Nancy  
Bender, Micki  
Blankenheim,  
Sandy II, I-4  
Bortz, Vickie  
Bottoni, Maealine  
Buller, Carolyn  
Busse, Beverly  
Carrington, Betty  
Christianson, Betty  
Cooper, Tracy

Craig, Darlene  
Crawford, Kathyrn 3  
Damm, Jean  
Davison, Colleen  
DeLude, Dale  
Eulberg, Judy  
Fisher, Karen  
Geltemeyer, Pat I, 2,  
Goodman, Bobbie  
Gunderson, Sandy  
Harty, Shirley  
Henrich, Judy

Huebner, Judy 2  
Gluten free  
Johnson, Bev  
Kelly, Gerri  
Kutzke, Betty  
Laing, Ginny  
Lantz, Helen  
Lee, Ann  
Lillie, Sally  
Longfield, Judy  
Madani, Pat  
Maass, Rita  
McElroy, Edith

McMahon, Judy  
McMahon, Kay  
Mielke, Judy  
Moe, Sally  
Morrison, Zelda  
Muhlenbeck, Bev  
Murphy, Kate  
O'Brien, Catherine  
Powers, Holly  
Premo, Hazel  
Price, Jan  
Rebholz, Dorothy

Rebholz, Nan I-3  
Rehdantz, Shirley  
Rice, Dorothy  
Rietmann, Andi  
Ritacca, Rita II, I-4  
Rosing, Clarice  
Taylor, Melody  
Wehlage, Nancy  
Wendt, Linda  
Witt, Jeannette  
Wolf, Ruth  
Ziehmke, Carol  
Zurbuchen, Vivian