

## "La Crosse's Leadership - Moving our Community Forward"

At the 45th sitting of the La Crosse Area Development Corporation's Economic Forum, area business, education, labor and community leaders had the opportunity to ask La Crosse Mayoral Candidates Matt Harter and Dorothy Lenard questions important to them and their businesses.

The March 17th event, entitled "La Crosse's Leadership - Moving our Community Forward" was held in the Radisson Hotel Ballroom and featured a debate between the two candidates. This was another successful event, exposing over 130 area leaders to the viewpoints and ideas of candidates Harter and Lenard.



*From left: Matt Harter, Catherine Kolkmeier, Dorothy Lenard. La Crosse Mayoral Candidate Matt Harter answers a question during LADCO's Economic Forum while Kolkmeier and Lenard look on.*

Each candidate gave opening remarks and then took turns answering questions prepared by the audience and asked by Catherine Kolkmeier, League of Women Voters, who served as moderator for the debate. Harter and Lenard gave their thoughts on the importance and future use of TIFs, whether or not the City should operate Forest Hills Golf Course, their opinion on hiring a City Administrator, the overall success or failure of the Alcohol Task Force and numerous other topics. The Candidates were even asked to give the last book they read and what they learned from that book.



*Dorothy Lenard answers a question during the Economic Forum*



*Matt Harter responds to a question during LADCO's 45th Economic Forum*

Harter and Lenard were each given time for closing remarks, recapping what they believed to be most important challenges La Crosse will face in the coming years and how they plan to tackle, not only those challenges, but also their role as mayor.

LADCO thanks all those who attended and made this Mayoral Debate a success. Please vote Tuesday, April 7th to help select the future leadership of the city of La Crosse.