

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE – September 25, 2021

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### Meet former League President Eileen Bohn who challenged the County Board



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Newer League members may know Eileen only as the lady whose memory is honored by the Speaker Series founded by her family.

Others may remember that she was president for many years.

Only the most senior members remember that the Door County League challenged the County Board's redistricting plan in the early 70's:

*The Door County Advocate of January 18, 1972 stated:*

*"In a letter to County Board Chairman Herbert Petersen, Mrs. Rodney Bohn wrote that the league hopes that within the next two months the county board will rescind its action and move to adopt a plan which conforms to the principle of equal representation. If this does not happen, it will be necessary for a citizen or the league to take appropriate court action."*

*A few months later (July 21, 1972) an article reported:*

*"Reapportionment of Door County's supervisory districts was challenged Thursday in a lawsuit filed in Circuit Court by the Sturgeon Bay chapter of the League of Women Voters.*

*The chapter's suit asks that last April's election of 21 supervisors be declared invalid. It also calls for a new election in November."*

***The case was settled out-of-court in League's favor!***

Eileen's calm temperament, discerning intellect, and impeccable judgement helped the Door County League parse sometimes hazardous political waters.

## **The Treatment Court presentation is finally here – Don't miss it!**

### **Door County Treatment Court: Perspectives from law enforcement and Treatment Court participants**

Saturday, October 30, 9:00 AM to Noon at the Donald and Carol Kress Pavilion, 7845 Church St, Egg Harbor, WI.

9:00 Refreshments / social

9:15 Panel: David L. Weber, Door County Circuit Court Judge, Branch II  
Colleen Nordin, Door County District Attorney  
Joe Krebsbach, Director, Door County Department of Health & Human Services

10:15 Break

10:30 Speakers: Serah Muinde, 2010 graduate of the Winnebago County Treatment Court  
Matthew Traver, graduate of the Brown County Drug Treatment Court

11:15 Question & Answers

12:00 Adjournment

Treatment courts have proliferated in this state and in this country over the last 20 years as an alternative to incarceration for certain criminal defendants. Recently, Door County began accepting defendants into its newly-established treatment court. Don't miss this presentation!

You can volunteer to help with donations of refreshments or assistance. *See attached flyer for details.*

## **Could YOU pass the U.S. Citizenship Test?**

### **Thursday, November 18, 5:00 – 6:45 PM in the Jane Greene Room of the Sturgeon Bay Library, 107 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave., Sturgeon Bay.**

Join us after work on for snacks and fun.

Do you know - really - what it takes to become a U.S. Citizen? Test your knowledge as we play an enjoyable game to see how much we do (or don't) know about our own country.

Presenters will give an overview of the steps people must go through to become a citizen. We may also have a new citizen share his or her experience.

Come for the fun, food and a bit of learning, too. Masking and social distancing encouraged.

## **Looking for some helping hands**

### **Webmaster needed!**

Perhaps you have noticed that not everything on our website is up to date and working properly! We need someone who can learn how to upload things there. We will teach you! The Leadership Team will let you know what to put where, but we need someone who can do that for us! If you have an interest, please contact [sandybrown212@gmail.com](mailto:sandybrown212@gmail.com).

### **Join the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee**

**Wednesday, November 11, 11:00 AM, at the Door County Community Foundation, 228 N 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Sturgeon Bay**

The committee has prioritized three areas to work on:

- Monitor what the County Board is doing for DEI

- Help with voter service
- Educating our membership by including a DEI lens in all that we do, as a standing item on the Leadership Team agenda and in our updates to the membership.

Anyone with ideas or thoughts to consider, contact Sandy, [sandybrown212@gmail.com](mailto:sandybrown212@gmail.com)

### Join Voter Service efforts

Please consider joining the Voter Service team to contribute ideas, thoughts, and energy to ensure that all eligible voters of our diverse county are registered to vote and able to cast their ballots.

While the turnout for the most recent election was the highest in over 100 years, there was still a gap between those eligible to vote and the number who voted. (Wisconsin ranked among the highest states with a turnout of 75.8%). And while the youth (age 18-24) vote increased across the country, turnout rate average was barely 50% of those eligible.

We need to better understand what contributes to the gaps and what we can do to close them. Some examples:

- [Myvote.wi.gov](http://Myvote.wi.gov) has made registration accessible/easier for most but requires reliable internet access and technology skills.
- Youth are more likely to have access to the technology but may not “get” why their voter matters.
- How do our neighbors with vision or mobility challenges access registration or voting places?
- How can transportation assistance be made available to those in need?

These are just a few of the questions that need to be addressed to ensure that voting services are available and equitable across the entire county. Your input is valuable to address the barriers. Please contact Kathi Braswell, Voter Services Coordinator via [vsregistration@lwvdoorcounty.org](mailto:vsregistration@lwvdoorcounty.org) with your thoughts.



## Things you should know

### Some techy news...

As our local League strives to be more efficient and to become technologically updated in the digital world, we have started to move to a Google Workspace platform and email. Some may have already noticed new email addresses from us; don't be alarmed; it is not due to hacking.

To ensure that you receive future emails please add [membership@lwvdoorcounty.org](mailto:membership@lwvdoorcounty.org) and [admin@lwvdoorcounty.org](mailto:admin@lwvdoorcounty.org) to your contacts. If possible, please whitelist or add to your safe send list @lwvdoorcounty.org as well.

Thank you for your assistance as we work to keep you informed!

### "F" is for Fall - and Fundraising:

The Door County League has a fundraising drive just once a year, and now is the time! In a couple of weeks, you will find our request in your inbox. Please consider a donation to our local league, to help us continue the important education and advocacy for which we are known. Thank you!

### 2021-2022 Membership Roster

Current members will find the 2021-2022 Membership Roster attached, consisting of those who have renewed their membership. Of course, others may renew later, and new members are always welcome. This roster is shared once and only to other members. We respect members' privacy. Contact information is only used for League purposes, and League emails are sent blind copy.



**Redistricting news**

### **Legislative Lobby Day Report:**

- Door County League's Chair Pat Scieszinski has been active with the League's state workgroup formed to address the gerrymandering issue. This workgroup is part of a coalition of 26 organizations who are all working on Fair Maps.

- On September 27, Pat was one of nine local coalition members who participated in a statewide, virtual Legislative Lobby Day. The Fair Maps coalition staff worked for weeks setting up and confirming virtual meetings with each district's legislators, or at least a staff representative.
- In our area, meetings were scheduled with Senator Andre Jacque and Assemblymen Joel Kitchens, Shea Sortwell, and Ron Tusler. Disappointingly, NONE of these legislators showed up for their virtual meetings. Calls were placed to their offices to find someone to speak with our group during their allotted time. The ONLY response to our phone call was from Rep. Kitchens' office, who claimed they got the time wrong and then had a staff member sit in on our virtual meeting. It was very clear that the young man was unprepared and did not want to be there. The meeting was not productive.
- The message the local group came away with from our legislators (who are supposed to represent us) was that they did not feel they needed to bother with us. Ironically, the whole issue of fair maps is a prime example of the negative effects of gerrymandering. Secure in place, legislators do not need to listen to their constituents.
- Going forward, the plan is to keep a spotlight on the mapping process and continue to advocate in as public a way as possible. Stay tuned.

### **“Mapped Out” podcast:**

Putting an end to partisan gerrymandering in Wisconsin and across the country has been one of the League's major initiatives on the national, state, and local level. But even today, many people still have confusion about exactly what gerrymandering means and how it is connected to the process of redistricting.

If you are one of those people, Wisconsin Public Radio has created a six-episode podcast series titled "Mapped Out" produced by Bridgit Bowden and Shawn Johnson. It starts with a great explanation of the subject, and then takes us on the journey from 2011 to the fight over maps today. To be better informed about gerrymandering, go to <https://www.wpr.org/mappedout>.

### **Communicate with your representatives!**

*(Post the updated attached list on your refrigerator to have it handy.)*

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Joseph Biden

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/executive-office-of-the-president/>

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One complimentary copy of the 2020-2021 Official Directory of Door County (**a listing of contact information for county, city, village and town officials**) can be picked up at the County Clerk's office at the Door County government building. This directory is also online at the Door County government website: <http://www.co.door.wi.gov/docview.asp?docid=16450&locid=137>