

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE – December 19, 2021

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Date to remember:

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Meet Patsy Takemoto Mink, First woman of color elected to Congress and Title IX author

Not only the first woman of color elected to Congress in 1965 from Hawaii, Patsy Takemoto Mink was also the first Asian American to run for U.S. President. A graduate of the University of Chicago Law School, Mink was a proponent of gender and racial equity. She was one of the authors of Title IX, the law which stated, "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education

program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.” After her death the law was renamed the “Patsy T. Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act.”

New Year’s Resolution: Get involved! **Here’s how**

It's "Lively Issues" time!

When holidays are over and the Wisconsin winter winds blow in earnest, it's time to sit down with something warm to drink and "chew the fat" about important issues of the day. It's also time for League to begin our planning process for programs for the next League year. What issues of the day - local, state, national - do you think would make for an interesting League program?

Join us by Zoom on **Saturday, January 22 from 10 AM to Noon** to learn what's on people's minds and to add your own ideas. This is always a fun event as we brainstorm ideas and then vote on our favorites. A Zoom link will be sent out next month, but mark January 22 on your 2022 calendar now!

Open League business meetings

Are you curious about how League work gets done? Come sometime to watch the team work. Our Leadership Team meetings are open to anyone interested. Contact Chair Pat Scieszinski at chair@lwwdoorcounty.org for more information.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (DEI)

At the Zoom meeting on November 10, the committee

- Reviewed what the County Board is reporting on their DEI efforts.
- Considered a DEI component in League’s “elevator” speech.
- Discussed working on a land acknowledgement statement.
- Debated adding something to League’s publicity for all events. Examples might be “If you have questions about your ability to access our program, please let us know” or “Contact us for questions about accessibility.”
- Heard a review of League’s policies to see where DEI policy might be highlighted. Three places have been recommended to the Policy Committee for review.

Watch for the next meeting after the new year! Contact Sandy Brown to join the committee at sandybrown212@gmail.com or call 920-743-8662.

Follow the MH/SU Advocacy Project – better yet, join it

Last December, the Mental Health/Substance Use (MH/SU) Study group organized itself into a new phase – advocacy. A year later, that advocacy group will begin 2022 with a new organizational structure. Two separate committees will move forward with a two-pronged approach:

- The Legislative Committee will continue to monitor legislation and policy on these topics at the local, state, and national level. They will work with our legislators to promote Door County’s needs and organize advocacy efforts surrounding proposed legislative and policy changes when warranted.
- The Education Committee will organize a series of programs to help citizens learn what services are available to citizens and their families who are dealing with mental health and/or substance use issues.

If you missed the video of the October 30 Treatment Court presentation that was part of the advocacy work, it is available on the League website and Facebook page and from this link <https://youtu.be/kDu4nhgUeoE>. Share it with your friends and organizations. Don't miss it!

The panel of Judge David Weber, District Attorney Colleen Nordin, and Department of Health and Human Services Director Joe Krebsbach did a wonderful job explaining Door County's new resource. Then Winnebago County Drug Treatment Court graduate Serah Muinde and Brown County Heroin Treatment Court graduate Matthew Traver shared their experiences participating in this type of court.

Anyone interested in participating in this project in some way, should contact Susan Kohout at rrkohout@gmail.com.

Learn about your local government – Observing has never been easier



Observations on observing...

First meeting... It's often like you have entered Never Never Land! The acronyms, referrals to past decisions...what on earth is going on at this meeting?

If one wants to gain some understanding of the government unit being observed, it will take several meetings. It is well worth the effort; plus, no harm in asking the chair after the meeting what the acronyms stand for! Depending on how comfortable you feel, you could ask for a clarification during meetings. It may involve a steep learning curve for the elected officials and you!

But...from my experience it can be fun and addictive. I recommend picking a municipality, school board, or county meeting of interest to you. Go to a few meetings, contact me if you would like info that might help you better understand the process.

Join the Observer Corps if you wish (not necessary if you are not wearing a LWV button). Actually, League observers (wearing buttons) have been thanked at the end of some meetings for being there. Our presence made a difference.

Contact me after the first of the new year at 920-743-6842 or tgraul@sbcglobal.net.

Barb Graul, Observer Corps Chair

Get ready for 2022 - a big election year

Message from Voter Service Coordinator Kathi Braswell

As 2021 comes to an end, I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone I've had the pleasure of getting to know and work with. I appreciate your support and assistance. We have had to learn how

to navigate changes brought on by this unprecedented pandemic and adapt in ways that will hopefully serve us and our community as we move forward.

2022 promises a busy year with registration education and assist events starting in January. Our goal is to ensure that we are deliberately inclusive when reaching out to all members of our diverse community. To achieve this goal, we need your input. Any suggestions, ideas, resources you have will be helpful.

I wish you all the best of the holiday season and a happy, healthy, prosperous, new year. I look forward to working with each of you. I can be reached at VS@lwvdoorcounty.org

Communicate with your representatives!

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

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Join us!

We would love to have you become a member of the Door County League, which also makes you a member of the LWV of Wisconsin and the LWV of the US. **Contact information will be shared and used only for LWV DC purposes.** If you have any questions contact Susan Kohout, (920) 743-1527 or membership@lwvdoorcounty.org.