

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE – April 24, 2022

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Dates to remember:

- May 14: LWV of DC Annual Meeting
- June 10 & 11: LWV of WI Annual Meeting
- June 23-26: LWV of US Annual Convention

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League Mechanics

Nonpartisan but politically active? How can that be?

The League of Women Voters never supports or opposes any political party or candidate. It is, therefore, **nonpartisan**.

However, it is also a **political organization** of women and men dedicated to encouraging and promoting good government through informed, **active participation** in all levels of democracy - local, state, and national. That means studying and acting on any and all studied issues that impact our nation, our state, and our communities.

Oxymoron? Not really. Recently the League was criticized for being an advocate on issues, suggesting that made it partisan. Remember those 102 years of studies that led to positions on topics? Those documented positions inform whether the League supports or opposes an issue and form the basis of the actions that are taken. The resulting advocacy has **nothing to do with** whether these positions are currently espoused by the Republican, Democratic, Green, Libertarian, or whatever other party may exist at the time.

Case in point: League has lobbied for redistricting reform in Wisconsin for many decades. And frankly, they were no more successful in convincing previous Democratic administrations to adopt an independent non-partisan commission to draw our maps than they have been in convincing recent

Republican legislatures. League's position on the issue has not changed. Only the party in power that is resistant to this reform has changed.

So yes, League is nonpartisan - both in its approach to elections and in its approach to advocacy. Both are crucial to its mission!

From the Chair: Annual Meeting time is here!

Saturday, May 14 at 11:00 AM at the Landmark Resort, 4929 Landmark Drive, Egg Harbor

Pat writes: "Two weeks ago, members received an invitation via email to the Door County League's Annual Meeting. We are so very happy to be able to meet in person again --- **we have missed us!** I sincerely hope you will make time to attend. After our brief annual business meeting, we will have a delightful luncheon where we can share and catch up after two long years of pandemic and Zoom meetings.

Then we will hear from Carl Sutter from the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), who will tell us about their collaboration with LWVWI on the Wisconsin Infrastructure Report Card. Carl will review the report card grades in the 13 infrastructure categories to explain why our state received mostly C's and D's. He'll explain how the influx of new federal funding may help to raise our grades. The Wisconsin Section of ASCE won the 2021 Advocate of the Year Award from their Society, with a major portion of the evaluation being work with the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin to educate the public on infrastructure issues. It will be an informative and timely program.

So, join us! **Reservations for the luncheon are due by April 28.** Please [Register Here](#) for the meeting and to indicate your luncheon preference. Contact Sandy Brown, program@lwvdoorcounty.org or (920) 495-8662, if you have any questions.



Voter Service News

- For the first time in two years, members of the Voter Registration Team – Kathi Braswell, Kristi Roenning, and Ann Morgan - were able to have an education/registration session in one of the Door County high schools. Thirty-six seniors at Sevastopol participated with their faculty. Nearly half completed registration forms. The Door County League is grateful for the support and encouragement of Principal Adam Baier.

- At Sturgeon Bay High School, senior Maggie Stephens arranged to have couple of lunch time information sessions during which nearly half of the seniors stopped to get additional voter registration information. Thank you, Maggie!
- Each of the high schools received birthday cards to distribute to seniors recognizing the student's 18th birthday and reminding them of their first opportunity to register to vote. In the months to come, we will be planning to get an early start for the 2022-2023 school year. Please consider joining us. Coordinator Kathi Braswell can be reached at vsregistration@leagueofwomenvoters.org
- Thank you to all who volunteered to observe the April 5 election! Observing elections and meetings are important ways of keeping our democracy open and transparent.
- Planning has begun for a mid-June community discussion to be facilitated by the two teachers who participated in the Harvard Case Method Initiative. We look forward to a lively discussion of one of the historic cases. The details for the event will be communicated in May.



Busy spring for Mental Health/Substance Use activities

- **Sober living/transition house needed!** One of the main needs identified by the MH/SU study was a sober living house. The County Board has set aside American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds to purchase a building for this service, but finding one has been a challenge. Please watch for someone who has a building to either donate or sell to the county. A large house with three or more bedrooms and two bathrooms or two small homes is needed. Anyone with information should contact Shannon Lauder at slauder@co.door.wi.us or (920) 746-7183.
- **Lunch and Learn series:** These Trauma Informed Care (TIC) training sessions are the fourth Monday, every other month, from 12:00 to 1:00 PM in the Peninsula Room at the Government Center, 421 Nebraska St., Sturgeon Bay, WI. *Due to COVID-19 Lunch & Learn sessions will be virtual until further notice.*



Find out more by going to <https://doorcountyparents.com/door-county-tic-lunch-learn/> which will show past programs and well as those coming up. You can sign up to be on the email distribution list using a button on that page. For more information contact Rebecca Nicholson at rebecca@unitedwaydc.com.

- The two-day **Crisis Intervention Partner Training (CIP)** was well-received. Thank you to the Door County League for support of the original study, support of the CIP training, and financial support of the two-day event. Special thank you to Helen Bacon for her leadership as well as other League members who showed up to assist with various parts of the training!
- The **Continuum of Care for Mental Health Services in Door County** program was held on April 15 in partnership with the Door County Sturgeon Bay Library. The Door County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) provided an overview of mental health services available in the county. Thanks to Director Joe Krebsbach, Comprehensive Community Support Manager Jamie Cole, Behavioral Health Manager Donna Altepeter, and Community Service Manager Sheryl Flores for presenting. The program was recorded and can be found on the League website www.lwvdoorcounty.org

Door County League says good-bye to one of its founders Jay Jacquelyn (Draeb) Bass

Jay Jacquelyn Bass (formerly Jacquelyn Draeb) died at the age of 98 in Broomfield, Colorado, on March 20. She was born in Sturgeon Bay and was active in the League of Women Voters. She founded our chapter in Sturgeon Bay in 1952. In a September 17, 2012, letter to the Door County League, she recounted:

“It was in the late Fall, 1952, that I – with the aid of Eunice Schlintz – set about founding the Sturgeon Bay LWV Chapter. When I got the idea of trying to do that, I obtained the address of the National Headquarters in Washington DC from the World Almanac and wrote them a letter asking how to get started. Not long after, I received a message from the Manitowoc Chapter advising me that they would sponsor us and a member would come to Sturgeon Bay for our organizing meeting.”

“I quickly began a membership drive, calling everyone I thought would be interested and arranged with the public library to have our meetings there. The Door Co. Advocate was helpful in giving us publicity, as was the radio station (WDOR, as I recall). In November I met the lady from Manitowoc (a Mrs. McClellan, I think) who arrived by bus – she guided us through our first meeting with a large number of women in attendance. Many of those charter members remained active, but I moved out of state a year or two later. (I still have the post card telling me when to expect the lady from Manitowoc.)”

Thank you, Jay! We are grateful for what you started!

Time to renew memberships

May is the time to renew memberships as the new League year begins. This is best done at the Annual Meeting, but it can also be accomplished by mailing the form and dues check to LWV Door County, PO Box 306, Sturgeon Bay, WI.

A new (and hopefully improved) Membership Form is attached. PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN IT! The contact information fields are needed to update the national League’s roster as well as ours. Contact Membership Coordinator Susan Kohout with questions membership@lwvdoorcounty.org.

Check out the state and national annual meetings

LWVWI 2022 Annual Meeting

Friday, June 10 and Saturday, June 11 at the Hilton Appleton Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton, WI

LWV Appleton-Fox Cities will host the state League's annual meeting which will be held in person. COVID-19 protocols will be followed and online participation is being planned. The event will include an opportunity to walk or ride in the Appleton Flag Day Parade on June 11. To register go to <https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin/calendar> and look for the **LWV WI 2022 Annual Meeting: Partnering with Changemakers to Power the Vote**.

LWVUS 2022 Convention

Thursday, June 23 to Sunday, June 26 in Denver, CO

Now accepting registrations at <https://lwv-needham.org/event/lwvus-convention-2022-2/>

How is the ARPA fund money being spent in Door County?

The Door County League asked members to focus on how the county, municipalities (towns, villages, city), and school boards will distribute their American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds. Local governments have many needs and pressures, and residents should participate in their decisions by sharing their views. The dollar amounts each received is attached. Last month's newsletter reported on ARPA activities in Towns of Liberty Grove and Sturgeon Bay, Village of Egg Harbor, and County of Door.



Help us find out what other municipalities are doing.

If you live in any of the following municipalities, make a call and let us know:

- Towns of Baileys Harbor, Brussels, Clay Banks, Egg Harbor, Forestville, Gardner, Gibraltar, Jacksonport, Nasewaupée, Sevastopol, Union or Washington
- Villages of Ephraim, Forestville or Sister Bay
- City of Sturgeon Bay
- School Districts of Gibraltar, Sevastopol, Southern Door, Sturgeon Bay or Washington Island

Learn more about the war in Ukraine

We are all watching the war in Ukraine unfold before our eyes. Holly Nickerson, member of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, recently spent three years in Ukraine as a Peace Corps volunteer. She created separate videos of her discussions with three different youths who are living through this current situation.

Members who are interested in viewing the videos can contact the library (Sturgeon Bay, Sister Bay, and Algoma) to view and/or check-out a DVD with the videos and the dialog.



Volunteers Needed
Looking for Drivers and Aides

**Be a Part of Door County Connect
and Help People
Get Connected. Get on Board.**

*Join the Door County Connect team, be a part of your community,
serve those in need, make new friends!*

Door County Connect (DCC) (formerly called ADRC Bus/Van Service) is part of the public transit system in Door County. Last May, DCC expanded services to offer an even more affordable travel option for our community! The Connector Link is a no cost, deviated route, that connects multi-family residential areas to businesses who are sponsoring a bus stop. Your help is needed to make the Link a success!

CONTACT: Pam Busch, Door County's Transportation Manager, to find out more about the Connector Link and how you can get started as a Volunteer.
Call 920.746.5982 or email pbusch@co.door.wi.us

Communicate with your representatives!

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

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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>

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@lwndoorcounty.org.