



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE – February 5, 2023

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Message from the chair:

Water quality, recycling, reproductive rights, poverty: Déjà vu?

Long-time members of League could be forgiven for having a sense of déjà vu as they participated in the January 12 “Lively Issues” meeting, held for the purpose of identifying concerns to be addressed in future League work. Suggested issues like managing the spread of manure to protect water quality, recycling, poverty, and reproductive rights have consumed hundreds of League hours, at least during the 40 years I’ve been a member. And water quality! That has been one of the primary issues for this League since its organization in the 1950’s.

I remember one memorable activity when members took a day-long tour of all the county’s municipal sewage treatment systems. Then there was the recycling curriculum we developed for the schools. Working in coalition with the county’s other dedicated environmental organizations to support clean water resulted in a survey of every private onsite wastewater treatment systems (POWTS), otherwise known as septic systems and holding tanks, as well as a mandatory procedure to monitor future systems. The list goes on.

Because we still have problems in these areas mean we have failed? Not at all. As we learned with a recent Supreme Court decision, important issues require continued scrutiny and stewardship. Laws change, technology develops, and circumstances evolve. As a review of all those old League scrapbooks demonstrates, Door County’s attempt to protect its drinking water has always been important and on the radar. And there is still much work to be done.

Newer issues such as broadband and universal internet access; the growing demographic challenge of enough caregivers for the aging population; affordable and sustainable housing; affordable, available childcare; and, of course, the perennial challenges to voting rights were also identified. And there were others you’ll hear more about as planning proceeds.

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Do any of these issues speak to you? Then reach out. We need you. As I've said before, what we can accomplish is limited only by the number of people we have to pitch in. Contact us at Chair@lwvdoorcounty.org to get started.

Susie

Voters Registration Services Team

Spring Election Season is here. This year Wisconsinites will be voting to select a new State Supreme Court Justice. There are 4 candidates to choose from. The 2/21/23 Primary election will narrow the field to 2 who will then compete in the 4/4/23 election. Your participation in both the 2/21/23 Primary election AND the 4/4/23 election is important. Don't miss your opportunity to have your voice heard. The State Supreme Court will continue to play a pivotal role in the future direction of the State. Your vote will contribute to determining what that direction will look like.

The next **Voter Registration Team Meeting** will be at 5pm on February 7th at the Kress Center. We are developing ideas/plans to guide our Voter Engagement activities for the next year. You're welcome to join us. If you have ideas for us but aren't able to please feel free to share them with me, Kathi Braswell, via email vsregistration@lwvdoorcounty.org.

IMPORTANT DATES to remember for the Spring election cycle; for Primary 2/21/23

2/1/23 End of By-Mail, Online registration
2/7/23 Start of in-person Absentee Voting
2/16/23 Deadline for Absentee Ballot Requests
2/17/23 Last Day for in-person Registration
2/18/23 Close of in-person Absentee Voting
2/21/23 SPRING PRIMARY

SPRING ELECTION 4/4/23

3/15/23 Deadline to Register to vote by Mail or On-line
3/21/23 Start of in-person absentee voting
3/30/23 Deadline for electors to request absentee ballots
3/31/23 Deadline for electors to register to vote in the clerks office
4/2/23 Last day for in-person applications for absentee ballots
4/4/23 SPRING ELECTION

Save the Date!

UNCONSCIOUS BIAS & INTEGRATING
INTO YOUR LOCAL LEAGUE TRAINING

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Thursday, February 9th 5:30-6:30 PM

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF WISCONSIN
LWV DOOR COUNTY

WITH MARIA DOUGLAS, MS
LWVWI DEI SR. SPECIALIST

Educating ourselves is one of the first steps to becoming a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive (DEI) community. What does it mean for a person or a community to understand DEI? What can we do as individuals to promote the

well-being of everyone here, including those often left on the sidelines of community life? **SAVE THE DATE.** The LWV Door County is sponsoring an event on **Thursday, February 9 at 5:30 PM** to explore this issue in the Jane Greene Room of the Sturgeon Bay Library, 107 South 4th Avenue, Sturgeon Bay. Come in person, or contact pat.ski@lwvdoorcounty.org for the Zoom link.

Free rides to polls and to municipal clerks available in upcoming elections

The Door County League is continuing to collaborate with the Door County Transportation Department to help anyone in the county who needs transportation to accomplish the tasks of registering to vote, voting early, delivering their absentee ballot to their municipal clerk, or voting in person at their polling place for both the primary election on February 21 or the general election on April 4.

Voters can contact Transportation Manager Pam Busch at 920/746-6944 or pbusch@co.door.wi.us to arrange a free ride to their municipal clerk to register, vote early, or drop off an absentee ballot or to the polls to vote on election day.

Wheelchair transport and help with “curbside voting” are available. Request and arrange a time for curbside voting through your municipal clerk. Once you arrive at your polling place, call the clerk, and he or she will assist you outside. Find municipal-clerk information at co.door.wi.gov/241/County-Municipalities.

Local candidate forums to be held

Sister Bay Village Trustee Primary Candidate Forum

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 (6:30- 8:00 pm)

The LWVDC is hosting a Candidate Forum for the 7 candidates on the February 21 st Primary Ballot competing to become Sister Bay Village Trustees.



Save the Date
and
Plan to Attend!

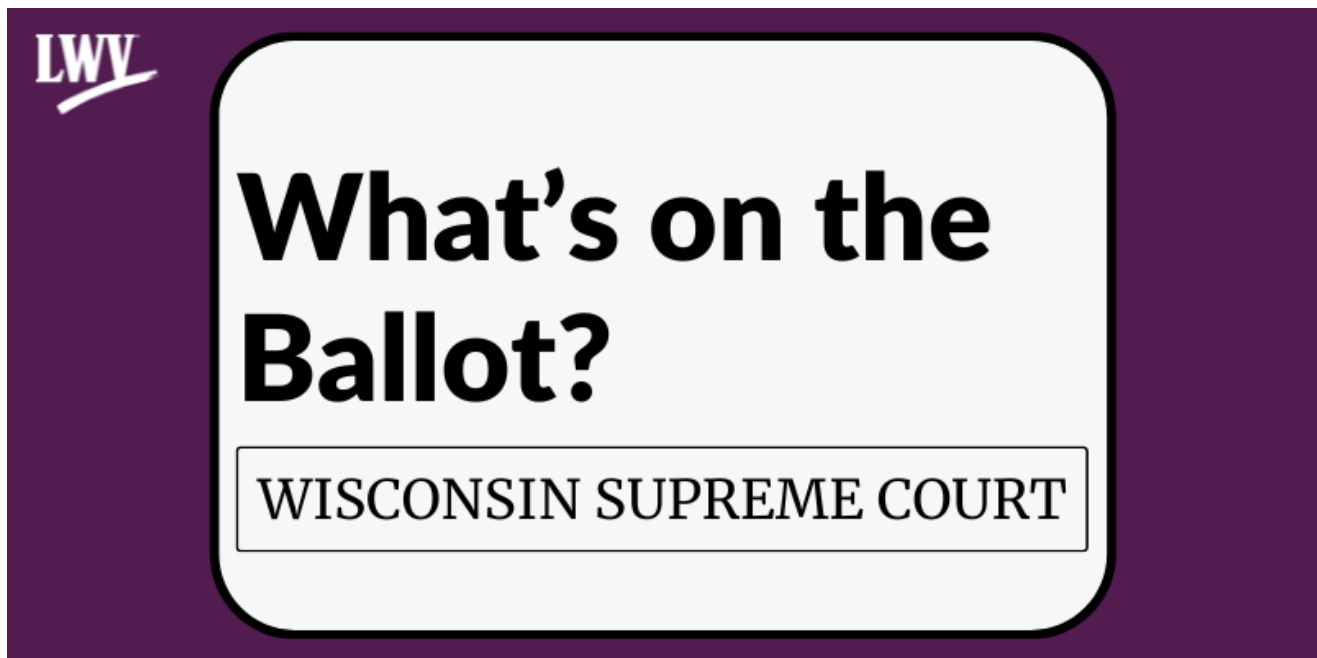
At the Sister Bay Fire Station 2258 Mill Road Sister Bay



Sister Bay Candidate Forum: On February 15, the League will host a primary candidate forum for the seven Sister Bay Village Trustee candidates whose names will appear on the February 21 primary ballot. The forum will be at the Sister Bay Fire Station (2258 Mill Road, Sister Bay) from 6:30 -8:00 PM. One candidate will be eliminated. The remaining six names will be on the April general election ballot. If you can help, contact Dan Powers danpowers345@gmail.com

Town of Nasewaupée Candidate Forum: The League has been asked to

host a candidate forum In March for the six candidates who will be running for three town board seats in the April election. A date has not been set yet.



A seat on the Wisconsin Supreme Court is on the ballot of the February 21 primary. Sometimes referred to as SCOWI, this is the state's highest court. It's responsible for determining if laws violate the Wisconsin Constitution. It also establishes and enforces rules and codes of conduct for Wisconsin attorneys, judges, and the justices themselves. The court is located in Madison.

The court is made up of seven justices who serve 10-year terms. One of those seats is up for election. There are four candidates running for the seat. The two candidates who receive the most votes in the primary election will advance to the spring election on April 4.

Why does this matter? The Wisconsin Supreme Court makes decisions that affect us all. Their rulings can decide voting rights, reproductive rights, economic development, educational policy and more. While the justices serve 10-year terms, the impact of their decisions can last even longer.

Watch the video of the Supreme Court candidate forum at this link.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nq27XC5RFo8>

Focus on youth mental health: Are your children at risk?

Thursday, March 23, 5:30 to 7:30 PM; Crossroads at Big Creek, 2041 Michigan St., Sturgeon Bay

This program will provide a snapshot of the health and wellness of Door County middle and high school students using data from the 2021 Youth Risk Behavior Survey. It will also explore services and programs that provide support to Door County's young people, their families, and schools.

Panelists will include

- Public Health Educator Shauna Blackledge, who will present the results of the 2021 Youth Risk Behavior Survey.
- United Way Community Impact Coordinator of Health Cami Peggar, who will present the STRIDE Program. This Door County Collaborative School Mental Health Project is a United Way program created in 2018 to remove barriers to accessing quality mental health care for Door County youth. The collaborative offers on-site mental health services in all five Door County school districts.
- Juvenile Diversion Program Coordinator Kelsey Christianson will present the county's Juvenile Diversion Program.
- School Resource Officer (SRO) from one of the Door County Schools who will explain the SRO Program in our mainland schools.

Community book club to feature book discussions

Book: *You are not alone: The NAMI Guide to Navigating Mental Health*

Author: Ken Duckworth

A coalition of Door County organizations including Door County Public Health, the Door County Library, the United Way of Door County, the Door County Mental Health Focus Group, and the Door County League of Women Voters is presenting a community book club.

Pick up your FREE copy starting February 1 at these locations: Public Health, Sturgeon Bay Library, Sister Bay Library, Forestville Library, JAK's Place, or United Way of DC.

Please read the book and pass it along to a friend or family member. Additional copies are available to loan through the Door County Libraries or as a free audio book rental available on Hoopla.

Join us for these free community events:

- **Thursday, April 13, 3:30 PM: Book discussion, Sturgeon Bay Library, 107 S 4th Ave., Sturgeon Bay**
- **Tuesday, April 18, 1:30 PM: Book discussion, Sister Bay Library, 2323 Mill Rd., Sister Bay**
- **Saturday, April 20, 3:00 PM: Author chat with Dr. Ken Duckworth, Crossroads at Big Creek, 2041 Michigan St., Sturgeon Bay**



Join other community members in advocating for Door County

The Door County and Kewaunee County Economic Development Corporations announce that the biennial Legislative Days events are scheduled for April 19-20, 2023, in Madison at the Park Hotel.

To bring a locally agreed upon agenda of Door/Kewaunee County issues directly to state elected officials and government agency leaders, Legislative Days is a biennial trip to the state capitol by Door and Kewaunee County residents, elected officials, business owners and other stakeholders.

The 2023 event will continue to build on the success of past Legislative Days' events and will continue to bring specific concerns directly to elected representatives and influential government appointees in Madison. Contact Door County Economic Development Corporation (DCEDC) at [Imagine Your Life in Door County - LIVE Door County](#) or 920/143-3113 to suggest topics and find out how to participate.

YOU can help improve League's social media reach

Think about it. Facebook and Instagram are big businesses. Both platforms exist due to their advertising revenue. They exist because so many of us spend hours upon hours viewing posts and videos.

What does the LWV-DC do to increase the number of viewers our posts receive?

We "boost" a few posts each month. When we "boost" posts (or advertise), we're also targeting demographics, which includes having an interest in social and political issues, philanthropy, travel, or even a location like Door County. When we specify the traits and pay for the boost, we increase our chances of engagement. This happens whenever someone "likes" or reacts to a boosted post or clicks through an advertisement.

What else can we do to increase the number of views?

We can concentrate on creating better posts. Posts that receive the greatest number of views almost always have excellent photography and more people. We'll be trying to photograph members and volunteers in action at events, forums, and educational seminars as well as outdoor events because we have such a beautiful county to use as a backdrop. Many popular posts also feature cute dogs and cats (I'm not kidding. Cute animals are excellent subjects!) and include clever or powerful text and great graphics. We'll be trying to capture key events because the more appealing the post, the more exciting or inspiring the topic, the more viewers we'll automatically receive. Why? Because Facebook and

Instagram's *primary* goal is to give more people more of the things they want to see more of the time.

How can YOU impact our social media?

This one's easy. The more you "like," comment, and share *every* LWV post you see, whether it's the LWV, LWV Wisconsin or specifically LWV Door County, the more both platforms' algorithms will recognize those posts as more "popular" or engaging. When that happens, Facebook and Instagram's algorithms automatically show the post to *MORE* people with similar interests in the hope they will also engage with it. The boosting, combined with immediate engagement, is key to our success. So, if you haven't seen our posts, visit the LWV Door County page every so often and "like" the posts. Eventually, both Facebook and Instagram will notice you're interested and LWV Door County posts will be shown to you (and others) more often.

Remember these upcoming elections

February 21 - Primary for justice of the Supreme Court (In-person absentee voting begins Tuesday, February 7)

April 4 - General election (In-person absentee voting begins Tuesday, March 21)

Welcome new members!

In this section, new members will introduce themselves. We want to get to know you! If you haven't sent us your short bio, please do.



Please welcome a recent newcomer to our membership, Virge Temme. She moved to Door County in 1997 after graduating from the University of Illinois School of Architecture. She grew up in central Illinois, the daughter of Virgil Tibbs, a general contractor who built pole barns and small homes and instilled in her the importance of political awareness. In fifth grade, she and her girlfriends would often reenact political debates at their sleepovers, right down to Nikita Khrushchev banging his shoe on the podium. Before moving to Door County, Virge led a nationwide study of Cold War architecture for the Army Corps of Engineers. For over five glorious years, her life involved crawling through ABM and Atlas missile sites and tromping up mountains to record Cold War Radome Antenna. In addition, she authored

the history of our nation's two most extensive military family housing programs, Capehart and Wherry.

Upon moving to Sturgeon Bay, she opened her architectural practice, focusing on environmentally sound homes. In addition, she started Peninsula Pulse Green pages, formerly called "On the Green," which focused on sustainable architecture and lifestyles. In 2006, as a member of Sustain Door, she orchestrated the "100-Mile Food Challenge", a year-long challenge to eat primarily local foods, and the "50-Mile Feast" to bring awareness to local food producers.

In 2016 Virge became a general contractor, one of only three active female GCs in Wisconsin, building the homes she designed. She has developed and built some of the most energy-efficient homes and commercial buildings in Wisconsin and was presented with the United States Green Building Council "Women in Sustainability Leadership" award for her efforts in public awareness and mentorship in this field.

She currently sits on the state's Uniform Dwelling Code Council, encouraging it to improve building energy codes to reduce atmospheric CO2. Virge is currently transitioning from design-build to a retirement of research, gardening, reading, cooking, and enjoying good friends. She is looking forward to learning from and working with the other fine members of LWV to support the League's goal of empowering voters and defending our democracy, and we are delighted to have her onboard!

For members only:

See the attached membership roster to check your contact information for accuracy.

Please keep in mind that this information is strictly for LWV Door County use and should not be shared. If you have questions about your membership, please contact Sandy: memberadmin@lwvdoorcounty.org



Having diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) within the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin and

all 20 of our affiliated local Leagues is a priority.

We aim for the membership of our Leagues to both reflect and meet the needs of our communities. Your participation in this survey is vital to help guide the

programming and outreach of your local League and of the LWVWI. Watch for yours in your email.

WEBSITE & Dues

If you haven't seen our website recently, check it out: <https://www.lwvdoorcounty.org/Join/Renew> - Membership form is now online!

[Donate](#) - Note the dropdown for type of donation (Membership, Membership + Additional Donation, General Donation) and also the [box you can check to help us cover credit card processing fees.](#)

We are continuing to add information to our website. One page in progress is Volunteer Opportunities under the "Our Work" navigation link. Stay tuned for more ways to get involved!

If you have any comments or suggestions, please send them to webteam@lwvdoorcounty.org

If you have questions about your dues contact membership@lwvdoorcounty.org

Communicate with your representatives!

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

PRESIDENT

Joseph Biden

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

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2022-2023 county directories available

One complimentary copy of the 2022-2023 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>. Additional directories are available for \$4 each.