

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE Mar. 12, 2023

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Message from the Chair:



Who is Eileen Bohn?

This month's "Focus on Youth Mental Health" program on March 23 is the fifth event in the Eileen Bohn Speaker Series. Members might well ask, "Who is Eileen Bohn?" The inevitability of the passage of time means that with each year fewer of us remember Eileen, much less worked with her.

Eileen Bohn was a longtime member of the Door County League, moving here in the 60's and getting so involved that by the early 70's, she was president of the local chapter. Even decades later when health intervened, not allowing her to be as active, she was always a voice of reason, calmness, and wisdom. If I had had a speed dial on my phone, Eileen's number would have been on it. During my years as president (and after), she was a constant resource for advice on applying the nonpartisan policy, applying League positions to action, or any of a variety of questions regarding how to apply League's strict standards for how to operate. I know others did the same. Her calm, cool, sensitive, and discerning intellect and temperament helped us parse sometimes hazardous political waters.

My favorite Eileen story illustrates the tremendous impact she had on Door County and our League:

“After the 1970 census, the Supreme Court ruled on reapportionment, citing the ‘one man, one vote’ rule. In Door County, League members monitored the redistricting that takes place every 10 years after the census and discovered that that standard was not applied locally. Eileen was president at the time, and the local League with the support of the LWV of WI challenged the County Board’s redistricting plan. Although I did not witness it, I have often envisioned Eileen - a quiet, polite, unassuming lady with a steel backbone - standing before the County Board and threatening legal action if the Board did not redo their plan. I would so have loved to be a fly on the wall. As a former member of the Door County Board, I can only speculate at the reception she received.

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 follow-up article on January 20 had these two quotes:

- *“Haen’s immediate reaction on hearing...was to utter a heartfelt (if slightly petulant) cry of, ‘Must the League of Women Voters stick their nose in EVERYTHING the county does?’”*
- *“Weisgerber, on the other hand, faced the situation with equanimity...‘Instead of stirring up a hornet’s nest let’s appoint a three-member committee to sit down with the ladies and talk this over.’”*

A few months later on July 27, 1972, an article reports:

“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!

When Eileen died in June 2016, her family generously donated money in her memory to establish the Eileen Bohn Speaker Fund. The fund was to be used to bring quality speakers to the county each year to speak on issues of importance to League. Eileen was very committed to a wide range of issues and worked hard over the years to promote good government. We are very grateful to her family for helping us continue that work.

-Susan Kohout



Free rides to polls and municipal clerks continue for spring election

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 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 they will assist you outside. Find municipal clerk information at co.door.wi.gov/241/County-Municipalities.

The Eileen Bohn Speaker Series: 'Focus on Youth Mental Health: Are our children at risk?'

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

Join us for a presentation about the health and well-being of Door County’s youth. A panel will delve into the results of a recent survey of middle and high school students and programs available that focus on mental health and smarter, healthier lifestyles.

Panelists include the following:

- Public Health Educator Shauna Blackledge will present the results of the recent Youth Risk Behavior Survey.
- United Way Community Impact Coordinator of Health Cami Pegg 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.
 - other county-based mental health programming for youth.
 - the Comprehensive Community Support (CCS) Program.
- Juvenile Diversion Program Coordinator Kelsey Christianson will present the county’s Juvenile Diversion Program.

- STRIDE Provider Ally Bretl from the Door County Medical Center will discuss her work as a therapist in Sturgeon Bay and Algoma schools.

We hope to see you there in person or via live streaming on the [Youtube.com/@lwvdoorcounty](https://www.youtube.com/@lwvdoorcounty). You can also view our video recording afterward on our website www.lwvdoorcounty.org, on Facebook, or find it on our education playlist on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@lwvdoorcounty/playlists>.

Join a community book club on mental health

A coalition of Door County organizations, including Door County Public Health, Door County Library, United Way of Door County, the Door County Mental Health Focus Group, and the Door County League of Women Voters, are presenting:

A Community Book Club featuring... ***You Are Not Alone: The NAMI Guide to Navigating Mental Health*** **by Ken Duckworth, MD**

Pick up your FREE copy 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 29, 3:00 pm: Author chat with Dr. Ken Duckworth, Crossroads at Big Creek, 2041 Michigan St., Sturgeon Bay

Observer Corps Update: Blending the Old with the New

Observer Corps (OC) supports the League's mission to encourage informed and active participation in government. Our goal is to maintain a presence in as many government meetings as is possible and to utilize this information to facilitate our goals and work in the community.

We have a new model which encourages broader participation and have recently received Board approval for our revised policies and procedures.

The new model identifies two levels of participation:

- Regular Observer: chooses one body of government and attends in person, via Zoom, by watching past videos, and/or by reading minutes.
- Occasional Observer: follows one particular issue and attends when interests or concerns arise.

Documents from the OC orientation packet as well as important reference materials are [available here](#) on our website.

It is critical that we track our attendance and report important information that may be used when issues arise or action is taken. On that webpage, in the third subheading, there is a link to the [OBSERVER CHECK-IN FORM](#). This is the form we use to preserve that data. It populates a spreadsheet that will be used for committee and League work. **Observers, please fill it out.** (It only takes a few minutes!)

From that [same webpage](#) you can navigate to LMV POSITIONS on the left sidebar. From there, scroll down to NATIONAL and click and you will find the 158-page book, [LWV IMPACT ON ISSUES, A Guide to Public Policy Positions](#). This neatly organized book is an essential reference manual for all Observer Corps and Action committee referrals. “The intention is to inspire Leagues to use national positions to act in their own communities” (Introduction, page 1).

League-related issues of concern are forwarded to the OC and Action Coordinators for review. Observers are encouraged to utilize the “Meeting Observation Form” when recording actionable referrals. ([GUIDES AND RESOURCES](#)) The action taken will be based on the above-mentioned League policies and positions. However, if none exists, we develop our own through a systematic approach of research and study; occasionally, the request may be referred back to the individual for community involvement.

In addition, on our web page, there is a copy of the 22/23 County Board Directory and a 2022 contact information for Door County Municipal Clerks. ([GUIDES AND RESOURCES](#))

We have observers monitoring:

- County Board
 - Health and Human Services
 - Judiciary Public Safety
 - Administrative
 - Finance
- Sevastopol Town Board
- Sister Bay Village Board
- Gibraltar School Board
- And other smaller committees as interest/needs arise

In addition, at LWV state level two observers monitor:

- The League of Woman Voters Legislative Committee
- The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

Why get involved?

“Decisions made by government become more balanced and reflective of the views of the electorate it represents” (Observer Corps Policies and Procedures, “Benefits”).

Observer Corps is more than “just observing”; it is also advocacy, accountability and activism--all essential elements for achieving a representative democracy that reflects the will of the people.

Please join us!

Website & Member Dues

If you haven't explored our website recently, check it out! <https://www.lwvdoorcounty.org/>

Please note a couple of important updates:

Join/Renew - Membership Form now online!

- Not signed up for 2022-23? Please complete the [form online](#). Next year we'll send you a link to easily renew your membership.
- Already signed up for 2022-23? Consider completing the [form online](#) now and next year we will be able to send you a link to easily renew your membership.

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](#).

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OF DOOR COUNTY

Donate to
**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DOOR
COUNTY**

We are a 501(c)(3) nonpartisan organization of women & men
that encourages informed and active participation in
government.

\$75 USD **\$110 USD** \$150 USD Other

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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: memberadmin@lwvdoorcounty.org

Communicate with your representatives!

Tip: 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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New 2022-2023 Official County Directories

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.

The Green Sheet

Everything you wanted to know about recycling (but were afraid to ask).

Earth Hour

World Wildlife Fund started Earth Hour in 2007 to unite the world and make a stand against climate change. Today, Earth Hour is the world's largest environmental movement for the planet that involves 178 countries and territories worldwide.

Earth Hour is more than an hour-long event. Our purpose is to empower an interconnected global community to achieve tangible environmental outcomes for our living planet.

Join us for #EarthHour on **March 25 at 8:30 PM** and together we can make it the #BiggestHourForEarth

Learn more at <https://www.earthhour.org/#EarthHour>



Aluminum Can Tabs

In memory of the originator of the aluminum can tab collection, we desire to continue the program. Jerry Bloom Stephenson has offered to take over the logistics of this worthwhile project.

Several years ago, Pat Barlament initiated the call for saving and turning in your aluminum can tabs into the pitcher with the green lid. It is still located at the left side of the entrance to the Fellowship Hall with the collection bins for candy wrappers and printer ink cartridges.

Pat was very active with the Daughters of the Nile (the women's arm of the Shriners). As a project that she felt strongly about, the funds earned from the recycled aluminum tabs were regularly turned over to the Shriners Hospitals for Children. To continue, we will turn the donations into cash that will be turned in to the Daughters of the Nile in memory of Pat. They in turn, will use these funds to purchase many things for the children undergoing surgery and rehabilitation, from school supplies to blankets and toys. The hospital departments also provide wish lists, which the Daughters of the Nile attempt to fill as much as possible.

Please consider collecting can tabs for this worthy cause. Thank you!

Recycling Quicklinks

Where to Recycle: doorcountypulse.com/where-to-recycle-in-door-county

Sturgeon Bay Recycling Guide: recyclemoretricity.org/recycling-guide/

Plastic film: plasticfilmrecycling.org/

Batteries: dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/recycling/batteries.html

Electronics: cybergreenllc.com



Recycle and Order Inkjet Cartridges through Planet Green

Do you have empty printer cartridges sitting around your house that you would like to recycle? Would you like to help the church? Your printer cartridges may be sent in. The money that is received for them helps fund the Pastor's Emergency Fund, which helps those in need with gas and McDonald's cards.

Please put them in a plastic bag and drop them off at the church or at Ricki Mitchell's house. You may leave them on the porch either place. Ricki lives next to Pine Crest across from the Cinema at 1239 N 18th Ave. Please to NOT leave cell phones, toner cartridges, or alkaline batteries!

To order recycled printer cartridges, go to planetgreen.com and use our organization program code 28367 and coupon code PGR20.

Call Ricki at 920-473-4139 with questions or for more details.