



## **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE, February 26, 2024**

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### **Important Dates**

**March 6: Town of Sevastopol Supervisors Candidate Forum**

**March 18: 'Words Matter' Encore Screening**

**April 2: Spring Election**

**April 23: 'The Question of Manure' Event**

**May 16: Annual Meeting**

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## Message from the Chair

### **If I join the League of Women Voters, do I have to stop supporting candidates and parties or even running for office myself?**

Over the years, I have been asked this question many times. To answer it, let's examine the current year, 2024. In the world of the League of Women Voters, a Presidential election year is as big as it gets!

It's not just the top spot on the ticket that makes it so important.

- In Wisconsin in April there are important nonpartisan local races for school boards; town, village, city, and county government; and this year, a circuit court judge election in Door County.
- In the fall partisan elections, there are state and national races for Congress and the legislature as well as local constitutional offices like County Clerk, County Treasurer, District Attorney, and Register of Deeds.

### **As a member of a nonpartisan political organization whose mission is to promote active participation in government, what does that mean for you?**

As an organization, of course, League cannot support candidates or parties. If you as a LWV member are acting for the League in certain key roles, then you must remain nonpartisan.

These include

- Chair or other very visible, policy-making Leadership Team roles
- Voter Service Coordinators for registration events or organizing candidate forums
- Moderators and question screeners for candidate forums
- Action coordinators that oversee League advocacy

If you are putting out a League yard sign, you cannot also have a sign for a candidate or party.

**But remember, our goal is to promote active participation in government. If the above roles do not apply to you (which is true for most members), then playing a partisan role in an election – running for office, supporting a candidate, working actively for whatever party you choose – is not only allowed, it is encouraged.**

If you are interested in reading the LWV of Door County's Nonpartisan Policy – our bedrock document – in its entirety, you will find it at this link. [Non-Partisan Policy — LWV Door County](#)

**In the meantime . . . it's a big election year. Get involved!**

## Congratulations, Helen Bacon

Master Gardener and volunteer Helen Bacon has been a key part of the success of the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) gardens. She was recently recognized for her work on their “Growing Together” project, which won the National Excellence in Extension Award. The produce raised benefits consumers of the Door County Nutrition Program. Well done, Helen!

## Volunteers Needed

Because of the multitude of activities the Door County League is involved in, we have the need for additional individuals with these particular skills:

- Writing skills
- Ability to speak in public
- Public relations/marketing - experience not needed - just an interest in learning some basic skills to help the League promote its programs and a good comfort-level with the written word.

If you want to help, contact [Chair@lwvdoorcounty.org](mailto:Chair@lwvdoorcounty.org).

We’re also looking for volunteers to help with the below tasks. If any of the following fall within your skillset and you’d like to help, please contact Ann Morgan at [ann.morgan@lwvdoorcounty.org](mailto:ann.morgan@lwvdoorcounty.org) or text her at 608-239-0648.

- Bookkeeping - Record LWVDC's accounting transactions in QuickBooks Online
- Video Management - Trim/Edit videos and upload to our YouTube channel
- Squarespace/Website management

## Candidate Forums

### Door County Circuit Court Judge Candidate Forum

The candidate forum for the two candidates (Jennifer Moeller and Brett Reetz) running for Door County Circuit Court Judge was held on February 15 at the Sturgeon Bay ADRC Senior Resource Center. **Over 90 people were in attendance!** Thank you to all the LWVDC members who volunteered. The forum recording is now posted on our webpage or can be accessed directly at [our YouTube channel](#).

## **Candidate Forum for Town of Sevastopol Supervisors**

**Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2024** (Snow date: Monday, March 11, 2024)

**Time:** 6:00-7:30 p.m.

**Where:** Sevastopol Town Hall

**If you are willing to help, please contact Dan Powers at [dan.powers@lwvdoorcounty.org](mailto:dan.powers@lwvdoorcounty.org)**

Four (4) candidates will appear on the April 2 election day ballot to fill two (2) supervisor seats on the Sevastopol Town Board. Incumbents Jeanne Vogel and Derek Denil are being challenged by Mark Haberli and Trent Olsen.

The forum will be livestreamed on the [Town of Sevastopol YouTube channel](#) and will be recorded and available for viewing up to the April 2 election on the League of Women Voters Door County website at [www.lwvdoorcounty.org](http://www.lwvdoorcounty.org) and on Charter channel 986.

## **'Words Matter' Encore Screening**

If you missed the *Words Matter - The Power of Language to Create a More Inclusive Door County* program, there are two ways to see a video recording of the League-hosted panel discussion on language around race, mental health, disability, and LGBTQ+ identities.

The video is available on the [League's YouTube channel](#) or on our website along with the [Words Matter Booklet](#).

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Door, one of the event sponsors, will host an in-person screening of the video recording **Monday, March 18 at 6:00 p.m.**, 10341 Water Street/Hwy 42, Ephraim. The event is free and open to the public.

## **The Question of Manure**

Join us at [Crossroads at Big Creek](#) on **Tuesday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m.** Manure management is a complicated subject, especially given Door County's Dairy fragile karst substrate and the importance of water health. We hope to make sense of the benefits and challenges of manure management through a presentation involving regulators, farmers, and environmental experts.

## Annual Meeting: Save the Date

### ANNUAL MEETING INVITATIONS COMING SOON!

Invitations and full details for the League of Women Voters of Door County's annual meeting will be coming to your mailbox in early April.

# SAVE THE DATE

EVENT DETAILS AND YOUR  
INVITATION COMING SOON!

# DEMOCRACY IN ACTION

## THE BALLOT BOX AND BEYOND

ANNUAL MEETING

———— MAY 16, 2024 ————

**LWV** LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®  
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## Welcome, New Members!



**Jules Gardner** (j/j's/jules' or they/them/theirs) is a Door County resident and Wisconsin Certified Peer Specialist. Jules has lived experience with mental health, disability, and is a member of the LGBTQ+ community.

J has extensive training in cultural awareness. Jules is a life-long auto-didact with focus on United States history, particularly as it relates to marginalized communities, mental health, DEI, and communications. J is also a maker with interest in mixed media and pottery. J's passions are to promote equity and inclusion, provide healing and recovery experiences, and educate through art. J likes to spend time in nature and in gardens as a restorative practice.



New members **Tammie Grossman** and her husband **Dave Wolowitz** live just north of Sturgeon Bay, having moved permanently to Door County last year from Oak Park, Illinois. No strangers to Door and active outdoor people, they have vacationed most years on the peninsula since the 90's, falling in love with its beauty and daily pleasures of life. Tammie and Dave have three adult children (one still in college), two young grandchildren, a certified therapy dog (a Corgi named Hobbes), and a ragdoll cat named Calvin.

Tammie is retired, a lawyer by profession. She had a varied civil law practice at Prairie State Legal Services in Illinois, served as Executive Director of Housing Action Illinois (the statewide affordable housing advocacy agency), and led a very large department of the Village of Oak Park as their Director of Development and Customer Services. Since relocating to Door, Tammie is working part-time for Birch Creek Music Center doing development work, and she stays very busy with her piano, knitting, yoga classes, book clubs, swimming at the Y, and leading Hobbes' therapy work at Sunshine House.

Dave also is retired and a lawyer by profession. He was a litigator and supervisor for over 40 years at Prairie State Legal Services, having served most recently as the firm's Associate Director. Dave also was on the Adjunct Faculty at Northern Illinois University College of Law, teaching litigation skills to budding lawyers for eight years. Dave presently serves on the board

of the Door County Habitat for Humanity and the board of the Democratic Party of Door County. He's also tutoring a young man in the English language through Literacy Door County and is a developing watercolorist. Both Tammie and Dave are avid e-bike enthusiasts and are looking forward to the warm weather when they can resume their newfound activities of pickleball and golf.

## Website

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

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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:

[https://www.lwvdoorcounty.org/volunteer-opportunities.](https://www.lwvdoorcounty.org/volunteer-opportunities)

Stay tuned for more ways to get involved!

If you have any comments or suggestions, please send them to: [tech@lwvdoorcounty.org](mailto:tech@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/>

### **U.S. SENATORS**

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**Legislative Hotline 1 (800) 362-9472**

## 2023-2024 Official County Directories

One complimentary copy of the 2023-2024 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. Additional directories are available for \$4 each.

This directory is also online at the Door County government website:

<https://www.co.door.wi.gov/DocumentCenter/View/967/Official-County-Directory--2023-2024?bidId=>

**If you would like the directory mailed, please submit \$6.00 each. Remit to: Door County Clerk 421 Nebraska St., Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235**