

## LWV DC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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### **“PROTECTING OUR GROUNDWATER” SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 9AM-NOON, STURGEON BAY HIGH SCHOOL COMMONS**

Protecting groundwater is the subject of the 2018 event in the Eileen Bohn Speaker Series. On Saturday, April 28 from 9:00 AM to noon in the Sturgeon Bay High School Commons, UW-Oshkosh Geology Professor Maureen Muldoon and USDA Agricultural Researcher Mark Borchardt will provide an overview of Door County’s unique geology. They will explain the challenges of protecting our groundwater as supported by current scientific information. A local panel consisting of Door County Corporation Council Grant Thomas, Assistant County Sanitarian Chris Olson, and County Conservationist Erin Hanson will explain what efforts have taken place historically (in the county) to protect groundwater contamination from both human and animal wastes.

### **ANNUAL MEETING LWV DOOR COUNTY, THURSDAY, MAY 17**

The LWV DC Annual Meeting is **Thursday, May 17th**, at **Samuelson's Creek Pub & Grille** in the White Birch Inn, 1009 South Oxford Ave., Sturgeon Bay. Registration starts at 5:00pm, the annual meeting will start at 5:30pm, with dinner at 6:15pm, followed by our speaker, **Erika Sanders Director of Program Services for the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council (MMFHC)**.

**Dinner** – We’ll enjoy a family-style meal, with choices of chicken, beef, or vegetarian lasagna, side dishes, dessert and beverages. Cost for dinner is **\$22** which includes tax and tip. Open bar available.

**Final RSVP’s are due by May 10<sup>th</sup>** to Pat Scieszinski at 920-743-8200 or [lwvdcpres@gmail.com](mailto:lwvdcpres@gmail.com) you may pay for dinner that evening (also a wonderful time to pay next year’s dues!). Please note, you may attend the meeting only or the speaker only (approximately 7:00 pm) and not the dinner, if you wish. Cancellations after May 10<sup>th</sup> will be charged.

**Annual Meeting** - Please review the documents sent in the email dated 4/18/2018 in preparation for our annual meeting; the recommended budget, program and leadership team slate for 2018-19, as well as leadership team role descriptions. The current Board is recommending a one-year trial of an alternative form of management of league activities. We want to make sure we continue to do the important work of the League in our community and hope this Leadership Team model of management will help us address modern time limitations and reduce leadership pressures on just a few people. **It is recommended that we change the structure of leadership for the Door County League of Women Voters, for a one-year trial period, from a board of directors to a Leadership Team model, which includes an Executive Committee consisting of a Convener/Spokesperson; Secretary; Treasurer; and Program Coordinator; and additional Leadership Team members for the roles of Membership Coordinator; Public Relations Coordinator; Voter Service Coordinator for Elections, Forums and Voter Information;**

## **Voter Service Coordinator for School and Young Adult Programs; Observer Corps**

**Coordinator; and Action Coordinator.** The Board has discussed this possible change several times in the past 10 years, but now believes 2018-19 is the right year to implement this model. We have the support of state and national Leagues to implement the one-year trial without changing the bylaws. If the Leadership Team model proves effective, revised by-laws changes will then be presented at the May 2019 Annual Meeting.

**Speaker** - League members are not only concerned about the significant shortage of affordable housing in Door County, our members are concerned about issues of fair housing as well. Ms. Erika Sanders, Director of Program Services for MMFHC, will discuss:

- Purposes and provisions of local, state and federal fair housing laws
- Contemporary forms of illegal discrimination in the housing market
- Remedies available to people who have experienced violations of fair housing laws
- How to recognize possibly discriminatory experiences
- How complaints of illegal discrimination are investigated
- What community members can do to help and more...

The Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council is a private non-profit organization that in addition to its Milwaukee headquarters has two satellite offices, the Fair Housing Center of Greater Madison (FHCGM) and the Fair Housing Center of Northeast Wisconsin (FHCNW). The purpose of MMFHC is to promote fair housing throughout the State of Wisconsin by combating illegal housing discrimination and by creating and maintaining racially and economically integrated housing patterns. Programs and services focus on the enforcement of fair housing laws, outreach and education to consumers, advocates and housing providers, fair lending practices, and inclusionary housing policies and the promotion of racial and economic integration.

Ms. Sanders supervises its Outreach and Education Program, ensuring that comprehensive fair housing information is available to residents of Wisconsin. She has co-created and managed numerous outreach campaigns targeted to meet the needs of specific populations, as well as outreach campaigns that have provided information on specialized fair housing topics. Ms. Sanders has personally conducted over 300 fair housing presentations to housing consumers, social service agencies, community and faith-based organizations and the general public, reaching over 7200 individuals. She also provides fair housing technical assistance and training to owners and managers of rental housing. She holds degrees from the University of Wisconsin – Madison and Oberlin College.

## **LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION**

Message from Laura J. Kayacan, Adult Services Librarian: John Harris is leading a history book discussion at the Sturgeon Bay Library on Thursday, May 17 at 2 pm. John Kennedy's "Profiles in Courage" is the book to be discussed. There are a number of copies in the InfoSoup catalog, and a downloadable audiobook available on the library app, Hoopla. This version has a preface by Caroline Kennedy and is read by John Kennedy Jr.

## **WRITTEN OFF**

You are welcome to attend an AOD Coalition event on May 1st at Crossroads at 5:30 pm. The AOD Coalition has partnered with Human Services and Public Health's Mental Health Focus Group to screen the award winning Wisconsin based documentary, Written Off, and will be having a panel discussion afterward about addiction, mental health, and the stigma that exists around those topics making access to treatment difficult, and compassion unfortunately rare. Dinner will be provided.

The FREE event starts at 5:30 with dinner, film will begin around 6:00, and panel discussion around 7:15 pm. For more information contact [stephanie@unitedwaydc.com](mailto:stephanie@unitedwaydc.com)

## **GREAT ORIENTATION AT RECENT COUNTY BOARD MEETING**

Message from LWV Observer Corp Member, Barb Graul: I observed the April Door County Board Organizational Meeting on April 17. After the oath of office was administered, a 1 hour orientation session was presented for new members, as well as provided a review for continuing elected supervisors. It was a very informative insight into county government including finance, open meetings, walking quorums, and the legal issues elected officials face. I strongly recommend that League members watch that orientation session! It is being aired on the Sevastopol Cable Channel 986; can be viewed on-line at [http://doorbell.net/video/ 4-17-18 County Board of Supervisors](http://doorbell.net/video/4-17-18%20County%20Board%20of%20Supervisors) or on-line at the Citizen Education & Studies page of League's website at [http://www.leagueofwomenvotersdoorcounty.org/ 4-17-18 County Board Orientation](http://www.leagueofwomenvotersdoorcounty.org/4-17-18%20County%20Board%20Orientation).

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<http://www.co.door.wi.gov/docview.asp?docid=16450&locid=137>