

# LWV DC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE - July 27, 2018

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## Mark your calendars! Dates set for senate, assembly, & sheriff candidate forums.

- **Door County Sheriff:** Thursday, September 13, 6:00-8:00 PM at the new Door County Aging & Disabilities Resource Center/Community Center at 916 N. 14th Avenue, Sturgeon Bay.
- **WI Senate District 1:** Saturday, September 22, 9:30-11:30 AM at the Southern Door Community Auditorium, 2073 County DK (just off Hwy 57), Brussels.
- **WI Assembly District 1:** Thursday, September 27, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Sturgeon Bay City Council Chambers, 421 Michigan Street, Sturgeon Bay.

## All hands on deck needed for three candidate forums!

- **Help needed!** Volunteers are needed for all positions at the three forums.
- Because of League's nonpartisan policy, "sensitive" positions such as moderator and screener may not be done by someone actively working for a candidate or party. Many other "non-sensitive" positions such as timer, greeter, or runner may

be done by any League member as long as they are not supporting one of the candidates in the forum.

- Contact Voter Service Coordinator Barb Graul at 743-8642 to volunteer or ask questions. *It is important to get the jobs filled ASAP!*

### **Join League's efforts to reach out to the county's young people.**

Fall will be a busy time for helping county 18-year-olds and other young adults register to vote! We'll be setting up dates to visit all of the Door County High Schools and NWTC to host Voter Registration Assistance events. Anyone interested in helping at one or more of the schools, please contact Voter Service Coordinator Dawn Vandervoort ([dawn.vandervoort@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:dawn.vandervoort@ces.uwex.edu) or 920-743-5718). Once dates are set for each location, they will be shared with members.

### **Want your primary vote to count! Some things you need to know.**

- Don't forget to vote in the August 14<sup>th</sup> Primary Election!
- A primary election is held so that political parties can choose that party's candidate.
- Wisconsin is an Open Primary state. That means anyone can vote in the primary regardless of their political affiliation.
- Unlike the general election, citizens must choose a party and only vote in that party's races. If a voter "crosses parties" and votes in a different party's races, their ballot will not count.

### **Time to dig those "VOTE! It Counts!" signs out of the basement and garage.**

Please put "VOTE! It Counts!" signs out about two weeks before the August 14 Primary election, **but ONLY if you do NOT have a candidate sign in your yard.** The League does not want to appear to support any candidate for office.

### **Hot off the press! New County Directory available now!**

**Door County Official Directory 2018-2019 is now available** in the County Clerk's Office at the County Government Center. This small book contains a wealth of information on all local governmental bodies, county parks, and other county information. The first copy is complimentary. Additional directories can be picked up for \$3 each. (This is up from \$2 due to rising costs.) To have the directory mailed, please submit \$4 each to Door County Clerk, 421 Nebraska St., Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235. This directory is also online at the Door County government website:

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

## **Leadership Team targets “after work” time period to make meetings more accessible to a diverse membership.**

The LWVDC Leadership Team had a productive planning meeting at the end of June, making a great start to planning meetings and events for the coming year.

We agreed to try a new idea from the state convention: having regular, informal gatherings with a variety of topics, possibly a speaker, or a fun activity in addition to having time to network. Plans are still in the works but the team hopes to hold these gatherings in the late afternoon “after work” time to catch people before they head home for the night.

Some topics suggested:

- election security in Wisconsin
- an update on the ALICE project
- follow-up to the book discussion of Evicted to talk further about Door County issues of homelessness and low-income housing
- discussion on efforts to raise the minimum wage
- a “lively issues” night with current local, state, and national concerns
- a “Get to Know the League” night, playing “League Jeopardy!”

What would YOU like to discuss? All League-oriented ideas welcome!

At the annual meeting it was agreed to have only six formal Leadership Team (replacing “Board”) Meetings, to which all the members are welcome. The next Team meeting will be on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 5-6:30 in the Jane Greene room of the Sturgeon Bay Library.

## ***Color-Brave Photo Project visits the Door.***

- The Door County Civility Project, Hope United Church of Christ, the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Door County (UUFDC), and JUST Door County, Inc. are proud to host FIT Oshkosh, Inc.’s traveling exhibit, *Color-Brave Photo Project: Black and Brown Faces, A New Narrative*.
- The exhibit, funded in part by the Wisconsin Humanities Council and the Oshkosh Community Foundation, features the portraits and personal stories of people of color, including African Americans, Latinos, and Asians.
- The *Color-Brave Photo Project* runs from Friday, August 24 through Sunday, August 26 at Hope United Church of Christ, 141 S. 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Sturgeon Bay. Hours are 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM August 24 and 25, and 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM on August 26. All are invited to a reception and a special evening viewing of the exhibit at Hope UCC on Friday, August 24 at 6:00 pm, followed by a community

conversation about the exhibit, facilitated by FIT Oshkosh leadership at 7:00 pm. All events are free. (Flyer attached.)

## **Thanks for asking! Membership Form attached.**

Thanks to those who sent in their dues!

Some of you asked for copies of the Membership Form, which I should have attached to the last update. Sorry for omitting it. (See attached.)

## **Note these dates:**

### **Primary Election:**

Tuesday, August 14, 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

### **LWV Leadership Team Meeting:**

Tuesday, August 14, 5:00-6:30 PM, Sturgeon Bay Library, Jane Greene Room.

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### **Sustain Door / Crossroads at Big Creek:**

September 15 – Sustain Door is partnering with Crossroads at Big Creek to have a water festival at the Crossroads campus in Sturgeon Bay.

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## **Communicate with your representatives!**

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

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