

LWV DC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE – February 2, 2019

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Don't miss upcoming League events!

Southern Door School Board Candidate Forum

Monday, February 4, 6:30 PM: Southern Door High School Library, 2073 Cty. Rd DK, Sturgeon Bay; Snow date: Wednesday, February 6, 6:30 PM.

Leadership Team Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 12, 5:00 to 7:00 PM: Library, 107 S 4th Ave., Sturgeon Bay; Everyone is welcome!

Spring Primary Election: Tuesday, February 19, 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

Sturgeon Bay City Council Candidate Forum

Thursday, February 28, 6:30 PM: Sturgeon Bay City Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan St., Sturgeon Bay; Snow date: Monday, March 4, 6:30 PM. (Poster attached if you wish to distribute.)

Sturgeon Bay Mayor Candidate Forum

Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 PM: Sturgeon Bay City Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan St., Sturgeon Bay; Snow date: Wednesday, March 13, 6:30 PM. (Poster attached if you wish to distribute.)

***The Color of Law* Book Discussion**

Friday, March 29, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM: Sturgeon Bay Library, 107 S 4th Ave., Sturgeon Bay

- The League and the Door County Library are co-sponsoring a “lunch and learn” discussion of Richard Rothstein’s thought-provoking book, ***The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America***. “This powerful and disturbing history exposes how American governments deliberately imposed racial segregation on metropolitan areas nationwide” (New York Times Book Review).
- We continue to reap the results of these policies today with the subjugation of poverty. This will be a book and a discussion you will remember for a long time. Bring your own lunch; coffee and cookies will be provided.

Spring General Election: Tuesday, April 2, 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

Mental Health & Substance Use Issues - Study Committee Progress Report

Thursday, April 18, 5:00 to 6:30 PM: Sturgeon Bay Library, 107 S 4th Ave.

- A little over a year ago, a group of League members and community members began exploring how the Door County community addresses mental health and substance use in relation to the criminal justice system, mental health system, and informal support systems. They hoped to learn how someone might enter this system because of mental health and/or substance use and what interactions they might have within the system to address their issues. The committee hoped that once they understood the system, they might identify ways that League could work to influence public policy to improve it.
- During the past year, members of the study committee have interviewed representatives of the Sheriff’s Department, Dept. of Human Services, HELP of Door County, Health Dept., the hospital, and the Circuit Court Judges. They have reviewed materials from various agencies, and read articles and reports. Much has been learned, but more work is still to be done. Committee members will share what they have learned to date in a “Progress Report” to League members.

LWV of Door County Annual Meeting!

Thursday, May 16 – Save the date! Time & location TBD

- The Annual Meeting should be a “don’t miss” for all Door County League Members! The meeting will be a time to update everyone on the many activities and accomplishments of the past year in League, and to approve the proposed agenda for next year.
- Keynote: “The Current State of Redistricting in Wisconsin”
- Following dinner, our speaker David Canon, political science professor from UW Madison, will present on a topic of concern to us all.
- Details of the event will be forthcoming, but put May 16 in your calendar now to be available for one of the League’s premier events of the year!

Consider helping with our high school voter education/registration events.

We will be visiting Door County high schools this spring to provide presentations about elections and offer opportunities for registration assistance. Stay tuned for details and specific dates. If you are interested, contact Dawn Vandervoort at dvandervoort@co.door.wi.us or 743-5718.

Your Leadership Team has two requests:

- **Interested in serving on the Team?**

The Nominations Committee is beginning its work looking for next year's Leadership Team. If you are interested or have questions about what that entails, contact lwvprez@gmail.com and someone will contact you to answer your questions.

- **Ideas for next year's League program?**

If you have ideas on what you think the Door County League should be working on next year, write to lwvprez@gmail.com.

You'll be interested to know: County is working on a Treatment Court.

- The Mental Health & Substance Use Study Committee has learned that a group of Door County leaders, headed by Judge David Weber, are working to create a Treatment Court in the county. There are currently 86 so-called "specialty" courts in Wisconsin, addressing everything from mental health to opioid, alcohol, and other drug addiction.
- As Judge Weber explains, "The target population is people who are 'high risk, high need.' This means that they are at a high risk to re-offend in terms of their criminal behavior, and that they have an addiction or mental health problem, or both...A treatment court is designed to give high risk, high need people intensive oversight while on probation. While all people on probation have supervision, the treatment court is a very structured, court-run supervision that runs concurrently with the traditional probation. There are different phases someone in the treatment court goes through, but initially the person has to meet in court with the judge once per week, have continual contact with the treatment court coordinator, give urinalysis testing, maintain employment, and receive treatment/counseling. The participants in the treatment court are continually evaluated by the committee, and there is more or less daily supervision. This heightened supervision, the research suggests, is what is need to break the cycle that most of these people are in." Participants must be willing and non-violent.
- The committee includes Judge Weber, the district attorney, a public defender, the sheriff, a coordinator, treatment providers, an evaluator, and perhaps others. They have received a grant to obtain on-site training from the National Drug Court Institute, US Department of Justice. Members of the public are welcome to observe the training on **April 24-26 at Stone Harbor** in Sturgeon Bay. An agenda is attached. Further details will be available in a later newsletter.
- Anyone wishing to learn more about this initiative may contact Judge David Weber at David.Weber@wicourts.gov.

There is an easy way to support access to transportation in Door County.

Door-Tran helps people get where they need to go. Now YOU can help too! Tadych's EconoFoods donates 1 per cent to Door-Tran for every dollar spent through their EconoCares campaign.

Thanks to those who dropped off receipts in 2018 and 2019, we were able to raise \$171.08. Drop off your receipts today, and we'll take it from there. It's that easy to support Door-Tran! (located at 1009 Egg Harbor Rd, Sturgeon Bay.)

Communicate with your representatives!

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

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