



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DOOR COUNTY

Member Newsletter for February 2017

Outstanding Participation at “United to Amend” Meeting



The LWVDC gathering on Tuesday, January 31 at the DC Library was filled to capacity! Two excellent speakers from the local chapter of United to Amend gave us the history of this effort to undo the “Citizens United”, thus reforming campaign spending. Dan Powers and Jim Black are the contact people if you would like more information. The League does not have a position on United to Amend, but certainly supports campaign finance regulations to ensure fairness. <http://wiuta.org/>

- **Thanks to everyone who renewed their memberships in LWVDC. Your support is critical to our continued activity for voter education and action on important issues.**
- **The Nominating Committee is actively seeking individuals to join the LWVDC board. Couldn't that person be YOU? Contact VP Cheryl Bishop at clbishop15@aol.com to volunteer.**

CALENDAR

February 14 – “Lively Issues” Lunch, 11:30am-1:00pm, Sturgeon Bay Room at Stone Harbor restaurant. All are welcome with ideas and **opinions**.

February 21 – Primary Election, Statewide, there is a primary race with three candidates vying for Superintendent of Public Instruction. Candidate Answers for State Superintendent (DPI) are available from the state website:

<http://www.lwvwi.org/VotingElections/SuperintendentofPublicInstruction.aspx>

February 27 – Sturgeon Bay City Council Candidate Forum, 7pm, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street. Candidates vying for council seats in Districts 1 – 3 – 5 – 7 in the City will answer written questions from the audience.

April 4 – General (non-partisan) Election

April 22 – Baileys Harbor Town Hall, 9am-noon. Speaker and Panel Discussion regarding Poverty in Door County. Our first Eileen Bohn Speaker Series will feature the head of United Way in Wisconsin plus a panel of community leaders sharing ideas to deal with ALICE (asset limited, income constrained employed) individuals who struggle every day.

ALICE in Door County

Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed

Speaker and Panel Discussion to share information and ideas about alleviating poverty in our community.

Saturday, April 22 - 9:00am

Baileys Harbor Town Hall - County F/Hwy 57

Free. (Eileen Bohn Speaker Series)



May 12 – Liberty Square, Egg Harbor, 5pm for registration and cash bar. Annual Meeting at 5:30pm. Dinner at 6pm. Program by League of Women Voters Lake Michigan Region begins at 7pm. Members will receive annual meeting materials in March and April.

TBA – there will be a DNR hearing in the near future dealing with a request for farm expansion (e.g. CAFO) in Door County. We will send a bulletin out when the date is known.

To our Northern Door members: as the weather improves, we have two programs in your area so we're really hoping you will come out in numbers so we can say "hello again" after the long winter.

Keep up to date with all League announcements by "Liking" us on Facebook.

DOOR/KEWAUNEE LEGISLATIVE DAYS

Take action in person!

Lobby your legislators on behalf of your county with your fellow citizens!

This type of action is the heart of the LWV mission!

Door/Kewaunee Legislative Days 2017 (April 5 & 6) is a wonderful and effective event which takes place every two years during the Biennial Budget process of the state legislature. It is also easy as the lobbying is done in teams with an experienced team leader.

The Door/Kewaunee Legislative Days website explains:

Door Kewaunee Legislative Days 2017 is pleased to invite local citizens to join us in our mission to call on every legislator in Madison this spring. Door/Kewaunee Legislative Days main events are scheduled for Wednesday, April 5, when delegates will call on state legislators in the afternoon and enjoy a reception with legislators and guests that evening. The remainder of the April 5-6 event will be reserved for visiting with state officials and selected state agencies.

Critical to the success of this event is the active participation of at least 100 Door and Kewaunee County citizen representatives, so that at least one local delegate will visit with every legislator. The cost to participate for delegates is only \$30, made possible by a variety of area financial sponsors. The subsidized fee includes three meals and a logo polo shirt. Training sessions will be held prior to the event, so anyone can participate. Anyone interested in participating in Legislative Days can register at <http://www.dklegislatedays.com/register/> **no later than Wednesday, March 1.**

The Door County League has budgeted some money to offset the expenses for members. This is an important event and League members should be part of it!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CANDIDATE FORUM

Volunteers are needed for the Sturgeon Bay City Council Candidate Forum on Feb 27 (snow date Feb.28). Volunteers would need to be at city hall about 6:30 for the 7:00 forum.

Needed are 3 "greeter/question runners", a "1 timer" and individuals who will stay after the forum to take down and put away league materials. If you can help on either or both of those days

Call Helen Bacon 493-7200 or Barb Graul at 743-6842.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HIGH SCHOOL / NWTC VOTER INFORMATION EVENTS

Volunteers are needed to assist in voter information presentations and voter registration assistance events being organized at the four mainland high schools and NWTC. These events are likely to be held in February and / or early March. Please contact lwvdcprez@gmail.com if you are interested in helping.

Recent Statements from the League

Ruling on Redistricting from LWVWI

A federal court panel has ruled that voting districts for the Wisconsin legislature must be redrawn in time for the 2018 elections. This is a victory for voters, who won't have to continue to vote in gerrymandered districts that were ruled unconstitutional in November.

The ruling orders the legislature to redraw the maps, noting that the new districts must pass constitutional muster. Although the court stopped short of specifying how to redraw the districts, we urge the legislature to choose a method that will minimize undue partisanship. The League filed a brief in the case offering ways to accomplish just that.

League Statement on Immigration

01/31/2017 | by Sarah Courtney, LWVUS

Washington, DC – The League of Women Voters president, Chris Carson, issued the following statement in response to President Trump's immigration ban:

"The League of Women Voters is opposed to deportation of non-criminal undocumented immigrants.

The League supports cities, towns, counties and states that make a decision not to cooperate with federal deportation and enforcement actions that include non-criminal undocumented immigrants. *Moreover, the Trump Administration's orders are of dubious legality.*

It is simply wrong, and a perversion of the American system of justice, for the Executive Branch to refuse to obey federal court orders.

The LWV is opposed to discrimination, including discrimination in immigration, based on religion. *The Trump Administration's orders appear to be targeted at Muslims and immigrants from majority-Muslim nations.*"