



## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DOOR COUNTY

### January 2017 eNewsletter

*As the new year begins, the Door County chapter re-commits to both civility and non-partisanship in all our efforts.*

#### **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

*Lively Issues Discussion:* Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:30-1:00 (or later if those present wish to continue), in the Sturgeon Bay Room, Stone Harbor Resort restaurant. "Lively Issues" is a long-running first program of a new year, in which all may open up about local, state or national topics. Some of the discussion may center around subjects where the League has a position but we encourage new ideas and points-of-view, always keeping in mind the promise of civility. Come, have lunch with us, and bring your ideas and opinions. The more, the better!

*Wisconsin United to Amend Presentation:* Tuesday, January 31, Jane Greene Room, Door County Library, 4<sup>th</sup> & Nebraska, Sturgeon Bay. Light refreshments at 4:30pm, program by Dan Powers and Jim Black at 5:00pm, concludes by 6:30pm. Although the League of Women Voters does not have a position on the effort to repeal the *Citizens United* decision by the Supreme Court, we are quite interested in learning more about this national group. All are invited, and please bring your friends who have a concern about money in politics. Facebook page link: <https://www.facebook.com/WisconsinUnitedToAmend/?fref=ts>

*Save The Date:* The LWVDC Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, May 12 in a Northern Door location. The program will be a timely one from LWV Lake Michigan Region regarding our beloved-but-stressed Lake Michigan.

Members will receive meeting materials in both March and April to study prior to the Annual Meeting. You will vote on the nominees for President and Board of Directors; approve changes to the by-laws; review and approve the financial report, etc. This is also the time at which most members pay their dues for the year.

*Teasing Some New Programs:* In which program ideas are being discussed, but nothing definite to announce yet...

- An evening or Saturday morning with Door County Wild Ones to welcome spring back to the peninsula
- An expanded, in-depth look at asset-limited, income constrained, employed families (ALICE) in the community. Thanks to those of you who came to the first ALICE talk in mid-December by Amy Kohnle of United Way. Poverty and our response to it is also gaining attention by LWVWI so we are ahead of the curve on this and want to remain there.
- And perhaps one or more topics will emerge from "Lively Issues"!

## **Spring 2017 Elections:**

Barb Graul is our Voter Service chairman. She reports that the local League has received a request for a Candidate Forum for all four Sturgeon Bay City Council races. Barb already is starting to make the contacts and book the people. The deadline for other candidates or residents to request a LWVDC Forum is *January 17<sup>th</sup>*. Candidate Forums are one of the undertakings in which we take the most pride, to bring to the voters an objective look at the people who are running to spend our tax money and make municipal/school decisions on our behalf.

**Barb needs volunteer assistance for both forums and high school voter outreach this spring. Who is able to spend 2-3 hours at one event?** Click here to send an email to say YES! [lwvdcprez@gmail.com](mailto:lwvdcprez@gmail.com)

## **Please Take Note:**

- ✓ The Government Operations overview classes planned for The Clearing in January have been cancelled. Too few people signed up to make this enormous logistical effort worthwhile. Our sincere thanks to Susan Kohout for arranging.
- ✓ Sarah Meredith Livingston submitted her resignation to the LWVDC Board where it was accepted with regret. We'll always remember Sarah's beautiful voice in a vocal offering at the state meeting in Egg Harbor last June. As a professor at UW-GB, her schedule is ever more demanding, but we'll miss her very much.
- ✓ LWVDC welcomes Patricia Scieszinski to our Board. She was appointed at the 1/6/17 meeting by acclamation. We are grateful for Pat's interest and enthusiasm for League work.
- ✓ Sunshine House has done an amazing job to find space for the League's printed material. Thank you so much! Now instead of being stored in half a dozen different garages around Door County, all the flyers, forms, banners, VOTE signs, and more will be safe and dry at Sunshine House.
- ✓ We continue to search for a volunteer who is knowledgeable in Quick Books...
- ✓ If you have not renewed your membership in League of Women Voters of Door County, please take that step no later than Friday, Jan. 27. We need you!

**Stay warm. Hope to see you at the two January events coming up.**

Nancy Fisher, LWVDC president

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