

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS NEWSLETTER

September 2016 – Election Day is November 8, 2016

Gear Up to Vote Door County

October 12: Southern Door H.S. for student voter information drive and 1st Dist. Candidate Forum, 7pm



CANDIDATE FORUM for First District Assembly Seat will be held Wednesday, October 12. Participants are Dr Joel Kitchens, Republican incumbent and Lynn Utesch, Democrat challenger. 7:00-8:30pm. Steven Vickman, moderator

The League's Non-Partisan Work in the County: We are delighted that the state League of Women Voters "Gear Up to Vote" team has Door County on their schedule for October 12. Both prior to the evening candidate forum and during the day for Southern Door students, the state staffers will participate with us to provide unregistered residents with information needed to register with their municipal clerks.

Volunteers are needed and appreciated, especially for the high school effort. Typically held during lunch period, if you have two hours to spare during the day, please email lwvdcprez@gmail.com. Dates are:

- October 5th at Sturgeon Bay High School
- October 12th at Southern Door High School
- Sevastopol High School date still to be set

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EILEEN BOHN FAMILY MEMORIAL GIFT TO LWVDC:

Eileen Bohn was a long time member of the Door County League, moving here in the 60's and getting so involved that by the early 70's she was President of the local chapter. Even in recent years when poor health intervened, not allowing her to be as active, she was always a voice of reason, calmness, and wisdom that could be called upon by current leaders for her flawless judgement and discretion.

When Eileen died in June, her family generously donated money in her memory to establish the Eileen Bohn Speaker Fund. The fund will be used to bring quality speakers to the county each year to speak on issues of importance to League. Eileen was very committed to a wide range of issues and worked hard over the years to promote good government. We are very grateful to her family for helping us continue that work.

- Written by Susan Kohout

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP LETTERS IN THE MAIL: For the League to flourish locally, providing the only non-partisan platform for candidate forums, civic presentations, observer corps, and distribution of voter registration information, it is necessary for us to come to you, our members and friends, once a year. When our donation request letter arrives in your inbox, please think of the services LWVDC delivers. We have no paid staff or office location, so zero dollars are spent on administration. Every donation goes directly to our education and information distribution efforts. Thank you.

THANKS TO THIRD AVENUE PLAYHOUSE FOR THEIR DONATION!

LWVDC was honored to be selected as the non-profit organization to receive a portion of the opening night receipts for "Patio/Porch" in May. We are deeply grateful to Third Avenue Playhouse for giving back to the community in this way.

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http://www.lwvwi.org/Portals/0/VotingElections/PDFS/GeneralVoterPhotoIDFactSheet_2016REV.pdf

Confusion reigns after court challenges and reversals. This link gives you the complete list of what voter identification documents will be accepted on November 8.

POVERTY STUDY UPDATE: Chaired by LWVDC secretary Susie Kohout, eight individuals gathered on August 22 to discuss the real-but-often-unseen issue of poverty in Door County. There may be opportunity to partner with one or more organizations to explore more deeply how the League could help bring clarity and progress toward alleviating the problems faced by families and individuals all around us. If you are interested in being part of this effort, please email lwvdcprez@gmail.com. This newsletter will have periodic updates about the Poverty Study effort.

FROM OUR FRIENDS AT THE CLIMATE CHANGE COALITION:

Tyler Huebner, executive director of RENEW Wisconsin, will speak on "Renewable Energy for a Stronger Wisconsin" for the September program of the Climate Change Coalition of Door County. The program will begin at 7 pm Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 10341 Water St., Ephraim (the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship). It is free and open to the public.



RENEW Wisconsin is a state-based renewable energy advocacy nonprofit focused on advancing wind, solar, bioenergy, hydropower, and smart energy usage. In 2015, Huebner was named among the Midwest Energy News' "40 Under 40" recognizing 40 of the best clean energy leaders under age 40 from throughout the Midwest.

Huebner's talk will highlight the state's growing solar energy market and how wind power and farm digesters can also be harnessed to strengthen Wisconsin.

"CRUCIAL CONVERSATIONS" PROGRAM SCHEDULED BY DOOR COUNTY CIVILITY PROJECT: On September 22 and 23, the DC Civility Project has planned a workshop entitled "Tools for Talking When the Stakes Are High". The cost is \$50 to cover books and supplies. If you are involved with a local non-profit organization interested in learning more, please email dccivilityproject@gmail.com

LEAGUE NOTES:

1. Our next Board meeting is Thursday, September 8, 8am, at JAK's Place, corner of 8th Avenue & Egg Harbor Road, Sturgeon Bay. Members are welcome to attend.
2. A calendar of events to be held after the election on November 8 will be in the October newsletter as well as on our website and Facebook "Events" pages. We are excited about new partnerships as well as moving around the county for these programs.
3. Is there an issue that YOU would like to see explored, either something local or national? We're always appreciative of ideas from fellow members and friends so please send a suggestion to lwvdcprez@gmail.com



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