

# LWV DC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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## SUCCESSFUL LWV DC ANNUAL MEETING

Thirty-four members and friends of the League were in attendance May 12 for the LWV DC Annual Meeting at Liberty Square. **Krista Grimm**, president of the LWV Lake Michigan Region, (LWV DC is one of 48 member leagues) shared the status of the Great Lakes Restoration Project and how that project has impacted local planning efforts. A Lifetime Membership Certificate was awarded to **Jim Ebbeson** in honor of 50+ years with the LWV. **Linda Thompson** was recognized for editing LWV DC documents the past several years. **Inge Bacon** was recognized for the many years she has served as accountant for the LWV DC. Bylaw revisions were approved by members in attendance; a copy is attached your review. Membership was also informed of policy changes made by the board this year: LWV DC Non-Partisan Policy, LWV DC Voter Service/Candidate Forum Policy, LWV DC Candidate Form Procedures, LWV DC Contact Information & Email Guidelines; all are attached for your review.

## WELCOME LWV DC OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS 2017-2018

**Co-Presidents:** Bailey Koepsel & Shirley Senarighi  
**Co-Vice Presidents:** Pat Scieszinski & Lisa Barnaby  
**Co-Secretaries:** Susan Kohout & Charlynn Hansen  
**Co-Treasurers:** Sandy Brown & **Open Position**  
**Directors:** Barb Graul  
Seth Wiederanders  
Mark Moeller  
Helen Bacon  
Cheryl Bishop

Do you have an interest in bookkeeping and numbers? Please contact [lwvdcprez@gmail.com](mailto:lwvdcprez@gmail.com) if you (or someone you know) would like to work with Sandy as treasurer of the LWV DC. Sandy travels at times and really needs someone to work with her.

All members are welcome to attend any board meeting. The first for 2017-18 is scheduled for Friday, September 8 at 8:15-10:00 a.m. at Sunshine House.

## THANK YOU

**Nancy Fisher** has served the League as president and co-president the past two years. Nancy used her photography skills in regularly documenting League events and activities through great photos.

**Peter Sigmann** has been a board member and treasurer for several years. Peter continues to be a strong leader in all things environmental!

**Inge Bacon** has served the League as our accountant for many years. Many League boards have valued her professional skills!

**Sarah Meredith Livingston** has served the League as a board member; Sarah resigned from the board mid-year as her teaching schedule at UWGB did not allow her to participate regularly.

## COLLABORATIVE LAKE MICHIGAN WATERSHED PROJECT

LWV WI has offered our League the chance to participate in an exciting project that will educate people and help them become more effective stewards in Lake Michigan watersheds in Wisconsin. With financial support from The Brookby Foundation and Freshwater Future, LWV WI and the Lake Michigan Region League (LWV LMR) have teamed up to: 1) update watershed fact sheets that were initially developed by the EPA, and 2) disseminate the fact sheets and conduct activities to educate citizens living in the watersheds. LWV LMR has recruited the experts to update the fact sheets and LWV WI will help local League's in the public education phase. Additional information on this important project will be announced at the LWV WI annual meeting.

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES

### JUNE 6

#### JOIN A BRAINSTORMING SESSION ON THE FUTURE OF THE LEAGUE

Are we a victim of our own success? The League of Women Voters in Door County as well as elsewhere is entering challenging times. As more and more members become active politically as candidates for public office, supporters of candidates and/or political parties, or in other partisan ways, finding members who can do the tremendously important nonpartisan work of the League becomes more and more difficult. How do we survive and thrive as an organization? Join us at a brainstorming session and potluck at Susan Kohout's home on Tuesday, June 6 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP 743-1691 or [lwvdcprez@gmail.com](mailto:lwvdcprez@gmail.com)

Directions:

**From North:** Drive south on 42-57 and cross the **Bay View Bridge**.

**From South:** Drive north on 42-57 about 2 miles into the city limits looking for **County U** on right.

**Then:** Turn onto (**County U**) heading south. Kingdom Hall of the Jehovah's Witnesses will be on the north side of the highway opposite the turn. Drive 3 miles south on **County U/ Claybanks Rd** (it winds around and goes into the country). At **Silverdale Rd.** there are four routes you can take at this intersection: you will turn immediately left onto **Silverdale**. Drive down the hill until the end. Straight ahead will be a driveway. Turn right onto **South Lake Michigan Drive**. Continue through an "S" curve to the first right, which is **Sunrise Shores Rd**. Turn right onto **Sunrise Shores**. We are the third house #2099 (brown ranch).

### JUNE 7

#### "GET TO KNOW THE LEAGUE" - NEW AND EXPERIENCED LWV DC MEMBERS

League leaders will share league history, mission, and current activities at WISDOM WEDNESDAY AT NORTHERN DOOR YMCA on Wednesday, June 7, 10:00–11:00 a.m. You do not need to be a YMCA or LWV DC member to attend, and no RSVP is necessary. It will be a great way to learn about how the LWV functions. Those interested in continuing the conversation will meet for an early lunch at The Cookery after the YMCA session. Join us!

### JUNE 9 & 10

#### STATE LWV WI ANNUAL MEETING IN GREEN BAY

Join other Door County League members at the 2017 LWV WI Annual Meeting, June 9-10 in Green Bay. League members from across the state will come together to adopt new program priorities, elect new leaders and adopt a budget to ensure success and impact in the coming year. The theme is **SAFEGUARDING DEMOCRACY: Civility, Equity, Community**. Attendance is welcome for Friday evening's dinner and/or for the speaker and

action sessions on Saturday. All activities will be at the Hyatt Regency in Green Bay. Door County members may carpool from the Co-op True Value parking lot on the west side of Sturgeon Bay. **Register by JUNE 1** for the LWV WI annual meeting at: <http://www.lwvwi.org/NewsEvents/2017ANNUALMEETING.aspx>

Call 743-1691 or email [lwvdcprez@gmail.com](mailto:lwvdcprez@gmail.com) if you would like to join the car pool on either or both days from the Co-op True Value parking lot on the west side of Sturgeon Bay.

## **JUNE 28**

### **HELP PLAN SPECIFIC 2017-18 LWV DC PROGRAM ACTIVITIES**

All members are welcome (and encouraged) to help **plan the DC League's calendar of events** for 2017-18 at a **potluck luncheon** on Wednesday, June 28 at 4:30 p.m in the Basement Meeting Room at the Sturgeon Bay Door County Library. We will:

- review topics suggested for discussion throughout this past year
- review state or national activities we may need to participate in (and the timelines for these activities)
- determine "realistic" priorities and committees
- create a tentative calendar of events for the year, and
- enjoy GREAT food and WARM fellowship! It is guaranteed that we will enjoy some laughs!

Plates, napkins, utensils, beverages will be provided. Bring anything you care to share... a casserole, salad, bread, dessert, or maybe chocolate! However, if your time gets tight, don't prepare anything; just come and enjoy being with League-minded people. There is always plenty of food, it is always great fun, and we actually accomplish our tasks! No RSVPs are necessary for this event. If you are not able to attend but have program ideas for the upcoming year, please send a note to [lwvdcprez@gmail.com](mailto:lwvdcprez@gmail.com).

## **SEPTEMBER 8**

### **BOARD ORIENTATION & FIRST MEETING FOR 2017-18**

The first board meeting for 2017-18 will be held on Friday, September 8 at 8:15–10:00 a.m at Sunshine House. This meeting will include an orientation to board roles and responsibilities. As per bylaws, should decisions need to be made prior to that meeting, the executive committee will address them and keep the entire board informed.

## **OCTOBER**

### **LEARNING IN RETIREMENT – NWTC: Exploring the Many Layers of Local Government**

This exploration of local government by the League of Women Voters of Door County will share the mission, challenges, and interactions of the many forms of local government in Wisconsin – county, city, village, town, and school board. The first session will provide an overview and explore the types of questions participants have. Sessions 2-5 will be devoted to panel presentations by elected and appointed officials of each type of local government. Sessions will be held on the five Mondays in October from 10:00-12:00 a.m. Susan Kohout will conduct the class.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION FOR OUR REPRESENTATIVES**

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One complimentary copy of the official Directory of Door County (**a listing of contact information for county, city, village and town officials**) can be picked up at the County Clerk's office at the Door County government building. This directory is also online at the Door County government website:

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