

## LWV DC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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Photo ID is NOT required to vote, as of this mailing!

**Help LWV monitor the November 4 election.** Volunteers are needed, and they do not have to be LWV members. We are seeking volunteers to be the League's eyes and ears at the polls, watching for and reporting any signs of voters feeling disenfranchised or experiencing other problems. You don't have to be a League member to volunteer. More information here: <http://www.lwvwi.org/VotingElections.aspx>

### **Door County LWV supported the mail-in voter registration program!**

The League of Women Voters has a long history of helping voters get registered to vote. This fall LWV DC members were at each of the Door County high schools, NWTC, and the Senior Center to distribute voter registration forms and stamped envelopes addressed to an appropriate town or village clerk and to answer any questions about voter forms and the overall process. Thank you, Shirley and Barb, for coordinating it, and Madeline, Susie K., Cheryl Bishop, Peter S., Annie B., Barb, Mark, Seth, Dawn, and Sandy for volunteering their time at all the venues. If you have questions about registering or voting, go to <https://myvote.wi.gov/>

### **November Roundtable**

The League of Women Voters of Door County meeting in November will focus on a review of two important state positions - Citizen Rights and Equal Rights. Our discussion will take place at a luncheon meeting on Friday, November 21, 11:30am -1:00pm at the Inn at Cedar Crossing. Those in attendance can order lunch off the menu, but please RSVP attendance to Barb Graul at 743-6842 or [tgraul@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tgraul@sbcglobal.net) The RSVP is very important for table set up at the Inn. League members and guests are welcome to attend!

The state league legislative committee studied the positions and has given its recommendation to the WI LWV board. You will see the legislative and board recommendations in the following statements. Our group will discuss and then share our feedback to the WI LWV board after this important November meeting. Come and share your opinions! Your local LWV DC board would appreciate good representation from the membership by attending this meeting. Thanks to League members Sandy Brown and Paula Olsen for facilitating the discussion on Equal Rights position! Would anyone be willing to facilitate the discussion on on the Citizen's Rights position? Contact Barb Graul at 743-6842 or [tgraul@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tgraul@sbcglobal.net)

Complete copies of the Citizen's Rights and Equal Rights positions are attached. Please review them prior to the November 21st meeting. At our meeting we will determine if our local league agrees or disagrees with the State Board's recommendations and why! Join us for this lively discussion!

## State LWV recommendations:

**Citizen Rights (includes Individual Liberties, Voting Rights and Right to Privacy in Reproductive Choices)** - The State Board recommends no change to the Citizens Rights positions because of the adequacy and efficacy of the current positions. (See position as attached document.)

**Equal Rights (includes Equal Rights, Sex Equity, Divorce Reform, Marital Property Reform)** - The State Board recommends the proposed updated positions on Social Policy (4 sub-sections) to local Leagues for discussion and recommendation. (See changes in attached position document.)

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**November 1:** "Vote: It Counts!" signs go out. So they are safe from tricksters, please remove signs the day after the election.

**November 4:** VOTE and take a friend!

November 14: Board meeting, 11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Conference Room, Sturgeon Bay Library. You are always welcome to join us!

November 21: 11:30 a.m., Inn at Cedar Crossing, review of LWV-WI positions on equal rights and citizens' rights - a roundtable discussion. Call Barb Graul at 743-6842 or [tgraul@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tgraul@sbcglobal.net) to RSVP.

December 5: 11:30 a.m., Stone Harbor, review of LWV-WI positions Urban issues

December 12: Board meeting, 11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Jane Greene Room, Sturgeon Bay Library. Join us!

Also, see attached planning calendar.

## TERRACYCLE:

Let me know if you need the Sustain Door list again. Ask your nearest LWV Board member if he or she will take your items to the next board meeting, and we will get them to Sustain Door!

If you saw the news article about WRAP, the program to recycle clean, dry plastic bags and film packaging, Target will take them in their plastics recycling bin at the front of their store, so go to <http://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org/s01/s01dropoff.html> to get all the details as to what you can drop off!

We just found out that the UW-extension office will recycle empty Epson ink cartridges.

## FACEBOOK & WEBSITE:

You can follow us on Twitter and Like our Facebook page, too:

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/LWVDoorCounty>

League activities are supported by donations and volunteers. LWV-DC is a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization.

FYI

Contact information for those who represent us:

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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>