

## LWV DC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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**"LIVELY ISSUES SESSION"** - This meeting will be held at the Door County Library - basement meeting area - in Surgeon Bay on **Thursday, January 24th** at 4:30 AM - 6:00 PM . The purpose of this Lively Issues session is planning for the next 1-2 years at the LWV state and national levels, as well as for our League here in Door County. We will have some lite snacks while we engage in our work! Hope you will be able to attend this lively discussion!

### **CIVILITY - WHAT IS NEXT FOR THE LWV DC?**

Many of our League's members have expressed interest in working on some sort of project to improve civility. We are working on a DATE for a committee meeting to be held sometime in late January or February. Please watch for our notice of this meeting and consider attending!

### **OBSERVER CORPS**

Observer corps is actively seeking new volunteers. We now observe Finance, Administration, Law Enforcement Emergency Services, Legislative and Land Conservation committees along with the county board and Sturgeon Bay City Council meetings. If anyone is interested in getting involved, please contact Barb Graul for more info--no obligations connected with the asking--and attending every last meeting is not expected; we are busy people!

### **CLEARING CLASSES**

Thanks to Susan Kohout and Susan McAninch for conducting two Clearing Classes on January 14<sup>th</sup>! The morning session was "Understanding Local Government" and the afternoon session was a viewing of "Patriocracy" followed by discussion.

### **BOARD MEETING**

The January LWV DC Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 18th at 11:30 am at the Sturgeon Bay Library - upstairs conference room. All are welcome!

### **FACEBOOK & WEBSITE**

LWV Door County has a Facebook page! If you also have a Facebook page, you can do a search for LWV Door County. Once on our page you can "like" us and you will then receive our League messages on your Facebook page. Our LWV Door County website address is: <http://doorcounty.wi.lwvnet.org> Save it as a favorite!

### **MEMBERSHIP ROSTER**

The 2012-13 LWV Door County Membership Roster is attached. Please note that we have several new members; last year at this time we had 49 members and there are 56 members on today's roster. Thank you all for your continued interest in the vital work of the League of Women Voters!

### **PAT MILLER MEMORIAL**

The following statement, written by Susie Kohout, contains excerpts from Nomination Form for the Meg McLane Advocacy Award submitted by LWV of Door County - April 2009:

Pat Miller learned advocacy at her father's knee. An advocate for social justice in Milwaukee during and after the Great Depression, he passed on his "passion for doing the right thing."

Whether as the first lay student at the Alverno convent school, creating the first positions in music therapy in Indiana Mental Institutions, or being a pioneer in religious education for the Chicago Catholic Archdiocese, Pat fought an

uphill battle creating places for women. She was an advocate for women's rights, social justice, and good government from her high school days.

Pat joined the Door Property Owners' Organization in Illinois in 1976. Moving to Door County in 1990, she continued working for DPO, joined the League of Women Voters and the Door County Environmental Council, and helped found the Whitefish Bay Neighborhood Property Owner's Association.

A pillar of the Door County League's Voter Service efforts year after year, Pat was best known in the community for her efforts as an observer and advocate for good government. Each month for more than 15 years, she attended approximately eight county government committee meetings, meetings of her town board, town planning committee, local school board and school district committees, as well as meetings of other pertinent governmental bodies.

Pat acquired a vast understanding of the workings of local government - sharing it with others and representing her various groups or herself as needed. She earned the respect of local officials and regular citizens because she was persistent, patient, positive, and a peace maker. Understanding and believing in the basic goodness of all individuals, she built consensus, never alienating people as she strove for greater democracy.