

## LWV DC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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### **ANNUAL MEETING MAY 23rd**

2012-13 has been a very busy and eventful year in many ways for our Door County League. Please come and celebrate our accomplishments this year as well as cast your vote for the program and budget for 2013-2014 year! The highlight of the evening will be a visit from Suffragette Susan B. Anthony (played by local actress Chris Milton) who will help us celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> year as a local League! Please attend! Please consider inviting one or more friends to attend with you! This particular meeting will provide an engaging look at our 60 years as the LWV DC!

This year's event will also have a silent auction. We are NOT soliciting auction items from the community; LWV members are invited to donate items for the auction. Pat McCarty has donated a beautiful piece of art work "Women's Suffrage" by artist... board members have donated hand-made items, baked goods, etc. (A food item could be the actual item or a "promissory note" to provide the items at a mutually agreed upon time.) The funds gathered from the silent auction will be used to provide some seed money for the *Door County Civility Project*.

#### **SCHEDULE:**

Thursday, May 23rd at Mr. G's Supper Club, just south of Jacksonport

5:00 PM – *Registration. Pay for dinner. You can pay dues for 2013-14 at this time.*  
Time to purchase a beverage or cocktail.

5:30 PM - *Annual Meeting*

We are hoping members will arrive to register, obtain beverages, and be ready to begin the business meeting right at 5:30 PM. This will allow us to complete our business in plenty of time for dinner. Please plan to be there; we need a quorum to conduct business.

6:15 PM – *Dinner*

Watch for your invitation to arrive on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The invitation will include dinner options and information concerning how/when to RSVP. Be prepared to pay for your meal when you arrive either by check to LWV Door County or with the correct change.

7:15 – *Program & Silent Auction*

Please consider bringing a guest; we'll keep the business meeting brief! The activities of the evening will provide a great introduction to the LWV DC!

The ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA, PROPOSED PROGRAM, and NOMINATIONS REPORT for 2013-2014 follow.  
The PROPOSED BUDGET for 2013-2014 is attached (excel document).

### **LWV DC ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA:**

Thursday, May 23rd, 2013, 5:30 PM

Mr. G's Supper Club

Call to Order & Introductions

Approval of Minutes of Annual Meeting May 17, 2012

Review Treasurer's Report 2012 -2013

Adoption of Budget 2013 – 2014

Year-End Program Review 2012 – 2013

DC Civility Project Status

Adopt Program for 2013 - 2014

Report of Nominating Committee

Election of Officers for 2013 - 2014

Other business

Review technology resources:

LWV DC website <http://doorcounty.wi.lwvnet.org>

LWV DC yahoo site

LWV DC Facebook page LWV Door County

DC Civility Project website <http://doorcountycivilityproject.org>

Review membership renewal process and form

Announce planning session for 2013 - 2014 Friday, July 19, 11:30 – 1:30 Location TBD

Acknowledgements

Adjourn

Dinner & Program with Suffragette Susan B. Anthony (Chris Milton) & Silent Auction

### **LWV DC Proposed Local Program 2013-2014:**

Voter Service activities:

Encourage active and informed voter participation by holding non-partisan candidate forums

Publicize information on how to register and vote and distributing voter literature; with an emphasis on engaging young people

Open Government activities:

Support videotaping of County Board and county committee meetings

Monitor meetings of local governmental bodies

Monitor compliance with open records and open meeting laws

Community education & advocacy:

Educate and advocate on League positions related to administration of justice, citizen's rights, county government, education, government financing, government structure and procedures, natural resources, social policy, urban policy and other local positions.

Continue roundtable discussions, educational forums, and studies on topics of interest

Support the efforts of the Door County Civility Project

### **PROPOSED LWV DC Officers and Directors 2013 – 2014:**

\*\* Thanks to the nominating committee – Karen Ebbeson, Eileen Bohn and Christine Salmon - for contacting LWV members and creating this slate!

Slate of Officers:

President (one-year term): Sandy Brown

Vice President (one year term): Paula Olsen & Barb Graul

Secretary (two year term): Susan Kohout (first year of two-year term in 2013-2014)

Treasurer (two year term): Dawn Kuelz (completing the second year of two-year term in 2013-2014 for Sandy Brown) *Treasurer will work with Inge Bacon who will handle all financial transactions.*

Slate of Board Directors:

\* Second year of a two-year term in 2013-2014:

Victoria Cerinich (completing this term for Ann Hippensteel)

Madeline Johnson

Susan McAninch

\* First year of a two-year term in 2013-2014:

Shirley Senarighi

Martha Beller

Peter Sigmann

\* Additional LWV members (no more than four) may serve a one-year term as appointed directors on the Board.

Nominating Committee for 2014-15 slate:

Chairperson & board member

Shirley Senarighi

Other non-board members:

Eileen Bohn

Karen Ebbeson

**Meal Options for annual dinner: (all prices include tax, gratuity, and coffee)**

6 oz. Filet with baked potato \$23.00

Chicken Marsala with wild rice \$17.00

Jacksonport Pesto - mushrooms, onions, & artichokes with homemade pesto cream sauce over penne pasta \$19.00

Salad of spring greens & romaine lettuce, dried cherries, walnuts, & balsamic vinaigrette dressing \$11.00

**RSVP by Thursday, May 16, to [lwvdcprez@gmail.com](mailto:lwvdcprez@gmail.com) or 743-1691 with name/s and meal choice/s! Again, please consider bringing a friend!**

**PLANNING POTLUCK:**

All members are welcome to help plan the LWV DC's calendar of events for 2013-14 at a potluck luncheon on Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM at a location to be determined. Please mark your calendars! More information will be in the next Membership Update.

**SUSTAINABILITY FAIR:**

Thanks to LWV members Susie Kohout, Sany Brown, and Shirley Senarighi for hosting a booth at the Sustainability Fair this Saturday, April 27, 10 am – 4 pm at Graham Park and Martin Parks in Sturgeon Bay. Sustain Door sponsors the Fair in cooperation with the Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership. There will be a specific presentation by Paul Tukey, North America's leading advocate for natural lawn care who will share basic steps needed to achieve a beautiful landscape naturally. This presentation will be at 1:30 PM in Martin Park. Stop in to hear the presentation and/or visit the many booths of information on display!

**SAFE LAWNS OF DOOR COUNTY:**

Hear Paul Tukey of SAFELAWNS address the hazards of lawn care products that imperil health and explore the benefits of non-toxic lawn care products as well as safe and equally beautiful alternatives on Friday, April 26 at 7 pm at Crossroads at Big Creek.

**TROLLEY RIDE TO VOTE WITH 18 YEAR OLDS!**

Thanks to LWV members Betsy Williamson, Sandy Brown and Shirley (and Rudy) Senarighi for accompanying Sturgeon Bay High School 18-year-old students on the Door County Trolley to the polls on the April 2<sup>nd</sup> election day. The trolley picked them up at the high school and delivered them to the three Sturgeon Bay city polling stations. Students voted, many for the first time, enjoyed a bag lunch provided by the Sturgeon Bay PTG, and then were picked up by the trolley and brought back to the school. LWV members enjoyed their interactions with our youngest voters!

**CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!**

**SANDY BROWN**

Congratulations to LWV member Sandy Brown on her nomination for the Golden Heart Volunteer Life Time of Service Award. Winner of that award and several other awards will be announced at the 11th annual Golden Heart Volunteer Celebration on Thursday, April 25th at Stone Harbor Resort. Sandy was nominated by the Door County PFLAG

organization for founding the organization, being the president for most of its years, and being a steadfast, long-term supporter and advocate to the GLBT community and its allies.

## **ESTELLA LAUTER**

Congratulations to LWV member Estella Lauter on her appointment as Door County Poet Laureate for 2013 – 2015 at the March 26 meeting of the Door County Board of Supervisors. The position was established in Oct. 2010; Francis May, honored posthumously, was selected as the first county poet laureate. Lauter follows Barbara Larsen of Sister Bay, the first living person to be appointed. Estella's published works include *The Essential Rudder: North Channel Poems* and *Pressing a Life Together by Hand*. Her work also appears regularly in editions of the *Wisconsin Poets' Calendar* and *Peninsula Pulse*. She is readying a manuscript for publication about Mexican visual artist Remedios Varo (1908-1963), *Transfigurations: Re-imagining Remedios Varo*, scheduled for release in August.