

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS / DOOR COUNTY

NOVEMBER 2015 UPDATE

Hello, League members and friends. The Board will meet on Friday, Nov. 11 at 11:00am at the DC Library, Jane Greene Room. Members are always welcome to be in the audience.

On Tuesday, Nov. 3, Barb Graul, Dawn Vandevort, and Nancy Fisher will be at NWTC for a lunch and learn with students. County Clerk Jill Lau assisted Barb and Susie Kohout to put together a very informative PowerPoint covering the basics of civic responsibility, a foundation of election terms and procedures, and of course, what's required to register.

There are several immediate opportunities for you to join us for important discussions, and then there are events planned for early 2016 where you may be able to contribute time and ideas.

CONSTITUTIONAL STUDY PLANS

The following dates and times are confirmed for the November and December sessions at which the LWV DC will focus on the Constitutional Amendment Study. The national LWV "Constitutional Amendment" study focuses on the process of amending the U.S. Constitution. Part I of our study develops guidelines for evaluating constitutional amendment proposals. Part II looks at aspects of an Article V Constitutional Convention that may be important in conducting such a Convention. Part III relates to how the League might put these guidelines into practice and asks two overall balancing questions between process and positions. Our local committee is trying to make this important study 'participant friendly'. Come share your views! <http://forum.lwv.org/category/member-resources/our-work/constitutional-amendment-study>

This is complex and broad subject requiring two sessions to fully examine and prepare to reply to the national organization. We appreciate the responses to the Google survey to determine the best time for the majority.

Thursday, November 19 4:30 - 6:00 pm
Jane Green Room DC Library in Sturgeon Bay

Friday, December 11 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Jane Green Room DC Library in Sturgeon Bay. Bring your own bag lunch.

SENIOR CENTER HELP NEEDED FOR VOTER REGISTRATION

The Senior Center has requested that our league set up a consistent time (preferably Thursday's during lunch) to be at the center to help individuals to fill out forms for Wisconsin Photo ID--some may need to apply for free birth certificates. We will also help those who already have photo ID's but need to register either for the first time in Wisconsin or because they have moved since the last election.

Volunteers need to know that the instructions on the form as for legible printing in CAPITAL letters. We have Plat books to help locate their voting district. Please contact Barb Graul to volunteer--you do not need to be available every Thursday, a rotating schedule would be great. Thank you! ([743-6842](tel:743-6842)).

HIGH SCHOOL VOTER REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE

At the other end of the age spectrum, progress is being made to ensure that each high school in Door County is visited by the League to inform and sign up new voters. Thanks to Susie Kohout, Madeline Harrison, and Dawn Vandevort for setting up this plan: We will be at a different high school each day during "President's Week", the week of February 15, 2016. The League is in touch with the high school administrators to enable us to be effective and efficient. A three hour commitment for one day is what we are asking. Which school location would be best for you? Gibraltar, Sevastopol, Southern Door, Sturgeon Bay? (Washington Island does their own voter information very well.)

CLASS at THE CLEARING

Over the years, League has sponsored a course on Local Government in Door County in The Clearing in Winter program which has run every few years. It has been a very enjoyable experience for the members who have presented it, but new ideas and new faces are needed. We are looking for members who are interested in brainstorming a revitalizing of the course. Volunteers would be working with members who have already done this to expand and/or re-imagine the course. If you are interested, contact Susan Kohout (743-1527).

Happy Thanksgiving to all.
Nancy Fisher, Co-President