

**LWV DC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE
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JANUARY 17 LWV Event

Join League of Women Voters of Door County members as they discuss issues of importance! All are welcome to this roundtable luncheon scheduled for Wednesday, January 17th 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM at Stone Harbor. Attendees can order off the lunch menu. However please confirm plans to attend to LWV DC Co-presidents at lwvdcprez@gmail.com or 743-1691 by Tuesday, January 16th so the restaurant staff can prepare for the correct number of people.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED! WATER PROJECT – Door County Community Foundation
Door County Community Foundation (DCCF), inspired by Dan Egan's book *The Life and death of the Great Lakes*, is planning a yearlong campaign to "celebrate water." Dan is the son of one of the board members of DCCF.

Details are in the planning stage, but it is tentatively kicking off in June 2018 and concluding in June 2019. The first third of the activities and events will focus on interaction with the arts community in an attempt to attract and involve people not normally involved with the issue of clean water. The second third will include speakers such as Dan Egan and others to share information on the topic. The final third of the year will feature activities and events intended to encourage advocacy on water issues.

Bret Bicoy indicated that a League member would be welcome to sit in on and be a part of planning meetings. Contact LWV DC Co-presidents at lwvdcprez@gmail.com or **743-1691** if you would represent us.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! ACTION CHAIR OR CO-CHAIR

The mission of LWV is to influence public policy. It attempts to do so in a variety of ways such as helping voters learn about candidates, helping citizens exercise their right to vote, and encouraging people to run for office. Another vital aspect of that mission is to advocate on issues which have been studied and on which League has a position.

Without active advocacy, League simply loses its opportunity to have an impact on the kinds of laws and regulations that are passed. The Door County League has not had an action chairperson for some time. While others have tried to help while doing other jobs, League has been unable to be as effective in advocating as they might have been.

Action Chair or Co-Chair is a job that can be done in cooperation with others – a type of coordinator. It is a fascinating job, much of which can be done from home.

Consider learning more about this vital role by **contacting LWV DC Co-presidents at lwvdcprez@gmail.com or 743-1691**. Members interested will have a chance to have coffee with experienced members to determine if they wish to be involved in this job.

WILL YOU JOIN OUR LEAGUE'S OBSERVER CORP?

Thank you to Helen Bacon for coordinating the LWV DC Observer Corps. Several league members are already observers of local governmental meetings. **Would you consider joining them?** Each observer corps volunteer "adopts" a board or committee and attempts to attend many of this group's meetings. Other League members occasionally serve as a "substitute observer." Observer Corps members identify themselves at meetings by wearing League of Women Voters pins. We believe there are benefits not only to the observers, our organization, and the community, but also to the

governmental board or committee being observed as well. Our role is to gather information about what the governmental body is doing and the issues facing our community. **Email your interest to lwvdcprez@gmail.com or phone 920-743-1691.**

JANUARY 25 & FEBRUARY 8

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD! How to Advocate Effectively

Have you wanted to communicate with your elected officials but hesitate to do so? Many of us procrastinate to write or call and then find we are too late to make a difference. This workshop may be of help t us!

In collaboration with the Door County Civility Project and the League of Women Voters of Door County, Write On presents a series of sessions designed to give you effective strategies to communicate your requests, opinions, and concerns with your elected representatives. This isn't just about voicing strong opinions through letters to the editor – it's much, much more! As important as *what* you do, *how* you do it can make a huge difference as to whether or not your message is really listened to, read, and understood in order to make the impact you want.

While you will learn quick tips on how best to be heard by elected officials, you'll also have time to identify an issue of concern, who you want to influence, and what you want to accomplish. Then, you will begin a draft of communication to an elected representative – script for a phone call, postcard, email or letter to an elected official or to the editor to inform the public of your concern.

Four sessions will be held throughout Door County, with facilitators from the Civility Project, League of Women Voters, and Write On. *You may attend one or more of these FREE workshop sessions.*

Thursday, January 25, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Door County Library, Sturgeon Bay
Thursday, February 8, 4:00-5:30 pm Egg Harbor Town Hall, Carlsville

Register for a workshop by contacting Write On, Door County at writeondoorcounty.org.

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