

LWV DC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE – October 16, 2018

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VOTE ON NOVEMBER 6!

Do you live in a district with a school referendum?

Gibraltar, Sevastopol, and Southern Door School districts have referendum questions on the November 6 ballot. If you live in one of these districts, it's time to collect information in order to vote wisely. Watch for presentations, mailings from your district, and the media to become informed, or call your local district office with questions.

Link to candidate forums on League website and Facebook page

If you missed the forum for Door County sheriff, state senator, or state assembly, you can view it on the League website <http://www.leagueofwomenvotersdoorcounty.org/candidate-forums.html> or Facebook page links or on <https://youtu.be/ckwJtTaUGRc>.

Time to put out those “Vote! It Counts!” signs? Almost, but not quite!

- If you do not have a candidate sign in your yard and plan to put out a “Vote! It Counts!” sign, **please wait until Thursday, November 1 - the day after Halloween.** The goblins sometimes make off with or damage the signs.
- Because the league has studied and supports adequate school funding, the Vote sign can be placed with a sign in favor of school funding. Contact Barb Graul at 743-6842 to get a Vote sign.

Thanks to all those voter service volunteers!

A big thank you to members who donated time and talent this election season. The forums and voter registration assist events are an important part of the League mission to educate citizens and facilitate their participation in the democratic process. It takes many hands to do this. Thank you, thank you!

Mark your calendars for upcoming League events.

Saturday, November 3, 9:00 AM to Noon at the Kress Pavilion, Egg Harbor

Eileen Bohn Speaker Series: Racial Disparities in Wisconsin and Here in Door County: What Do We Know, and What Are We Doing About Them? (Flyer attached.)

- Racial disparities exist everywhere in our country and state – even in places like Door County. Michelle Robinson and Erica Nelson from the Dane County “Race to Equity” Project (www.racetoequity.net) will discuss how health, education, economic security, justice, child welfare, and community context are all impacted by racial disparity, from the state to the local level.
- Following their presentation, a panel of local community leaders will discuss challenges in Door County, including how these issues are currently being addressed. This eye-opening presentation will further the ongoing discussions of our community-wide efforts to improve the quality of life for everyone who lives in Door County and beyond.
- Eileen Bohn Speaker Series: Eileen was a long-time member of the Door County League, moving here in the 60’s and getting so involved that by the early 70’s she was President of the local chapter. Even when health intervened, no longer allowing her to be as active, she was always a voice of reason, calmness, and wisdom that could be called upon by current leaders for her flawless judgement and discretion. When Eileen died, her family generously donated money in her memory to establish the Eileen Bohn Speaker Fund. The fund is being used to bring quality speakers to the county each year to speak on issues of importance to League. Eileen was very committed to a wide range of issues and worked hard over the years to promote good government. We are very grateful to her family for helping us continue that work.
- Volunteers needed to bring baked goods, fruit, or cheese and crackers to this event! Contact Helen Bacon hlbacon55@hotmail.com for more information and to volunteer.

Thursday, November 29, 5:00 to 6:30 PM at Stone Harbor, Sturgeon Bay

Voting Security in Door County: Talking with the County Clerk, Jill Lau

- Did our votes count and are our voting machines accurate, at least here in Door County? Following the election, Jill Lau will update us on “how it went” this election year and provide her perspective and insights regarding election security. Jill has been active with the state County Clerks Association and is the official trainer for local election officials.

Thursday, December 13, 5:00 to 6:30 PM at Baileys Harbor Cornerstone Pub

What’s a Municipality and Why Should We Care?

- Do you know why there so many divisions of local government? How did they come about and what does each do? Do we really need them all? Susan Kohout will share an interesting overview of the many forms of local government in Wisconsin – county, city, village, town, and school board.

Wednesday, January 9, 7:00 PM at Crossroads at Big Creek, 2041 Michigan St., Sturgeon Bay

“Saving Snow” – cosponsored with the Climate Change Coalition of Door County

- The disappearing snow season due to warmer winters is more than just a frustration for the millions of Americans who enjoy winter sports. It means lost income for the many towns and small businesses that depend on winter tourism and recreation to stay afloat. Winter professional athletics, even the Winter Olympics, are affected.
- **“Saving Snow”** focuses on people coming to terms with these changes, financially and emotionally. But it also presents solutions. The film highlights determined individuals and organizations who are working to reduce their communities’ impacts on the environment and to raise awareness of the need for action.
- Film maker Diogo Freire says, “I want people to see that climate change is not a distant problem. It’s happening now, and it’s affecting people’s lives. But more than that, I want them to understand there are things they can do about it. There are lots of people out there working on solutions.”

Tuesday, January 15, 5:00 to 6:30 PM at Samuelson Creek/White Birch Inn, 1009 S. Oxford St., Sturgeon Bay

“Lively Issues”

- Warm up in the cold winter: Come to have a broad discussion of the “hot topics” of the day, be it local or national. This yearly event is always interesting and well attended.
- “Lively Issues” is one step in the process of developing what League program will be for the following year at the local, state, or national level. We will decide as a group which topic is “most lively” and have some good, civil conversation.

Start reading now!

Get your copy of ***The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America*** by Richard Rothstein in preparation for a March book discussion, cosponsored by the Door County Library.

And then there is the money...Finance Drive is underway.

Earlier this month you will have received a letter asking for donations to help fund League activities. This is a crucial part of determining what events we can hold, how much we can accomplish, and how widely we can broadcast our message and information through videotaping and social media.

You can help us by donating, but also by sending us the names and addresses of other members of our community that you believe might support the work that we do.

Do you have hazardous waste that needs to be disposed? The county is holding a free “collections event”:

- Friday, November 2, 3:30 to 5:30 PM at the Sister Bay/Liberty Grove Fire Station, 2258 Mill Road, Sister Bay
- Saturday, November 3, 8:00 to 10:00 AM at the Door County Highway Department, 1001 S. Duluth Avenue, Sturgeon Bay
- See attached flyer for more information.

Wondering who else is a member of League?

A current membership list of the Door County LWV is attached. Carpool to the next event and bring a prospective new member!