

**LWV DC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**  
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**NOVEMBER 3 & 15, 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 to 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.*

Friday, November 3, 10:00-11:30 a.m.	Forestville Town Hall, 7705 Co Rd H Sturgeon Bay (note this is the town hall not the village hall)
Wednesday, November 15, 1:30-3:00 p.m.	Scandia Village, Sister Bay
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](http://writeondoorcounty.org).**

**NOVEMBER 9 & 10**

**LEARN ABOUT THE LEAGUE'S VOTER SERVICE ACTIVITIES!**

Learn about the LWV DC Voter Service programs at one of two sessions scheduled as follows:

**Dinner & Learn** - Thursday, November 9, 4:30-6:00 p.m. Stone Harbor Order off the menu.  
**Lunch & Learn** - Friday, November 10, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Bjorklunden, 7590 Boynton Lane, Baileys Harbor Bring your own bag lunch; beverages will be provided.

The League is dedicated to ensuring that all eligible voters – particularly those from traditionally underrepresented or underserved communities, including first-time voters, non-college youth, new citizens, minorities, the elderly and low-income Americans – have the opportunity and the information to exercise their right to vote. We understand that the leaders we elect make the decisions that affect us – our job, health care, energy costs, security and more. The League encourages and helps eligible voters to get registered, get to know the candidates and issues, and get out and vote.

In order to accomplish this, we need MANY LWV members involved in planning and implementing voter service activities. Come learn about all the ways you can volunteer in planning or implementing a voter registration support activity or candidate forum. No one LWV member can do it all, but if many can do even one piece, we will be able to accomplish so much. **RSVPs are appreciated; email [lwvdcprez@gmail.com](mailto:lwvdcprez@gmail.com) or phone 920-495-6156.**

Voter Service activities include:

- Conducting voter registration support
- Encouraging young people to register and vote - birthday cards about voter registration to 18 year-olds
- Distributing election information on all aspects of voting
- Conducting local candidate forums
- Providing information on "How to Run for Public Office"
- Conducting "Get out the Vote" campaigns



## **NOVEMBER 29**

**LWV DC BOARD MEETING 4:00 p.m.** Upstairs Meeting Room, Sturgeon Bay Branch of the Door County Library. All are welcome!

## **DECEMBER 15**

### **LUNCH & BOOK DISCUSSION - *EVICTED***

As the days get shorter and there is more time to curl up with a good book, consider reading *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*, a Pulitzer Prize winning book by Matthew Desmond. This book has come to our attention as a thought-provoking discussion of housing issues in Milwaukee. This book follows the lives of eight families struggling to keep a roof over their heads.

Consider reading *Evicted*, and then join others in discussing the book at the December 15 Lunch and Learn at 11:00 a.m. at Sturgeon Bay Branch of the Door County Library. Bring your own bag lunch; beverages will be provided. There are multiple copies of *Evicted* available through the library, as well as e-books and audiobooks available in downloadable media. **RSVPs are appreciated; email [lwvdcprez@gmail.com](mailto:lwvdcprez@gmail.com) or phone 920-495-6156.**

### **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](mailto:lwvdcprez@gmail.com) or phone 920-495-6156.**

### **LWV DC NEEDS AN ACTION CHAIR**

This job is to oversee the process of taking action by the LWV DC. It is a matter of working with the member who refers an issue, the Observer Corp Coordinator, the League president, and/or other members of the board to determine:

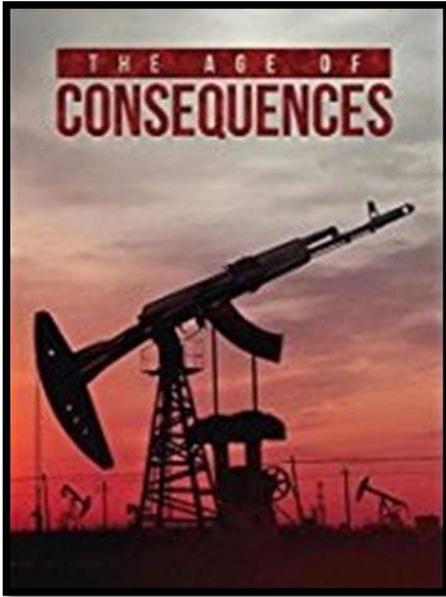
- 1) Whether action can be taken
- 2) What type of action might be taken
- 3) Preparation of testimony or letter
- 4) Implementation of the action
- 5) Maintaining a record of the action

Actual researching of an issue, creation of testimony or letter, and/or delivery of the action may be accomplished by others under the direction of the Action Chair. Email [lwvdcprez@gmail.com](mailto:lwvdcprez@gmail.com) or phone 920-495-6156 if you can help the LWV DC in this way.

The League promotes government openness, transparency and accountability as vital to a healthy democracy. Our Observer Corps and Action efforts help us achieve this goal. Come learn more about it! **RSVPs are appreciated for these events; email [lwvdcprez@gmail.com](mailto:lwvdcprez@gmail.com) or phone 920-495-6156.**

## **CLIMATE CHANGE COALITION ACTIVITY**

The Climate Change Coalition of Door County will screen the documentary *The Age of Consequences*, which examines climate change from a military and security perspective, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, at Bjorklunden, 7590 Boynton Lane, Baileys Harbor. The program is free and open to the public.



*The Age of Consequences* explores how climate change influences national security, affecting our military and global conflicts around the world. Through interviews with military personnel, intelligence officials and security experts, the film shows, for instance, how historic droughts in the Middle East led to migration, which led to destabilization, which led, in part, to the Arab Spring.

Combining real world testimony with scientific facts, this documentary illuminates parts of the world currently living with the everyday consequences of climate change and shows how extreme weather breeds chaos, resource scarcity, unprecedented waves of refugees and political turmoil.

The film is a compelling reminder that concern for the environment is not a left-vs-right issue. It was Ronald Reagan, after all, who said, "Preservation of our environment is not a liberal or conservative challenge, it's common sense."

## **CONTACT INFORMATION FOR OUR REPRESENTATIVES**

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