

**LWV DC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**  
**September 2017**  
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**LEARN ABOUT OBSERVER CORP AND ACTION WITH THE LEAGUE!**

**Thursday, 9/28 & Friday, 9/29**

Learn about the LWV DC Observer Corps and how and when the LWV DC takes action or advocates on issues at one of two sessions scheduled as follows:

Snack & Learn - Thursday, September 28, 4:30-6:00 p.m. at Bjorklunden, Lawrence University near Baileys Harbor. No RSVP needed.

Lunch & Learn - Friday, September 29, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Stone Harbor in Sturgeon Bay, RSVP at [lwvdcprez@gmail.com](mailto:lwvdcprez@gmail.com) or 920-495-6156.

Several league members have volunteered to be 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. We also learn *how* issues are being addressed.

The LWV DC takes action only when warranted and supported by previously determined League positions. Come learn what “taking action” might entail. Action might include holding public informational meetings, submitting media releases and letters to the editor, observing governmental units, contacting elected officials, and testifying in various ways.

**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.**

**LWV DC BOARD MEETING**

**Wednesday, October 25**, 4:00 p.m. Upstairs Conference Room, Door County Library in Sturgeon Bay

**DISCUSSION OF CURRENT JUDICIAL ISSUES**

**OCTOBER 26**

All are welcome to join the discussion of current judicial issues, including the War on Drugs, mental illness in jails and prisons, sentencing reform, and how current policies affect children and youth in our community on

**Thursday, October 26, at 4 p.m. at the Sturgeon Bay Library.** We will review current League positions on these topics, discuss what local officials have to say on the matter, and brainstorm to develop priorities. Join us for this free and open discussion.

## **FINANCE DRIVE SUPPORT**

Thanks to Susan Kohout for coordinating our League's finance drive for six years. She is turning the role over to someone else for next year. Activities can be completed on your schedule and at your home.

This job requires the maintaining of three spreadsheets:

- List of Donors - Historical to present
- List of Donors - Email & snail mail for the current year
- List of Snail Mail Donors for current year - used for preparation of mailing labels

It also includes collecting (not producing) and having the following materials available for preparing for distribution:

- League envelopes
- Small return envelopes
- Finance Drive letter
- Insert for returning with donation check
- Stamps
- Mailing labels

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## **CLIMATE CHANGE COALITION ACTIVITIES**

- 1) Attached is a registration form for the Educator Workshop on Teaching Climate Science to be held on Saturday, October 7, 2017, at Crossroads at Big Creek, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. This event is sponsored by Climate Change Coalition of Door County, Crossroads at Big Creek, and the American Meteorological Society Atmospheric Education Program. Please share with your friends and family involved in education.
- 2) Lee E. Frelich, Ph.D. director of the University of Minnesota Center for Forest Ecology, will speak on "How the Lowly Earthworm Becomes a Climate Villain" for the Climate Change Coalition of Door County's October 9 program at Crossroads at Big Creek, 2041 Michigan St., Sturgeon Bay. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. It is free and open to the public. Details are attached.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO DOOR COUNTY CIVILITY PROJECT**

The Door County Civility Project was one of five organizations and individuals that received a 2017 Friends of Education Awards during the State of Education address September 21 in Madison. "The willingness of those who volunteer to mentor our youth, develop their cultural roots, and give them solid foundations for becoming civic-minded adults means so much to our kids and the future of Wisconsin," said State Superintendent Tony Evers in congratulating the 2017 Friends of Education. "These organizations and individuals make outstanding contributions to support children and young adults in our state."

Since 2013, the DC Civility Project has been working to strengthen the culture of civility within homes, neighborhoods, workplaces, churches, civic organizations, and government bodies in Door County. Through multiple presentations, trainings, newspaper articles, and distribution of educational resources, the project has promoted "Speak Your Peace," using the nine simple tools for practicing civility: pay attention; listen closely; be inclusive; don't gossip; show respect; be agreeable; apologize sincerely; give constructive comments, suggestions and feedback; and accept responsibility. Beginning in 2015, Civility Project volunteers worked with Southern Door County School District staff to develop Speak Your Peace activities to promote a culture of civility within schools and prepare students for future civil engagement. The Civility Project's work has resulted in a variety of high school student-led publications on civility, such as poetry anthologies, class projects, and

musical performances. Accepting the Friend of Education award for the Door County Civility Project were Steve Bousley, Shirley Senarighi, Diane Slivka, Patti Vickman, Sue Today, and Mark Nelson.

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