

2019 **IMPACT** SNAPSHOT

League of Women Voters of Milwaukee County

WE DEFEND voting rights and the integrity of the election process.

The League of Women Voters at all levels -- local, state and national -- has been outspoken in defense of citizens' voting rights, fair elections, and government transparency. We make our voice heard in several ways: press conferences and media interviews; contact with lawmakers through action alerts to members and supporters; testimony at public hearings; litigation. And, of course, League members are out in full force on election days, serving as poll workers and election observers.



WE ADVOCATE for public policies that improve our communities.

As a nonpartisan, grassroots organization, we study important public policy issues and advocate for policies that serve the public interest. We present forums, free and open to the public, about important topics. Recent presentations: Immigration Policies; An Update on the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA); Abolish the Electoral College; Lead Poisoning Issues. Even in these hyper-partisan times, the League dismisses partisan labels in order to provide objective, dispassionate policy analysis and focus on issues, not political parties or ideologies. We maintain our integrity by adhering to strict nonpartisanship.

WE EDUCATE citizens about voter registration and changing election laws.

In 2019, we conducted 258 Voter Services events, having conversations with and providing registration and voting information to over 12,402 individuals. 2,846 individuals were registered at those events. In 2019, 348 League and community member League volunteers (unduplicated) participated in the voter education and registration events conducted by our four Voter Services Teams and our Waukesha Branch: High Schools (64 events); Community including Public Libraries (33 events); Comité por el Voto Latino (26 events); Naturalization (124 events); Waukesha (6 events).

Voter Services focused on training in 2019 to expand individual and community capacity to register to vote and to have the information and tools needed to vote. Our High School Team trained 262 high school students in using the online voter registration system and how to plan and implement voter registration drives and activities among their peers. The Online Voter Registration training team conducted 15 training sessions for 179 individuals at monthly sessions and at community based organizations. We also serve voters by conducting candidate forums and by publishing a voter guide electronically. In 2019, the LWV-Wisconsin redesigned the My Vote card that our League had developed so that it could be used in English and Spanish by all Wisconsin leagues. Our Voter Services teams are able to provide voter education and registration to diverse groups in our community because of the partnerships we had during 2019 with 45 organizations and institutions.

WE ENGAGE citizens in democracy and our members in League activities.

There are many ways to engage with LWVMC: member orientations; public forums and follow-up discussions; committees; social gatherings; Lunch & Learn - a lunch-hour series of brief, informative meetings on various topics; League Café - an informal forum for members to meet and get to know each other better while discussing events, issues and books of interest. Or connect with us on our website and through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram (@LWVmilwaukee).



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