LWV The Voter January-February 2020

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MILWAUKEE COUNTY

President's Message

Peggy Creer, LWVMC President

Over the next 300+ days, Wisconsin voters will participate in four statewide elections: February 18; April 7; August 11; November 3. We have our work cut out for us to educate, mobilize and motivate citizens. The need for our services was kicked into high gear by the December 13th court order to purge over 200,000 voters from the rolls -- a stark reminder that the suffrage movement is *still important!*

League members can perform a valuable public service simply by spreading the word that voters should check their registration status at myvote.wi.gov, or by contacting their municipal clerk. The website will indicate whether a voter was sent a letter by the WI Elections Commission to verify their address. Because this purge could potentially affect about 10 percent of City of Milwaukee voters, it is important that residents check their status, and re-register if necessary, before the next election on February 18 in order to avoid lines at their polling location on election day.

It was frustrating to see the League of Women Voters referred to as a "liberal group" in news coverage of the lawsuit over the voter purge, and we have contacted news editors to defend our strict nonpartisanship (link to my letter here). All this comes as we are in the midst of making plans this year to celebrate a century of effective nonpartisan advocacy!

There is much work to do in 2020 related to elections and to our centennial activities. If you'd like to become more involved in LWV work, watch the bi-weekly emailed Updates to learn about volunteer opportunities, or contact our Member Engagement Coordinators directly (see article on page 6). All of our accomplishments are the result of the work of dedicated volunteers.

We are part of something momentous. I look forward to a productive -- and fun! -- year as we work together to carry out the LWV mission to empower voters and defend democracy.

In League,

Peggy

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JANUARY 2020 CALENDAR

6	Monday	5:15pm	Comité por el voto latino (CVL)/Latinx Voter Outreach Milwaukee Public Library-Mitchell Street Branch 906 W. Mitchell St., Milwaukee, WI Contact: votolatino@lwvmilwaukee.org
7	Tuesday	5:00-6:30pm	OVR Training **RESERVATION REQUIRED** Milwaukee Public Library—Mitchell Street Branch 906 W. Historic Mitchell St., Milwaukee, WI 53216 Contact: lwvmc.voterservices@gmail.com
8	Wednesday	6:30-8:30pm	Board Meeting - LWV Milwaukee County 6737 W. Washington St., West Allis, WI Room 2228 Contact: Peggy Creer peggy.creer@gmail.com
9	Thursday	8:30am-12:30pm	Naturalization/New Voter Registration (2 ceremonies) 517 E. Wisconsin Ave. Courtroom 320 Contact: Mary Jo McDonald newcitizens@lwvmilwaukee.org
9	Thursday	10:00-11:00	International Relations / Great Decisions Discussion Group Wauwatosa Public Library-Firefly Room 7635 W. North Ave. Contact: league@lwvmilwaukee.org
15	Wednesday	11:45am-12:45pm	Lunch and Learn-Sharlen Moore Youth Justice Milwaukee Sojourner Family Peace Center 619 W. Walnut St., Milwaukee Contact: Patricia McFarland mcfarlap@gmail.com
15	Wednesday	6:00pm	Program Making Meeting Location TBD Contact: Kathy Johnson kathy.johnson.65aokl@gmail.com
20	Monday	12:30-2:00pm	Membership Committee Meeting 6737 W. Washington St., West Allis, WI, Room 2216 Contact: Barbara Rasmussen barbararasmussen50@gmail.com
21	Tuesday	6:00-7:50pm	Waukesha County Branch—LWV Milwaukee UWM-Waukesha, 1500 N. University Drive, Room C101 Waukesha, WI **Please note the new address!** Contact: waukesha@lwvmilwaukee.org
22	Wednesday	6:00-7:30pm	Natural Resources Committee Location TBD Contact : Louise Petering l.petering14@gmail.com or Ann Batiza annwisc@gmail.com
23	Thursday	8:30 - 12:30pm and 1:30 - 3:30pm	Naturalization Ceremony/New Voter Registration (3 ceremonies) 517 E. Wisconsin Ave. Courtroom 320 Contact: Mary Jo McDonald newcitizens@lwvmilwaukee.org
24	Friday	10:00am	League Café 6737 W. Washington Street, West Allis, WI (Glass Patio) Contact: Mary Sussman maryksussman@gmail.com

Correct Answer: A

What was the name of Wisconsin's suffrage association, founded in 1869?

A. Wisconsin Woman Suffrage Association
B. Women for Women's Suffrage
C. Association for the End of Gender Based Suffrage
D. Wisconsin Woman Enfranchisement Association

FEBRUARY 2020 CALENDAR

7	Tuesday	5:00-6:30pm	OVR Training **RESERVATION REQUIRED** Milwaukee Public Library—Martin Luther King Branch 310 W. Locust St., Milwaukee, WI Contact: lwvmc.voterservices@gmail.com
8	Saturday	9:00am-11:45am	Public Issues Forum– Criminal Justice Reform 6737 W. Washington St, Milwaukee, WI (Conference Room) Contact: Mary Sussman maryksussman@gmail.com
9	Sunday	All Day	*The Voter* DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS
9	Sunday	1:30-3:00pm	OVR Training **RESERVATION REQUIRED** Wauwatosa Public Library 7635 W. North Ave., Wauwatosa, WI Contact: lwvmc.voterservices@gmail.com
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13	Thursday	10:00-11:00am	International Relations / Great Decisions Discussion Group Wauwatosa Public Library—Firefly Room 7635 W. North Ave., Wauwatosa, WI Contact: league@lwvmilwaukee.org
16	Sunday	1:00-3:00pm	LWV Centennial Birthday Celebration Waukesha County Historical Society and Museum 101 W. Main St., Waukesha, WI Contact: waukesha@lwvmilwaukee.org
17	Monday	12:30-2:00pm	Membership Committee Meeting 6737 W. Washington St., West Allis, WI, Room 2216 Contact: Barbara Rasmussen barbararasmussen50@gmail.com
18	Tuesday	All Day	**VOTE—Wisconsin Spring Primary Election—VOTE!!!**
18	Tuesday	1:00-2:50pm	Waukesha County Branch—LWV Milwaukee UWM-Waukesha, 1500 N. University Drive, Room C101 Waukesha, WI 53188 **Please note the new address** Contact: waukesha@lwvmilwaukee.org
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The Case of Olympia Brown

Tracie Grube-Gaurkee, Member, LWVMC

Editor's note: The League is fortunate to have in our midst a graduate student studying for her master's degree in history at the University of Nebraska at Kearny. Tracie's thesis looks at the politics of the suffrage movement in Wisconsin and turning suffrage into a war measure during WWI. Look for Tracie's articles and trivia questions in The Voter *throughout this, our centennial year.*

When Wisconsin became a state in 1848, women were not given the right to vote. By 1869, they earned the right to run for school board positions but could still not vote. Over the next two decades, through organization and fight, women gained the right to vote in elections that affected school matters in 1886. The next year, women took to the voting booth with one woman voting her whole ballot. Olympia Brown argued that every race affected schools. The election officials thought differently and rejected her ballot. Brown sued the election officials with the case being first heard in Racine Circuit Court.

In Brown's case, Justice John B. Winslow agreed with her argument noting that elections for city council, mayor, aldermen, and comptrollers affected Racine's schools. Therefore, her ballot should be accepted. The election officials appealed the ruling to the state Supreme Court. In the 1888 case, *Brown v. Phillips*, the circuit court's ruling was overturned. In its ruling, the Court argued that accepting Brown's ballot would have given women the opportunity to continue to vote for all races on the ballot. By doing so, the interpretation of the law would have been correct, but not what the legislature had intended. Adding to this, the Court stated it did not have the authority to extend suffrage as that would be a usurpation of their powers.

Reviewing suffrage measures over the previous years, the Court determined that the legislature did not have the intention of extending full suffrage to women. So, it was decided that women could only vote if school races appeared on a separate ballot, thus attempting to keep women from voting in other races. Lastly, the Court did not give local governments the power to separate ballots, thereby invalidating the law of 1886. This verdict set women's rights back decades as there was no ruling or legislation to compel local governments to offer separate ballots. Not until Robert La Follette, Sr. became governor in 1901 did women become a priority and could again vote for school elections.

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Advocacy Award Goes to LWVMC Member Louise Petering

LWVMC member **Louise Petering** received the 2019 Palleon Advocacy Award from LWV-Lake Michigan Region at their annual meeting in October.

Congratulations, Louise, and thank you for your decades of work on behalf of clean and healthy waters!

Louise is co-chair of our Natural Resources Committee and also serves as vice -president of the LWV-Wisconsin board of directors.

Photo: Louise (holding award) with Krista Grimm, LWVLMR president, and Marge Palleon, LWVLMR board member.

Comité por el voto latino (CVL)/ Latinx Voter Outreach

Eloisa Gómez, Chair

Feliz Año Nuevo-Happy New Year from the CVL-LVO team as we enter an historic year where activism for voter education and registration, support for voter rights and voting in the four upcoming elections can make a difference in local communities and in our country.

The venerable Civil Rights icon, Dolores Huerta, once said, *"Every moment is an organizing opportunity, every person a potential activist, every minute a chance to change the world*." *"Cada momento es una oportunidad de organización, cada persona es un activista potencial, cada minuto una oportunidad de cambiar el mundo."*

I thank all of the CVL-LVO volunteers for past efforts in creating greater community awareness in Milwaukee's Latinx community of their roles and responsibilities in shaping electoral politics and public policy. I look to my CVL-LVO colleagues and the many more we hope to attract in 2020 to embrace Ms. Huerta's wisdom of every-day activism that leads to a stronger democracy.

In 2020, CVL-LVO will deepen its partnerships on Milwaukee's South side with the nonprofits, faith communities, high schools and other groups. In addition, we will further target our voter education marketing to the Latinx Gen Z population.

Our next CVL-LVO meeting is Monday, January 6 at 5:15 p.m. at the Mitchell St. Library, 906 W. Mitchell St. You are welcome to join us.

Meet Our New Member Engagement Team

Peggy Creer, President, LWVMC

Over the past three years, LWVMC membership has grown considerably. This presents a challenge -- one many volunteer organizations would love to have! The challenge: connecting members with meaningful tasks that support the organization's mission. Many LWVMC members have commented that their work with the League is among the most rewarding volunteer experiences they've had. The goal is to share those rewarding experiences with more members!

In order to develop an efficient process for connecting members with volunteer tasks, we have created a Member Engagement Team: **Shirley Halloran**, **Linda Brundage** and **Judy Winn**. They will work with LWVMC committee chairs and other leaders to learn about needed volunteers. Then they will consult the Member Involvement Surveys and otherwise engage with members to match up organizational needs with volunteers' interests and available time.

The League is a great organization for sharing your talents or developing new ones. Training/mentorship is available for all positions and activities. Are you interested in assuming a leadership position within the League? Speak up -- we welcome self-nominations!

Members who have not yet filled out a Member Involvement Survey are invited to do so at the link below (or fill it out again if you haven't done so in the past couple of years). You may contact the Member Engagement Team via email at Volunteer@lwvmilwaukee.org **Member Involvement Survey**

New Members

Shirley Halloran, Member Engagement Team

Joy Adams, St. Francis
Judy Amroze, Milwaukee
Anne Bowe, Milwaukee
Janet Brown, Brookfield
Sally Callan and Patrick Shelble, Milwaukee
Catherine Cooper, Milwaukee
Lisa Clay Foley, Whitefish Bay
LeAnne Fredrick, Oconomowoc
Lisa Goglio-Zarczynski, Milwaukee
Nina Holmquist, Mequon
Holly Kaster, Shorewood
Krystyna Kornilowicz, Milwaukee
Rebecca Morey, West Allis
Candice Owley, Milwaukee
Anne Marie Peterson, Franksville –
Greg, Cherie, Olivia, and Timothy
Meg A. Regner, Wind Lake
Kathleen Rivera and Sally Lewis, Milwaukee
Amy Rovin, Milwaukee
Gail Sahagun, Milwaukee
Kelly Salentine, Wauwatosa
Suzanne Schalig, Brookfield
Maureen Squire, Cedarburg
Marjorie Sutton, Milwaukee
Jean Wells, Brown Deer
Zach Whitney, Milwaukee
Jennifer and Tom Williams, Whitefish Bay
Patrick Williams and Denise Delaney, Milwaukee
Ruth Williams, Milwaukee
Sandra Zellmer, Wauwatosa

We had an opportunity to meet several of these folks at the new member orientation on Sunday, Novmber 17. If you couldn't be there, mark your calendar for Sunday, March 22, 2020, when the next orientation will take place. Check the Milwaukee League's calendar on the website (lwvmilwaukee.org), in the bimonthly *Voter*, and in biweekly Updates emailed on the first and third Thursdays each month.

Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, February 16, 2020** for a celebration of the League's 100th birthday. The event will be held at the Waukesha County Historical Society & Museum, 101 W. Main St., Waukesha, from 1-3 pm. The museum will feature an exhibit titled: Women Earn the Vote: Waukesha's Suffrage Efforts.

Join us for light refreshments and a look back to our founding and a look ahead to our future! More information will be sent via email as the date approaches.

Serve & Learn

Kathy Johnson, Jane of all LWVMC Trades

Serving on LWVMC Board of Directors can sound rather imposing. Many members don't believe they have the skills or knowledge to be a Board Member. But think about the skills and knowledge you needed to do your job. Or the talents and personal assets you possess that make you a valued member of a work team, as a volunteer with other organizations you belong to, or to manage your family and home successfully.

These are the same qualities that can lead to a successful term on LWVMC Board of Directors. These and the willingness to attend monthly Board meetings and engage with other Board members to help direct the important work the League does.

Serving the League on the Board of Directors provides an in-depth education about the League and its work. The LWVMC Nominating Committee is already in the process of recruiting for the position of Second Vice President, VP for Program. That position needs, more than anything, a passion for issues advocacy and a talent for accomplishing goals through others.

In January the committee will begin recruiting for several other Board positions that will open up in July. The slate of nominees for 2020-2022 will be presented at the Annual Meeting in May, 2020.

Please consider joining the board and sharing your interests, skills and thoughts to grow the work of our League: Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.

Our goal is to transition to our next 100 years while maintaining our roots and blossoming in new ways as an organization. Join the board to set policy, revisit structure, support the current work of and facilitate opportunities for our members, and plan our future in Metropolitan Milwaukee.

If you are interested in serving on the board, want to learn more about what that involves, or wish to recommend another League member for consideration, please contact any member of the Nominating Committee:

Kathy Johnson (chair) at kathy.johnson65aok@gmail.com or 414-443-0931
Joanne Barndt at joanne.barndt@gmail.com or 414-962-5634
Beverly Katter at beverly.katter@gmail.com or 414-640-1063
Mary Sussman at maryksussman@gmail.com or 414-352-8478
Kathy Ulbricht at ulbrichtkathy@yahoo.com or 414-425-1934

Act Now to Address PFAS!

Louise Petering

The Wisconsin legislature must protect Wisconsin's people from the negative health effects of environmental exposure to the PFAS class of compounds. It needs to pass the CLEAR Act, AB 321 and SB 302, introduced in both houses of the state legislature in June 2019. Why this inaction that allows our continued exposure whether via air, water or soil of this highly mobile and persistent family of chemicals? Wisconsin legislators need to move this issue out of Committee where it has stalled for 6 months. For Wisconsin residents and visitors to know their water is safe, we need the CLEAR Act's coordinated, science-based approach to address PFAS. Michigan provides a model.

In 2017 Michigan established MPART, then a temporary body, to investigate sources and locations of PFAS to protect drinking water and public health. Early in 2019 MI's newly elected governor strengthened "MPART as an established, enduring body to address the threat of PFAS contamination in Michigan, protect public health, and ensure the safety of Michigan's land, air, and water, while facilitating inter-agency coordination, increasing transparency, and requiring clear standards to ensure accountability." https://www.michigan.gov/pfasresponse/

Instead of foot-dragging on the CLEAR Act, Wisconsin should follow Michigan's example and move the CLEAR Act out of the Assembly's Environment Committee and the Senate's Natural Resources and Energy Committee**. You need to act now** to protect yourself from PFAS in our air, land and water.
Contact the Senate and Assembly Committees' chairs and vice chairs using these links: http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2019/committees/senate/1953, http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2019/committees/assembly/2062. Also, contact your State Assembly Representative and Senator using this link https://legis.wisconsin.gov/ . Simply enter your address in the space provided and click "Find Your Legislator."

Tell all you want passage of AB 321 and SB 302. As US residents, you and I – and our legislators - most likely have one or more of the over 4000 chemicals in the PFAS class in our blood according to the U.S. Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas/pfas-blood-testing.html)! Blood levels measured from 1999 to 2014 show decline as use of PFAS has declined; the goal of this legislation is to further reduce exposure to PFAS and their negative health effects.

For more on PFAS go to this LWV WI-endorsed link and petition: https://cswab.org/

Annual January Program Making Meeting

Kathy Johnson

Program making is an important step in the League's *ACTION* process where we study and discuss an issue, reach consensus on a position, and take action on LWV positions.

- Where does LWVMC start this process? **At the January Program Making Meeting**.
- When and where is this important meeting? **Wednesday, January 15 at 6 PM** Location TBD

How do members participate in the process?

- All members are urged to consider issues important to them.
- Review League positions, national, state and local, at www.lwvmilwaukee.org/league-positions-studies.
- Send an email to Kathy Johnson at kathy.johnson.65aok@gmail.com about your issue of concern, how current positions do or do not address the issue, information about what you want to see happen, and how you would like to participate.

Being the change you want to see begins with telling us what issues are important to you and how you and the LWVMC can work to impact that issue.

Coffee Sale a Success

Peggy Creer, President, LWVMC

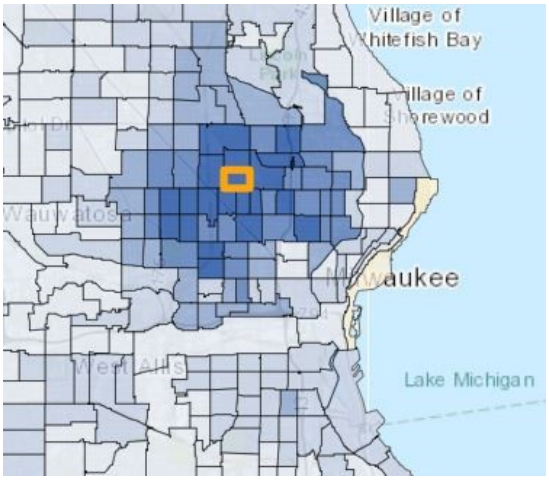
The Colectivo Coffee/Cocoa fundraiser was a rousing success! A total of 727 products were sold, with cocoa being the single most popular item (195 sold). The Colectivo staff said this was their largest fundraiser this year, which netted approximately $5,000 for LWVMC.

The sale was organized by Treasurer **Mary Sussman**, who attributes much of the success of the sale to popular Colectivo products, eye-catching labels, and a dedicated sales team. The nearly 30 League members who made up the sales team sold an average of $270 each, with top sellers **Stacy Lynch** and **Erin McCarthy** each exceeding $500 in sales. An additional $100 or so was donated by people who said they didn't want to buy coffee but wanted to support the LWV.

Milwaukee area graphic designer Donna Janos contributed her talents for the labels. Her work can be seen here: https://99designs.com/profiles/1698123

Since 2020 is the actual LWV Centennial, the Colectivo fundraiser could be repeated next year.

Thanks to all who purchased or promoted the fundraiser!



Map of children tested under 6 years of age found to be lead poisoned 2013 – 2016 highlights the North Side of Milwaukee. 31% were poisoned in the yellow census tract #64. 20 surrounding tracts showed > 20% poisoned.

Coming in March!

LWVMC Public Issues Forum

Lead Issues in Milwaukee – Spotlight on the North Side

By the Natural Resources Committee

Our March forum will bring together state, local and community leaders to focus attention and resources on the part of Milwaukee where the percent of lead poisoned children among those tested is found to be greatest - the North Side of Milwaukee.

See League "Updates" for details.

LWVMC's VOTE411 Online Voter Guide Goes Live on January 28

Sarajane Kennedy, Member, LWVMC

The goal of the founders of the League of Women Voters almost 100 years ago - to promote the informed and active participation of all eligible voters - remains our focus today. One of many barriers to a confident, informed and timely vote is finding balanced and impartial information. It's hard to know what information to trust. VOTE411.org is the place to find that balanced and impartial information.

What is VOTE411?

Since 2006, the League of Women Voters Education Fund has operated VOTE411.org, an online voter guide that goes beyond MyVote to include candidate stands on challenges facing their communities. It is unbiased, relevant and easy to use, considered the most trusted nonpartisan election website and used by more than five million voters in 2018.

How are we involved?

Our League is excited to participate in the national League's VOTE411.org for the Spring 2020 election cycle. Our Voter Guide Committee has been working since last summer to cover all village and city Spring races in Milwaukee County as well as Milwaukee and Waukesha County-wide races.

With the help of League members living in each of those municipalities and the cooperation of municipal and county clerks, we confirmed Spring 2020 local races and have been accessing candidate names and contact information as candidates file nomination papers during the official filing period which ends on January 7th.

What happens next?

On January 9, using VOTE411.org, our Voter Guide Committee will electronically invite all candidates to participate in our guide, asking them for biographical information and requesting their response to a few issue-related questions suggested by our community volunteers. They will have approximately two weeks to reply. Candidates who do not respond will have "No response" placed next to their names in the Guide.

What can each of you do to ensure the Guide's success?

Between January 10 and January 23, call or email candidates for local office in your community and encourage them to respond positively to our invitation. Thank them if they've responded.

On **Launch Day January 28**, we will publish all primary candidate replies at VOTE411.org giving you and all local voters the opportunity to learn about and compare the candidates running for local office and make informed decisions on Election Day.

Between January 29 and Primary Election Day February 18, go to VOTE411.org, fill in your address and see your polling place location, what is on your personal primary election ballot, and compare primary candidates' answers to questions posed by the state League for state-wide candidates and by LWVMC for local candidates.

Spread the word to family, friends, and neighbors. VOTE411.org is available 24-7 and will go wherever your phone or tablet goes, even to the polls on election day.

After March 3

Return to VOTE411.org between March 3 and General Election Day April 4 to see your personal general election ballot and compare general election candidates' answers.

February 1 Meeting on iWitness Corps: A New Opportunity to Get Involved, Keep the Community Connected

Erin McCarthy, LWVMC Board Member (Representative Government)

More and more communities across the country are becoming "news deserts." According to journalist Julie Depenbrock, news deserts are "places where local newsrooms—and their coverage of issues that touch their community—have been left in ruins." This slow decline has had an impact on civic participation, and leagues across the U.S. are stepping up to keep their communities informed. In 2009, Lee Shaker, a professor at Portland State University, discovered evidence of disengagement in local issues when major local publications shut down in two West Coast cities.

"You can kind of see this cascading series of consequences," Shaker told Gendreau. "If people don't get local news, they don't know what's going on in their community. If they don't know what's going on in their community, they don't get involved in their community. If they're not involved in their community, and others aren't involved in their community, their government may not actually function very well. If people aren't involved at the local level, and they don't know what's going on, and the government's not performing at the local level, they start to lose trust. And when they start to lose trust, they start to have concerns about whether or not democracy is working, whether the government is working. And those feelings are naturally then extended to the national government."

The League of Women Voters is committed to making democracy work. We are looking for members to be the eyes and ears of the community at local government meetings to hold our elected officials accountable and keep your fellow citizens informed by joining the iWitness Corps. Get involved by attending a local government meeting in person or via livestream. Pay attention, complete a reporting form and submit to the Representative Government committee. **Find out more on February 1, 2:30-3:30 pm, at the Mitchell Street Branch of the Milwaukee Public Library.**

2020 SPRING PRIMARY

IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING SCHEDULE

Monday, February 3 - Friday, February 14
8:30am - 6:00pm
No weekend hours. City of Milwaukee residents only.

ZEIDLER MUNICIPAL BUILDING-841 NORTH BROADWAY

Residents of other municipalities need to contact their Municipal Clerk to find out about the availability of In-Person Absentee Voting (Early Voting) in their community. Go to myvote.wi.gov for Municipal Clerk contact information

MY VOTE Online Voter Registration & Photo ID for Voting Training Session

Online Voter Registration (OVR) training session or OVR experience required beginning January 2020 to participate in LWVMC voter registration events

date: January 7, 2020 - 5:00 - 6:30 pm
location: Mitchell St. Branch - Milwaukee Public Library (906 W. Historic Mitchell St,)
Complete Form to register for this training session: https://tinyurl.com/OVRTrain

date: February 9, 2020- 1:30 - 3:00 pm
location: Wauwatosa Public Library (7635 W North Ave, Wauwatosa)
Complete Form to register for this training session: https://tinyurl.com/OVRTrain

2019 Voter Services - The Work Continues

Michele Goldstein, Chair, Voter Services

Voter Services of the League of Women Voters of Milwaukee County includes a growing number of Teams planning and implementing voter education and registration activities in and with diverse communities in Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties. Teams include: Naturalization; High School Registration; Comité por el Voto Latino (Latinx Outreach); MyVote Online Voter Registration Training; Library Outreach; Voter Guide (Vote 411.org); Candidate Forums; Waukesha Voter Registration (College; Tech School; Libraries; High Schools; Community events.) The chart below provides some of the numbers demonstrating their tireless work. Teams Leaders and their members are listed in the chart below.

39	Coalitions, partners and alliances working with LWVMC on voter services
32	Training sessions in Online Voter Registration (OVR) & Photo ID for Voting: High School Students; Community members; Nonprofit Organization members
256	Voter Education/Registration events (all teams)
604	Individuals trained to use the OVR system enabling them to help others register
2849	Voters registered
12,482	Individuals whom we had contact and shared voter registration/voting information
348	Volunteers (unduplicated)

Riverside High School Voter Registration

VOTER SERVICES

Voter Services Team Leaders and Members

New Citizens/New Voters (naturalization) - Team Leaders: Mary Jo McDonald, Linda Neubauer
Team Coordinators: Cindy Hastings; Kate Kaiser; Katherine McDonnell; Pamela Millington; Tom Neubauer; Susan Armour Seidman; Kathleen Scullin; Mary Jo Wellenstein; Heidi Frenzel

HS Voter Education & Registration Project - Team Leader: Leigh Ann Tidey
Team Coordinators: Mary Delgado; Sue Schneidler; Michele Sumara; Val Gabriel; Tom Wild; Judith Winn; Joey Walsh

Comité por el Voto Latino (Latinx Outreach) - Team Leader: Eloisa Gomez
Team Members: Jim Baumgartner; Maria Flores; Rosario Ledesma-Sanchez; Carmen Ortiz; Maria Rodriquez; Diane Steigerwald; Barbara Medina; Judit Schugerensky-Gomez; Bridget Hirthe; Patricia Villareal; Jonatan Zuniga

Candidate Forums - Team Leaders: Hulyn Farr; Peggy Creer
Team members: Pat Jursik, Michele Marsh, Roz Tornatore, Kathleen Dunn, Vashti Lozier, Nora Kelley, Mary Bowser, Elaine Bergstrom, Chris Linder, Judith Winn, Deborah Conta, Dottie Baker, Julie Bowles, Xin Li

Candidate Guides - Team Leader: Sarajane Kennedy
Team Members: Teri Lane; Mary Ellen Spicuzza; Dan Ullrich; Mary Voelker; Tom Neubauer

Public Libraries - Team Leader Dannette Lank

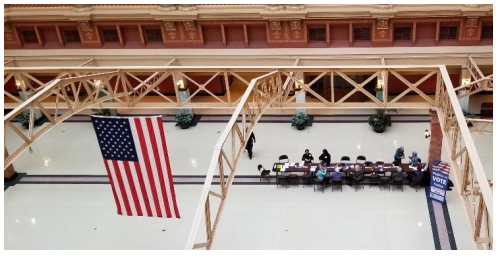
Community & Nonprofit Organization Training - Team Leader: Liz Aeleon
Team Members: Anita Johnson (**Photo ID)**; Michele Goldstein (**Facilitator)**

Community Outreach, Partnerships and Alliances (VS) - Team Leader: Michele Goldstein

Social Media (VS) - Team Leader: Jenna Lara
Team Members: Teri Lane; Peggy Creer; Melissa Klein; Michele Goldstein

Waukesha Branch Voter Registration:
High Schools: Team Leader - Susan Krechel; Team member: Amy Nyce
College/Tech Schools: Team Leader - Mary Knudtenb
Libraries: Team Leader- Ellen Beirmeister
Community events: Branch Leader - Vicki Aro-Schackmuth

New Citizens Register to Vote with the Help of LWVMC



Join Up! Join In! Join the League of Women Voters – Today!

Empowering voters. Defending democracy.

We work to safeguard democracy through civic improvement at the local, state, and national levels.

Milwaukee County Yearly Membership Dues:

___$70 **Individual** (covers state and national dues* + $8 for the work of our Milwaukee County League)

___$25 **First Year Individual Option** (covers some of the state and national dues* - limited number available)

___$25 **Student** (no state or national dues required; $25 for the work of our Milwaukee County League)

___$100 **Sustaining Individual** (covers dues* + $38 for membership expansion and our League's work)

___$170 **Centennial Individual** (covers dues* + $108 for the work of our Milwaukee County League)

___$110 **Household** (covers dues* + $17 for the work of our Milwaukee County League)

** For each membership, our League MUST send dues of $30 to the State and $32 to the National League offices. We MUST also send $15 (State) and $16 (National) for each additional person within a Household membership.*

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Preferred Phone: ( )_____

Please complete this form - make your check payable to LWVMC - and mail to:
League of Women Voters of Milwaukee County, 6737 W. Washington St., Suite 2218, West Allis, WI 53214

OR join online at lwvmilwaukee.org/members (add $2 if using PayPal) Revised April 2019

Thank you!

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Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy

The League of Women Voters is an organization fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in principle and in practice. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are central to the organization's current and future success in engaging all individuals, households, communities, and policy makers in creating a more perfect democracy.

There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, gender identity, ethnicity, race, native or indigenous origin, age, generation, sexual orientation, culture, religion, belief system, marital status, parental status, socioeconomic status, language, accent, ability status, mental health, educational level or background, geography, nationality, work style, work experience, job role function, thinking style, personality type, physical appearance, political perspective or affiliation and/or any other characteristic that can be identified as recognizing or illustrating diversity.

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