



Presidents' Message

The League of Women Voters is truly a grassroots organization. The months of May and June demonstrate this as we have our local annual meeting on May 17, then travel to Green Bay June 9 for our state annual meeting. These gatherings are where we reflect on our accomplishments, celebrate what we do as an organization, review program as well as local and state positions, adopt new positions or re-adopt current positions, approve budgets, elect officers, and set priorities for the future at each level—local, state, and national. Be part of the action!

At the LWV-MC Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 17, in addition socializing and conducting business, we will have an outstanding speaker, Professor Margo Anderson. She will tell us about the importance and ramifications of the 2020 U.S. Census. Send in your reservation today. Check out our calendar on the website so you can attend and participate in other League activities, too.



The League of Women Voters is growing all around the country. Milwaukee has seen an increase in new members as men and women want to participate in the political process, but previously didn't know where to turn. LWV is one of the few "good government" groups seeking to protect the vote, stop voter suppression, support fair redistricting, and promote active participation in government. In addition to voter service work, we investigate a variety of natural resource issues, observe government and international relations, and advocate for our many social policy positions. Invite your friends to attend a League event or to explore our website. Help them find their place.

In this time of increased polarization of viewpoints and demonized opponents, our April 29 general meeting, *Bridging the Polarization Divide*, seeks to find common ground. We believe that democracy is harmed when people don't listen to one another and engage in civil discussion. We are all deeply committed to the wellbeing of our country. Our focus is on issues, not personalities; on action for the future, not blame for the past. We hope to see where we can advocate for the same things, and to understand one another's thinking on the issues that concern all of us.

It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve as your Co-Presidents the past two years and to represent our League in the community and in the media. Thank you to our outstanding board members, to committee chairs, and especially to volunteers who helped in so many ways to deliver League programs and services. Special thanks go to Louise Petering, Joanne Barndt, Kathy Johnson, and Sarajane Kennedy for their backup and support. We look forward to the 2017-18 program year with outstanding new and continuing Board members. We are proud to be a part of this great organization. Keep up the good work!!!

Ruth and Mary Kae

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CALENDAR

May 2017			
3	Wed	1 pm 6 pm	Unit Meetings: Bridging the Polarization Divide See lwvmilwaukee.org for details Contact: Ann Batiza, 414-238-3903
4	Thurs	9 am 11 am	Naturalization Ceremony / New Voter Registration Federal Courthouse, 517 E. Wisconsin Ave., Courtroom 320 Contact: Mary Jo McDonald, 414-962-8195; Tom Neubauer, 414-332-8482
6-7	Sat/Sun	 LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® Upper Mississippi River Region	LWV Upper Mississippi River Region ILO Annual Meeting & Conference Lunda Center - Western Technical College, 319 7th St. N., La Crosse, WI Registration: http://www.lwvumrr.org/
10	Wed	6 pm	Board Meeting 1845 N. Farwell Ave., Milwaukee Contact: Mary Kae Nelson, 414-964-9988; Ruth Shank, 414-763-2471
11	Thurs	10:00 - 11:30 am	International Relations/Great Decisions Discussion Group - Saudi Arabia Wauwatosa Public Library, Firefly Room, 7635 W. North Ave., Wauwatosa Contact: Ned Maxwell, 414-258-9222
15	Mon	12 noon	Lunch & Learn Sojourner Family Peace Center, 619 W. Walnut St., Milwaukee Contact: Mary Kae Nelson, 414-964-9988
15	Mon	1:15 pm	Membership Committee Meeting Sojourner Family Peace Center, 619 W. Walnut St., Milwaukee Contact: Barbara Rasmussen, 414-791-0114
17	Wed	5 pm	LWV-MC Annual Meeting The Wisconsin Club, 900 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee RSVP at http://tinyurl.com/RSVPtoAnnualMtg
24	Wed	6 pm	Natural Resources Committee Meeting Shorewood Village Center Conference Room, 3930 N. Murray Ave., Shorewood Contact: Carol Diggelman, 414-232-3739
25	Thurs	9 am 11 am 2 pm	Naturalization Ceremony / New Voter Registration Federal Courthouse, 517 E. Wisconsin Ave., Courtroom 390 Contact: Mary Jo McDonald, 414-962-8195; Tom Neubauer, 414-332-8482

June 2017			
9	Fri		The Voter Newsletter Deadline Submit articles, photographs, notices or other content for potential publication in <i>The Voter</i> Contact: Mary Kae Nelson, 414-964-9988; Ruth Shank, 414-763-2471
9-10	Fri/Sat		LWV-WI Annual Meeting Hyatt-Regency Green Bay, 333 Main St., Green Bay Details at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lwv-wi-annual-meeting-2017-tickets-31836624200
14	Wed	10 am	Naturalization Ceremony / New Voter Registration Peck Pavilion, Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, 929 N. Water St., Milwaukee Contact: Mary Jo McDonald, 414-962-8195; Elizabeth Aelion, 414-507-2074
14	Wed	6 pm	Board Meeting 1845 N. Farwell Ave., Milwaukee Contact: Mary Kae Nelson, 414-964-9988; Ruth Shank, 414-763-2471
19	Mon	12:30 pm	Membership Committee Meeting St. John's on the Lake, 1840 N. Prospect Ave., Milwaukee Contact: Barbara Rasmussen, 414-791-0114
28	Wed	6 pm	Natural Resources Committee Meeting Shorewood Village Center Conference Room, 3930 N. Murray Ave., Shorewood Contact: Carol Diggelman, 414-232-3739
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*Invites YOU to a presentation/discussion
Free and open to the public*

Bridging the Polarization Divide



Saturday, April 29, 2017

10 a.m. - noon

Brown bag discussion 12:15 - 1:15

Whitefish Bay Public Library

5420 N. Marlborough Drive, Whitefish Bay

10:00 - Gathering/refreshments

10:15 - Moderated Discussion: Political polarization and its causes

11:45 - Skills to help bridge that divide

12:15 - 1:15: Optional small-group discussions (bring your lunch)

**Panel & audience discussion moderated by
Wisconsin Public Radio host [Kathleen Dunn](#)
& Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reporter [Erin Richards](#)**

Panelists include:

- [Kevin Arceneaux](#) (via remote access) - co-author of award-winning, [Changing Minds or Changing Channels](#) & political science professor at Temple University
- [Tim Cullen](#) - retired Democratic member of the Wisconsin senate
- [Ernst-Ulrich Franzen](#) - associate editorial page editor of the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*
- [Lilly Goren](#) - political science professor at Carroll University
- [Dale Schultz](#) - retired Republican member of the Wisconsin senate

Then [Changing the Conversation](#) film director [Janet Fitch](#) will present ways to overcome the political polarization. Optional small-group brown bag discussions applying these skills will follow (please bring your lunch).

**For more information, visit www.lwvmilwaukee.org
Co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Milwaukee County
Whitefish Bay Public Library & Wisconsin Public Radio**

Book Discussion: *Evicted* by Mathew Desmond

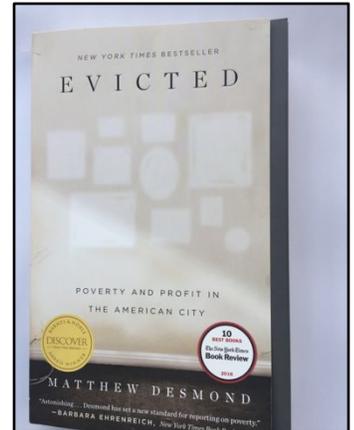
Kathy Johnson, VP Program

At the January Program Making Meeting, it was suggested that LWV-MC form a book discussion group for social policy issues. Following that, a group met to discuss Matthew Desmond's book, *Evicted*. The book is well-regarded—it recently won a National Book Award and a Pulitzer Prize. It is especially relevant to our League, because it's a report on Milwaukee, so we are closely connected.

Discussion was vibrant because while some participants are aware of the magnitude of the problems portrayed, Desmond provides information to readers who have never lived in the type of world he describes. Many have little or no understanding of such problems. For example, to teachers and healthcare workers, the book presents relevant reasons some children are behind their peers in school: chronic healthcare problems result from constant engagement of the "fight or flight" mechanism.

While the author presents no easy solutions, the participants concluded that people need to engage in whatever way they can. At the next book group meeting on Tuesday, May 9, at 6 p.m., discussion will continue with focus on the book's epilogue.

While some participants are interested only in the social policy book discussion, many would also like to be involved in the social policy committee which will formally organize during the coming summer months. If you haven't already, RSVP to Kathy Johnson, Vice President for Program, at vpprogram@lwwmilwaukee.org.



International Relations

Ned Maxwell

The International Relations Committee continues its Great Decisions juggernaut at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 11, at the Wauwatosa Public Library. The topic this month is Saudi Arabia.

As Saudi Arabia struggles to adjust to a drastic decline in oil revenue, Deputy Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman attempts to boldly transform the country and shift more power to the younger generation. Countries such as the U.S. point out Saudi Arabia's lack of democracy, women's rights, and human rights, and blame its promotion of Wahhabism, an extremely conservative version of Islam, for creating jihadists. Bipartisan criticism of Saudi Arabia is rising in Congress. Both countries need each other, but they are at a crossroads in bilateral relations.

A continuing increase in attendance leads to the question of starting an additional group. If you show up, you can complain or compliment. There will be no June, July, or August meetings for needed R and R. Compliments should be directed to Ned Maxwell at 414-258-9222.

Action

Barb Hussin

The State Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance scheduled a hearing on April 5 at State Fair Park in West Allis to hear testimony about any aspect of Wisconsin's biennial budget. Action chair Barb Hussin, Mary Bowser, and Stacy Lynch attended. Co-President Mary Kae Nelson testified representing LWV-MC. She expressed our concerns for the safety and welfare of youth placed at Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake by referencing our positions on juvenile justice. She also stated the need for increased funding of public education.



Other League members across the state testified regarding tax policy, the Wisconsin Election Commission, public education, transportation, environmental concerns, and judicial and parole commissions. Teri Lane and Peggy Creer crafted an action alert informing LWV-MC members of hearings and guiding them through the process to submit their individual testimony to representatives by mail or email.

March General Meeting: Engaging the Electorate

Kathy Johnson, VP Program

While preparing for the March 18 general meeting, *Engaging the Electorate*, committee members Barbara Hussin, Kathy Johnson, Sarajane Kennedy, and Tiffany McFadden, asked the following questions:

- Why should we care about the political process?
- Is it all right that just a fraction of the electorate select our leaders?
- What can each of us do to help engage the electorate?

Committee members intended that the meeting include not only listening to presented information, but discussion, too, for ideas to make the electorate more engaged.

Charles Franklin, nationally recognized government scholar and pollster, and director of the Marquette University Law School Poll, was the featured speaker. Dr. Franklin presented data about who registered and who voted in Milwaukee County by race, age, and gender from 2000 through 2014. Some important points:

- turnout in both presidential and midterm elections of about 70 percent and 30 percent respectively puts Wisconsin second in the country;
- voting by Hispanics lags behind African American and Caucasian populations considerably;
- disenfranchisement due to felony status puts Wisconsin in the upper half of states; and
- same day registration has been effective in increasing turnout.

Dr. Franklin stated that there is overwhelming support in the state for voter ID laws. However, evidence indicates that people who support the laws are not informed about the difficulties some portions of the population experience. Additional studies show that more people are disenfranchised by the laws than would vote illegally.

Following Dr. Franklin's presentation, participants organized into discussion groups. Facilitators provided questions and ideas. Participants were given two forms: one to take home to document a planned action step; and one to provide contact information for further follow up. Nearly half of the 84 attendees returned contact information forms.



Charles Franklin with committee members Kathy Johnson, Tiffany McFadden, and Sarajane Kennedy.



Group discussion was intense.



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New and Returning Members

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Paul Brodwin, Shorewood
Linda Brundage, Wauwatosa
Pat Chung, Greenfield
Bonnie Jacobson, Milwaukee
Barbara Joseph, Glendale
Sheila and Gregg Jozwik, Brookfield
Jenna Lara, Milwaukee
Kathleen Laru, Racine
Shirley Metcalf-Elder and James Elder, Glendale
Sue Morgan, Wauwatosa
Mary Sorenson, Milwaukee
Susan Van Steen, Colgate
Ann Weninger, Wauwatosa

Please be sure to welcome these new and returning members when you see them at League events. There is a probability that you have a good deal in common with all of them, because we are committed to *Making Democracy Work*.

New Administrative Assistant

Mary Kae Nelson

The League of Women Voters of Milwaukee County welcomes our new Administrative Assistant, Dan Ullrich. Dan has a wonderful variety of skills and experiences that we have immediately put to use. He is semi-retired, but has worked in public relations, as a legislative assistant, an editor and writer, office manager, website developer, and designer of promotional materials.



Dan is not new to the League and the work we do. He conferred with Michele Goldstein and Mary Jo McDonald in updating and redesigning our "How to Register and Vote in Wisconsin" brochure, "My Vote - My Voice" for the high school registration project, and other voter services materials. Dan brings a wealth of experience in working with nonprofits. This position is very part time and budgeted for ten hours per week. The Board, committee chairs, and members all look forward to working with Dan.

On Membership

Chris Weber Spornick, Membership Co-Chair

Since I retired from employment, I swear time has speeded up. I intend to get so much done every day, but all of a sudden it's 6 p.m. and time to think about supper. To keep track of what needs to be done, I have to write it down—that way I can cross it off my list to verify that I've actually done it.

My husband Jim and I are members of several organizations. Sometimes joining at the local level doesn't make us members at the national level, and vice versa. We pay our dues, but then it seems like only months later, we're asked to pay again. I have to go to my check register to be sure. But when I pay my LWV-MC dues, I join the national (LWV-US) and the state (LWV-WI) leagues, too.

It's time already to renew your membership for 2017-18, because the League's fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. The membership of each and every Milwaukee County Leaguer expires on June 30 every year. Being a League member is the best way to assure that League work continues to *Make Democracy Happen*.

A good practice is to bring a check along to the annual meeting, scheduled this year for Wednesday, May 17. Or you can send a check to the League office at 1845 North Farwell Avenue, along with a supporting gift, if you'd like. The membership committee thanks you in advance for timeliness because it means we don't have to trouble you with reminders.

LWV Upper Mississippi River Region ILO Annual Meeting and Conference

May 6 -7, 2017

**Lunda Center, Western Technical College
La Crosse, Wisconsin**

Who's Invited: All member League delegates, plus non-delegate League members, family and friends.
Public welcome!

Extras: Ecosystem Restoration Happy Hour (Saturday evening); Bird Walk & Julia Belle Swain Tour (bonus events, fun and free!)

It's Time to Get Reacquainted with Redistricting: a Four-Part Series

Kathy Johnson, VP Program

Introduction

The 2020 Census is fast approaching, and how electoral districting is determined should be high in our priorities, especially in Wisconsin. Because the issue is so important, the League of Women Voters is monitoring events and will communicate information to members.

In this May/June issue of *The Voter* are Parts 1 and 2 of the four parts. The current topics are history and relevant terms. In future issues, look for Part 3 about how redistricting is done across the U.S. and in Wisconsin, and Part 4 on the status of *Whitford v. Gill*.

Part 1: History of Redistricting

Here is all that the U.S. Constitution says about redistricting in article 1, section 2:

(Representatives and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union, according to their respective Numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole Number of free Persons, including those bound to Service for a Term of Years, and excluding Indians not taxed, three fifths of all other Persons.) (The previous sentence in parentheses was modified by the 14th Amendment, section 2.) The actual Enumeration shall be made within three Years after the first Meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent Term of ten Years, in such Manner as they shall by Law direct. The Number of Representatives shall not exceed one for every thirty Thousand, but each State shall have at Least one Representative; and until such enumeration shall be made, the State of New Hampshire shall be entitled to chuse three, Massachusetts eight, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations one, Connecticut five, New York six, New Jersey four, Pennsylvania eight, Delaware one, Maryland six, Virginia ten, North Carolina five, South Carolina five and Georgia three.

Using districting for political gain was seen early in our history. While Elbridge Gerry is often thought of as the father of gerrymandering (indeed, he lends his name to it), the earliest practitioner was Patrick Henry who drew Virginia's electoral districts with the goal of preventing the election of James Madison who was elected anyway in 1809. There were no federal laws regarding how district lines were drawn. States were free to define their districting practices in any way they chose until the 1960s.

Important 1960s Supreme Court Rulings

Several important U.S. Supreme Court cases in the 1960s and the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 had consequences on the conduct of redistricting. Cases to challenge redistricting procedures and outcomes in multiple states resulted in significant Supreme Court decisions:

- Redistricting issues present "justiciable questions," that is, they are appropriate for intervention by the federal courts;
- Each citizen's vote should have equal weight with every other vote, summarized in the phrase "one person, one vote;"
- U.S. Congressional districts must be drawn so that they are approximately equal in population;
- Both chambers of state legislative districts have to be roughly equal in population; the U. S. Senate remains two senators per state elected at large.

These rulings resulted in the requirement that districts be redrawn every ten years after census data are released to accommodate changes in population.

The Voting Rights Act

The Voting Rights Act, enacted in 1965, affects redistricting through rules that aim to ensure that legislatures at all levels of government reflect the racial and ethnic diversity of the populations they represent. This legislation was enacted in response to measures applied by many states to suppress minority voting. Sections 2 and 5 of the Voting Rights Act contain measures that apply to redistricting.

Along with measures to prevent racial discrimination in voting, such as tests and poll taxes, Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act prohibits racial discrimination related to the drawing of voting districts. Racial gerrymandering results in a type of racial discrimination called "vote dilution" in which votes cast by racial minorities are less effective than those cast by the racial majority. Refer to the definitions of cracking and packing later in this article for more information.

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Redistricting (Cont.)

While Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act applies nationally, Section 5 applies only to certain states or parts of states named in the law, identified as having a history of racial electoral discrimination, requiring federal oversight by either the Department of Justice or the District Court of the District of Columbia of any electoral change. These “covered jurisdictions” required approval of changes, called “preclearance.” These provisions were intended to be temporary but were extended by Congress in 1970, 1975, 1982, 1992 and 2006. However, in a 2013 case, *Shelby County v. Holder*, the plaintiff argued that the formulas prescribed in the law to identify areas that require preclearance are outdated. While not ruling on the constitutionality of Section 5, the Court agreed with Shelby County. The effect of the ruling is that covered jurisdictions no longer need to seek preclearance before making electoral changes, such as redistricting, unless covered by a separate court order under a different section of the Voting Rights Act.

Part 2: Definitions of Important Terms

Definitions of terms related to redistricting are helpful because they are used frequently in discussion.

Reapportionment is the redistribution of US congressional seats according to changes in the census figures as required by the Constitution.

Redistricting is the process of drawing electoral district boundaries.

Gerrymandering is the practice of drawing district lines to achieve political gain for legislators.

Packing (sometimes called **stacking**) is drawing electoral districts that concentrate opposition voters into a single district, thus reducing their influence in other districts.

Cracking is drawing electoral districts that spread opposition voters among many districts so that they form a majority in none, thus diluting the impact of their votes.

Hijacking is redrawing two districts where opposition voters are in the majority and the incumbents are of the opposition party such that the incumbents must run against each other in one district and the other district now has majority opposition voters.

Kidnapping is redrawing districts in a way that moves an opposition incumbent to a district with an electorate new to them and where they have less political support.

Lost votes and **wasted votes** are votes that did not contribute to electing a candidate. **Lost votes** are those cast for a candidate who loses an election despite receiving a majority of votes. **Wasted votes** are those for a winning candidate that are in excess of the minimum needed to win, that is 50 percent plus 1. This can occur when the electoral district lines are drawn in a way that packs some supporters of the opposition party into fewer districts and divides others of those supporters among many districts with a majority of supporters for the other candidate (cracking).

Efficiency Gap is a method of measuring lost and wasted votes. It was developed in 2014 by Nicholas Stephanopoulos, Assistant Law Professor at the University of Chicago, and Eric McGhee, political scientist at the Public Policy Institute of California. In the early 2000s, Justice Anthony Kennedy expressed a willingness, heretofore not considered, to consider a judicial remedy to political gerrymandering but stated that an “evenhanded measure” was needed.

When parties win seats in about the same proportions as the votes, the efficiency gap is near zero. The efficiency gap measurement of the 2012 Wisconsin legislative elections was from 11.69 percent to 13 percent. This data was used in the case of *Whitford v. Gill* where the U.S. District Court ruled against the 2011 redistricting of Wisconsin legislative districts. In the 2012 election for the state assembly, the Republican Party won 48.6 percent of the two-party votes but took 61 percent of the 99 seats.



High School Voter Education and Registration Project

Leigh Ann Tidey

The Milwaukee League's High School Voter Education and Registration Project (HSVERP) has evolved from a single focus of registering eligible high school seniors to vote into several related ongoing projects. HSVERP is a subgroup of the voter services.

League volunteers in the past have visited high schools within the Milwaukee Public Schools district to educate in classrooms, followed up with hands-on voter registration of several hundred students who attained age 18 prior to recent elections.

The learning curve has been high as the State of Wisconsin transitions to online voter registration. Proof of residence required of all voters means paper documents must segue into online data. Challenges involve WiFi and equipment resources varying at each site.

Outreach. Past hands-on registration events have been labor-intensive with many League volunteers and friends required to quickly register many individuals in a short period of time. However, current efforts include setting up smaller, more frequent procedures. Our goal is to have one or two registration events in each high school through the end of the current school year in June. That will build relationships with school staff so that a schedule is in place as the 2017-18 school year begins in the fall.

Breakfast Club. A Saturday morning session is held each week by MPS. Students who attend

are either taking advanced placement classes, or they're receiving assistance in recovering credits. League volunteers have participated, and while resulting voter registrations have been few, the sessions are a good opportunity for establishing individual teacher contacts.

MPS College and Career Centers. By next fall, MPS expects to have College and Career Centers in all non-charter high schools. An April event scheduled at Obama School of Career and Technical Education means the Milwaukee League has an opportunity to build relationships with the centers. There is computer access at this site for immediate voter registration of students.

Student training. The League is exploring a project with Riverside University High School during the spring semester to train sophomores and juniors to enroll peers using online registration. To test the concept, a small sample of students will be trained, followed by a small registration session where League volunteers assist. If it works, it could be implemented at Riverside in the fall at their Student Council's annual breakfast. That breakfast has offered a major registration session for LWV-MC in the past.

Brochure and business card. The High School Voter Education and Registration Project brochure has been updated to reflect new voter registration processes. A promotional piece the size of a business card was developed that includes details about online registration.



League of Women Voters of Wisconsin Annual Meeting

Friday and Saturday, June 9 – 10, 2017

Hyatt Regency Green Bay

Our headline speaker, Professor and author Harvey Kaye, will explain why Americans have to embrace our history as radicals in order to overcome the current threats to our democracy.

Leaguers from all across the state will come together to share ideas, challenges and successes. If you're a new League member, this is a great chance to learn more about the many great opportunities to get involved.

See www.lwwi.org for the full agenda, registration and lodging details and deadlines.



Got History?

Dannette Lank

It is spring! Robins are back and basement dehumidifiers are kicking on. Consider channeling some of your spring cleaning urges to help answer a question that is probably long overdue: Do you have materials that should ultimately be a part of League of Women Voters-Milwaukee County historical archives? Our best guess is that much of our history over the past twenty years or so is residing in members' basements, attics, offices, and computers.

The first step in preserving our history is getting a grip on what materials exist and where.

Consider assisting with an important first step: **Inventory any League records you currently possess.** The sort of information needed is:

- **volume** (in feet, number of file drawers, records boxes, or any other reasonable measure);
- **kinds of materials** (brochures, correspondence, reports, emails, tapes, photos, you-name-it);
- **subjects/activities** your records document;
- **time period** your materials cover; and
- are there any **condition issues** (mold, fragile items, etc.)?

A small working group is forming to determine (first at a broad level) what materials should be transferred to local/state archives to document and preserve our history. Over the next year, we hope to proceed to the nitty-gritty of assembling the records in one place, then selecting/preparing the most important materials for transfer to an institution for preservation and future retrieval.



An ancillary (but equally important) question is: Are there gaps in our historical record that need to be filled in order to tell the story of the League's impact and organization culture? For example, is there a need to supplement our paper and digital records with oral histories that personalize and add context to organizational records? If you are interested in working on this project or to report on records currently in your possession, please contact Dannette Lank at dlank@execpc.com.



New Natural Resources Google Group/Listserv

Erin Grunze, LWV-WI Voter Education Coordinator

The League of Women Voters-Wisconsin is offering a new Google Group/Listserv designed around natural resources (LWVWI-NR). We invite any League member interested in this topic to join the group. It is an opportunity for members to keep current on legislative actions and key developments related to natural resources and environmental issues.

Some generalities:

- Limit use to League members only;
- Use any email address—it doesn't have to be gmail;
- Send an email to egrunze@lwvwi.org to join the group.

Because "natural resources" is a broad topic, it will be helpful when posting that you clarify specifics of the post/email in the subject line. Some suggested examples are:

- [LWVWI-NR] High Capacity Well Bill passes; or
- [LWVWI-NR] Interesting article to share on toxins in Great Lakes; or
- [LWVWI-NR] Air quality study to be taken up by LWV.

Specific etiquette for League group communications is at <http://tinyurl.com/LWVWI-etiquette>.

The state League staff thanks the League of Women Voters-Milwaukee County for assistance in creating and launching this project. New Google Groups/Listserves to be added in the future are tech and voter services teams.

For specific questions about intent of this Google Group or technical issues, contact Erin Grunze at the above email address or 608-256-0827.

League of Women Voters of Milwaukee County
Annual Meeting of the Membership

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

5:15 – 8:30 pm
Wisconsin Club Deutscher Room
900 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee

Free parking at the club, lot entrance on 10th St. between Wells St. and Wisconsin Ave.

The 2020 Census is Coming!

Margo J. Anderson, Ph.D.

Distinguished Professor, History and Urban Studies, UW-Milwaukee

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| 5:15 pm | Social Gathering – Cash Bar
50/50 Raffle, proceeds to fund our new website |
| 5:45 pm | Dinner (Cost \$40 per person) |
| 6:15 pm | Speaker – Margo Anderson**
Find out why the feds count the population and what’s in store for what is likely to be dubbed the “smart phone” census. Learn more about population trends and why America’s census is a big political deal. |
| 7:00 pm | Break |
| 7:15 pm | Business Meeting** |
| 8:30 pm | Adjournment |

Visit www.margoanderson.org for information on our speaker’s research interests and publications.

Dinner choices are Vegetable Wellington, Grecian Whitefish, or Iowa Roast Port Loin.

** Members may attend the speaker portion and/or business meeting at no cost.

RSVP by May 10!

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OR mail your check for \$40 per meal to:
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For more information, call the League office at 414-273-8683.

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