



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE – May 30, 2021

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Women's rights: Food for thought

In 1971, a woman:

- Could not serve on a jury (except in Utah). Women were considered the center of the home - their primary responsibility as caregivers. Thought to be too fragile to hear about crime details and unable to be objective because of their sympathetic nature, it wasn't until 1973 that all fifty states allowed them to serve.
- Could not get a credit card in her own name without a husband's signature. A 1974 law changed that.
- Could be fired for getting pregnant until The Pregnancy Discrimination Act of 1978 was passed.
- Could not refuse to have sex with their husband until spousal rape was finally criminalized in all fifty states in 1993.
- Couldn't pay the same fees as a man for comparable health insurance until 2010.

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Making sense of the new dues structure

The League at all levels is engaged in promoting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) in its membership, organization structure and practices, and program. As part of that work, many local Leagues are examining and changing their dues practices to remove barriers to membership because of inability to afford the cost of dues.

When someone joins a local League, they also become a member of LWV United States and LWV of Wisconsin. In order for those two organizations to operate, the local pays a PMP (per member payment) to LWV WI and LWV US for each member.

- For a Regular Membership the LWV US receives \$32 and LWV WI receives \$30.
- For a Household Member the LWV US receives \$16 and LWV WI receives \$15.

The state and national Leagues have acted to support local Leagues who offer reduced fee options by reducing or waiving some per member payment fees.

The Door County League has created an “Open Door” Membership for both the primary member and any household members. In this category, the member chooses an amount they are comfortable with as their dues amount.

For more information, contact Susan Kohout, Membership Coordinator, at rrkohout@gmail.com or (920) 743-1527. **Contact us if you do not receive emails from LWV US, LWV WI, and LWV DC.**

LWV WI events are well worth the time

LWV of Wisconsin 2021 Annual Meeting: Friday, June 11 and Saturday, June 12

2021 ANNUAL MEETING
Strength in Diversity; Partnering for Progress

Friday, June 11
6:30-8:30 PM

Saturday, June 12
8:30AM-1PM*

LWV LEAGUE OF WISCONSIN
Zoom In

*Includes plenary session

Saturday, October 30 – Eileen Bohn Speaker Series: Treatment Court Presentation

You may have viewed the Saturday, March 13 presentation on Door County’s new Treatment Court. Panelists David L. Weber, Door County Circuit Court Judge, Branch II; Colleen Nordin, Door County District Attorney; Tammy Sternard, Door County Sheriff; and Kelsey Christensen, Court Services and Treatment Court Coordinator. They reported on the nature and purposes of treatment courts, the reasons why one was established in Door County, the three-year process of establishing the treatment

court here, and its current status. If you were unable to watch, it is available on this link on Door County Library's YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=47Nga_riwfU

A program on this topic was originally planned as an Eileen Bohn Speaker Series event for April of 2020, which has been rescheduled twice because of the pandemic. We have our fingers crossed that Saturday, October 30 at the Kress Center in Egg Harbor will be the charm. This in-person event will be a larger presentation than the March 13 discussion, including a speaker with statewide experience in Treatment Courts as well as an expanded panel of local officials who are implementing Door County's court.

Door County League activities of interest

LWV LMichigan

As our isolation from the pandemic eases, the new League year brings opportunities to get involved in many worthwhile activities. Being an off-year with no November elections and therefore, fewer voter service opportunities, this year will allow members to explore the "flip side – non-voter service side" of the League world. Consider these:

Observer Corps:

Reflections of a League observer:

"If you ever wondered about the importance of observing and sharing meeting information, the March and April County Board meetings highlighted the value of time spent! Our elected officials discussed Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) and how to position the county on the issue.

The April meeting was very different from March, more public input and discussion among board members. The resulting reworked resolution, supported by most board members, was more reflective of the values of our county.*

I recommend that you take the time to observe the April meeting at <http://doorbell.net/video/index.htm>. Comments by the public and County Board members gave an insight into the diversity of our county. Later in the day, the Board discussed how to approach the issue, which was also enlightening!"

League has a dedicated group of members who observe various committees. Most popular are County Board, Sturgeon Bay City Council, Door County Health & Human Services committee, and school boards. When a member sees an issue that others might want to discuss with representatives, they can contact Barb Graul, Observer Corps Chair. We may share the info in the next newsletter or start an action item if the issue reflects a studied league position. Observing is mostly on line now, but hopefully it will soon be possible to watch faces more closely!

To learn more, contact Barb at tgraul@sbcglobal.net. Even if you attend meetings just for personal reasons (rather than as an official League observer), let Barb know. It helps her know the extent of our outreach.

*PS. Those interested in the reworked resolution will find it attached.

Mental Health/Substance Use (MH/SU) Advocacy Committee

- Consider joining the "advocacy phase" of the League's study group on how the Door County community deals with mental health and substance use issues. (The report and an explanatory

video prepared by the original study committee can be found on the LWV DC website. It will inform you on what was learned by that group.)

- A larger advocacy group is several months into the process of taking action on concerns identified in the study. It has set up a structure, including a Steering Committee which meets periodically as needed, and three working groups or subcommittees that meet more often to tackle various advocacy projects: Community Outreach, Community Education, and Legislative. There is another larger group that is monitoring the various committee efforts in order to pitch in on activities as needed and as their time allows.
- The two Treatment Court programs mentioned previously are a product of the earlier study committee's efforts to educate the public on topics important to this issue.
- Anyone interested in being a part of any of the committees should contact Susan Kohout at rrkohout@gmail.com or 743-1527.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee

Seeking committee members!

The LWV has adopted a DEI policy, but we need people to focus our lens on what needs to be done to broaden our diversity. What are the barriers? How can we reach more diversity in our membership? What are we doing that we need to do differently? Contact Sandy Brown, 920-495-8662 or sandybrown212@gmail.com, if you are interested in this committee.



Gerry(mander) wants you to know:

- The
 - *Can* Movie: Watch a movie!
you Hear Us Now? is a documentary movie focusing on the stories of two unsuccessful (because of gerrymandered districts) Wisconsin candidates for state office. These folks along with other grassroots activists are fighting an uphill battle against unfair legislative maps. This searing documentary personalizes how gerrymandering has impacted the Badger State and made Wisconsin the poster child for this hot-button political issue.
 - Register for free (you can skip over the donation request section) on the LWV Appleton website lwvappleton.org for both the film and the webinar. You may view the 90-minute film anytime between Sunday, April 25 and Thursday, April 29. You will be automatically registered for the April 29 webinar scheduled for 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- The State Fair Maps Coalition Newsletter which is packed with info <https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:aaf08f68-e566-4051-8558-85df1177132d#pageNum=1>
- To join the Door County Fair Maps Task Force, or obtain an "End Gerrymandering/Fair Maps Now" yard sign, contact Mike Brodd at mike@seagquistbayshore.com.



Election Law Update

To keep track of bills proposing changes in law, refer to the [attached chart](#) compiled by chart includes the bill numbers, a link to find description of the bill's intent, and related details.

Wisconsin election Dan Powers. The them, a brief

Communicate with your representatives!

(Post the updated attached list on your refrigerator to have it handy.)

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<https://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/executive-office-of-the-president/>

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