

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE – November 12, 2021

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Meet Margaret Chase Smith, speaking truth to power



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Thank you to all who helped!
Happy Thanksgiving!

The first woman to serve in both houses of Congress, Margaret Chase Smith of Maine defied all but six of her fellow Republicans including Senate leadership when she delivered her “Declaration of Conscience” speech on the Senate floor in 1950. She denounced the anti-American tactics of Senator Joseph McCarthy, stating that some members were turning the Senate into “a forum of hate and character assassination.”

The speech cost her a committee assignment and resulted in a primary challenge which she survived. Her eloquence and courage are remembered today as we experience events that have many parallels to those in the years in which she served.

“Those who shout the loudest about Americanism are all too frequently those who...ignore some of the basic principles of Americanism – the right to criticize, the right to hold unpopular beliefs, the right to protest, the right of independent thought.”

Could YOU pass the U.S. Citizenship Test?

Thursday, November 18, 5:00 – 6:45 PM in the Jane Greene Room of the Sturgeon Bay Library, 107 S. 4th Ave.

Do you know - really - what it takes to become a U.S. Citizen? We'll test our knowledge together to see how much we do (or don't) know about our own country. There will be a written quiz! (Luckily for citizens, no grading.)

Presenters will give an overview of the arduous process people must go through to become a citizen. We may also have a new citizen share his or her experience.

Come after work for the fun, snacks and a bit of learning, too. Masking and social distancing encouraged.

Find out what happens at a LWVDC Leadership Team Meeting

Did you know that all LWVDC Leadership Team meetings are open to members and non-members? Our next Leadership Team Meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 2**, from 10:00 AM to noon in the Sturgeon Bay Room of the Stone Harbor Restaurant, 107 N 1st Ave., Sturgeon Bay. Members who wish to have lunch afterward will order off the menu. Please contact Pat Scieszinski at chair@lwvdoorcounty.org for more details. You are always welcome!

Video of the Treatment Court presentation available

Check out the video of the October 30 Treatment Court presentation. It is available on the League website and Facebook page and from this link <https://youtu.be/kDu4nhgUeoE>. Share it with your friends and organizations.

The panel of Judge David Weber, District Attorney Colleen Nordin, and Department of Health and Human Services Director Joe Krebsbach did a wonderful job explaining Door County's new resource. Then Winnebago County Drug Treatment Court graduate Serah Muinde and Brown County Heroin Treatment Court graduate Matthew Traver shared their experiences participating in this type of court.

Don't miss it!

Thank you!

A tremendous thank you to all who helped out with the Eileen Bohn Series Treatment Court program! Whether you donated refreshments, helped set or clean up, greeted, or assisted in some other way, your contribution was appreciated. It is always amazing how League members turn out in force when needed. Programs like this take the efforts of many people. Thank you!

Join us!

We would love to have you become a member of the Door County League, which also makes you a member of the LWV of Wisconsin and the LWV of the US. **Contact information will be shared and used only for LWV DC purposes.** If you have any questions contact Susan Kohout, (920) 743-1527 or membership@lwvdoorcounty.org.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

