



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE – December 1, 2022

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Message from chair



Happy holidays!

The Door County League has a lot to be thankful for this holiday season as we look back on 2022. It has been a busy and productive year. We are back!

- In the recent midterms, the state of Wisconsin had a turnout of 61% of all eligible voters – one of the top three in the nation.
- Door County November elections were smoothly and efficiently implemented thanks to the 200+ election workers in our county. Hopefully, many of you saw the ad and letter to the editor in the *Peninsula Pulse* that was part of our “Thank you, election workers!” campaign, as well as thank you signs scattered around the county. Thank you notes from the Door County League were delivered to each worker.
- Door County voters were served by the multitude of voter-assist events and activities throughout the county and some very successful candidate forums, providing information about those running for office.
- A state-wide thank you campaign is underway by the LWV of Wisconsin in which post cards will be sent to all 2,584 Municipal and Deputy Clerks in Wisconsin.
- We have a new website (still being worked on) that is attractive, informative, and accessible. Check it out!
- Two successful fall events educated members and non-members about how League operates, the history and operations of local government in the county, and League’s efforts to shine a light on that government.
- The Mental Health/Substance Use Committees continue their outreach, policy monitoring, and advocacy to support services for those community members who struggle with these issues.
- The Leadership Team is working hard on traditional projects as well as new and exciting endeavors that you will hear more about in the new year.

In this update...

Recap of a busy year

Holiday gathering Dec. 6

Lively Issues potluck

A multi-cultural field trip

Virtual program announced

“Coming Up For Air” Movie

Spotlight on new member

Jen Aldrich

Finance Drive!

We are grateful to all of you for the hours of effort needed to make these things happen! Please come and celebrate with us on December 6!

Best wishes,
Susie

Celebrate the holiday season together on December 6

Tuesday, December 6, 4:30 to 6:30 PM at the Lodge at Leathem Smith, 1640 Memorial Dr., Sturgeon Bay.

As the holidays approach, it is time to relax and appreciate what the LWV of Door County accomplished in 2022. We will gather in the Gold Room, order drinks, hors d'oeuvres, or dinner entrees individually as we see fit, enjoy each other's company, and toast the holidays and new year. The topic of the evening is to relax and savor our time together as we reflect on what turned out to be a very busy 2022! Members, spouses, friends – anyone interested in League is welcome!

What local issues are on your mind? Attend our "Lively Issues" potluck and let us know!

Thursday, January 12, 4:30 to 6:30 PM at Bertschinger Community Center, 7860 Hwy. 42, Egg Harbor.

The League of Women Voters of Door County's annual Lively Issues meeting is an opportunity to identify issues important to our members. During what should be a "lively" meeting, we will ask everyone to offer local issues and topics of concern. After discussing these in the context of our positions, we will recommend topics for further study or action.

Bring a food item to share along with your ideas in a traditional League activity that begins the process of planning a program for the next League year. Enjoy good conversation, tasty food, and great people! Everyone is welcome!

Participate in LWV's Multi-cultural Field Trip in Madison

On Saturday, December 10 in Madison, members and their friends and family are invited to a field trip touring the state Capitol and Madison Museum of Contemporary Art. Participants will meet at the information desk on the ground floor of the Capitol rotunda at 10:00 AM for a 50-minute guided tour. The Christmas tree will be up and the Capitol decked in holiday style. Next, mix and mingle with League members from across the state while having lunch independently.

The event will reconvene at 1:00 PM to take guided tours of the *Faisal Abdu 'Allah: Dark Matter* and *Wendy Red Star: Apsáalooke: Children of the Large-Beaked Bird* at the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art.

Admission for both tours is free. Non-League members are welcome. Due to capacity restrictions, this event will be capped at 80 participants. There are many places to sit throughout the two-hour exhibit tours at the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art. Please allow plenty of time to park vehicles at both places. There will not be an inclement weather date.

Registration Form (Responder Link)

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc74Wifdd1PqwDQOvxWzhG3MbmpXKcUMDKcHxj8o7sr86vWYg/viewform?usp=sharing>

Reach out with questions to <https://m.facebook.com/events/1222024348712098?mibextid=Z0UBBX>

Save the date: - January 10, 2023 Virtual Program:

'Decline in Wisconsin's Conservation Legacy and the Shift in Balance of State Government'

The Door County League is joining the LWV of the Greater Chippewa Valley and the LWV of the LaCrosse Area in co-sponsoring a virtual program entitled, "The Decline in Wisconsin's Conservation Legacy and the Shift in Balance of State Government" on January 10, 2023. The evening program will discuss the imbalance of power between the executive branch and the legislative branch as it relates to conservation and environmental protection. The program is based on a recent publication of Wisconsin Green Fire, a non-partisan organization whose mission is to advance science-informed analysis and policy solutions to address Wisconsin's greatest conservation challenges.

(Full publication:

https://wigreenfire.org/2019/wpcontent/uploads/2022/09/WGF_2022_OppNow_ImbalancePower_Final-web.pdf).

Watch for more information and a link to the virtual program.

Save the date: - January 19, 2023

The "Coming Up For Air" Movie showing will be held on January 19th in the afternoon (most likely at Kress Center from 4:00-6:30 or 5:00-7:30) watch for details. Below is a little more information about the movie:

"Coming Up for Air is an award winning feature drama focusing on the key role caregivers play in promoting family wellness. Coming Up for Air tells the story of ceramic artist Anna Russell and her son Stan, a straight A college student and high diving champion, seeking a spot on the men's 10m Olympic diving team. The pressure and stress to succeed in his high-stakes athletic competitions, while maintaining his A average and a social life, begin to take their toll. Stan begins to unravel, quits the team and disappears. It's up to his mother to track him down and bring him back to wellness. The film takes audiences on an all-too-common journey, highlighting the pressures that are put upon teenagers to succeed and on parents to cope. This film highlights many relevant topics at the present time from parent/child relationships to suicide, depression and recovery."

Welcome new member, Jen Aldrich

In this section, new members will introduce themselves. We want to get to know you! If you haven't sent us your short bio, please do.

Hello!

My name is Jen Aldrich. I have lived in Door County for over 10 years and call Sturgeon Bay my home. I work for the United Way of Door County and have a side business called ZenJen Art & Wellness where I wear many hats as a massage therapist, Certified QiGong Instructor, and art instructor at Door County Paint & Sip.

I decided to join the League of Women Voters when I realized that I have a responsibility to protect our constitutional right to vote, to decide what is best for my body and other women's rights, and to protect my right to marry whom I choose. My spouse and I married in 2015 when the U.S. legalized same sex marriage. We have two adult children and a grandchild.

Since 2016, the disenfranchisement of our constitutional rights has lit a fire underneath the foundation upon which my mother raised me. Becoming part of the Door County chapter of the LWV is inspiring, and its dedication to our community is something I look forward to being a part of!

*Sincerely,
Zen Jen*

Finance Drive In Progress!

Please consider making a donation to LWV of Door County to help us continue to inform and inspire citizens. [Donate Online](#) or mail to LWVDC, PO Box 306, Sturgeon Bay WI 54235.

It's also an exciting time to join the league and we would love to have you [Become A Member!](#)

Communicate with your representatives!

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

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New 2022-2023 Official County Directories are in

One complimentary copy of the 2022-2023 Official Directory of Door County (**a listing of contact information for county, city, village and town officials**) can be picked up at the County Clerk's office at the Door County government building. This directory is also online at the Door County government website: <http://www.co.door.wi.gov/docview.asp?docid=16450&locid=137>. Additional directories are available for \$4 each.