

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE, JUNE 18, 2023

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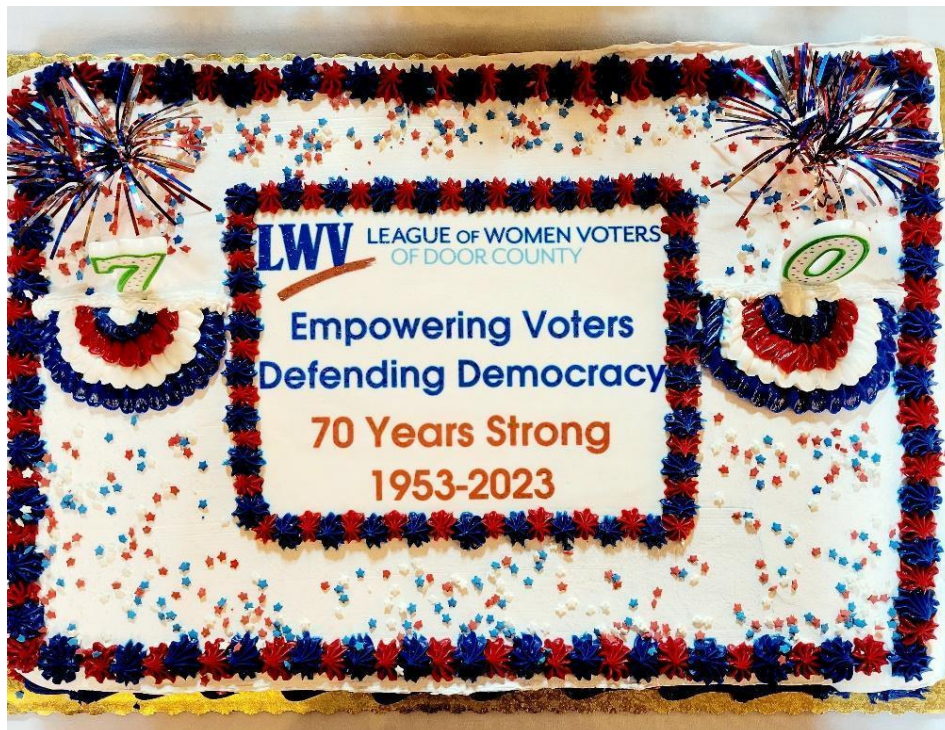
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Message from the Chair

Thank you for a wonderful year! As we embark upon our next 70 years, the Door County League has much for which to be proud and thankful. Much has been accomplished thanks to all of you!

A special thank you to the outstanding group that served as our Leadership Team. It has been a privilege to work with these individuals. Please pause to review the attached *2022-2023 Year in Review* document and note the many, many things that our organization has done this year.

If you haven't already renewed your membership, do it now at this link: [Join/Renew LWV of Door County \(google.com\)](#). Remember that we have an Open Door category of dues. Please do not hesitate to use it as needed. You and the efforts you contribute to the League are what is most important to us.

Recently, a new member said her primary reason for joining was because the LWV of Door County could get things done. Take a minute to think about what you would like to see us do. Then reach out to the person working in that area on the sign-up list below and help us do it.

Every day we each look at the world and see things that frustrate us. Vent your frustrations by joining the work we do and making a difference!

Susie

2023-2024 Leadership Team

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Year in Review 2022-2023**Date: 5-17-2023**

Leadership Team (LT) Meetings	Programs - Educational Programs/Candidate Forums/Roundtables
June	June 15, 6:30 PM, Sevastopol School: Harvard Case Study Presentation
July 27, Board Orientation Retreat, all day, home of Ann Morgan	July 16, 9:00 AM, Southern Door HS: Wis. Assembly Primary Candidate Forum
August 11, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Hybrid, Sturgeon Bay Library	August 26, 12:00 Noon: Equality Day Car Parade and Gathering at Martin Park, Sturgeon Bay
September 21, 4:00-6:00 PM Hybrid, NWTC, Sister Bay	September 27, 4:00-6:00 PM, Baileys Harbor Town Hall, Get to Know the League Event
October 25, 4:00-6:00 PM, Hybrid, Sturgeon Bay Library	October 10, 6:30-8:00 PM, Southern Door HS: Wisconsin Senate Candidate Forum October 27, 5:00-6:00 PM, Sturgeon Bay Library: LWV WI Train the Trainer Webinar: Local Government
November	November 3, 4:00-6:00 PM, Crossroads at Big Creek, Sturgeon Bay: Observer Corps/Local Government
December	December 6, 4:30-6:30 PM, Lodge at Leathem Smith, Sturgeon Bay: Roundtable Social
January 4, 1:00-3:00 PM, Hybrid, Sister Bay Library	January 12, 4:30-6:30 PM; Bertschinger Center, Egg Harbor: Lively Issues Potluck
February 8, 12:30-2:30 PM, Hybrid, Sturgeon Bay Library	February 9, 3:00-4:30 PM (Team training), 5:30-6:30 PM (Public), Sturgeon Bay Library: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) February 15, 6:30-8:00 PM, Sister Bay Village Hall: Candidate Forum for Sister Bay Village Trustees (Primary)
March 8, 1:00-3:00 PM, Hybrid, Kress, Egg Harbor	March 7, 6:30-8:00 PM, Nasewaupee Town Hall, Sturgeon Bay: Candidate Forum for Nasewaupee Town Board March 23, 5:30-7:30 PM, Crossroads at Big Creek, Sturgeon Bay: Focus on Youth Mental Health: Are our children at Risk?
April 12, 1:00-3:00 PM, Hybrid, Sturgeon Bay Library	April 29, 3:00 PM, Crossroads at Big Creek, Sturgeon Bay: Mental Health Community Book Club, Author Conversation re <i>You are not alone</i> by Ken Duckworth, MD
May	May 17, 5:00-8:30 PM, Lodge at Leathem Smith, Sturgeon Bay: LWV DC Annual Meeting (Program-YMCA Youth in Government)
June TBD: Orientation for new team members	June 9 & 10, LaCrosse, WI: LWV WI Annual Meeting June 22-25, Las Vegas, NV: LWV US Convention

Ongoing Activities

Newsletter (monthly)

Website/Facebook

Finance Drive – September

Collaborations

Ad hoc Observer Corps/Pulse Collaboration Committee: October 29, 1:00 PM, Kress, Egg Harbor; November 11, 10:00 AM, Kress, Egg Harbor; November 29, 1:00 PM, Kress, Egg Harbor; January 15, 1:00-2:30 PM, Kress, Egg Harbor; March 31, 3:30 PM, Peninsula Pulse Office, Baileys Harbor

Ad hoc LWV DC/DC Knock Collaboration Committee: March 7, 1:00 PM, DC Community Foundation, Sturgeon Bay; April 3, 11:00 AM Zoom; May 10, 1:30PM, DC Community Foundation, Sturgeon Bay

DC Nonprofit Group: (Monthly member meetings)

Voter Service

Thank you, Election Workers, Campaign! Thank notes to 201 Door County Election Workers; Lawn signs offered to each municipal clerks; ½ page ad in Peninsula Pulse, Letter to Editor in Peninsula Pulse: November 1 – 7 implementation.

Birthday cards to 18-year-olds: Cards delivered to Southern Door, Sturgeon Bay, Sevastopol, and Washington Island High Schools; Gibraltar has not yet responded to outreach.

Voter Registration Assist Events: September 3 & 4: Marina Fest, Sister Bay; September 19, 11:00AM-1:00PM NWTC Sister Bay; September 20, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM: NWTC Sturgeon Bay; September 20: Novel Bay Book Sellers; September 26: YMCA, Sturgeon Bay; September 27: Fair Isle Books, Washington Island; September 28: YMCA, Sturgeon Bay; October 1: YMCA, Fish Creek; October 14: YMCA, Fish Creek; October 15: YMCA, Sturgeon Bay; October 15: YMCA, Fish Creek; October 17, 11:00AM-1:00 PM: NWTC, Sister Bay; October 18: YMCA, Sturgeon Bay;

High school presentations:

Sturgeon Bay HS, October 3: Senior homeroom teachers presented the Voter Registration/Education PowerPoint during homeroom sessions.

Sevastopol October 19: LWV presentation to senior class.

Pamphlet/flier /sign distribution:

Signs: "Vote! It Counts!" and "Vote Absentee" placed at businesses in Fish Creek, Egg Harbor and Sister Bay

Posters: Placed at Libraries in Sturgeon Bay, Sister Bay

Literature: Placed at post offices in Fish Creek, Ellison Bay, Sister Bay, Gills Rock, and businesses in Washington Island, Valmy, Fish Creek.

Know Your Candidates! fliers: distributed to nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

Meeting re YMCA Youth in Government, April 13, 3:00 PM, YMCA

Voter Service Committee: Kress Center, Egg Harbor: January 9; February 7; March 6;

Observer Corps/Action (OC/A)

OC/A Committee: April 28, 10:00 AM, Kress, Egg Harbor

Action (Advocacy):

Action Alerts: April 16 re Speaking remotely during Public Comment (County Board):

April 29: Gibraltar School Board Meeting - Adoption of non-discrimination policies for transgender and gender nonconforming students

Testimony: Sturgeon Bay City Council Finance Committee, January 15: Sober Living Facility;

County Board, March 28: Sober-living facility;

Letter to County Board, April 18, Treatment Court, Sober living facility, JPS statistics;

County Board, April 18: Speaking remotely during public comment;

Letter to Gibraltar School Board, May 2, Non-discrimination policies for transgender and gender nonconforming students.

Lobbying: January 9, 11:30 AM-3:00 PM: State Legislators;

Mental Health/Substance Use Project

Educational Subcommittee: United Way Board Room, Sturgeon Bay: June 22, 2:30 PM; August 10, 1:00 PM; Sept. 14, 1:00 PM; October 24, 1:00 PM; November 28, 1:00 PM; January 23, 1:00 PM; March 1, 1:00 PM; April 5, 1:00 PM; May 4;

Legislative Subcommittee: DC Community Foundation, Sturgeon Bay: June 15, 1:30 PM; October 19, 1:00 PM; November 16, 1:00 PM; December 6, 10 PM; January 9, 11:30 AM-2:30 PM; January 18, 1:00 PM; February 10, 12:30 PM; March 22, 3:15-5:00 PM (County Gov. Center, Sturgeon Bay Library); April 3, 2:30 PM, Justice Center; April 24, 1:00 PM;

Joint effort: Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, October 20, Noon

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI)

Committee (Zoom): November 2, 1:30 PM; January 10, 5:00 PM; February 22, 5:00 PM; April 26, 5:00 PM.

Natural Resources

Committee: February 8, 6:00 PM, Egg Harbor Library; March 8, 1:00 PM, Sturgeon Bay Library; April 6, 11:00 AM, Sturgeon Bay Library;

Miscellaneous Outreach Events:

Pride Festival Table: June 25, 9 AM-5 PM

WDOR (Eddie Allen) Interview 10:20-11:00 AM

Peninsula Pulse Podcast: October 17

Learning in Retirement – Elections: October 19

Sturgeon Bay Parent Resource Fair: March 7

Leadership Door County, March 14, 8:45-9:00 AM, Justice Center: Local Government presentation

Earth Day: April 22, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM, Kress, Egg Harbor

Volunteer Fair: May 3, 3:00-6:00PM, ADRC, Sturgeon Bay

LWV WI Activities:

Membership, Leadership, Development Program (MLD) (Zoom, 7:00-8:00 PM): June 16; August 10; October 18; November 9; January 11; February 8; April 12; May 15;

LWV WI Voter Service Committee (Zoom, 8:30-9:30 AM): July 15; August 12; September 16; October 21; November 18 (10:30-11:30 AM); January 6; February 3; March 10; April 14;

LWV WI Legislative Committee (Zoom): August 19 (12:00-2:00 PM); September 23 (12:00-1:30 PM); October 21 (12:00-1:30 PM); November 18 (12:00-1:30 PM); January 13 (12:00-1:00 PM); January 27, (12:00-1:00 PM); March 10, (12:00-1:00 PM); March 24, (12:00-1:00 PM); April 14, (12:00-1:30 PM); April 28, 12:00-2:00PM; May 12, (12:00-1:00 PM)
DC Knock Interview: May 5

LWV WI President's Call (Zoom): July 20, 4:00 PM; November 16, 4:30 PM; January 18, 4:30 PM; March 15, 4:00 PM;
Issues Briefing Webinars: November 10, 6:00-7:30 PM; November 12, 9:00-10:30 AM

Get involved

In addition to the areas of activity represented by our Leadership Team, members can also reach out to the contact indicated below for these activities:

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI) Committee
Mental Health/Substance Use Education Committee
Mental Health/Substance Use Legislative Committee
Website
Leadership Team
Natural Resources

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Congratulations to the YMCA Youth in Government Program!

At our annual meeting, the Door County League had the honor to present our first ever “LWVDC Making Democracy Work Award.” We were delighted to award it to the leaders and participants in the YMCA Youth in Government Program.

In the Y’s program, students from Door County schools in grades 8 to 12 are eligible to learn how government works from the perspectives of the legislators, judges, and journalists/media. From September to March, these young people meet with Program Director Tyler Powell and adult leaders Colleen Nordin and Colleen Crocker-MacMillin. They learn to draft laws, write media releases, and judge cases in preparation for a weekend trip to the state capitol in March when they simulate running the state government. Truly an impressive group of students and adult leaders doing vital work!



Participants Yana Zenefski, Symone Sandoval, Bella Hodowany, and Abi Tooley; adult leader Colleen Nordin; Director Tyler Powell.

New developments for Mental Health/Substance Use Education Committee

Two important items to note for this busy committee . . .

- Welcome to new member Jim Conley who is taking over as chair of this committee. Thank you, Jim!
- The committee is working on organizing a presentation by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Wisconsin; gathering support, services, and resources available in Wisconsin; and starting the process of becoming a local NAMI affiliate in Door County. The presenter will be Stacey Mohr-Johannsen, the associate director at NAMI Wisconsin. Watch for information on date, time, and venue!

Focus on youth mental health: Are our children at risk?

If you were unable to attend the March 23 presentation, you can still **watch it by viewing the video recording on our website** www.lwvdoorcounty.org, on Facebook, or find it in our Education playlist on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@lwvdoorcounty/playlists>.

Open Door Pride Fest

June is here, which means it's time for the annual Pride Fest in Sturgeon Bay at Martin Park. We're reaching out to all members to give some thought to volunteering to staff the LWV Door County table.

The event is on **Saturday, June 24 from 10:00 AM to 5:30 PM** (for clean-up). Please contact kathleen.braswell@lwvdoorcounty.org with your availability – morning, afternoon, however long you'd like to stay.

Come out and show your pride supporting the LGBTQ+ community as representatives of the League of Women Voters Door County!

Hope Beyond the Hurt Trauma Informed Care Conference

Attached is the flyer for the Hope Beyond the Hurt Trauma Informed Care Conference. Registration will be opening this week and more information and the registration (when open) can be found here:

<https://unitedwaydc.com/event/hope-beyond-the-hurt-growing-a-resilient-community/>

HOPE BEYOND THE HURT

GROWING A RESILIENT COMMUNITY



Save THE Date



15 August 2023

8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Stone Harbor Resort & Conference Center
107 N 1st Ave, Sturgeon Bay, WI

Attendees will be provided tools and language to build resilience within themselves and those around them.

CONFERENCE TOPICS:

- Compassion Resilience
- Strategies for a Resilient You
- TBRI® (Trust Based Relational Intervention)
- 7 Essential Ingredients of Trauma Informed Care
- Resilience Through Art
- Unlocking the Transformational Power of Grief
- Self-Care
- Safe Person

See our website for more information
www.unitedwaydc.com/hbhconference

KEYNOTE

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**BE INSPIRED.
BE INFORMED.
BE EMPOWERED.
BE THE CHANGE.**

REGISTRATION COMING SOON



30 Years of Recycling in Wisconsin

Ever wonder what happens after you drop your pop can in the recycling bin? What is actually recycled, how has it changed over the past years, and what can we expect with the future of recycling?

Join us at **7:00 PM on June 21** for *30 Years of Recycling in Wisconsin: Successes, Challenges and Looking Ahead*. ♻️ No matter if you are new to recycling or a seasoned expert, please join!

[Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

**30 YEARS OF RECYCLING
IN WISCONSIN:**

**JUNE 21,
7 PM CT**

**VIRTUAL
WEBINAR**

SUCCESSES, CHALLENGES & LOOKING AHEAD

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF WISCONSIN

The graphic features a blue background with white text. In the center, there is an illustration of recycling items: a blue recycling bin, a blue recycling bag, and a cardboard box filled with plastic bottles. The text is arranged in a clear, bold layout, with the title at the top, the date and time on the left, the event type on the right, and the subtitle at the bottom. The LWV logo is positioned at the bottom center.

LWVDC Legislative Subcommittee Update.

On June 7, members of the LWVDC Legislative Committee (Susan Kohout, Dan Powers, Betsy Rossburg, and Barb Sanja) met via Zoom with members from the Greater Green Bay and Manitowoc Leagues to discuss a regional advocacy approach to lobbying for a NE Wisconsin Crisis Stabilization Facility. This a follow-up action initiated by the Legislative Committee seeking a collective approach to procuring a stabilization facility. It comes after meetings with Joel Kitchens and Andre Jacque as well as with the Door County Health & Family Services director, the county sheriff, and city of Sturgeon Bay police chief.

The collective LWV groups will research specifics as to the status of existing facilities and allocated monies in the last and current state budgets. They will meet again on August 30 to decide the next steps.

Observer Corp Update – June 6, 2023

Our collaboration with *The Pulse* has moved into a launching phase. We need you!

In preparation for an August 24 evening training session, it is important for observers to get started now. Observe a government meeting in **June, July, and August** so you are able to benefit from this training. Debra Fitzgerald of *The Pulse* will be with us to share her insights for successful observing. We will also show you how to record your observations so they can be used for our article in *The Pulse*.

We want to enhance the number of observers in action in order to make this collaboration a success. Please email ocaction@lwvdoorcounty.org to let us know where you would like to observe. We will reply to your email and provide a quick tutorial on how to use the webpage resources.

Expanding perspectives: The fight for gender equality

Be sure to see Milwaukee-based artist [Mauree Childress](#) at the Miller Art Museum June 3 - July 15.

Save the Date! Volunteer and join the Car Parade Committee

August 26 is Women's Equality Day and the 103rd anniversary of the enactment of the 19th Amendment recognizing women's right to vote. Plans are just beginning to take shape for our fourth car parade, and you have a chance to volunteer on the committee to help shape it. This is a super fun and meaningful event, so join the fun!

And as they chanted more than a hundred years ago – Votes for Women!

Contact Heidi Ling at 714-271-8528.

Welcome new member, Holly!



Greetings! My name is Holly Hampson, and I relocated to Door County from Colorado in 2022 with my husband. During my free time, I enjoy bird watching, hiking, and exploring the novelties of our new home. Currently, I am employed full time with a health technology company, focused on whole heart health. I am excited to learn from each one of you on the subject of empowering voters.

Website & Member Dues

As we gear up for a presidential election year, there are plenty of opportunities – big and small – to get involved, engage with our community, and make a local impact! **We invite our LWVDC Friends** to join us by completing our [Membership Form](#). **Current LWVDC Members**, if you have not already, please complete our [Membership Form](#) at this time. Thank you!

If you haven't explored our website recently, check it out! <https://www.lwvdoorcounty.org/>

Donate - Note the dropdown for type of donation (Membership, Membership + Additional Donation, General Donation) and also the box you can check to help us cover credit card processing fees.

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DOOR COUNTY

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We are a 501(c)(3) nonpartisan organization of women & men that encourages informed and active participation in government.

\$75 USD **\$110 USD** \$150 USD Other

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We are continuing to add information to our website. One page in progress is **Volunteer Opportunities** under the Our Work navigation link. Stay tuned for more ways to get involved!

If you have any comments or suggestions, please send them to: webteam@lwvdoorcounty.org

If you have questions about your dues contact: memberadmin@lwvdoorcounty.org

Communicate with Your Representatives!

Tip: Post the updated attached list on your refrigerator to have it handy!

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Joseph Biden

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

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