



OUR MISSION: Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy
June 1, 2023

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES : get these on your summer calendar!



**VALLEY WIDE
PRIDE FEST**
is coming to
Hudson
on
Saturday, **June 17**,
9:00am - 8:00pm
Lakefront Park,
Hudson

Live music from local LGBTQ+ musicians, community vendors, and more!

Dubbed "Valley Wide Pride Fest," this event calls out to not just Hudson residents but anyone living in the greater St. Croix Valley area. It is meant to truly celebrate and support the entire St. Croix Valley's LGBTQ+ community.

This festival is family-friendly and will include a kid and teen tent with face painting, a photo booth, and an arts and craft table. Hudson Pride Co. is also working with a local yoga studio to provide a relaxing morning yoga session on the lawn in front of the bandshell from 9:00-10:00am.

Here's where YOU can help!

Come one, come all ... the LWV St. Croix Valley is planning to be present at this event. And we need your help!

Our theme is "Your Vote is Your Voice" ~ and our table will have lots of informational materials available about voting , as well as LWV pens and US Constitutions.

We are looking for LWV SCV members who are willing to volunteer at our table ~ 2 people for each 2-hour shift.

- *The event begins at 9:00am ~ we are hoping to have enough volunteers so we can be available from 9:00am (or maybe 10:00am) till 3:00 or 4:00pm.*
- *Interested? Want more information? Contact Carolyn Saunders (715-432-5816 or csaunders1949@yahoo.com). AND watch your email inbox for more detailed information!*

ANOTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

New Richmond Fun Fest parade.

Sunday July 16, 2023.

Members will meet at Table 65 in New Richmond at 10:45

Volunteers needed to decorate the car

and to organize signs and handouts

and who can be there at 10:30.

We will go to our 'line up' spot at 11AM.

Parade is at 12 (noon).

Contact Irene Bugge or Patty Van Neval to sign up!



LEAGUE MEMBERS CONTRIBUTE TO LWV-WI SILENT AUCTION

Members attending the The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin Annual Meeting, June 9th & 10th in La Crosse will bring a basket of goodies reflecting our three member counties. The Silent Auction is held to help offset costs associated with hosting the event. The theme of this year's meeting is "The Currents That Connect Us."

Organizers for the event asked if baskets could reflect the areas they represented and connect with the theme. Donations were made to reflect our local treasures!

Contents of donation basket:

Maple Syrup – Polk County

Honey- Polk County

Polished Agates- Lake Superior

Wild Rice- Burnett County

Book- Water Protectors – The H.E.L.P. Campaign to Save the Penokees

Necklace- Artist resides in St. Croix County

Wine – Polk County

LWV SCV Summer Picnics

Tuesday, June 27, 5:00–8:00pm (Dinner at 6:00pm)

Hosts: Melinda Hanson, Janet Lestock, and Liz Malanaphy

Melinda Hanson's home,

1458 Ridge Run, New Richmond, WI 54017

Directions: In Boardman, head West on 140th at Meister's Bar and Grill. In about 2 miles, the road will curve left and turn into 83rd. At this curve, turn slight right to stay on 140th. In 1/2 mile, turn right after a long row of mailboxes onto Ridge Run. In 1/2 mile, the road curves right into the driveway.

Members, plus one also invited.

Hosts will provide: Chicken Salad, Fruit Salad, small buns, water, lemonade, red and white wine, and bars for dessert.

You are welcome to bring your own beverage.

Please bring an appetizer or small salad to share, if you desire to do so.

If you have dietary restrictions, please bring what you are able to eat. Please RSVP Melinda (min.hanson1458@gmail.com or 651-357-5932) by the weekend before the picnic, so we know just how much food and seating are needed.

Thursday, August 24, 5:00-8:00pm

Hosts: Kathy & Greg Palmquist
On Big Wood Lake just southeast of Grantsburg

Watch for more details on this picnic in future newsletters!



NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!

Please join in welcoming the newest member of our League:

Charlene Rae Mayry lives in New Richmond and comes to the League with an interest in Voter Services.

Please reach out to Charlene and introduce yourself ~ when we surround our new members in caring ways, they will know they are welcome and begin to feel included!

Charlene's email is crmayry@hotmail.com.



Joint Board of Directors and Committee Chairs Meeting

Current and newly elected League leaders will meet on Tuesday, June 20, at 5:00pm at the Village Pizzeria in Amery ~ 325 Keller Ave (on the north end of downtown).

All League leaders are encouraged to attend this transitional meeting. It will be a way for the outgoing leaders and incoming leaders to listen to and learn from one another!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023-2024

Co-Presidents Irene Bugge and Beth Wood

Vice President Kris Surbaugh

Secretary Evanne Hunt

Treasurer Kate Manecke

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Marla Olson

Committee Leadership for 2023-24

Member Services Marla Olson and Nanette Del Monaco

Voter Services Patty Van Nevel and Rita Kearns

Program Committee Vicki Harmon

Communications & Media Kris Surbaugh

Budget Nancy Stewart

Nominations Kris Surbaugh (Vice President)

SUGGESTED VIEWING:

With each newsletter, we feature a submission by a member who would like to share something – an article, podcast, book, or video – that adds depth and context to help our members dig deeper and develop a deeper understanding of our LWV mission.

For this newsletter, our DEI co-director, Edna, found this gem on youtube. It is about eight minutes long and a highly recommended view.

This video was posted by “Britain’s Got Talent” and highlights a group called UNITY – college friends who have a message for the world.

(cut and paste the link below – then just skip the ads)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YM8UzTadJ7A&authuser=0>

"It is not our differences that divide us, it is our inability to recognise, accept, embrace and celebrate those differences."