



**OUR MISSION:** *Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy*

February 1, 2023

## **YARD SIGNS UP!**

**(guidelines for yard signs for the February 21–Spring Primary)**  
(Optional because of snow)

- VOTE FROM HOME** signs can be put out immediately - Pick up on Wed, Feb. 15
- VOTE TUESDAY** signs should be put out on Wed, Feb 15 - Pick up on Wed, Feb 22
- THANK YOU ELECTION WORKERS** can be put out on Wed, Feb 22 -  
Pick up on Tues, Feb 28

## **DO YOU NEED YARD SIGNS?**

Let Katrina Larsen, [katrina\\_larsen@yahoo.com](mailto:katrina_larsen@yahoo.com), 715-338-6820, know if you would like any of the following. She will make arrangements to get them to you.

- Vote Tuesday**
- Vote from Home**
- Vota/Vote (Spanish vote)**
- Thank You Election Workers**

We encourage you to continue to reuse signs that are in good shape. In addition to putting signs in your yard, have you considered putting them near new developments or apartment buildings (depending on local regulations)? With the influx of new residents to our area, many may not be aware of the Supreme Court Justice race or important local races like school board.



## **IT'S GOING TO BE A PARTY!**

Voter Services and the Program Committee members are working together to encourage, inform, and register youth (18 - 25) in our three counties area.

We have three events scheduled on Feb 14<sup>th</sup> at UW River Falls, Chippewa Valley Tech in River Falls, and Northwood Tech in New Richmond to celebrate *League of Women Voters 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday*. Our goal at these events will be to interact with youth with the intent to familiarize students with the issues and the candidates on the ballot.

Kathy Streitz will take the lead in reaching out to high schools to set up groups of student trainers with the guidance of teachers and members of the League. If this work piques your interest let Kathy Streitz know by calling her directly at 612-916-8856. Kathy will also continue to work with prisoners to get them registered to vote.

## **MORE LEAGUE EVENTS!**

Keep March 17<sup>th</sup> in your mind. LWVSCV is going to make an appearance marching in the New Richmond St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 17. ***We are requesting members near or far to join us.*** The Parade starts at 4pm on the corner of S. Knowles Ave. and W.3<sup>rd</sup> Street in front of the Shamrock Bar. If we are too far away from you, consider joining a parade in your area.



A League of Women Voters  
of Dane County  
Public Issues Forum

## ***WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT: WHY YOUR VOTE MATTERS***

Thursday, February 9, 2023 | 6:30–8 p.m.

Online: via Zoom

Forum Registration Link:

[https://lwvdanecounty-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_lKIIroKBQdS9vYvh\\_bX-3A](https://lwvdanecounty-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_lKIIroKBQdS9vYvh_bX-3A)

Join us for this virtual forum, where we'll discuss the issues on the ballot in upcoming elections on February 21 and April 4, when voters will elect a new Wisconsin Supreme Court justice. Moderator Marjorie Schuett will lead discussions of the court's structure, the impact of recent decisions on gerrymandering and voter rights, as well as what we can expect from the court in the future.

### **OUR SPEAKERS**

Christa Westerberg, Partner with Pines Bach LLP Litigation Practice Group

Robert Yablon, Associate Professor, UW Law School

Moderator: Marjorie Schuett, Secretary, LWVDC Board of Directors

Audience questions and thoughts will be welcome.

**Registration is necessary to participate in the webinar.**



Interested in chatting with other League members in a fun and relaxed atmosphere? LWV-SCV will offer casual conversations over coffee starting in February to reflect and discuss ideas presented in anything from the Justice Matters Briefings to the Spring Election and anything in between! No registration required.

Every Friday in February at 9 AM sign in to chat with other League members. You may use this zoom link (copy and paste), or email Kris directly <[aksurbaugh@gmail.com](mailto:aksurbaugh@gmail.com)> All members encouraged and welcome to 'pop in'.  
<https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/81668918418?pwd=Ykh6SoJ1OEo2QoZwWXN5YS9QeERNdzo9>

February 3  
February 10  
February 17  
February 24

May 2023						
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**Sunday, May 7th 2023**

***SAVE THE DATE!***

Circle your calendar for the  
LWV-SCV Annual Meeting.

*This year we'll meet in person!*

**Huzzah!**

## **FIND YOUR PLACE IN THE LEAGUE!**

**Voter Services Co-chairs:** Patty Van Nevel and Rita Kearns

**Member Services Co-chairs:** Marla Olson and Nanette Del Monaco

**Program Committee Chair:** Vicki Harmon

**Communication & Media Committee Chair:** Kris Surbaugh

**Budget Committee Chair:** Nancy Stewart

**Nominating Committee Chair:** Beth Wood

For more information check out our website: <https://lwwstcroixvalley.org/joinus/>

## **MEMBER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!**

This spring's election is extremely important, so we are looking for energetic volunteers to promote education and information to the public. Do you know of a local race (school board, town board, village board, etc) that needs factual information about candidates or issues?

Contact Patty ([pattyvannevel@gmail.com](mailto:pattyvannevel@gmail.com)) or Rita ([ritakearns54@gmail.com](mailto:ritakearns54@gmail.com)) to find out more!

## **RECOMMEND BOOKS, ARTICLES, PODCASTS TO DIG DEEPER!**

*Edna Early, our DEI liaison, has offered several recommendations for members who wish to dig a little deeper into various subjects. She recommended the book Our Missing Hearts by Celeste Ng last month and I've been reading it! Such a perfect story for our times. Thanks Edna for the recommendation!*

This week Edna has found some other fun articles to shake the gloom for these winter nights.

- Whether you are a horse lover or not– Wisconsin Public Television's series "Wisconsin Life" has an interesting video article about the Ojibwe horse. I for one had no idea that the Ojibwe people had their own breed of horse! This video is available online at: <https://tinyurl.com/Ojibwe-horses>

□ **PLACES TO VISIT:**

DEI (Diversity Equity and Inclusion) liaison Edna recommends these places in Wisconsin to visit to learn more!



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Reminder:

**February 21: Board Meeting with Committee Chairs 5:30PM via zoom link**



## **LWV-SCV POLICIES TO REVIEW**



### **DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION (DEI) POLICY**

The LWV St. Croix Valley is fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in principle and in practice. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are central to the organization's current and future success in engaging all individuals, households, communities, and policy makers in creating a more perfect democracy.

There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, gender identity, ethnicity, race, native or indigenous origin, age, generation, sexual orientation, culture, religion, belief system, marital status, parental status, socioeconomic status, language, accent, ability status, mental health, educational level or background, geography, nationality, work style, work experience, job role function, thinking style, personality type, physical appearance, political perspective or affiliation and/or any other characteristic that can be identified as recognizing or illustrating diversity.

### **NONPARTISAN POLICY OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ST. CROIX VALLEY**

The League of Women Voters of St. Croix Valley is nonpartisan. As an organization it does not support or oppose candidates for public office, but rather acts only on those issues chosen by the membership for *study and action*. The League believes that political parties are essential to the American system of government and that the participation of informed citizens is beneficial to the political parties and to the system. Consequently, the League encourages its members as individuals to be active in political parties, in finding and supporting candidates for public office, and in seeking election to public office. Members of the League are not eligible to serve on the Board while seeking or

holding elected public office. While serving on the Board, a League member shall not seek nor hold state-level elective office, nor shall any officer or Board members allow her/his name to be used in support of any candidate or a state or federal office. In all other political activity, committee members shall participate to the extent the League nonpartisanship is maintained. There are no other restrictions on the political activities of officers and Board members, but it is the responsibility of the Board, individually and collectively, to ensure that the community has no reason to question the nonpartisan position of the organization.