



OUR MISSION: *Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy*
August 1, 2023



NOTES FROM VOTER SERVICES:

HELP WANTED!

We are seeking someone with the ability to design a spreadsheet. The Voter Services Team has a wide and varied array of materials - signs, hand-outs, stickers, pens, candy, tent, wagon. We are in the process of taking assessment & could use an organizational wizard.

Appreciation and gratitude, until better pay.

Flexible hours 😊

If you can whip up a spreadsheet and manipulate varied pieces into a whole, we'd love to talk with you. If you're the person with this most enviable skill set, please contact

Rita ritakearns54@gmail.com

OR Patty pattyvannevel@gmail.com

BE INFORMED! LWV-Wisconsin has many videos accessible to members to learn about the League's position on many topics. To learn about the League's position on National Popular Vote—go to *The National Popular Vote: What, Why and How?* at: <https://youtu.be/ytGf2PpsXfE>

**Voter Services team
would like to invite any member in the League
to join our Zoom meeting on
Tuesday, August 8, from 4 - 5 pm.**

We welcome everyone to listen in and see what we're up to and share your ideas. Here is your invitation....

Topic: Voter Services Open House

Time: Aug 8, 2023 04:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting—copy and paste in your browser—

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83669283020?pwd=ZklQbHFzWkl4RGppQS94cFQ4TXJWZz09>

Or contact Kris Surbaugh <aksurbaugh@gmail> or text 715-566-1186

Looking for some summer fun?

If you would like to put a face on LWVSCV in your community, we can help you get started. Consider taking LWV materials to your local festival or event! If you want to explore the possibilities in your area, we encourage you to consider your local Farmers Markets, Senior Living facilities, Church Picnics, and other local events in your neighborhood.

Maybe you want to set up a booth or table. Maybe you want to walk in your local parade. Maybe you just want to have brochures or handouts with you as you visit your community event.

We have equipment available to every League member. Our league has purchased a portable canopy, collapsible wagon to make outdoor events easier to work and to look professional. We have materials to hand out, a Spinning Wheel with instructions for a game to play and candy prizes. *You would be amazed at the draw of the Spinning Wheel!* It's a delightful way to engage in conversation.

We have a letter of introduction to help explain what LWV is about. This can be printed and used by any member as you explore ways to make LWVSCV a known resource in your communities.

Outreach and relationship building is how we become an effective voice for change. Do you hear comments about LWV associations that just aren't true? Let's work to set the record straight. After all, education is a key component of our work.

Missing Totes! Does anyone know where those traveling totes may be? Three plastic bins were made for traveling to Farmer's Markets. Contact Rita OR Patty

PICNIC IN AUGUST!

Thursday, August 24th

Hosts: Kathy & Greg Palmquist
at their Cabin on Big Wood Lake

22554 Assembly Drive

Grantsburg, WI

RSVP to vickiharmon@hotmail.com

715-220-0890

Burgers, Brats & Buns, Rose Wine & Ice

Water

Gather at 5PM

Bring a dish to share if desired.



ANOTHER FUN EVENT TO ATTEND

HOSTED BY LWV- GREATER CHIPPEWA VALLEY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2023 AT 1 PM – 4 PM

Equal Means Equal - Women's Equality Day

Russell J Rassbach Heritage Museum

Menomonie, WI

Event hosted by [League of Women Voters-GCV](#)

[Russell J Rassbach Heritage Museum](#)

Duration: 3 hr

Public invited!

· Anyone on or off Facebook

HAPPY 103rd BIRTHDAY, 19th AMENDMENT, or Women's Equality Day

Equal means equal! That's the theme for the free Women's Equality Day event set for 1-4 p.m. Saturday, August 26, at the Russell J. Rassbach Heritage Museum in Menomonie's Wakanda Park. The League of Women Voters-Greater Chippewa Valley, in collaboration with the museum, invites the public to celebrate the 103rd anniversary of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote. There will be raffle drawings, music, speakers, refreshments, and activities for young and old.

From 1 to 2 p.m., tables will be set up for making sashes, signs, and buttons. Children and adults can test their civic knowledge or opt to take a spin on the prize wheel. Area Girl Scouts will participate in multi-age activities to earn a "Democracy" badge.

Bridge the Divide will demonstrate Final Five Voting. The museum will have a Women's Equality Day display. League members will be available to offer information on voter registration, membership, and free Vote Tuesday signs. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase until the 3 p.m. drawing.

From 2 to 3pm, four area women will share stories about their current leadership positions in county, school, and nonprofit organizations. Speeches of less than ten minutes each will allow time for questions, including from Scouts encouraged to submit questions as part of their badge work.

Speakers are Connie Russell, Eau Claire County Board Member; Rachel Henderson, President of the Board, Menomonie Area Schools; Andrea Nodolf, Dunn County District Attorney; Kathleen Macferran, Certified Trainer for the Center for Nonviolent Communication.

There will be a break for ice cream treats, and then Carol Johnson will draw the winning raffle ticket for her “Star Bargello” quilt, currently on display at the Menomonie Public Library. The afternoon will conclude with a sing-along, and a short League of Women Voter’s – Greater Chippewa Valley meeting.

Attendees can plan to see the Rassbach Museum and Fulton’s Workshop as well. Admission fees apply for that visit. Any questions, please feel free to email Judy Ferber at contact.lwv.gcv@gmail.com.

Follow this link to RSVP or find out more:

<https://fb.me/e/DVKtAyUp>

“I’VE JOINED THE LEAGUE, NOW WHAT?”

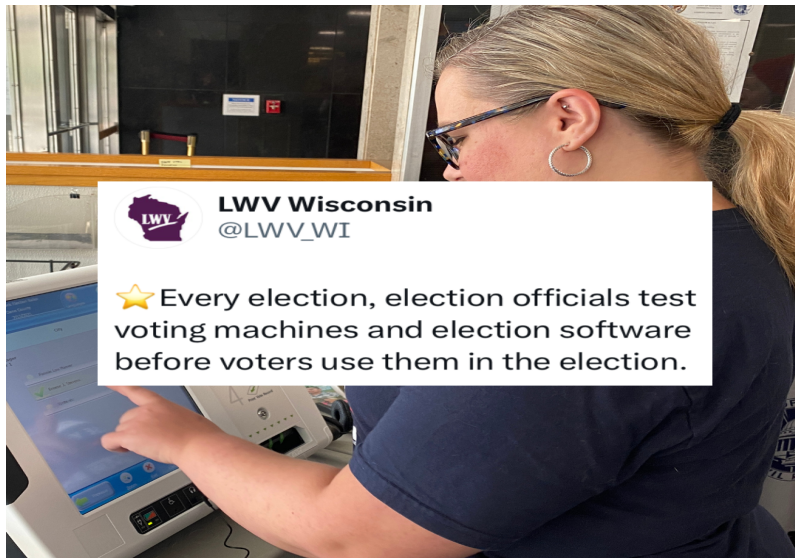
As a member of the League of Women Voters, you are the first line of non-partisan information for friends, family, and neighbors.

Recently our neighbors have become concerned about the integrity of our voting process.

The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin has assembled a series of informational talking points that help us reassure the public that our elections are transparent, accurate, and carefully monitored.

- Point out that our local election officials are our neighbors. These are folks who are interested in making our democracy work. Let’s celebrate them!
- Every election, our election officials test voting machines and election software BEFORE voters use them in the election!
- Here in Wisconsin, our election officials are all about accuracy! Wisconsin's election officials triple-check the results, as part of our fair and reliable election process.

- After November elections, election officials conduct checks of the voting equipment, called post-election equipment audits, to ensure the machines accurately recorded and counted votes. Election officials would detect any tampering or unauthorized use of the machines, and then quickly launch an investigation.
- And, this whole process is open to the public! You can check out the accuracy of the equipment and the results yourself during these tests. It shows how Wisconsin's elections value transparency and building trust in the public.



Find and share the League's informational slides on FACEBOOK and Instagram.

Find out more about election accuracy at:

<https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/Election-Results-Process>

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

My grandmother used to say “Ask a busy person and they’ll get it done”. Our League members are a great example of just that thought.

Caught recently in a news article in the Hudson Star Observer (July 24, 2023) you’ll find mention of one of our League members. Thanks, Liz, for all you do for your community. Thanks, Kay, for bringing this to our attention!

Partying with a Purpose

July 24, 2023

Hudson Star Observer

Over 40 volunteers gathered in Lakefront Park for the RiverFest river cleanup at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 18.

Participants picked up trash in locations along the river in both Hudson and North Hudson, including Lakefront Park, Brown’s Beach and the dike. RiverFest’s goal is to be a “party with a purpose” that encourages people to enjoy the river and take responsibility for preserving it.

Organizer Buck Malick believes this year’s river cleanup was one of the largest yet.

Each year, RiverFest hosts the redecoration of Scrapy the splashing bass, a seven-foot-tall statue of a fish.

All trash picked up during the cleanup was dropped off from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Picnic Point. Although the scaffolding of Scrapy was made by a professional artist, students in The Phipps’ River Deluxe Exploration art and science class have the chance to adorn the statue with the trash collected in the river cleanup.

Instructed by Liz Malanaphy, the River Deluxe Exploration class will teach participants, ages 8-14, about the St. Croix River, art, science and outdoor activities. The class began on Tuesday and continued until Friday.

While he resides at Camp St. Croix, Scrapy makes appearances in the community throughout the year. Recently, Scrapy made his way down Second Street in the Booster Days Parade.

