



**OUR MISSION:** *Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy*  
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## The Member Services Committee

(MSC) is looking for new committee members.

Are we a fit for your interests?

The MSC is an exciting committee to be a part of as we have so many touch points throughout our League and throughout the community. Part of our mission is to recruit new members. We do this in association with the Voter Services Committee at community outreach events such as farmer's markets, parades, and county fairs, among other gatherings.

We reach out to new members with our New Member Packets and phone calls. In the future, we will continue to work with the Program Committee to support programs for current members and interested community members.

We're part of the planning group for local coffee times where members get together without an agenda to better get to know one another.

We're excited to get our League's information out to the community through a QR code campaign. *(So if you have knowledge of QR code development and display, we'd love for you to join us.)*

Ideas for the future also include: Scholarships for high school and post-secondary students who have demonstrated leadership and an interest in public policy, voting, and political issues; sponsoring a youth roundtable discussion about current political issues; spotlighting members in our newsletter; getting to know current members through a short (very short!)

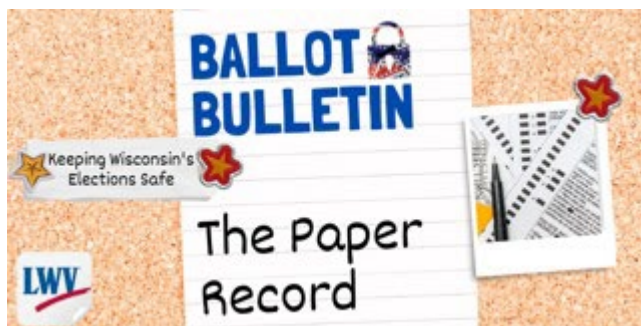
questionnaire to see what interests our members and finding ways to work with those interests; and more.

The MSC is evolving to new ways of supporting other committees and reaching out to the community. It's a great time to join us! Contact one of the chairs of the committee. We'd love to meet you at our September meeting (date still to be determined).

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## DID YOU KNOW THAT WISCONSIN HAS A PAPER RECORD FOR EVERY BALLOT CAST?

It's another part of our election system that ensures transparency, accuracy, and the ability to conduct

recounts. It is a safeguard against any potential errors, tampering, or inconsistencies.

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## Voter Services



If you have time and space VS wants everyone to know that the t-shirts are in! They will be available at the parade in Star Prairie this weekend or the picnic in Grantsburg next week.

**There's plenty of space for extra walkers at the Star Prairie Parade.** Line up at 1pm on County Road H near the Apple River Inn. (101 Main Street Star Prairie, WI 54026)



## Notes from the New Richmond Farmers Market

*If you've been thinking about representing the League in your local farmer's market or town celebration, but felt overwhelmed by the 'unknowns', read this report from Kay Brooks LWV member/volunteer who stepped up to attend the New Richmond Farmers Market as a League representative.*

*Using the League's canopy, banners, spinning wheel game and armed with voter/member handouts, organizing this event was easier than she thought! ~~~~~*

***“Successful and fun!” “Great day!”***

I have to admit that I was nervous about what to do and what to say, but it all fell into place! Thanks to my partner, Jarell Kuney, and Patty, Rita, and Mark who came to help set up. The Wheel game is like a magnet. So many people were ready to just walk by, but when we said, “Would you like to spin the wheel?” or “play our game?”, they backed up and decided to give it a try. Once we started a bit of conversation, many decided to take quite a bit of time to talk with us.

We had a wide variety of people participate (probably 60 or so). We likely picked up one or two potential new members and encouraged a few people to register to vote. It was wonderful to hear how many are already registered.

From someone who had some reservations, I encourage you to think of a place in your community where you can do the same. Everything is ready to go and Voter Services offers great support. It really is easy and rewarding! What could

be more fun than sitting outside with beautiful produce and flowers surrounding you, amongst great people to talk to!

Contact Patty Van Nevel <[pattyvannevel@gmail.com](mailto:pattyvannevel@gmail.com)>

or Rita Kearns <[ritakearns54@gmail.com](mailto:ritakearns54@gmail.com)> for more information.

(submitted by Kay Brooks)

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## Reminder: **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](mailto:vickiharmon@hotmail.com)  
715-220-0890



Burgers, Brats & Buns, Rose Wine & Ice Water  
Gather at 5PM  
Bring a dish to share if desired.

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Executive Team and Directors are as follows:

Beth Wood and Irene Bugge: Co President
Kris Surbaugh: Vice President
Evanne Hunt: Secretary
Kate Maneche: Treasurer
Directors: Rita Kerns, Edna Early, Barb Katt, Marla Olson



***Fall is coming up and now is a great time to get involved in League activities. Consider finding a committee that fits your interests. Volunteer at any level—a one time effort or as much as you feel you can comfortably fit into your lifestyle. In September we recognize National Voter Registration, and we hope to have multiple opportunities for volunteering. For information contact any of these individuals:***

**Member Services—Committee Contacts**

- Voter Services
- Get Out The Vote Events
- Voter Registration Events
- Meet The Candidate Events

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**Member Services**

- Member Enrichment Events
- Member Recruitment
- Manage Recruitment materials in
- public places

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**Communications & Media**

- Website & Social Media
- Newsletter
- Press Releases & Research Writing

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**Program Committee**

- Social Events (Annual Meeting, Summer Picnic)
- Education Programs
- Special Events
- Reader's Theater
- Book Study

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**Budget Committee:**

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- Fundraising

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