



OUR MISSION: Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy

April 15, 2023

2022 ELECTION IMPACT REPORT



27+ mil. voters contacted	17.4+ mil. voters protected through litigation	4.8+ mil. people received voting info at VOTE411.org
3+ mil. voters reached with English and Spanish ads	245k+ visits to VOTE411's Spanish-language pages	52k+ candidate voter guides created

Report from

Voters services:

According to reports from many different sources, Wisconsin had an historic turn-out of voters (40%) for a Spring Election.

By the numbers-

1.7 million voters cast ballots in the Spring Election.

Burnett, Polk and St Croix counties were all carried by Daniel Kelly.

Burnett-5344 ballots cast/ Kelly with 61% Janet with 39%

Polk-13,178 ballots cast/ Kelly with 59% Janet with 41%

St Croix-28,781 ballots/ Kelly with 53% Janet with 47%

All three statewide ballot measures passed... overwhelmingly.

Thank you, League members, for your participation in our democracy! Whether it's planting signs, making calls, talking with friends and family about voting and elections, or working the polls. Your actions add up to a success we can celebrate. It's an exciting time to be involved with LWVSCV!

Wisconsin's (estimated) voting age population is 4,676,183 with over 3,591,117 registered voters. The difference between the persons eligible to vote and the number that are registered is **over one million**.

What opportunity does the League have to serve the large number of people that are eligible and yet unregistered to vote?

Although there are many reasons and motivations for someone to cast a ballot, we don't know of any good reason not to. So we need to find out 'why'!

Our mission to inform and educate the electorate continues to expand.

Voter Services is looking to explore engagement of young voters and voters that are disenfranchised due to ability, transportation, gender, ethnicity.

Do you have an area of expertise, an idea or a passion that will help us Get Out the Vote? Patty and Rita are looking for your ideas and engagement to move this mission forward. We hope you join us!



Please join the Disability Vote Coalition in recognizing the important work of our Wisconsin Municipal Clerks. Nominate an outstanding municipal clerk in recognition of the 54th Annual Municipal Clerks Week (4/30-5/6). This is a great chance to recognize clerks for their work to make our elections accessible and welcoming.

Do you know a clerk has done a great job supporting voters with disabilities and older adults in your community? Submit your nomination using the link below, as soon as possible and no later than April 24, 2023. Nominations will be shared with clerks and posted on their website.

Submit a nomination:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/clerk_nomination

Please feel free to share widely!



2023 ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, May 7 beginning at 2:00pm

**Amery Area Community Center
608 Harriman Ave S, Amery WI**

The afternoon will include:

A time for friendship, dreaming,
and celebrating our League's work over the past 12 months

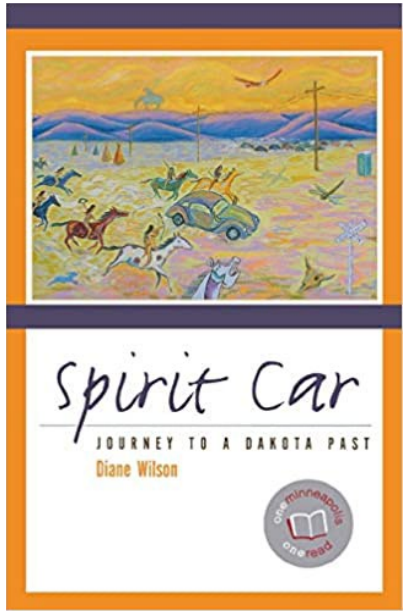
A Program with a DEI focus

Business:

- election of members newly nominated to the Board of Directors
- reports from our committees' leadership
- overview of finances and review of proposed budget

Refreshments provided by our current Board members

**PLAN TO ATTEND OUR LEAGUE'S ANNUAL MEETING ~
We ALL have a place at the table!**



The Program Committee is once again facilitating a book discussion. Our spring selection is Diane Wilson's *Spirit Car: Journey to a Dakota Past*.

Our first discussion will be on Wednesday May 3rd 6:30-8:00.

The second and last discussion is on Wednesday May 17th from 6:30-8:00.

If you would like to participate and have not yet notified me, please let me know so I can send you the zoom link prior to our first gathering and also the discussion questions.

Vicki Harmon
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Have you completed this survey?



The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin and our Election Protection Coalition Partners are conducting this survey to learn from voters about their voting experience during the April 4, 2023 election. If you answer, it will help us learn about your voting experience and any challenges you experienced.

<https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin/article/april-2023-voter-experience-survey>



Again this year, our League will be offering two summer socials ... picnic style!

One will be hosted by Melinda Hanson at her home on Bass Lake (St. Croix County) and co-hosted by Liz Malanaphy and Janet Lestock.

Date ~ TBD

Another will be hosted by Kathy Palmquist at her home on Big Wood Lake southeast of Grantsburg (Burnett County).

Date ~ Thursday, August 24

Mark your calendars ... you can attend the picnic closest to your home, or attend the one that works best with your calendar, or go to both! Information about time, food, and program will be announced early in the summer. Come one, come all! The summer picnics are always a great way to meet other League members in a casual and fun setting!

New Member

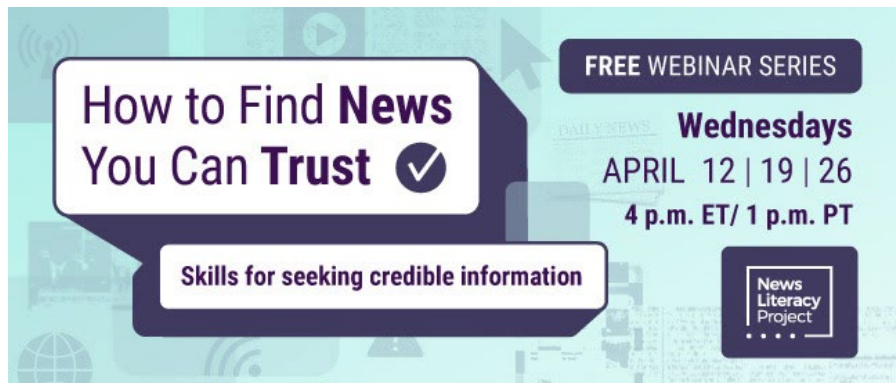
Please reach out and share words of welcome to our newest member, Cheryl Redman. Cheryl lives in Webster (Burnett County).

You can email her at: cera211@icloud.com

Our League's membership now stands at 69.
We might have to have a party when we reach 70!

Do you have a friend or family member who might appreciate being invited to join the League? Your encouragement could be all s/he needs to get involved!

Recommendations from our members:



Although the first of this series has passed, the next two Wednesday webinars promise to hold great information. If you are a teacher, know a teacher, know

young people, or just want the information for yourself, check out this Webinar Series. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/newselitwebinfoeg>

✳️ *News Literacy Project* is a national education nonprofit offering nonpartisan programs that teach students and the public.

“Our mission: The News Literacy Project, a nonpartisan education nonprofit, is building a national movement to advance the practice of news literacy throughout American society, creating better informed, more engaged and more empowered individuals — and ultimately a stronger democracy.”

Explore this information service and share freely: (website) newselit.org/ or check out their FACEBOOK page. (suggested by Kris Surbaugh)

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://lwgstcroixvalley.org/joinus/>

Upcoming LWV SCV Zoom Meetings:

Communications & Media Committee

Monday, April 17, 6:00pm

Board and Chairs Meeting

Tuesday, April 18, 5:30pm

Program Committee

Tuesday, April 25, 4:30pm

If interested: contact Committee Chairs for more details

Book Study (zoom)

Wednesday, May 3, 6:30pm

Wednesday, May 17, 6:30pm

Annual Meeting (in person)

Sunday, May 7, 2pm