



OUR MISSION: Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy

July 15, 2023

Voter Services



Greetings to our LWV SCV members. Summer is upon us, but without the challenges of preparing for fall elections. I hope you all take this opportunity to relax and recharge before the work gets into full swing. Please consider your passions and find the best place for your service to our important cause.

As you all know by now we did not get the ten volunteers to participate in New Richmond's Fun Fest Parade this weekend. We do however, have until next week to get our t-shirt order submitted. We only need two more orders to have the minimum for our purchase. Please consider a new t-shirt for yourself!

It would be amazing to get a few farmer's markets on our calendar for this summer. We have a tent, a wagon for hauling materials, and candy! The Spinning Wheel is a real crowd pleaser and easy way to draw people over for a chat. Please call, text, or email [Rita Kearns or Patty Van Nevel, Voter Services, co-Chairs](#), if you will consider hosting something in or near your town.

We are transitioning into new leadership for our league, and it is exciting to see how it will energize each of us into more active service to our three counties. I look forward to being part of new ideas and commitments to getting the vote out for the coming year, which will surely be a crazy ride.



LWV- SCV had its first picnic of the summer on Tuesday, June 27th.

Melinda & Mark Hanson, hosted the event on their beautiful home on Bass Lake. Co-hosts were Janet Lestock and Liz Malanaphy. Just as we were about to sit down at a beautifully laid table on their deck, it began to rain!

Thankfully their home accommodated all 30 of us rushing inside to eat. Our ice breaker game was "Tell me a fact I don't know about you." Everyone wrote down a fact about themselves that nobody, or very few people would know. Vicki read each one out one at a time and then we all tried to guess who it was. It was great fun, and we all learned many fun facts about our fellow League members! (The fun facts are posted at the end of this newsletter.)

Remember there is another picnic coming up 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.

New Board Members Take the Reins at June meeting!

With much gratitude to Carolyn Saunders, our outgoing President (2018-2023), we thank her for her years of service and dedication to the League. We are grateful for all her work to bring us to where we are.

We look forward to working with our new executive team and seeing where our collective energy can take us.

The new 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

Interested in moving into a new position in the League? Find a committee that fits your skills and passion:

Member Services–Committee Contacts

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

Patty Van Nevel: pattyvannevel@gmail.com

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Member Services

- Member Enrichment Events
- Member Recruitment
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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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Communications & Media

- Website & Social Media
- Newsletter

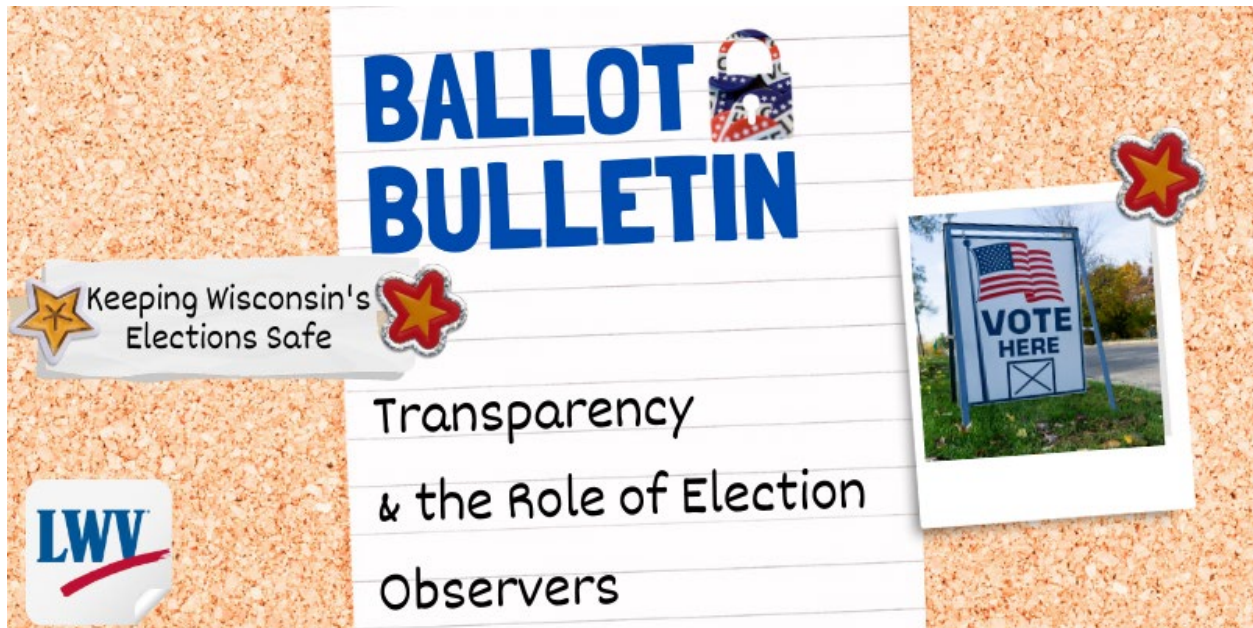
- Press Releases & Research Writing

Kris Surbaugh: aksurbaugh@gmail.com

Budget Committee:

- Budget Development & Oversight
- Fundraising

Nancy Stewart: N.Stewart@yahoo.com



This summer LWVWI is launching an educational series highlighting various election security topics so we are all better informed about the processes in place to make our elections fair, accessible, and secure. To learn more about this series go to

<[Wisconsin | MyLO \(lwv.org\)](http://WisconsinMyLO.lwv.org) >

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FUN FACTS Members shared at the June picnic:

Growing up I loved history. So, I read every biography in my Elementary School library by the start of 5th grade. Then I started over and read most twice.

Jaye Hay

I Fainted 80 times for science.

Irene Bugge

I lived at home right after high school and then attended beauty school. Where I was the only one who was not married, engaged or had a boyfriend.

After receiving my beauty license, I took the summer off and went to Europe where I met a guy who I thought I'd marry. My mom said, "Honey, just come back and go to one year of college and see how you feel..."

Colleen Foxworthy

I spent a summer washing state cars for my work/study money

Rita Kearns

I was born in the back seat of a 1947 Dodge on MN Highway 100 with Grampa driving!

Robin Maercklein

I took 2nd place in a strawberry baking contest in Brevard County FL. It was at the Annual Strawberry Festival a fundraiser for Brevard County Habitat for Humanity.

Cindy Glocke

I ate/tasted rattlesnake in the hills of Southern California.

Patty Van Nevel

In May of 2000 I spent a night in the Cleveland city jail.

Janet Ellinger

In the summer of 1973 I spent a night in the Penthouse at the Watergate Hotel-Washington D.C. while on my way to a Grateful Dead & Allman brother concert at RFK stadium.

Vicki

I traveled around China with my daughter and her college roommate just after Tiananmen Square.

Kathie Nelson

I hiked in the Blue Ridge GA mountains. A treasured experience.
Kathy Streitz

I was on the cover of the Minneapolis Tribune Sunday magazine in 1978 when they did a story about a dance performance at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts.
Kathryn Keinholtz

I am a frogger. The Wisconsin DNR has a frog and toad survey where volunteers listen for calls and reports the results. I have been doing this for five years. The survey itself has been going on for 40 years. Citizen Science in action.
Katrina Larsen

I lived in a teepee for one summer
Kay Brooks

I am starting Grad school this fall, a Masters in Sustainable Peacebuilding!
Liz Malanaphy

I hiked 3 days through jungle in northern Thailand with other trekkers, staying overnight in villages, then rode an elephant to the Mekong River where I floated on a bamboo raft until the group was picked up and returned by truck to Chang Mai.
Barb Wetzel

I Learned to ski as a child in the Pocono mountains
Carolyn

I play classical piano & organ
Edna Early

I went to the Passion Play in Oberammergau last year.
Jennifer Struss

I ran the Hana Highway in Maui- 52 miles- as part of a woman's relay team.
Beth Wood

I performed the part of 'Frenchie' in Beauty School Drop Out- in Grease .
Melinda Hanson

I swam before I walked!
Marcy Armstrong

I attended the U.S. Army War College – participated in the National Security Seminar.
Janet LeStock

I was the tallest person in my class until 9 th grade!
Linda Koep

I made a quilt with my dad's lifelong collection of neckties.

Miriam Flysjo

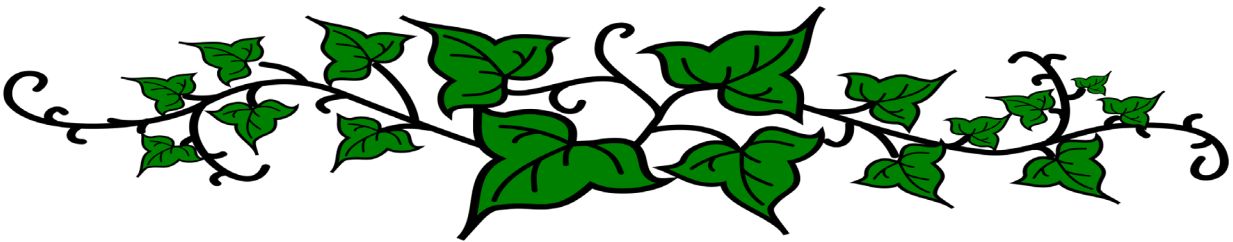
I am an avid native flowers and
grasses proponent.

Evanne Hunt

Freckles was my nickname in grade
school. Susan Bosley

I was a competitive swimmer in my
youth- the breaststroke.

Kate Manecke



Donations to the League of Women Voters of St. Croix Valley

~~ (a note from a League Member)

Recently, a friend's mother died. In lieu of memorials or flowers, they asked that we direct our charitable donations to a favorite organization "in memory of..." My friend's mom was an impressive woman and a donation to the League seemed a good way to honor her life.

As you seek to honor or memorialize people, consider a donation to the *LWV of St. Croix Valley*. Their legacy can help us in our work. The donate button is on the top right of our website, League of Women Voters - St. Croix Valley | League of Women Voters (lwwstcroixvalley.org).

