

OUR MISSION: Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy

October 1, 2023



LWV AT HERITAGE DAYS IN NEW RICHMOND

The Suffragettes were in attendance at the annual Heritage Days in New Richmond. Jarell Kuney, Melinda Hanson, Susan Bosley, and Kay Brooks donned vintage skirts and hats to play Spin the Wheel with passers by. The threat of rain didn't put a damper on the festivities, and they were able to connect with over 100 people at the popular fall festival. In fact they had just enough Constitutions and had to summon more Future Voter stickers for the steady flow of visitors. All agreed that it was lots of fun and a great chance to

accomplish our LWV mission of encouraging people to vote. It also was a chance to get to know each other better.

Any member who is aware of a Farmers Market or other event is welcome to notify Voter Services. Voter Services can help find a mentor/partner(s) and have all the supplies you need to set up a table.

Contact Patty Van Nevel pattyvannevel@gmail.com or Rita Kearns <u>ritakearns54@gmail.com</u>.

(photo: Melinda Hanson and Kay Brooks)



A NOTE FROM VOTERS SERVICES:

Taking time

Anne Wallisch and Rita Kearns visited Deerfield Senior Living Community in New Richmond. We gave a brief overview of the LWV and then distributed WI Voter Registration forms to the group gathering. Over twelve forms were taken. One of the residents shared his success story of registering online. After the new year begins, we can help registered voters request absentee ballots for all the elections in 2024.

This is an opportune outreach activity for our members to explore in their own communities. It doesn't require a great commitment of time, and it is a vital service to help someone when everything in their life is changing.

It can feel intimidating and overwhelming to offer this help to others when we have so many questions ourselves. Taking time to familiarize yourself with the <u>WI Voter Registration form</u> is helpful. Municipal clerks are amazing resources for answering questions you may have and for giving you printed forms.

Won't you consider taking a friend and venturing out to assist others to get registered? It is a great service and a wonderful way to learn about the WI voting system.

Your Voter Services team, <u>Patty</u> and <u>Rita</u>, are ready to help get you started and support you. Please reach out to us for assistance *and* your stories of success.



The next Just For Fun Coffee will be in Osceola for those living closest to central Polk County.

Of course, as always, ALL members are welcome.

Remember anyone is welcome to take a turn to host anywhere!

HOSTESSES: Kay Brooks & Carolyn Saunders

LOCATION: Tippy Canoes Restaurant

1020 N Cascade St, Osceola

DATE: Wednesday, October 11

TIME: 2:00-3:30 Coffee

3:30-4:00 Business for those who wish



RSVP, if you can. kaybrooks48@gmail.com 715-381-8879 csaunders1949@yahoo.com 715-432-5816

UPCOMING EVENTS

National Voter Education Week – October 2-6, 2023 LWVSCV table at NW Alliance Community Foundation. "Know Your Nonprofits Expo" October 5, 2023 –5-7 p.m. Siren, WI Just for Fun Coffee, October 11, 2023 2-3:30, Tippy Canoes Restaurant, Osceola



LWV DEI+J Learning Opportunities

November is indeed recognized as Native American Heritage Month in the United States. It is a time to celebrate and honor the rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and contributions of Native Americans throughout history.

League members Barb Wetzel and Susan Bosley have compiled a list of opportunities in Minneapolis that offer individuals ways to educate and entertain.. *Copy and paste* the links below to learn of the variety of opportunities to celebrate and grow in understanding—

https://www.guthrietheater.org/shows-and-tickets/2023-2024-season/for-the-people/

https://www.forbes.com/sites/chaddscott/2023/07/21/anishinaabe-visions-and-european-traditions-jim-denomie-at-minneapolis-institute-of-art/amp/

https://new.artsmia.org/exhibition/in-our-hands-native-photography-1890-to-now

https://new.artsmia.org/event/the-arnold-and-augusta-newman-lecture-series-shelley-niro

https://new.artsmia.org/event/artist-talk-jaida-grey-eagle



Also consider a culinary adventure

Note: Hot food is served Tues-Sat, 10 am-6pm (also on Monday, but only 10 am-2pm)
920 Lake St.
Ramp parking @ 10th Ave. & Lake St.
Lot @ Elliott Ave. & Lake St.

For League Members interested in attending any of these events in a group trip organized with other members copy and paste the link to fill out an interest survey:

https://forms.gle/efUwLKtfNq51C6ju6

LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER

The LWV-SCV has plans for a day of Voter Registration at the Chippewa Valley Technical College, October 16 from 10AM – 2PM.

We are looking for members who are willing to spend a few hours talking to CVTC students and helping them register to vote. No previous experience is necessary. Kay Brooks, an experienced member, will instruct you with what you need to know.

Contact Kay at

kaybrooks48@gmail.com or call 715-381-8879

Something to keep in mind as we are out in our communities:

The League is proud to be nonpartisan, neither supporting nor opposing candidates or political parties at any level of government, but always working on vital issues of concern to members and the public.

OUR MISSION

Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.

OUR VISION

We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge and the confidence to participate.

OUR VALUE

We believe in the power of women to create a more perfect democracy.

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

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Member Services

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

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Budget Committee:

- Budget Development & Oversight
- Fundraising

Nancy Stewart: N.Stewart@yahoo.

Program Committee

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

Vicki Harmon: vickiharmon@gmail.com

Communications & Media

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

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