



OUR MISSION: *Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy*

October 15, 2023

MEMBERS MAKE GREAT

IMPACT AT NON-PROFIT EXPO!



LWV SCV made their presence known in Burnett County on Thursday, October 5 in Siren at the Nonprofit Expo. Barb Katt, Cheryl Redman, and Kris Surbaugh spent the evening engaged in great conversations with the folks attending the event. More than 35 adults and 5 children spun the wheel to receive prizes. Among

Vote411 pens, stickers and candy—the most popular prize was the pocket-sized copy of the US Constitution! Many people expressed their interest in learning more and utilizing their copy to engage in nonpartisan conversations with friends, family and neighbors.

Several folks thanked us for the work that the League does— “it’s well needed!”

Remember members, having a League display at your local events is a fun way to get our message out, engaging in educating the public in a nonpartisan, friendly, neighborly way. The event ‘kit’ is complete with everything you would need to create a nice display.

Contact [Patty or Rita](#) from Voter Services for more information on leading your own event!





DEI+J MEMBER REPORT:

To get the ball rolling for Native American month, Susan Bosley and Barb Wetzel will visit MIA (Minneapolis Institute of Art) on Saturday, Nov. 11, specifically to see the exhibit of Jim Denomie's paintings, and will take in other exhibits as well.

Following that, participants will have lunch at Midtown Global Market, which serves indigenous food.

This is an invitation to any League members to join us.

- Entrance to MIA is free and this exhibit is also free.
- Lunch at midtownglobalmarket.org

We will meet about 9:15 a.m. in Stillwater; Susan is driving. Please contact either Barb or Susan if you want to join them, either in Stillwater or meet them at MIA.

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To learn more about Jim Denomie's art go to:

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



NEWS FROM VOTER SERVICES

Our thanks to Kathy Streitz & Judy Green for taking initiative to set up a LWV SCV voter registration/information table at the *Hudson Farmers Market on October 7*. They reported visiting twenty or so visitors.

There are two events next week that wind down our fall registration campaign. On October 16, Kay Brooks, Katrina Olson, and Patty Van Nevel will visit Chippewa Valley Tech College (CVTC) in River Falls. Our plan is to attract all unregistered voters in their own environment and entice them to make voting part of their new “adult” status. We will show them the basics of registration and share the sites they’ll need to become informed voters.

On October 19th the League will have a presence at New Richmond High School in a morning event called “Mad Money”. Many local businesses will be offering students of the senior class an opportunity to participate in adult initiatives. Getting youth registered to vote is high on the list for LWV and we are looking forward to this opportunity.

Mark your calendars for the next Voter Services committee meeting on October 24th at 4 PM for a one hour Zoom meeting. Watch for the agenda and link in an email in the coming week. All are invited and welcome.



JUST FOR FUN COFFEE TIME!

From: Kay Brooks

There was an amicable group of 9 League members that met in Osceola for coffee on Wednesday, Oct. 11. It was great to get to know more about one another, and to share some laughs and good conversation. This was the 2nd coffee session that has been held. Future coffee sessions would be welcome. It would be great to meet with different hosts and in different locations, so that all League members have a chance to attend. Hosting is very easy. If you would like to know what it entails, give me a call and I will talk to you about it. Doing it with a partner is even easier! That said, special thanks to Carolyn Saunders for co-hosting!

ACTION NEEDED: ELECTION HERO DAY

November 7 is Election Hero Day. On this day we recognize the tireless commitments election teams and poll workers make to keep our democracy running. We are asking all League members to send a thank you letter to their Municipal Clerks. They are the ultimate Election Heroes!

We would also like to thank all League members who serve as poll workers.

Please let Irene Bugge @irenebugge@gmail.com know if you plan to send a letter to your clerk. An Election Hero Toolkit is/will be available on the LWVWI website to help you. Irene is also interested in learning how many of you are poll workers. Please send this information to her email. Thank you.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE OFFERS ZOOM CONVERSATION FOLLOWING ISSUES BRIEFINGS

LWVWI is offering their annual Issues Briefings, Nov. 9, 11 and 14. This year's theme is Preparing for Elections 2024.

LWVSCV Program Committee is excited to announce that they will host a zoom conversation for our members to discuss takeaways from the Issues Briefings on November 16. Members will have an opportunity to ask questions, share thoughts/ideas and address the question: What does this information mean to me and the SCV League? What actions do I/we want to take?

We encourage all members to attend one of more of the three briefings. They will be recorded and available on the state website. Even if you don't have time to attend the briefings, please feel free to join the conversation on November 16.

- Nov. 9 "Redistricting in Wisconsin," 6:30-8pm
- Nov.11 "Citizen Action at the State Level: Proposed Constitutional Amendments," 10:00-noon

- Nov. 14 “Overcoming Barriers to Voting & Election Administration Challenges,” 6:30-8pm
- Nov. 16 LWVSCV Member Conversation: Take-Aways from Issues Briefings, Zoom, 4-5:30.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| October | <p>16 Voter Registration/Information Table, Chippewa Falls Technical College</p> <p>17 Community Conversations: Poll worker recruitment/importance of poll workers, 12-1p</p> <p>17 Board/Committee Chairs Meeting, 4-5pm</p> <p>19 Voters Services at New Richmond High School</p> <p>20 Program Committee Meeting, 4-5pm</p> <p>24 Voter Services Committee Meeting, 4-5pm</p> |
| November | <p>7 Election Hero Day</p> <p>9 Issues Briefing: “Redistricting in Wisconsin,” 6:30-8pm</p> <p>11 Issues Briefing: “ Citizen Action at the State Level: Proposed Constitutional Amendments,” 10:00-noon</p> <p>11 DEIJ Field Trip Jim Denomie Exhibit at MIA, 9:15</p> <p>13 Fact or Fiction: Dispelling Abortion Care Myths, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Milwaukee County, 6:30, hybrid event.</p> <p>14 Issues Briefing: “Overcoming Barriers to Voting & Election Administration Challenges,” 6:30-8pm</p> <p>16 LWVSCV Member Conversation: Take-Aways from Issues Briefings, Zoom, 4-5:30.</p> <p>21 Community Conversations: DMV Voter Registration, 12-1.</p> <p>21 Board/Committee Chairs Meeting, 4-5 pm</p> <p>30 Hometown Holiday Parade, New Richmond</p> |

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

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- Voter Registration Events
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