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## OUR VOICE

**November 1, 2022**

### Final Stretch: Media Blitz!

As the midterm election season comes to an end, ***Voter Services*** is building up for a grand finale for the first week in November.

- ❖ On November 1, all LWVSCV members will receive an email that encourages all to get out and vote. We ask that in turn, members forward the email to their friends, families, and all social media contacts with a request that they continue the message and forward it onto their contacts, and on and on! *We could reach so many people in our 3 county area in a short amount of time!*
- ❖ Next, we will remind members who place yard signs
  - to pick up **Vote From Home** signs on November 2nd and replace them with–
  - **Vote Tuesday** signs.
  - As early as possible on November 9, **Vote Tuesday** signs should be picked up and stored for the next election.
  - Yard signs that *thank election workers* can be put up right after the election and *left for no longer than a week.*

We thank you all for your energy and passion for fair elections across our country. [Together we can make a difference.](#)

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## **LWW- SCV Annual Winter Discussion Book Selected!**

In keeping with our League's focus on the Final Five Voting initiative, the Program Committee has selected the book *'The Politics Industry: How Political Innovation Can Break Partisan Gridlock and Save Our Democracy'* by Katherine M. Gehl and Michael E. Porter for our winter book discussion group.

*“Leading political innovation activist Katherine Gehl and world-renowned business strategist Michael Porter bring fresh perspective, deep scholarship, and a real and actionable solution, Final Five Voting, to the grand challenge of our broken political and democratic system. Final Five Voting has already been adopted in Alaska and is being advanced in states across the country.”* (Amazon)

Dates for the zoom sessions are:

Wednesday, December 14, from 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Wednesday, January 11, from 6:30-8:00 PM

To culminate the discussion, Sara Eskrich, Executive Director of Democracy Found, has generously offered to speak to our group, TBA.

*“Democracy Found is a Wisconsin-based initiative committed to revitalizing democracy.” To find out more about Sara and Democracy Found go to Democracy Found | Revitalizing America's Voting Process at <[democracyfound.org](http://democracyfound.org)>*

The book is available through Amazon or your favorite independent bookseller. It retails at \$30.00 but used copies can be found for less.

***Check your local library!***

Up to 11 copies are also available via WisCat at your local library. Use this information to have your library request a book for you:

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All members are welcome to join the Winter Book Discussion Group. If you want to be included in the book discussion group, or have questions Please email [vickiharmon@hotmail.com](mailto:vickiharmon@hotmail.com).

**Final Five House Parties:**

We've been ticking through the Final Five House Parties, but there are still some to attend if you wish. The parties so far have been fun and informative! Feel free to contact hosts if you have not already attended one.

**November 1**

Polk County House Party (Highway 8 and south)  
at the Osceola Senior Center

310 Chieftain St. (easy access off 4th Ave.)

Date: Tuesday, November 1 Time: 5:00-7:00 PM

Hosted by: Irene Bugge, Robin Maercklein, and Carolyn Saunders

**November 2**

River Falls Public Library Meeting Room (on the right as you enter from the parking lot)

140 Union St., River Falls

Date: Wednesday, November 2 Time: 6:30-8:00 PM

Hosted by: Janet Ellinger 612-817-9742

**November 5**

Northern Polk County- House Party

Kris Surbaugh residence 3189 100th St., Frederic

Date: Saturday, November 5 Time: 4:00- 6:00 PM

Hosted by: Kris Surbaugh and Barb Katt

**November 10**

Hudson Area

Steve and Kathy Streitz residence

429 Krattley Ln. Hudson

Date: Thursday November 10 Time: 6:00PM

Hosted by: Steve and Kathy Streitz

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Want to learn more about the League? Check out History | League of Women Voters ([lww.org](http://lww.org))

League of Women Voters Wisconsin Offer DEI Training:

A flyer for a training event. The top right corner features the LWV logo and the text "LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WISCONSIN". The main title is "EMPATHY ON PURPOSE" in large, dark purple letters. Below it is the subtitle "A Look Into Implicit Bias + Microaggressions". The event details are "LWVWI Virtual Statewide Training" on "Thursday, November 17, 2022 | 6:30 - 8:00 PM". A paragraph of text describes the event as a safe, guided discussion. The presenter is Maria Douglas, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Senior Specialist. The background is a light beige color with a stylized line drawing of two hands reaching towards each other on the right side.

**LWV** LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WISCONSIN

# EMPATHY ON PURPOSE

## A Look Into Implicit Bias + Microaggressions

LWVWI Virtual Statewide Training  
Thursday, November 17, 2022 | 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Please join us for an evening of learning, gathering, and safe, guided discussion. This interactive event is self-reflective and the foundation for more studies to come. Please invite both League and non League members to join us in learning and growing as a community... together.

**Presented by:**  
Maria Douglas  
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Senior Specialist

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(The LWV WI) are thrilled to offer a virtual, statewide, DEI training, *Empathy on Purpose: A Look Into Implicit Bias & Microaggressions* on Thursday November 17th, 6:30-8:00 PM.

It will be an engaging, warm, and inclusive presentation with breakout discussion rooms to allow for more intimate conversations. Please consider sharing the following link and social media graphic to your membership via email and social media.

Copy and paste:

<https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin/event/implicit-bias-training-empathy-purpose>

Or visit League of Women Voters Wisconsin at <https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin>

League and non-League members are invited!

### **There is still time to register!**

**ISSUES BRIEFING 2022** - "Justice Matters / Can't stop. Won't stop."

Three sessions on three days with three different topics!

**FREE REGISTRATION** ~ GROW YOUR JUSTICE AWARENESS!

Thursday, November 10 - 6:00-7:30pm

**Governmental Justice ~ "Money in Judicial Races"**

Speaker: Matt Rothschild

Saturday, November 12 - 9:00-10:30am

**Social Justice ~ "Assault on Women's Rights"**

Speaker: Dr. Elizabeth Griffith

Monday, November 14 - 6:00-7:30pm

**Environmental Justice ~ "PFAS Regulation & Water Quality"**

Speaker: Meleesa Johnson

**To Register:** <https://tinyurl.com/registerherelwv> (copy and paste in your search bar)

Sign the Form!

League members are asked to sign and file a **"WAIVER AND CONSENT TO USE AUDIO RECORDINGS AND STILL AND VIDEO IMAGES"** form. Take a moment to read through the attached form and select the designation of your choice.

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Or email Kris at [aksurbaugh@gmail.com](mailto:aksurbaugh@gmail.com) to have a form mailed to you. Just put 'request release form' in the subject heading.

## FIND YOUR PLACE IN THE LEAGUE!

**Voter Services Co-chairs:** Kay Brooks and Patty Van Nevel

**Member Services Co-chairs:** Nanette Del Monaco and Marla Olson

**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://lwvstcroixvalley.org/joinus/>

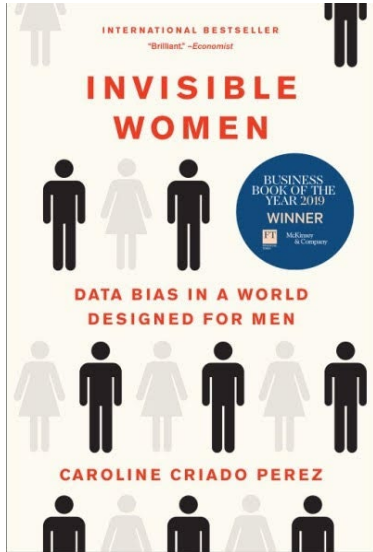
Check it out!

*This is a space dedicated to books, blogs, podcasts, videos, whatever a member is currently enjoying and wishes to share with other members. Remember that the focus is on information that furthers our skills as League members.*

*League Member Barb Wetzel recommends the book, [Invisible Women: Data Bias in a World Designed for Men](#) by Caroline Criado Perez.*

Data is fundamental to the modern world. From economic development, to healthcare, to education and public policy, we rely on numbers to allocate resources and make crucial decisions. But because so much data fails to take into account gender, because it treats men as the default and women as

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atypical, bias and discrimination are baked into our systems. And women pay tremendous costs for this bias, in time, money, and often with their lives.

Celebrated feminist advocate Caroline Criado Perez investigates shocking root cause of gender inequality and research in *Invisible Women*, diving into women’s lives at home, the workplace, the public square, the doctor’s office, and more. Built on hundreds of studies in the US, the UK, and around the world, and written with energy, wit, and sparkling intelligence, this is a groundbreaking, unforgettable exposé that will change the way you look at the world.