



OUR MISSION: Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy

OUR VOICE

November 15, 2022

“Democracy in Action! Thank you!

We all need to take a moment to celebrate the fact that Wisconsin had very high voter turnout for a midterm election! It’s exciting news and definitely a cause for celebration. Cheers to everyone who made that possible in our great state!

We saw so many voters make their voices heard in a way that worked for them—whether voting absentee, during early voting, or at the polls on Election Day.

And we know that League members and volunteers worked tirelessly to empower and encourage voters across the state. The League played a big role in making this happen!

We all did so much to further our mission to empower voters and defend democracy. It would be impossible to list it all. If you want to know what an election hero looks like, just take a look in the mirror. League members ARE election heroes!” *(From the LWWWI State Office Biweekly Update)*

BREAKING NEWS!
**NEVADANS VOTE YES ON OPEN
PRIMARIES AND RANKED CHOICE VOTING
IN GENERAL ELECTIONS!**



We know that the government should represent all voters. By passing Question 3, it brings Nevadans closer to a govt of, by and for the people.

Final Five Voting Parties Report Success!

All of the LWVSCV Final Five Voting House Parties scheduled for 2022 have been completed. Although attendance numbers varied, all parties reported interested and enlightened participants.

For those who could not attend the Leagues planned parties there are still ways to gain the information presented.

The Frederic Community Education has scheduled a class for

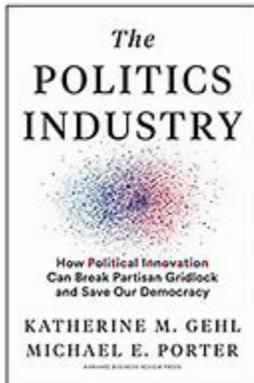
November 22 at 6:30 PM. The class is free but registration is required. Go to [Frederic School District - Current Classes \(fredericsd.org\)](https://www.fredericsd.org/current-classes) to find out more.

Or contact Bob Maline directly at rjmaline@gmail.com.



Grassroots School Organize for Change

Grassroots Organizing Western Wisconsin (GROWWW) is offering a multi-session leadership development course in January, 2023, entitled Grassroots School: Organize for Change. Beth Wood and Irene Bugge have registered for this training. Their intention is to bring the leadership skills they learn to our League in their capacity as proposed co-chairs. They welcome any interested members to look into applying to attend the training with them. Space is limited to 20. GROWWW is offering an informational session about Grassroots School on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 6:30-7:30. For more information go to <https://gro-ww.org/gs/> to register.



Join the LWV - SCV Winter Book Club!

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.

'The Politics Industry: How Political Innovation Can Break Partisan Gridlock and Save Our Democracy' by

Katherine M. Gehl and Michael E. Porter has been selected 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



Sara Eskrich, Executive Director of Democracy Found, has generously offered to speak to our group on February 1 (time to be announced.)

“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>](https://democracyfound.org)

A copy of this 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!

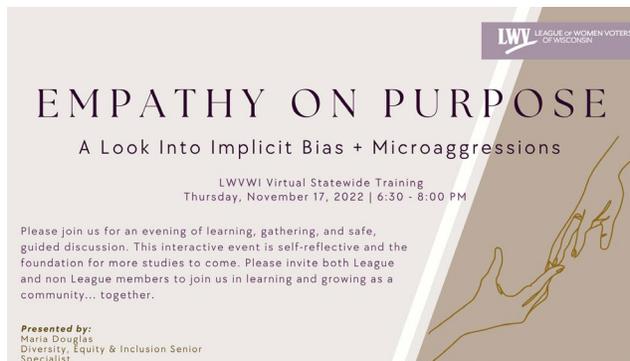
Up to 11 copies are also available via WisCat at your local library. However, it takes time to forward copies of books to your local library, so request a copy ASAP.

Use this information to have your library request a book for you:

LCCN: 2019057395

ISBN:9781633699236 ISBN:1633699236

Opportunities from other leagues: These dates are coming up fast!



Join the **LWV-Wisconsin** for an evening of learning, gathering, and open, guided discussion. This interactive event is self-reflective and the foundation for more studies to come. Both League and non League members are invited to join us in learning and growing as a community together. LWVWI DEI

Senior Specialist Maria Douglas will lead the discussion. This virtual event will take place on Nov. 17 at 6:30 p.m. CT

Use this url to register: <https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin/event/implicit-bias-training-empathy-purpose>

Election Symposium 2022

(From the Elections Research Center: University of Wisconsin–Madison) Join us for our in-person 2022 Election Symposium with an **online viewing option**. The all-day event will feature experts analyzing the results of the 2022 election and exploring key races, abortion, election protection, advertising, and the races in Wisconsin.



When: Friday, December 2, 2022, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Where: streamed virtually Contact: <elections.wisc.edu/event/election-symposium-2022>



LWV-Chippewa Valley:

(This is an in-person event)

LWV-GCV's next General Meeting will be on Thursday, November 17th, from 7:00pm-8:30pm. The focus of this meeting will be a forum discussion on Wisconsin Health Matters.

This is a community meeting to discuss the issue of single payer healthcare for all. Dr. Laurel Marks from Madison and co-president of Wisconsin PNHR (Physicians for National Healthcare Reform) will keynote the discussion. Representative Clint Moses has accepted our invitation to comment afterward. We are also seeking participation from medical clinic and insurance perspectives.

The meeting is intended to inform and educate all of us about the state of our healthcare and explore some solutions together. The League of Women Voters does not have a position on single payer healthcare and remains non-partisan on candidates.

To attend:

When: Thursday, November 17, 2022, 7:00 PM until 8:30 PM

Where: Dunn County Justice Center
815 Stokke Pkwy
Menomonie, WI 54751

Events at a Glance:

Program Committee meeting on Wednesday, November 30th at 4:00.

Communications Committee meeting on Tuesday, November 29 at 6:30PM

Book Club December 14, January 11 6:30-8:00

Board and Committee Chairs December 20

Winter Gathering January 21, 2023

Sarah Eckrich February 1, 2023

League Members Return Media Waiver and Consent Forms!

About a third of our members have returned a signed Waiver and Consent form for media publications. Thank you to those members.

A waiver and consent forms gives the communications committee permission to use audio recordings, still photos, and video images of a League member for publication. We like to use pictures and videos of our League members in action, because this reminds the public of our humanity. It is extremely important that all members participate, so that we can be very clear about who does and does not approve of having their image or voice in the public forum. Thank you for understanding.

For those who have not yet signed the form, notice that there is an attached PDF with this newsletter.

Print and mail to

Kris Surbaugh 3189 100th St. Frederic, WI 54837

or download, sign, and email to Kris Surbaugh aksurbaugh@gmail.com

Thanks!

Welcome Newest Member!

A hearty hello and welcome to our newest member Savannah Weigand! Savannah hails from Denver, Colorado and is the daughter of League member Tami Holcomb.

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!

Consider listening to the podcast 'This is Belonging' (soundsofbelonging.com) a podcast of reckoning, reconciliation, and rebuilding. The first season of *Belonging* follows teachers and students from across the U.S. on a journey to confront their biases and build classrooms where students can bring their full selves.

Kris Surbaugh discovered this podcast through the publication Teaching Tolerance funded by the Southern Poverty Law Center. She states that "With our League focused on consciously bringing in more diversity, equity, and inclusion, (we) don't have to be a teacher to find value in this podcast".