



OUR MISSION: *Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy*

November 1, 2023

Date Correction: The date for the DEIJ trip to the Minneapolis Institute of Art was incorrectly listed as Saturday, Nov. 11—it is actually **Friday, November 10**. Anyone wishing to join them are encouraged to contact Barb Wetzel or Susan Bosley:
Susan Bosley: morgansouthside@gmail.com/715.338.0122
Barb Wetzel: barbarawetzel@hotmail.com/715.294.2657



An Opportunity for Our Members- From The Program Committee

“Preparing for Elections in 2024”

The Program Committee is facilitating a conversation on Thursday, November 16th at 6:00-7:30¹ on three Issues Briefings presented by the State League. The dates for these state briefings are November 9, 11 and 14. To get more information on each of the briefings and to register for one or all three see the link below from the LWWWI. It is free but you must register to receive the Zoom link.

¹**CORRECTION**

The Program Committee’s conversation on the Issue Briefings from our State League was originally scheduled for November 16th at 4:00. The correct time is November 16th at 6:00

Register for the Issues Briefing at this address:

<https://lwvwisconsin.wixsite.com/ib2023>

Attend one, two, or three of these briefings. Or, if you can't attend any, just come to the conversation the Program Committee is facilitating on the 16 th . There we can debrief on the issues and see if there are any action items for our chapter!!

Contact Vicki Harmon for the November 16 zoom link:

vickiharmon@hotmail.com



On November 6, 2023, we will celebrate **Election Hero Day**: a day to recognize and thank election workers across the nation for their tireless efforts to ensure a safe, secure, and accessible voting experience for all. Election workers have a tough job. These critical members of our communities work hard to ensure that voters are able to cast their ballots safely and successfully in every election- often working upwards of 20 hour days to ensure elections run smoothly.

It is an honor to say thank you to our LWV SCV Poll Workers - **LeAnn Amundson, Kay Brooks, Nanette DelMonaco and Linda Koep, Katrina Larsen, Irene Bugge, Nancy Stewart**. Thank you for the important work you do ensuring every eligible voter can cast a ballot. Please contact Patty (pattyvannevel@gmail.com) if you or a league member you know was missed on this list of Poll Workers.

LWV SCV has sent a thank-you card to each of our county clerks, Wanda Hinrichs, Burnett County, Shabana Lundeen, Polk County, and Christine Hines,

St Croix County. In addition, the three counties have 92 other clerks that administer our elections. Let them know you support them and the work they do.

Please join in thanking the friends, family, and colleagues in your community who have given selflessly to make our elections happen. Our democracy depends on them.

****Leadership positions opening in 2024 for energetic and enthusiastic LWVSCV members: Co-Chairs of The Program Committee***

Do you like to plan social events? Does the idea of brainstorming educational opportunities for our members interest you? Does thinking about what special events may benefit our members excite you?

Then consider stepping into a leadership role as a new Co-Chair of the Program Committee!! Perhaps you know others in the League who might be interested in teaming up to share the responsibilities of this with you. Chat with them.

These positions will be open May, 2024. We would like to build in some time for mentoring with Vicki Harmon, current chair, and transitioning to a leadership team.

If this position interests you, reach out to Beth Wood
<bwood@frontiernet.net>

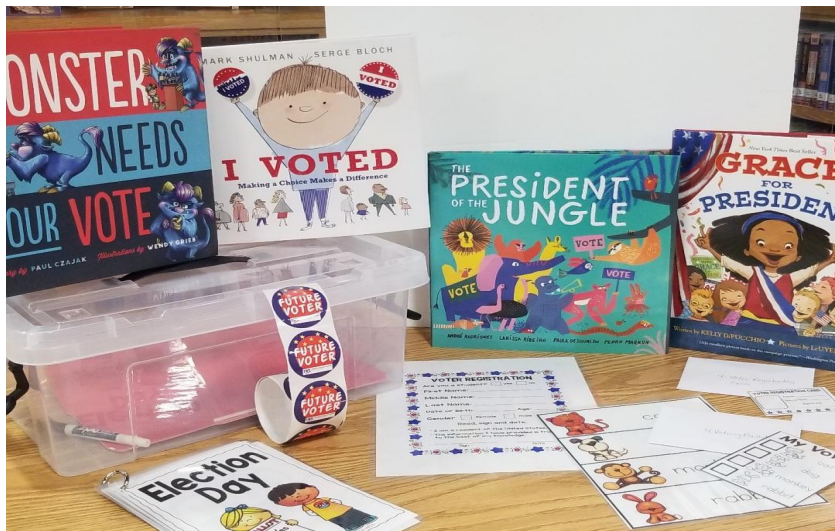


**Grassroots School
Information Session
November 8, 12:00 – 1:00.**

Grassroots Organizing Western Wisconsin (GROWW) is offering an information session over Zoom on November 8, 12:00-1:00 to learn more and ask questions about Grassroots School.

Grassroots School is a leadership training workshop for people who want to learn practical skills they can use to organize for change in their local communities. Your executive leadership team – Irene, Beth and Kris – participated in this training last January. We encourage our members to attend this information session and consider signing up for the training in January, 2024.

Grassroots School info session on Zoom November 8 from 12-1:
<https://secure.everyaction.com/O3L9E-gZOkKr1da5biOsYg2>



Future Voters!

Storytime Kits Available

Do you remember last August when Beth and Vicki visited the Somerset Public Library during Story Time? (see September 1 newsletter for the article.)

At that time, the Board discussed putting together an easy to use kit so our members at large could offer a pre-K storytime about voting at their local library!

Well, the *Future Voters* Storytime Kit is here. Included in the kit is a content list, four book choices to read, stickers to hand out, games to play, ideas for making your storytime a success. The kit also contains LWV membership brochures and information to hand out to interested parents.



The entire kit is self-contained in an easy to carry tub. Not sure you want to supervise a storytime? If you live in Burnett County, consider offering our kit to your local library to borrow, or (for members of Polk and St. Croix County) suggest they request the kit through the MORE system.

Members may want to consider sharing with local day care, Sunday School, or after school programs. Anywhere that kids and parents gather!

Kids have fun voting for their favorite animal and hearing stories about voting in an age appropriate format. It is also a great time to engage with young parents and share information about registering to vote.

Our thanks to Maria Potvin, Children's Librarian at the Frederic Public Library, for sharing her expertise and organizing these storytime kits.

To find out more call or text Kris Surbaugh 715-566-1186 or email aksurbaugh@gmail.com Use subject heading: Storytime Kits



August Storytime at the Somerset Library. Vicki and Beth joined Somerset Children's librarian for a fun and informative storytime!

Access back issues of the LWVSCV newsletter on our website! (select the "About Us" drop down menu).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- November**
- 2 Just for Fun Coffee, 10:00-11:30, Fusion Bistro, Webster, WI
 - 6 Election Hero Day
 - 8 Grassroots School Information Session, 12:00 –1:00pm
 - 9 Issues Briefing: “Redistricting in Wisconsin,” 6:30-8pm
 - 10 DEIJ Field Trip Jim Denomie Exhibit at MIA, 9:30
 - 11 Issues Briefing: “ Citizen Action at the State Level: Proposed Constitutional Amendments,” 10:00-noon
 - 13 Fact or Fiction: Dispelling Abortion Care Myths, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Milwaukee County, 6:30, hybrid event.
 - 14 Issues Briefing: “Overcoming Barriers to Voting & Election Administration Challenges,” 6:30-8pm
 - 15 Newsletter
 - 16 LWVSCV Member Conversation: Take-Aways from Issues Briefings, Zoom, 6-7:30.
 - 17 Just for Fun Coffee at Key’s Restaurant in Hudson 10AM
 - 21 Community Conversations: DMV Voter Registration, 12-1.
 - 28 Board/Committee Chairs Meeting, 4-5 pm
- December**
- 1 Newsletter
 - 15 Newsletter
 - 19 Community Conversations: Jail Voting, 12-1p
 - 21 Board/Committee Chairs Meeting, 4-5p
- January**
- 14 Winter Gathering, Riverwood Nature Center, Star Prairie, 2-5 pm

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

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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

Voters Services–Committee Contacts

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

Patty Van Nevel: pattyvannevel@gmail.com

Rita Kearns: ritakearns54@gmail.com

Member Services

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

Contact Irene Bugge if interested:

irenebugge@gmail.com

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

Kris Surbaugh: aksurbaugh@gmail.com

