



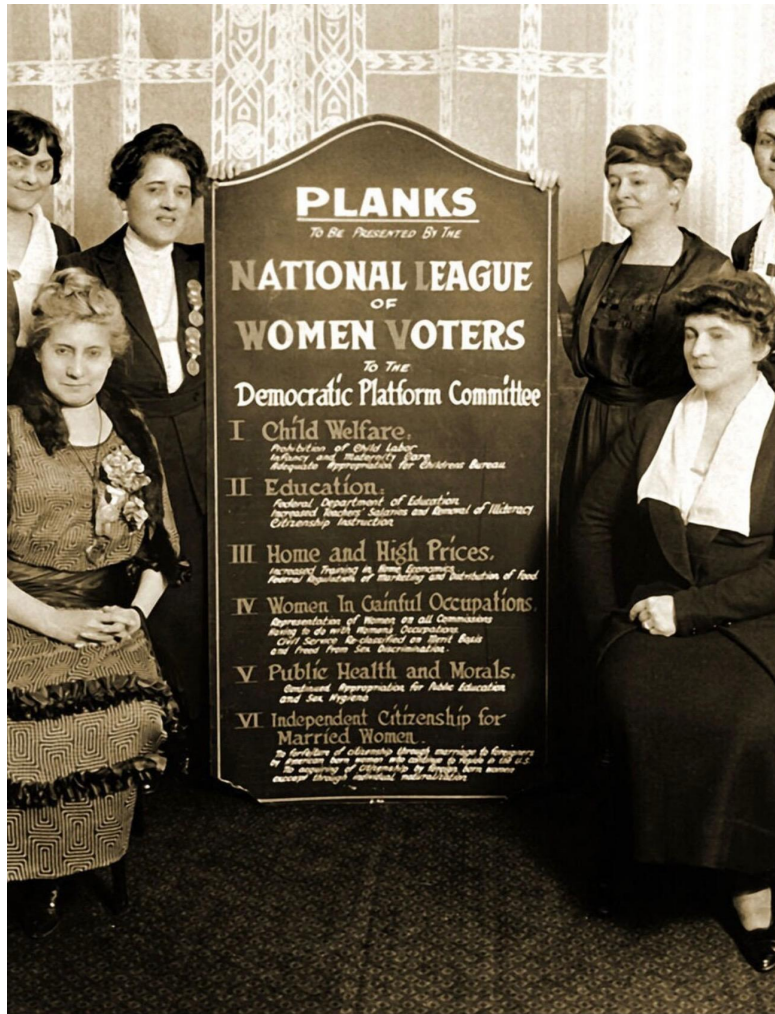
Empowering Voters Defending Democracy

Welcome Members

As A Member—You are Important!



The League is different from many organizations because what it accomplishes comes directly from member involvement. It is a grassroots organization that provides every member with opportunities to learn and educate others about government and take action on public policy.



Our Guiding Principles

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.

The League of Women Voters St. Croix Valley welcomes you!
We know, because you are here, we share the same values...
Because you are here, we know that you are ready to–

- ★ Stand up for democracy
- ★ Become informed on current issues
- ★ Help make positive change in your community
- ★ And you understand that real change comes from the ground up.

The League is effective because each member
does their part.

Thank you for stepping up to the challenge of engagement.

A Brief Herstory of the League



LWV was founded February 14, 1920 by Carrie Chapman Catt during the convention of the National American Suffrage Association in Seneca Falls, NY.

The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin operates at the state level. The Wisconsin League has grassroots support from 20 local Leagues. We are part of The League of Women Voters of the United States which has 900 state and local Leagues.

Our own local chapter was formed in 2015 by a small group of energized women around a kitchen table, has grown to include over 70 members and now serves Burnett, Polk, and St. Croix counties.

The League is dedicated to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice!

DIFFERENT
INDIVIDUALS
VALUING & ACCEPTING
EACH OTHER
REGARDLESS OF:
SKIN COLOR, GENDER
INTELLECT
TALENTS OR
YEARS

The LWV
St Croix
Valley
members at
the
Pride Event
Hudson WI
2023



LWV St. Croix Valley: Awards/Action/Advocacy—

- Received LWVWI **Membership and Leadership Development Awards**, 2021, 2022
- Partnered with the **Fair Maps Coalition** and **GROWW** to educate voters about “Fair Maps”, 2020 - present
- Advocated successfully for passage of nonpartisan redistricting resolution and referendum in Polk County, 2021
- Collaborated with **Bridge the Divide, GROWW**, to educate voters about “Final Five Voting”, 2022-present
- Launched **VOTE411** Election Information site, posting candidate information for local (Burnett, Polk, St. Croix Counties), state and national races, 2022-present

How we function: Our Organization

- ★ *The Board of Directors is elected by the membership*

Manages activities and business with input and support from the committees focusing on the mission of the LWV.

Co - Presidents: Beth Wood and Irene Bugge

Vice-President: Kris Surbaugh

Secretary: Evanne Hunt

Treasurer: Kate Leinen Manecke

4 Directors:

Barb Katt

Edna Early

Rita Kearns

Patty Van Nevel



Committees:

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

Kathy Streitz kfstreitz@gmail.com

Budget Committee

- Budget Development & Oversight
- Fundraising

Nancy Stewart: N.Stewart@yahoo.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

Helping Voters with Questions and Answers = LWV SCV

FIND OFFICIAL INFORMATION

Visit myvote.wi.gov for accurate and
official information

Check your voter registration status

Check your absentee ballot status

Find your polling place

Request an absentee ballot

All at myvote.wi.gov



Time is important—we respect everyone's time!

- ▶ Board and Chairs meet monthly with the majority of meetings held by zoom
 - ▶ Meetings are kept to 1 hour in length
- ▶ Annual in-person meeting in April or May at location convenient to all members
- ▶ Winter Gathering is a social gathering to celebrate with purpose!
- ▶ Two Summer picnics (geographically north and south) are social and educational
- ▶ Committees meet as needed—zoom makes quick meetings possible!

When you are part of the LWVSCV you help make democracy work!

The League members support each other!

New members will work beside mentors—

or choose their own buddy to engage in events.



Tips for Involvement:

- **Participate!**
- **No task is too small to make a difference and all members are valued.**
- **Member dues and donations are the ground floor of support! Thank you!**
- **Our newsletter and email blasts deserve your time and attention - be an informed member**

National Voter Registration Day, Celebrating the birthday (Feb. 14) of the LWV, Farmers Markets, Registration Tables, Community Outreach = Engaged Members We welcome ALL members to join in our outreach activities and events.



In 2024, the LWVSCV will be focused on Election related activities:

Voter services, voter education, voter registration, voter mobilization, voter protection

candidate forums, conversations, and town hall events,

sign rallies, and voter outreach through public service articles
and letters to the editor,

amplifying the Youth Vote and focusing on high schools,
tech schools and colleges!



Different ways to Share Our Message: Sign Rallies and Parades



Democracy starts with our children!



Vicki Harmon and Beth Wood at the Somerset Public Library. If you are not sure you want to read, you can offer the kit to your local children's librarian to check out!

Kids are never too young to learn about Democracy.

The LWVSCV has assembled an easy to use Future Voter Storytime kit for preschool kids. The Future Voters Storytime kit has everything you'll need to get started:

- Read to your (grand)children or ask your local library if you can guest read during their Storytime.
- Offer to read to the local daycare, or early childhood classrooms.

Empowering The Voters Of Tomorrow

Would you like to contact your local high school, technical school, or colleges to encourage *young voters*?

Contact Voter Services for more information:

Patty Van Nevel pattyvannevel@gmail.com

or Rita Kearns ritakearns54@gmail.com



More Ways to Secure Democracy!

There are many ways to be involved in the upcoming elections:

writing postcards,

text banking and email blasts,

sign rallies,

hosting voter information and registration tables,

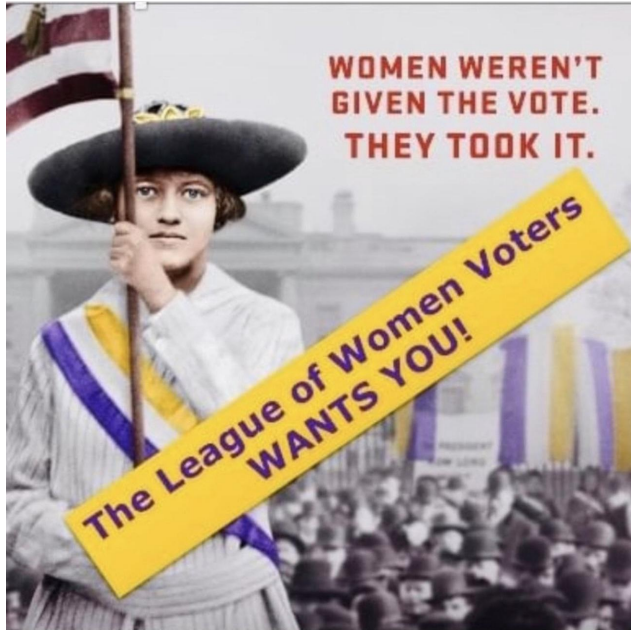
connecting with your family, friends and neighbors with information you can trust, directly from the LWV.

The time is always
ripe to do right. Now
is the time to make
real the promise of
democracy.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Letter from a Birmingham Jail, 1963



Helping people register to Vote and getting out the Vote is our #1 goal. The LWVSCV helps you acquire all the tools you need to contribute to protecting our democracy.



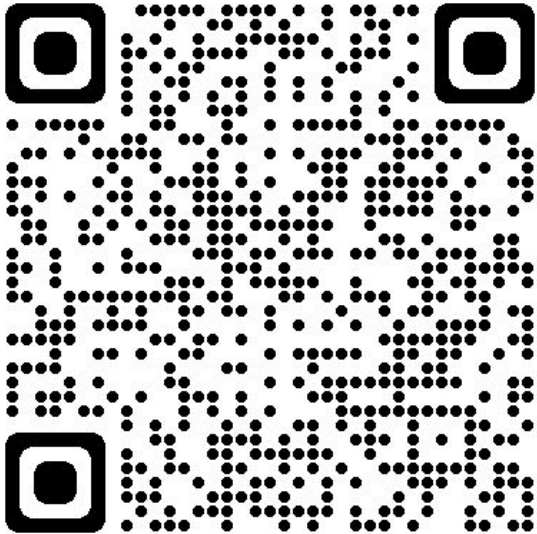
Members of the League will hold workshops to help you learn how to help with voter registration, answer questions regarding voting, direct people to their local Clerks and help them find their polling places.

lww.stcroixvalley.org

Myvote.wi.gov

vote411.org

Our website lwvstcroixvalley.org is a great resource for League activities and connecting to the LWVWI and LWVUS



Access our website by using this QR Code

You can also find the LWVSCV on

Facebook and Instagram

League of Women Voters St Croix Valley

Please engage and amplify our message!



We celebrate the history of our league and all members past and present that have contributed to the success and growth of the LWVSCV. Thank you

I VOTE BECAUSE
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THINGS I CANNOT CHANGE
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