



**OUR MISSION:** *Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy*

February 1, 2024



## **Hello from our Member Services Committee:**

The following members will work together to serve our committee as we connect to and engage members in getting out the vote.

I am interested in how you would all like to engage in our League work.

For example, some may wish to be active on a regular basis and some may wish to work on projects as the need arises. Others may be interested in leadership experiences. How do you prefer to be contacted?

Email, phone, or text? Let me know. Thanks to you all.

Please feel free to contact us with questions and suggestions for our work with each other and in our communities.

A big thank you to these members for agreeing to be on the Member Services Committee:

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*Some of these members were on the committee previously. Please let Kathy Streit know if you wish to remain on the Member Services Committee.*

## **Welcome new members:**

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*Pat lives in New Richmond.*

*We welcome our new members with open arms and look forward to working together as we make connections, empower voters, defend democracy, become informed on current issues, and help make positive change in the community.*

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## **From Voters Services:**

In an effort to Get Out The Vote (GOTV), LWV SCV would like all members to be familiar with the process of Online Voter Registration (OVR) utilizing the website, [MyVote.WI.org](http://MyVote.WI.org)

Do you know people who are mystified by the voting process? All those different elections and deadlines can be overwhelming! How does a busy person begin to wade through it all?

## Call Vote Boosters!

The Greater Chippewa Valley LWV shared details of different voter registration scenarios using MyVote. Please take time to watch the video and become familiar with Online Voter Registration (OVR).

The video:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A7\\_qipvhRps](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A7_qipvhRps) The video is 1 hour 43 minutes in length. Feel free to watch it all. However, if you have time constraints, the first 34 minutes are specific to Online Voter Registration.

An empowering moment of the training comes at the beginning when the moderator assures us, 'you don't have to be an expert' & 'you are not registering people to vote, they are doing it themselves'. We are simply friends lending support through knowledge.

# Voter Registration Training for Volunteers



Serving Barron, Buffalo, Chippewa, Dunn, Eau Claire, Pierce and Pepin Counties in Western Wisconsin

Another option is to view the same information with a self-paced slideshow, [LWVGCV Voter Training](#)

<[https://drive.google.com/file/d/16h-K3hovPjE\\_jSX1VCbxZx7ZePfYDYk\\_/view?usp=drivesdk](https://drive.google.com/file/d/16h-K3hovPjE_jSX1VCbxZx7ZePfYDYk_/view?usp=drivesdk)> There is no commentary and it is self-paced.

**Please note!** LWV SCV will focus on Online Voter Registration through MyVote. Voter Registration can also be done with a paper form.

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## Get a little practice with the process!

Two tech schools, NorthWood Tech College in New Richmond (Feb 14 from 11-1) and Chippewa Valley Tech College in River Falls (Feb 13 from 11-1) have welcomed us to their campuses to encourage students to become familiar with the online registration process and make a plan to vote.

I will be present at both locations and am looking for a buddy. I would love to have 2 volunteers with me at each event. **Please call Patty at 651-271-9942** to make plans and be part of our movement to GOTV!

## Birthday Celebration!

LWV is 104 years old this year & LWVSCV starts off with a party at UW River Falls on February 6th! Edna, Kate & Katrina will host a voter registration event on campus from 10am until 2pm. There will be games, treats and best of all, the opportunity to engage young people in civic participation.

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At our Winter Gathering Kathy Streitz (Chair, Member Services Committee) asked,



"What is your favorite  
connection/experience/memory  
in the LWV?"

*Here are our responses:*

- The Hudson Pride Event!*
- Becoming aware of issues!*
- Staying connected to like minded women.*
- This is my first visit and the best one yet!*
- Meeting new people!*

- Rallies, meetings and events!*
- Meetings with other committees!*
- Meeting so many intelligent and funny women!*
- Flag rallies! Marching in parades! Assisting in technology and displays!*
- Asking questions for new knowledge!*
- Talking to gals at farmers market!*
- Rally in Grantsburg and River Falls!*
- Our newsletter!*
- Thank you all for our coffees, Hudson Pride Event, voter registration at the Hudson Library, Hudson Farmers Market with Judy Green, zoom meetings, our focus on issues, our summer and winter gatherings, and our connections.*

## CO-SPONSORED EVENT!

☆ Collaborations with our sister leagues allow for more opportunities that make all of us more informed and stronger. [#ForwardTogether](#) [#lwv](#)



A collaborative virtual program from WI Leagues:

### Achieving Environmental Justice in Wisconsin

Tuesday, February 13, 2024  
6:30 - 8:00

**Speakers:**



**Julie Majerus**  
Environmental Justice Policy Advisor  
WI Dept of Natural Resources



**Meleesa Johnson**  
Executive Director  
WI Greenfire

The LWVSCV is co-sponsoring the following program

**“Achieving Environmental Justice in Wisconsin”  
on February 13 from 6:30 to 8 PM.**

(Co-sponsored event—continued)

This program addresses the question -

What does it mean to achieve environmental justice in Wisconsin?

We'll discuss the basic principles of environmental justice, learn about some examples of this work in practice across the state, and discuss the challenges and how we can empower communities to reach identified goals.

Learn more about speakers and event—and register here:

[https://www.lwvlacrosse.org/content.aspx?page\\_id=4002&club\\_id=484247&item\\_id=2134384](https://www.lwvlacrosse.org/content.aspx?page_id=4002&club_id=484247&item_id=2134384)



## Gather to Celebrate!

When: Wednesday, February 28, 10:00-11:30 am

Where: Fusion Bistro Cafe Market

7436 Main St W, Webster

(Enter via the east door)

COME ON UP (or down!) TO WEBSTER and enjoy coffee (& breakfast or a sweet treat) and conversation with your “up north” friends in the League.

On February 14, the League of Women Voters will celebrate its 104th birthday ... let's “celebrate” a belated birthday on February 28 by including “a glimpse back to a favorite childhood birthday tradition” in our conversation!

Of course ALL conversation is welcome ... and we'll include “what's going on” in our League, too!

Mark your calendar! We'd love to see our “up north” friends!

Carolyn and Pam



## 2024 Election Calendar

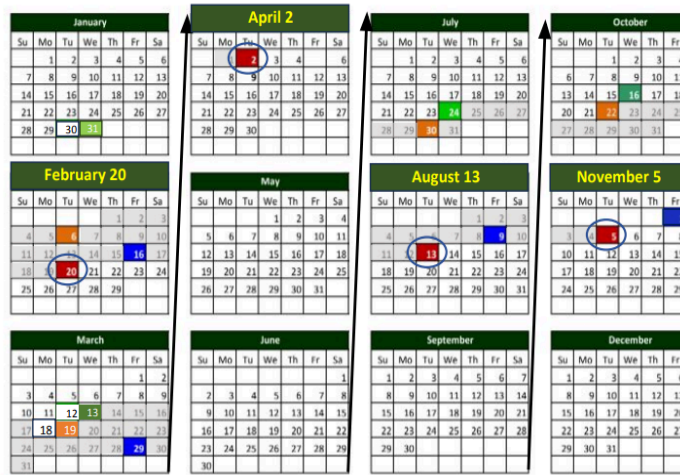
In odd numbered years, there are only spring elections, which generally cover county and municipal elections.

### When Planning Voter Registration Events

Be mindful of deadlines:

- **20 days before an election:** last day for online and mail vote registration
- **14 days before an election:** last day suggested to request an absentee ballot online

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- 2024 Election Dates**
  - Spring Primary : February 20
  - Presidential Preference Election : April 2
  - Partisan Primary : August 13
  - General Election : November 5
- 2024 Online/Mail Voter Registration Deadlines: (20 days before the election)**
  - Spring Primary : January 31
  - Presidential Preference Election : March 13
  - Partisan Primary : July 24
  - General Election : October 16

- 2024 Absentee Ballot Deadlines/Early Voting Allowed to Begin: (14 Days before the election)**
  - Spring Primary : February 6
  - Presidential Preference Election : March 19
  - Partisan Primary : July 30th
  - General Election : October 22

- 2024 Deadline for registering in person at Municipal Clerk Office before Election Day: (Register at the polls on Election Day)**
  - Spring Primary : February 16
  - Presidential Preference Election : March 29
  - Partisan Primary : August 9
  - General Election : November 1

## Happy 104th Birthday League of Women Voters!

### February Events:



- Tuesday, February 6: UWRF (LWV) Birthday Celebration
- Tuesday, February 13: Chippewa Valley Tech
- Tuesday, February 13: LWV WI Achieving Environmental Justice
- Wednesday, February 14: Northwoods Tech College

Tuesday, February 20: Spring Primary

Tuesday, February 20: LWVSCV Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 28: Members Gather in Webster

Keep in Mind:

Tuesday, April 2: Spring and Presidential Preference Election

Sunday, April 28: LWVSCV Annual Meeting, 2:00 - 5:00, Amery

Tuesday, August 13: Partisan Primary Election

Tuesday, November 5: General Election



Use this handy QR code to easily access our *League Of Women Voters St Croix Valley* website!

Open your camera on your phone and hold it over the code. The website will pop up on your screen and take you right to our home page. Also, you could take a picture of this code to keep a copy handy to share with friends, family, and potential new members!

### 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.*



## Tips on responding to misinformation and disinformation!

### Election Mis and Disinformation

Election mis and disinformation is a danger to American democracy. It interferes with voters' ability to understand and participate in political processes. Falsehoods spread rapidly on social media, with platforms unwilling or unable to intervene, feuling threats to our election systems.

### Misinformation vs. Disinformation

- Unintentionally misleading, false, or inaccurate information.
- Intentionally misleading, false, or inaccurate information intended to deceive.

### How to stop the spread?

- Do not amplify
  - Do not comment
  - Do not like
  - Do not share
- Do not argue
  - Creating a defensive posture pushes someone deeper into their corner and makes it harder to communicate.
- Report the misinformation
  - Report it directly to the social media site and to the LWVWI [Junkipedia tipline](#)
- Do not embarrass
  - Ridiculing someone, especially with derogatory language, won't result in a positive or receptive response.
- Do not contradict using only a fact checking website.
  - Fact checks are important, but when you share them without context or further discussion, you can reinforce the district of the site

(borrowed from Delany Zimmer, League of Women Voters Wisconsin)

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***Interested in moving forward in 2024?  
Try out a new position in the League!  
Committee mentors will help you find a place  
that fits your skills and passion:***

**Voters Services–Committee**

**Contacts**

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

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**Member Services**

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***“Our words are the oars in the boats,  
our direction is civility, and our path is reflection.”***

–Lynn Forbes co-president of the League of Women Voters Nevada County, California

