



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

August 15, 2024

**LWV SCV**

**Summer Picnic**

***All Members Encouraged to Attend!***



- Tuesday August 27, 2024
- 3PM Board Meeting
- 4-5 Social Hour
- 6PM dining
- Kathy Palmquist's cabin
- at [22554 Assembly Drive, Grantsburg, WI 54840](https://www.wisconsin.gov/elections/locations/assembly-drive-grantsburg-wi-54840)  
<[palmgah@gmail.com](mailto:palmgah@gmail.com)>

Brats, Burgers, Lemonade, Water, Wine and Beer provided.  
*Please bring a dish to share if desired.*

- ❖ Please RSVP to Kathy by August 24, so she will know how much food and seating to prepare. ***Carpooling is encouraged.***

The theme of our gathering will be Self-Care.

"Self-care means giving yourself permission to pause." Cecilia Tran



*As we do the important work of the LWV, we must remember to take care of ourselves and each other. Regardless of the outcome in any election, the work of the LWV does not change. We inform, engage, empower and get out the vote!*

Join together to celebrate our friendship and the work of our league!

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## 'First Tuesday' League Gatherings!

Exciting news to share! Due to a conversation by Barb Katt at the Pride event with the owner of the New Richmond business *Little Piece of Mind Quilt Shop*, Alicia Cypher, we were generously offered private space for gatherings until the election. I have met with her daughter Chastity and at this time we have the following plan:

- Sept 3 4:00 – 7:00
- Oct 1 4:00 – 7:00
- Nov 5 4:00 – TBD Election Night!!!

Our next **First Tuesday** event on Sept 3 will be a Pizza Party and Postcard Writing. Please join us anytime 4:00 – 7:00.

### Little Piece of Mind Quilt Shop:

1027 N Knowles Ave. New Richmond

Our Voter Services leadership will provide the postcards, addresses and messaging. Please BYOB and \$5 to contribute to our Pizza order.

Let's gather together with a purpose - to write postcards, have some fun and GOTV!

( A little more about this space)

This is a private entry workshop room with a bathroom, a kitchenette, T.V., tables, chairs, couches, and a great vibe for meeting together to work on postcard projects, share league materials, focus on league work, watch webinars together, host an informational presentation, set up an information table in the parking lot, a member book exchange, whatever you want it to be! It will be BYOB and snacks to share. Informal, comfortable, and a way for us to gather, process what is happening in the election and be supportive of one another as we do the work necessary between

now and November 5. And YES, we have a safe private space to gather to watch the election returns and experience history together.

Beth Wood is project leader: “I invite any suggestions or ideas you may have for how to spend this time. Please, feel free to bring a friend. We are welcoming, inclusive, and focused on Forward Together!”

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## POSTCARD WRITING EVENT!

Thank you to Kathy Streitz for organizing the post carding event in Roberts.

And to everyone who came, including Kathy's granddaughters, a heartfelt thank you.

Our League sent out 250 Vote No postcards.

### FARMERS MARKETS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Osceola Market on Friday, Aug. 16

Hudson Carmichael Market on Saturday, Sept. 7

and Heritage Days on Saturday, Sept. 21

## Member Services Welcomes New Members!

Welcome to these new members! Be sure to reach out with a friendly 'hello'!

- ★ Rita Keating, Star Prairie
  - [rjkeating54@gmail.com](mailto:rjkeating54@gmail.com)
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  - [laurarowe1221@gmail.com](mailto:laurarowe1221@gmail.com)
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Feel free to contact me with questions and join us at any gatherings as noted in this newsletter. Happy Summer! Kathy Streitz ~ ~Chair, Member Services 612-916-8856



**Judy Green and Kathy Streitz at the Hudson Farmers Market on Carmichael, Saturday, August 11.**

**We visited about 118 people, shared VOTER information and answered questions about VOTER registration and the Constitutional Amendment questions on the Primary Election ballot.**

**Children love picking out a future voter sticker and newcomers to Hudson asked about voter registration. We always have fun!**

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## **Learn about Election Integrity**

### **from LWV-Greater Chippewa Valley**

👍 Reassuring the public about our election integrity will be a key talking point in the next few months. Be informed!

**LWV-GCV hosted an "*ELECTION INTEGRITY IN WESTERN WISCONSIN*" Forum**

This July 25th event was videotaped. To watch the recording of the event, copy and paste: <https://youtu.be/l30NBDMPp8Y>

**Feel free to share this recording with your family and friends.**

Election officials from three western Wisconsin counties and one township talked about how they safeguard election integrity at a public forum on Thursday, July 25, 6-7:30 p.m. in the Menomonie City Council meeting room, 800 Wilson Avenue. The meeting was in collaboration with the League of Women Voters of Greater Chippewa Valley.

Speakers were Dunn County Clerk, Andrew Mercil (D), Eau Claire County Clerk, Sue McDonald (D), Polk County Clerk, Shabana Lundeen (R), and Spring Brook Clerk, Mary Strand.

Topics include:

- Triple checking of the vote count (by machine, by Municipal Board of Canvass, by County Board of Canvass), including demonstration of a voting machine
- Absentee Ballots - How are they verified? Requirements?
- Drop Boxes are back per Wisconsin Supreme Court - can they be trusted?
- Early voting - How is that managed?
- Badger Books device - Why use it? How is that protected from fraud? Includes a demonstration of Badger Books.
- Why can't we just hand-count all the ballots?" Reality check.

Follow this link for the recording: <https://youtu.be/l30NBDMPp8Y>

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## **A Quick Reminder To Fight Disinformation/Misinformation!**

When encountering content online always remember to:

- 1. Consider the source**
- 2. Read beyond the headline**
- 3. Research the author**
- 4. Check the publication date**
- 5. Verify the supporting sources**
- 6. Check if other sources are reporting the same information**
- 7. Watch for AI clues<sup>1</sup>**

When aiming to combat mis/disinformation, remember:

- DO NOT amplify (like, comment, share)
- DO NOT argue or embarrass
- DO report to the platform

[BetterThanThis - CommonSense American](https://www.common senseamerican.org/betterthanthis/) for a possible action item you might consider taking.

<https://www.common senseamerican.org/betterthanthis/monSense American>

To learn more about League positions: <https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin/positions>

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<sup>1</sup> A good general guideline is at [4 tips for spotting deepfakes and other AI-generated images : Life Kit : NPR](#)

<b>August</b>	15	<b>Newsletter</b>
	TBD	<i>National Night Out, Burnett County Locations</i>
	26	National Women's Equality Day
	27	<b>Summer Social Picnic, Grantsburg, 4pm</b>
<b>September</b>	1	<b>Newsletter</b>
	3	<b>Gather at Little Piece of Mind Quilt Shop New Richmond 4PM (Pizza Party)</b>
	15	<b>Newsletter</b>
	17	NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY
	21	<b>Heritage Days New Richmond</b>
<b>October</b>	1	<b>Newsletter</b>
	1	Gather at Little Piece of Mind Quilt Shop New Richmond 4PM
	7-11	NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION WEEK
	15	<b>Newsletter</b>
	15	"Uniting Americans to Depolarize America" Bill Doherty, Braver Angels 7PM American Legion Post 143, St. Croix Falls
<b>November</b>	1	<b>Newsletter</b>
	5	Gather at Little Piece of Mind Quilt Shop New Richmond 4PM ELECTION DAY!!!
	15	<b>Newsletter</b>

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ST. CROIX VALLEY LEADERSHIP TEAM 2024-2025

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