



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

November 1, 2024



## **Action Alert!**

On Monday, November 4, 2024, we will celebrate Election Hero Day: a day of action to recognize and thank election workers across the nation – state and county officials, clerks, poll workers, postal workers, and more – for their tireless efforts to keep our

democracy strong. To honor this year's election heroes, **we hope you will join us in thanking the friends, family, neighbors, and colleagues in your community who have selflessly given their time to ensure our elections run smoothly.**

LWVSCV 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, 92 municipal clerks administer our elections in our three county area. Let them know you support them and the work they do.

It is an honor to say thank you to our LWVSCV Poll Workers – **LeAnn Amundson, Kay Brooks, Nanette DelMonaco and Linda Koep, Katrina Larsen, Irene Bugge, Nancy Stewart.**

We are sorry our list of members that serve in this capacity is incomplete. Please contact Voter Services if you or a league member you know was missed on this list. **Thank you for the important work you do ensuring every eligible voter can cast a ballot.**

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.

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## Action Alert!

### League of Women Voters Super Stars!

We are racing toward the finish line for this important election. Voter Services asks you to stay committed to Get Out The Vote for one more week! We are starting a text blitz for our members to remind our family and friends to vote on November 5th.

We are asking each of you to text (or email) your family and friends. If you send 5 messages we will contact 400 voters. Ten messages will remind 800 voters. If you each contact 20 people that will be a reminder for 1600 voters. Let's Do This!

#### Sample messages:

We ask you to text (or email) your family and friends. This is an important election for the United States and we need all citizens to participate. Our future is on the line. Please send family members, friends and neighbors the message to get out the vote on Nov. 5 and encourage them to forward this message to their families and friends and so on.

- **VOTE Nov 5.** We will come together to vote for our families, our communities, our children, and a healthier Wisconsin.
- From Wisconsin's rural communities to urban cities and everywhere in between, we believe that voters pick our leaders – our leaders should not pick which voters to hear and which to silence. **VOTE Nov 5**
- When we vote, we are choosing our representatives who make decisions about Wisconsin's public schools, healthcare, environment, abortion, the economy, and more. Your vote matters. **VOTE Nov 5**



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***Vote Tuesday*** signs are up until early Wednesday Morning Nov 6  
***Thank an election worker*** up from Wednesday, Nov 6–Nov 12 or 13



## Voters Services – Patty and Rita

It has been a year of concerted work to civically engage and inform the people we call neighbors. The community of LWVSCV has accomplished many tasks in the effort to be proactive and to be positive influencers. A lot of fun, laughter and friendship has been shared along the way, too.

**Thank you** to everyone for your contributions to the cause. Whether the support was with dollars, postcard writing, contributing postage, volunteering at the libraries, at high schools, at parades, spinning wheel events at PrideFest or Farmers Markets, hosting/attending/candidate forums, posting signs. **Thank you** for all those behind the scenes contributions, too - newsletters, calendar updates, roster & financial management, Zoom meetings, materials management, and so much more.

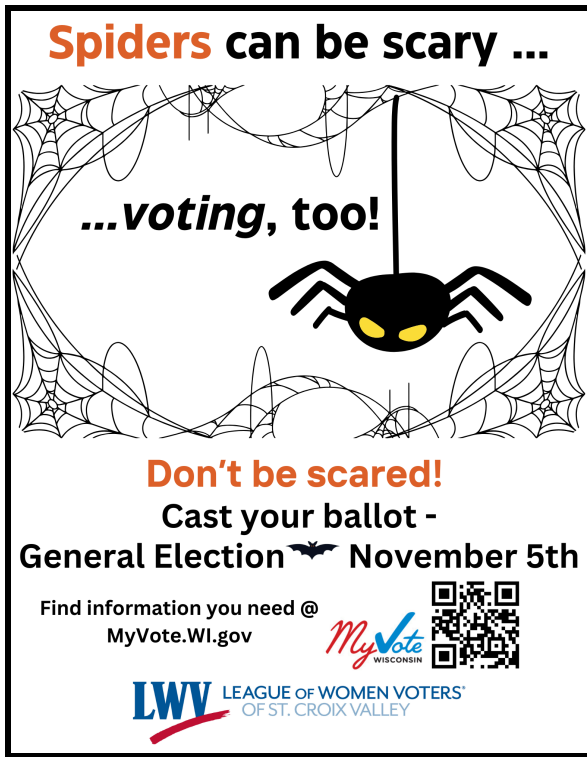
LWVSCV alliances with some new and some established organizations have blossomed into practical relationships to help foster stronger civic communities - GROWW, Fair Maps, ALA, Main Street Voices, Hudson Pride. There are many places members have served and continue to be positive forces for good. Please take a moment to reflect on the added benefit you make by being a part of this fine organization. **Thank you!**

**KEEP CALM, CARRY ON. VOTE NOVEMBER 5TH!**



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Check it once, twice and thrice! Did you know that election results have to be triple checked here in Wisconsin before they're official? Be patient with our #ElectionHeroes as they make sure every eligible vote is counted.



Voter Services was overstocked with candy from events hosted over the summer and early fall months. We took 8 Halloween baskets to libraries along with this sign to share our message and sweet treats. Every delivery was welcomed and appreciated!

Additionally, these flyers were electronically shared with all libraries to use as they wish.

## Bridging the Partisan Divide!



On Tuesday, October 15, the LWVSCV collaborated with Main Street Voices<sup>1</sup> and many other organizations to present *Finding Common Good in a Divided World*, featuring Bill Doherty, a co-founder of the group Braver Angels. Over 120 people attended the event. Our league had a table of voting information, along with our pull-up banner and volunteers were available to answer questions and hand out information prior to the



event. It was gratifying to see so many of our members attend this event and learn not only about the problem of political polarization but also some tools to connect and find common ground with family, friends and in our communities. Some takeaways from this presentation:

<sup>1</sup> Main Street Voices is organized by volunteers of St. Croix Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (scUUf).

- Listen.
- Let go of trying to persuade.
- Use curiosity to identify values and worries that you share.
- Be intentional in your desire to connect.
- Use “I” statements when sharing your perspective.
- Find connection first, through talking and listening about life experiences before you disagree on a policy position.
- Fold into conversation the common values you share.
- Mirror back their concerns and relate to something that puts you on common ground.
- “You can’t fight someone when you know their heart”.



*We have much work to do in our communities regardless of the result of the election on Nov. 5, 2024. Thank you all for your continued work on behalf of the League of Women Voters St. Croix Valley. Here are two events that might help us find a way~~*

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### ***Braver Angels Event: Election Night***

**When: Tuesday, November 5th. 8pm – 9:30pm ET / 5pm – 6:30pm PT**

**Where: Online**

On Election Night, tune in to see how Braver Angels is engaging with the election all across America. Our hosts Gabbi Timmis and John Wood Jr. will bring on leaders that showcase the breadth of our movement. It's an opportunity to gather with us on this momentous day and hear directly from our members, from our red/blue pairs volunteering at the polls to local alliance gatherings, and more. If you don't know who we are, this is the perfect time to find out. If you're a longtime member, you'll get to see the incredible work happening in our community.

Follow this link to register:

<https://tinyurl.com/electionnightregistration>

## *The Night After: Braver Angels National Meeting*

**When:** Wednesday, November 6th. 8pm - 10pm ET / 5pm - 7pm PT

**Where:** Online

24 hours after the election, Braver Angels will be holding a National Meeting that will reflect on the state of the election, take stock of where we're at as Americans, and reaffirm our commitment to one another and building a house united.

In this meeting, you'll hear from Braver Angels leaders and prominent supporters that will inspire hope in this divisive time, such as **Mónica Guzmán, Rep. Dean Phillips, and Bill Doherty**, with more **to be announced!**

Follow this link to register:

<https://tinyurl.com/BrvrAngelsnatevent>



### Non-profit Outreach in Siren

Barb Katt and Kris Surbaugh attended the NACF<sup>2</sup> non-profit Expo in Siren on Thursday, October 19.

The Expo gathered nearly 40 non-profits from northern Polk County and Burnett County in the Zhashagiins Event Center to share important

voting information with the public.

Keeping up with a steady stream of visitors, more than 35 interested people stopped by the display and asked questions about voting registration, 'vote no' amendment policy, and the League in general. Barb shared 'vote' pins with over 60 non-profit participants. Many took home stickers and handouts of information. The evening was filled with many lively conversations while

Our message to 'Get Out the Vote' was a huge success.

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<sup>2</sup> The Northwest Alliance Community Foundation is an Affiliate of the St. Croix Valley Foundation



## Voter Registration Event

Edna Early and Pat Jones with owner of Rush River Brewery at voters registration event October 16.

Edna and Pat reported engaging with 35 people and having interesting conversations about voting, registering, and the US Constitution! They even got to share a little Packer pride!



## GOTV (Get Out the Vote) Rally

on October 23 found

Judy Green, Beth Wood

and Liz Malanphy

making *good trouble*

on the Hudson Bridge.



### Jane Kirschenheiter Zimmerman **ISSUES BRIEFING 2024**

**THURS, NOVEMBER 14TH**  
JUSTICE MATTERS FOR NATIVE AMERICANS

**SAT, NOVEMBER 16TH**  
JUSTICE MATTERS IN OUR JUDICIAL SYSTEM

**TUES, NOVEMBER 19TH**  
JUSTICE MATTERS FOR THE LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY

View program information, agenda, and bios at the following link:

[HOME | LWVWI IB \(lwwisconsin.wixsite.com\)](https://lwwisconsin.wixsite.com)

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2024-2025

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November	1	Newsletter
	5	<b>ELECTION DAY!</b> You can hand in your absentee ballot at the polls until 8PM today. <b>VOTE!!!</b> <b>Make History!</b>
	5	Gather at Little Piece of Mind Quilt Shop New Richmond 4PM <b>Canceled</b>
	14	<b>LWV-WI Issues Briefing</b> “Justice Matters For Native Americans” register <a href="https://lwwwisconsin.wixsite.com/ib2023">https://lwwwisconsin.wixsite.com/ib2023</a>
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	16	Members receive a copy of Bylaws changes via email
	19	Board/Committee Meeting (zoom)
	19	<b>LWV-WI Issues Briefing</b> “Justice Matters for our LGBTQIA+ Community” register <a href="https://lwwwisconsin.wixsite.com/ib2023">https://lwwwisconsin.wixsite.com/ib2023</a>
December	1	Newsletter
	15	Newsletter
	17	Board Meeting (Zoom) General Membership attend (Zoom) 5PM
January 2025	1	Happy New Year! Newsletter
	12	<b>Winter Gathering at Amery Community Center</b>
	19	Snow Date for Winter Gathering



In Rochester, NY women put their "I voted" stickers on the gravestone of Susan B. Anthony. This year it is even more special. ❤️ #KamalaHarris2024🇺🇸



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