



OUR MISSION: *Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.*

January 1, 2025

We take a moment to honor the life of President Jimmy Carter
(October 21, 1924–December 30, 2024).

“Former President Carter was a committed and dedicated advocate for peace, human rights, and treating others with dignity, decency, and respect—qualities that earned him respect and admiration from many across our country and around the world. He leaves behind an extraordinary legacy of humanitarian and public health achievements not only during and throughout his presidency but beyond it, as well,” ~ Governor Tony Evers

Start the New Year Right!
Join us January 12 at the Winter Gathering!



**Barbara McAfee
to be Keynote**
Sunday, January 12, 2025
1:30 to 4:30

at the Amery Community Center.

We are thrilled that Barbara McAfee has agreed to be the keynote for our annual Winter Gathering

Barbara is a voice coach, author, singer/songwriter, song leader, and public speaker who uses music and words to inspire and connect people. She is the author of: *Full Voice: The Art and Practice of Vocal Presence.*

Barbara has created a keynote tailor-made for us. The full title is: "Who You Gonna Be While You Do What You Do? Five Practices for Sustaining Energy and Humanity in the Midst of Chaos."

We are excited to kick-off 2025 with this empowering event.

There is still time to **RSVP for this event!**

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Spring Primary Election February 18

SPRING RACES INCLUDE:

WI Supreme Court, Court of Appeals Judges, Circuit Court Judges, County Board of Supervisors, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, City Council, School Board & Local nonpartisan races

Do you have a Primary?

Register + Request a Ballot

 **MyVote.Wi.Gov**



Members in the know, know - Elections in odd years are non-partisan. Not *all* non-partisan offices are up for election in 2025.

If more than two candidates are running for an office on your ballot, the **Feb. 18 primary** will apply to you. This will be at a local level (school boards, county supervisors, circuit courts, other local offices).

The two statewide races on the spring 2025 ballot are for a seat on the state Supreme Court and the state superintendent of public instruction. These races will be on everyone's ballot for the April 1 election.

These are the candidates to date (filing is open until January 7)

WI Superintendent of Public Instruction Candidates (non-partisan)

-Jill Underly (incumbent)

-Jeff Wright

WI Supreme Court (non-partisan)

-Susan Crawford

-Brad Schimel

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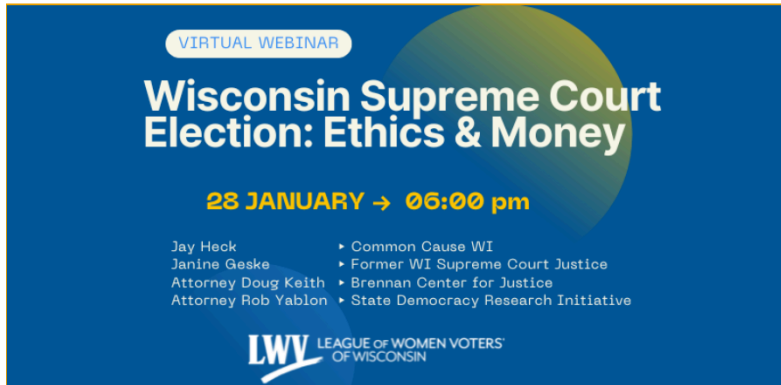


Two contacts to keep close in 2025

<https://www.senate.gov/states/WI/intro.htm>

Webinars Worth Watching

LWVWI is offering two excellent virtual programs on the upcoming Supreme Court Election:



Join the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin for a virtual webinar on Tuesday, **January 28 at 6pm**

The program "*Wisconsin Supreme Court Election: Ethics and Money*," will provide voters with all the information they need for the next Wisconsin Supreme Court Election this spring.

Speakers include: Jay Heck from Common Cause; former Supreme Court Justice Janine Geske; Attorney Doug Keith from the Brennan Center; and Attorney Rob Yablon from the State Democracy Research Initiative.

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlkfuuqrzlvHdx6_fwiV5O0PYEtp_VN5P6z

February 25: Wisconsin Supreme Court Elections: Judging the Judiciary, 6:00 pm
(save the date, registration not open yet)



LWV La Crosse is hosting a Zoom webinar about Wisconsin’s Civic Health and why it matters

on the evening of Wednesday, February 12, 2025. More information will soon be available. LWV St. Croix Valley is co-sponsoring this event.

Our featured speaker will be Mary Beth Collins, J.D., M.A., Executive Director of the Center for Community and Nonprofit Studies <<https://commnsknowledge.wisc.edu/>> at UW-Madison. The Center published a 2020 report on civic health in Wisconsin <<https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin/article/report-civic-health-wisconsin-connectedness-context>>, focusing on civic engagement and community connectedness. The report is part of a nationwide data-driven initiative to strengthen existing civic engagement efforts in our communities and develop innovative new approaches to civic health.

January 2025	1	Happy New Year! Newsletter
	12	Winter Gathering at Amery Community Center (doors open at 1:30)
	15	Newsletter
	19	Snow Date for Winter Gathering
	28	Webinar on Supreme Court LWVWI https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlkfuuqrzIvHdx6_fwiV50oPYEtp_VN5P6z
February	1	Newsletter
	12	Wisconsin’s Civic Health Zoom LWV – La Crosse co-sponsor with LWVSCV.
	14	LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS 105 YEARS AND GOING STRONG TOGETHER!
	18	Primary!
	25	Webinar LWVWI: Wisconsin Supreme Court Elections: Judging the Judiciary, 6:00 pm (Save the date – registration not open yet)
April	1	Spring Election
	27	Annual Meeting, 2:00 – 5:00. Amery Community Center



In the Quilt of Life, our connections through the LWVSCV are the stitches that help us hold it all together.

Thank you Carol Johnson for the enduring gift of our Suffrage Quilt.

Gratitude to all of you and your contributions, big and small, to the patchwork of our success.

Forward into 2025 together.

LEADERSHIP TEAM 2024-2025

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*What is the easiest way to participate in LWVSCV?
Like/share/amplify our messages on FACEBOOK and Instagram!*

