



OUR MISSION: *Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.*

March 15, 2025



The LWVWI

Voter Services Committee –

would like to invite any interested member to participate in our upcoming Voter Services Community Conversations. The purpose of this series is to create a space for League members interested in voter services to join together in conversation around a voter services topic each month.

These informal conversations will be held over zoom. Each session will have one or more discussion leaders who are knowledgeable about the topic. Sessions will be held over the noon hour on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month. Each conversation will begin with 15 minutes of free form networking with the topic driven conversation to begin at 12:15pm.

Our next community conversation is on **March 18, 2025 at 12pm** and we will hear from Kristen Kern, LWVUS Federal Policy and Advocacy Manager, who will be discussing the implications of the SAVE Act on voter registration, women, and more.

If you have any ideas for topics to include or would like to host a session, please don't hesitate to reach out to Delany Zimmer, LWVWI Voter Services Coordinator, at dzimmer@lwwvi.org

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81211795145?pwd=7whsCQW7bdaMdWXJB47rAS3mlllyJUr.1#success>



COFFEE AND POSTCARDS IN BALDWIN

Our League had some great help writing get-out-the-vote postcards at The Perk in Baldwin. We had a spacious room, just for our

11 members and a few guests. It

always feels good to be with each other--sharing work, stories, opinions, and laughs. What a wonderful group of women! Kay Brooks



Get Out The Vote Visit to Chippewa Valley Technical College

Patty Van Nevel and Kathy Streitz visited CVTC on February 19, 2025.

We were there over the lunch hour and had contact with about 22 students and staff. The spinning wheel and candy prizes were a big hit. Many fine discussions about this election

period and the current events.

We shared how important it is to vote and shared voter registration information and materials. Many of the young people were registered to vote.

This visit was so enjoyable and our interactions with staff and students appeared to be valued. Patty and I felt welcomed and appreciated. It is an honor to represent the LWVSCV.



WE WANT YOU!

Looking for members willing to shadow current committee leaders. Every committee is open to conversations about how you can help.

The Communications Committee is looking for someone interested in learning more about publishing information with the membership at large. Curious? No commitment, just a learning

experience.

Contact Kris at 715-566-1186 via text or aksurbaugh@gmail.com



Coffee and postcards at St Croix Falls Library!

It was billed as a coffee but I don't think any of us had a drop. We did manage to write a stack of postcards (150 or so) and get them stamped and addressed. Our intention was to remind and encourage voters to participate in the upcoming April 1st election. The group of people we targeted were registered voters that haven't cast a ballot recently.

Even that satisfying and resourceful activity was secondary to meeting two new members from the Osceola area, Cheryl Hustad and Linda Bowitz. Both women have been poll workers in the past and Cheryl remains active as a poll inspector today. We are grateful to have them in our ranks. Welcome!

In addition, Irene Bugge, Sharyl Manwiller, Miriam Flysjo, Patty Van Nevel and Rita Kearns were at the library session. To a person, it would be said that the conversation we share and the time together is what we find most rewarding. Finding a way to be supportive and positively engaged with each other is one of the best outcomes of gathering together.

Thank you, to attendees of both this coffee and the one Kay Brooks hosted in Baldwin. Also, thank you to the generous donations of members to the postage for this mailing! Your generous donations help greatly to keep this organization chugging forward

Spread the Word! *(or) an armchair way to get out the vote!*

Share this information with friends and family on your email list! When you amplify you are supporting our League's efforts to 'get out the vote'!



The Spring Election is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 1st**. The races are for state and local positions (depending on where you live).

Extremely important state races are for **WI Supreme Court justice** and **Superintendent of Public Schools**

Local races might include **board of education and/or municipal positions**. They also are important.

Some communities have **referendums**



On all ballots, there will be a constitutional amendment. The League of Women Voters considers it to be “harmful and divisive”. We recommend that voters **VOTE NO**.

Information about all of the above can be found at LWVSCV.org (LWV of St. Croix Valley), which includes St. Croix, Polk, and Burnett Counties.

Additional information on state races can be found

on VOTE411.org.

There are 3 ways to vote. Official voter information can be found at MyVote.wi.gov.

- 1) Absentee ballot
- 2.) Early voting (ask your clerk when it’s available)
- 3.) Election Day on April 1

*An acceptable photo ID is needed to vote (drivers license or free WI ID are the most common)

YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE!

Ballot Bulletin: The Paper Record¹

Wisconsin has a paper record for each ballot cast, to serve as a reliable backup in case of an issue with a counting machine. It’s another part of our election system that ensures a few of our favorite things: transparency, accuracy and the ability to conduct recounts.

The main goal of the paper record: ensure that the voter’s intent is accurately reflected. The paper record verifies the machine-tabulator results (vote counting machine), providing a fail-safe mechanism to confirm election results.

Election officials can manually compare the paper ballots with the electronic tallies in case of doubts or discrepancies. It’s a safeguard against any potential errors, tampering or inconsistencies.

If any election outcome is challenged and a recount or audit is requested, officials can conduct manual checks by referring to the paper ballots.

¹ (I was having a conversation with a family member this week and this topic came up. Maybe you’re having these conversations with your friends, family, or neighbors.) Remember you can find this and other essential information about our election process at **Ballot Bulletins: Keeping Wisconsin Elections Safe**

<https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin/ballot-bulletins-keeping-wisconsins-elections-safe>

It also deters potential attackers or bad actors seeking to manipulate our elections. Machine tampering can be uncovered through the paper record. It's another part of Wisconsin's comprehensive election system that protects voters and ensures transparent and accurate elections.

Join the
League of Women Voters St Croix Valley LWV
and
Amery Area Public Library 
for a presentation with Q&A to follow:

**Immigration Attorney,
Marc Prokosch**

IMMIGRATION LAW
Current Issues & Potential Changes

 **Tuesday, April 8** 
6:30 - 8:00

Amery Community Center
608 Harriman Ave S
Amery, WI

Free Refreshments
Free Parking
*Free will Donations
are welcome*

Information: contact@lwvstcroixvalley.org

The League of Women Voters and the Amery Area Public

Library cordially invite you to an

evening of information and community engagement focused on the immigration process and potential changes under the new federal administration.

Immigration Attorney Marc Prokosch will speak at the Amery Community Center on April 8th at 6:30 PM. This is a free event and all are welcome. A question and answer period will follow the presentation.

Marc Prokosch will address many of the issues which are frequently grabbing news headlines. He is a Hamline University graduate and attorney at Prokosch Law LLC for twenty years. Marc works exclusively in the complicated landscape of U.S.

Immigration Law. He regularly mentors other attorneys and law students, and frequently speaks on immigration topics for attorneys as well as at public forums in the community. He will explain the many facets of US immigration, which includes documentation, work requirements, what actual benefits are available to immigrants, and the status of spouses and children. Marc will also explain pathways to citizenship and address possibilities for immigration reform.

Take this opportunity to learn more about this timely yet highly complex topic.

Marc Prokosch, Speaker

April 8, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Amery Community Center

608 Harriman Ave Amery, Wisconsin

Parking is free, accessible and snacks will be provided. Free will donations are welcome. For those unable to attend in person, a YouTube video will be available for later viewing. If you have further questions contact the League of Women Voters St Croix Valley <contact@lwwstcroixvalley.org> For links to the recording go to <lwwstcroixvalley.org>

March	15	Newsletter
	18	Board/Committee Chairs Meeting, 4-5PM
	18	Voters Services Community Conversations: (zoom) https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81211795145?pwd=7wHsCQW7bdaMdWXJB47rAS3mllyJUr.1#success
	25	Take Down Vote From Home Signs!
	26	Put up Vote Tuesday Signs!
	26	<i>Book Study Zoom</i>
	31	International Transgender Day of Visibility
April	1	Spring Election
	1	Newsletter
	15	Newsletter
	21	Board/Committee Chairs 4-5PM
April	27	Annual Meeting, 2:00 - 5:00. Amery Community Center
May	1	Newsletter
	15	Newsletter
	20	Board/Committee Chairs (tentative)
June	1	Newsletter
	15	Newsletter
	21	Valley Wide Pride Event – Hudson

