



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

September 15, 2025



### **National Voter Registration Day - September 16th, 2025**

National Voter Registration Day is more than just a civic holiday; it's a nationwide celebration of democracy powered by thousands of partners and millions of voices working together to ensure every eligible

American is registered to vote. Voting is an essential American freedom, but to exercise this basic right, we must be registered to vote! That's why LWVWI is a proud partner and supporter of National Voter Registration Day (9/16).

*We want to express our sincere thanks for all the volunteers who helped to contact libraries and to many who will set up tables on National Voter Registration Day this coming Tuesday. We also will have representation at the 3 colleges in our 3 county area on either Tuesday or Thursday. The best count is 24 members who visited 10 libraries and 3 college campuses. All 23 libraries seemed to be happy to receive either a visit by LWV members or a packet of information to share with their patrons. All also received information for their social media. We suspect it will be a resounding success and one more step toward our LWV goal to activate 8.5 million voices through civic engagement, education, and collective power.*

### **CALL TO ACTION~**

The day after Voter Registration Day, our Voter and Member Services will be holding a planning session to brainstorm what we will focus on for the next month. We need your input to determine how best to use our time and resources as we work to fulfill the National League's mission to enlist 8.5 million voters over the next year.

***Please join us to offer your ideas---- or just to listen in. All are welcome!***

Our meetings are short, but bring us the direction we need to move forward. They are planned for 40 minutes, but we can opt for more time if we wish. This is a chance for any member to offer suggestions or ask questions, or for us to share what our future plans are. **Your input matters!**

If you plan to attend, please let me know so that I can be sure you get into the meeting. If you can't make the meeting at this time, tell us what day or time would be better for you in the future and we will send you the meeting summary, so you know what we talked about.

Thanks all!

Kay Brooks and Kathy Streitz

Here is the invitation. Please add this to your calendar:

Topic: Voter/Membership Services Zoom Meeting

Time: Sep 17, 2025 04:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/86978968656?pwd=LcKD3KfJFUbVpVykHgCoOsCczbxfiQb.1>

Meeting ID: 869 7896 8656

Passcode: edaAr1

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***Attention LWVSCV New and Existing Members in the North!!!!***

**We are going back to Cafe Wren in Luck, WI.**

**September 25th**

**10:00 to 11:00 AM.**

Wouldn't it be nice to chat, have coffee, and a sweet treat?

Please join us for a LWWVSCV coffee!!!

All members and friends are welcome!!!

Come to Luck to socialize and connect!

Carpool with neighbors.

RSVP (optional) Kathy Streitz, 612-916-8856 [kfstreitz@gmail.com](mailto:kfstreitz@gmail.com)

Feel free to call, text, or email.

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## **Call to Action: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HERITAGE DAYS**

Our League has a spot reserved at Heritage Days on Saturday, September 20. It will be similar to farmers' market tables—attracting passersby with the spinning game wheel and distributing voter information. However, we can pick our time and decide if we want to be inside or outside. Shifts will be for 2-1/2 hours (Includes set up and take down). Please contact Kay Brooks if you can help us out. It's a fun day and good exposure for the League!

Kay Brooks    [kaybrooks48@gmail.com](mailto:kaybrooks48@gmail.com)

Join the *LWV St Croix Valley*  
for a public presentation with:

**REPRESENTATIVE DUKE TUCKER**  
**ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 75**

## Term Limits in Wisconsin?

Learn about efforts to introduce legislation



on term limits for state  
**Senators and  
Representatives.**



**Thursday, October 2**  
**Presentation with Q&A: 6:30-7:30**

**Burnett County Government Center**  
**7410 County Road K, Siren,**  
**Light refreshments following**



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## Term Limits In Wisconsin?

Duke Tucker, State Assembly (district 75) representative, has introduced a state “constitutional amendment to establish term limits for Wisconsin’ elected officials,” noting that “this proposal...aims to ensure that public office remains a service to the people, not a lifelong career”.

- ☐ What are the details of Assembly Joint Resolution LB 3325/1?
- ☐ How will it affect our legislature in the long run?
- ☐ What is the timeline for passing a constitutional amendment?

If you are interested in learning more about this topic, join us at the Burnett Government Center on Oct 2.

**Call to action:** volunteers appreciated for help with this event: contact Patti Hurd <[pattih2@aol.com](mailto:pattih2@aol.com)> or Kris Surbaugh <[aksurbaugh@gmail.com](mailto:aksurbaugh@gmail.com)>

 LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS\*  
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## Wisconsin's Constitutional Amendments: Consequences and Better Practices

Join us for a webinar exploring the unintended but real consequences of amending the State Constitution with policies that do not advance constitutional governance principles.



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**Thursday,  
September 18th**  
**7:00 – 8:30 PM**

**JOIN US FOR THIS FREE,  
EDUCATIONAL WEBINAR.  
REGISTER TODAY.**  
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LWVWI-webinar](https://bit.ly/LWVWI-webinar)

# Save the Date



## **Upstander Training in Polk County with**



- **Learn how to support immigrant communities**
- **Become part of the Unidos' rapid response network**
- **Ensure no one faces this threat alone**

**Tuesday, Oct. 7th  
6:30 pm**

**Registration coming soon**



## Fair Maps Community Hearings State Tour

*While Wisconsin currently has fair maps, these are only in place until the 2030 Census. We need **LEGISLATION** to ensure **FAIR VOTING MAPS** for **FUTURE GENERATIONS**.*

On Thursday, September 11, the LWVSCV collaborated with Fair Maps and LWV-Greater Chippewa Valley to hold a community hearing in Menomonie to give information about the push for establishing an Independent Redistricting Commission, the justification for this change, and to accept feedback from community members.

Don Leake presented a history of the effort to achieve Fair Maps for the 2024 election cycle to fulfil the promise that every vote counts. The presenting panel spoke of the impact that gerrymandering has on compromising the value of voting and reminded us that the true foundation of democracy starts with fair and equitable divisions. Community members asked important questions that will help hone the draft proposal to be submitted to the Legislature.

**Why does this matter?** From climate to classrooms, everything is on the line when we don't have fair maps. Lawmakers don't have to listen to their constituents when they can draw themselves into power. *Gerrymandering is a bipartisan disease!*

Learn more to understand the importance of creating an Independent Redistricting Commission. Become informed about the steps in establishing an IRC and have your concerns, questions, and suggestions be part of the efforts to shape this proposal.

### **Call to Action:**

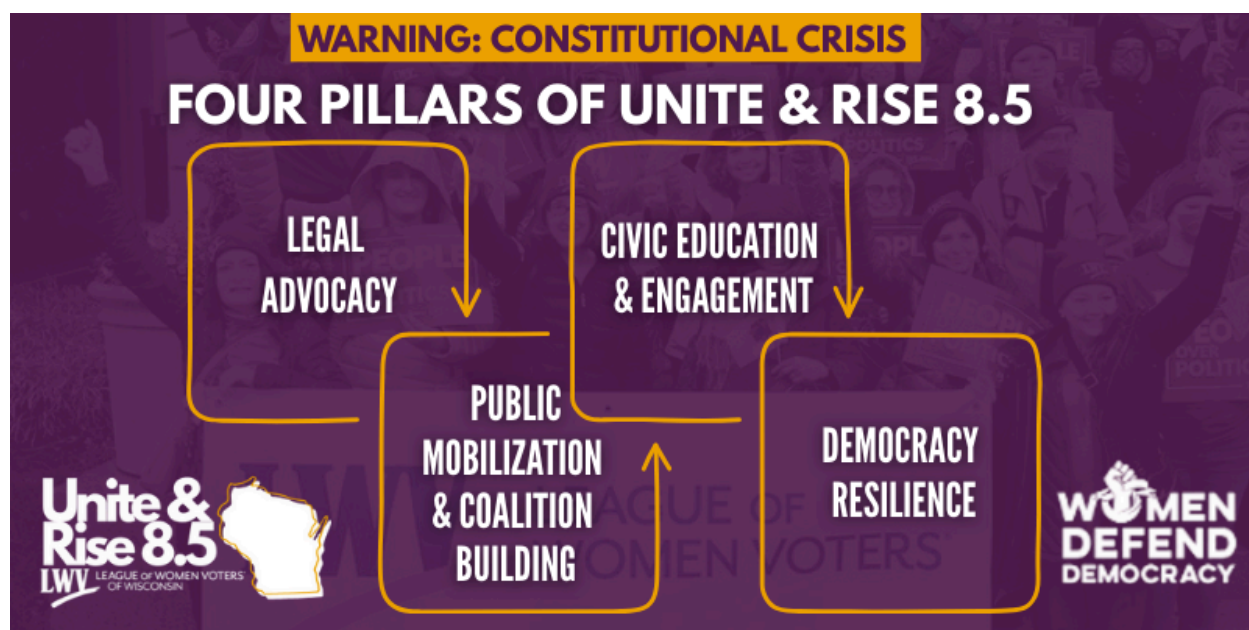
To learn more about this important topic go to <https://www.fairmapswi.com/>

To join one of the many in person and virtual sessions go to: [bit.ly/MapsCommunityHearings](https://bit.ly/MapsCommunityHearings)

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***Readers Theater Rehearsals Began on September 14!*** Mark your calendars for upcoming performances (see calendar below.) Don't miss this wonderful event that highlights the hard work, perseverance, and ultimate accomplishments that gave us the League of Women Voters!



<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	15	Newsletter
	16	<a href="#">National Voters Registration Day (see article)</a>
	17	Voters/Members Services Zoom All Welcome! (see article) zoom link: <a href="https://us05web.zoom.us/j/86978968656?pwd=LcKD3KfJFUbpVykHgCoOsCczbxfiQb.1">https://us05web.zoom.us/j/86978968656?pwd=LcKD3KfJFUbpVykHgCoOsCczbxfiQb.1</a>
	18	<a href="#">LWV WI Webinar on Constitutional Amendments, 7PM</a> : What are the negative consequences of recently passed Constitutional Amendments? What makes a good constitutional amendment? <a href="http://bit.ly/LWVWI-webinar">Register here: http://bit.ly/LWVWI-webinar</a>
	20	Heritage Days Tabling Event
	23	<b>Board Meeting Zoom</b>
	25	Coffee Luck Cafe Wren 10-11AM
	30	Upstander Training Hudson
<b>OCTOBER</b>		<b>No Board Meeting in October</b>
	1	Newsletter
	2	Term Limits Program–Burnett County Gov Center



		Duke Tucker Rep. 75th District 6:30
	7	Upstander Training in Polk County 6:30 (save the date)
	15	Newsletter
	18	LWV SCV Readers Theater, Amery Community Center, evening
	19	LWV SCV Readers Theater, Amery Community Center, matinee
	25	LWV SCV Readers Theater, Heritage Center, New Richmond, evening
	26	LWV SCV Readers Theater, Heritage Center, New Richmond, matinee
	26	LWV SCV 10th Birthday! Woohoo!
NOVEMBER	4	Board Meeting Zoom
	6	Possible SAVE Education Program Amery
	12	One Million Rising: Randy's Kitchen Amery

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