



OUR MISSION: *Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.*

October 1, 2025

SAVE the DATE

Zoom~ ~ Board Meeting and 2026 Planning Meeting

November 4, 2025, 4:00 -5:15 p.m.

All members are encouraged to attend.

More more information in next newsletter

A Message from Beth:

I attended the monthly Wisconsin Unite Rise 8.5 captain meeting on 9/24/25. I want to congratulate our membership for rising to the challenge of outreach, education, and connection. The LWVSCV and the continuous engagement by YOU have really positioned us as leaders and as team players in the LWV overall. I would also add that the leadership and staff at the LWVWI have gone above and beyond to assist all of the WI leagues in promptly getting Unite Rise 8.5 information, resources and support from their office. The LWVSCV is meeting every data point and we are sustaining a very high level of programming and involvement. The LWVWI has created a Unite Rise pledge specifically for Wisconsin members and they ask ALL of us to sign the pledge. It can be found on the LWVWI.org website at:

<https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin/unite-and-rise-85-commitment-form>

THANK YOU!!! If you haven't gotten involved, please consider taking a bold step into connecting with anyone in leadership and finding a way to contribute. There IS a place for you in the LWVSCV. We are FORWARD, together!

Beth Wood

Co-President/Unite Rise team captain



National Voters Registration Day 2025

National Voter Registration Day September 16, 2026

LWVSCV partners with National Voter Registration Day and American Library Association Day, **Libraries, Technical Colleges, University of Wisconsin River Falls**

We extend a warm thank you to all of the public libraries in Polk, Burnett, and St. Croix Counties. Library directors shared voter registration information via their social media accounts, calendars, and on display. Thank you to our volunteers who contacted library directors, some manned tables with literature, and interacted with library patrons.

Volunteers manned tables at University Wisconsin River Falls, Northwoods Tech College, and Chippewa Valley Technical College. Thanks Angie at CVTC for the rootbeer floats! Extra sweet!

This day happens every September. Join us as a volunteer for the 2026 National Voter Registration Day!

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Kathy Streitz kfstreitz@gmail.com



Great event at Amery. We had 29 people come to our table, and we had several sign up for our newsletter. We really promoted the Readers Theater too!

Frederic Public Library was pleased to host the League with our information about voters'

registration. They are also interested in continuing to collaborate on future educational programs.



BEWARE OF PHISHING SCAMS!



Sadly our League information has been hacked. Please double check with League leaders before you take any action.

← Follow these guidelines before you 'click'!

Be aware that it is the use of familiar names which are used to dupe the reader. Check the url/sender's address. Be skeptical!!!



VOTER/MEMBERSHIP SERVICES ZOOM MEETING

Kathy Streitz and Kay Brooks
Voter/Member Services Co-Chair

Thanks to those who attended the Voter/Membership Services meeting! We were happy to share that we had great participation by both the 20 libraries in our League area and our membership. Added to that number are three colleges. In person experiences were varied, but all libraries received information that they can have on hand and virtually all hung on to what was left, so it is our hope that they will reach even more patrons. Starkly different these days is the number of people who are already registered, so we mostly serve as a reminder to vote and generate interest in the League.

We are entering into the next phase of work for this fall—and that is, making contact with the high schools. A few members have agreed to call to update information and find a contact person. This fall we will offer resources, especially regarding election integrity. In the spring we will visit high schools willing to let us host a table for voter registration/information.

We also discussed having coffee sessions, some of which can be postcard writing sessions. These will pop up in a variety of places, but intend to be as close as possible to everyone at least once a month.

**The next meeting will be
Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 4:00 on Zoom so that ALL can attend.**



HUBz ARE HAPPENING

Our HUBz idea is about to be enacted. Our League will be split into 4 HUBz for multiple purposes. Each member is assigned a HUB based on where they live. The idea is that everyone in a HUB is less than 30 miles away from the center for easy gathering and distribution of information, etc. This is not exact or scientific—just best guess. It is a fluid idea as we see how it works. If you want to do something in another HUB, feel free to do it. Our goal is the development of closer relationships and greater efficiency. *We still will have many events and projects that involve members within a larger area.*

More thoughts from Kathy: We are planning for improved communication within each HUB. One idea is a text thread (phone tree) to be used for cancellations or postponed events (think winter gathering)! We are open to ideas and looking forward to hearing from lots of members. Thank you all for your contributions to our League chapter.

Here is a link to the full HUBz list. We are still working on getting emails and phone numbers down for each member. (see also an attachment on the email)

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/101lgHM5zZlGJwOvjq4FNosszjKJ2_qUAcHNNgHBJ-Yw/edit?usp=sharing



You are invited to an AMERY DINNER GATHERING

Are you up for having an informal dinner with other members?

DATE: Tuesday, Oct. 14

TIME: 5:00–6:30 PM

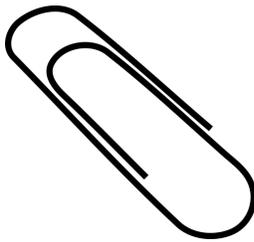
PLACE: Pizzeria———325 Keller Ave. N., Amery

BRING: Your appetite and gift of gab.

(To be clear—each of us pays for our own dinner)

Please RSVP: Kay Brooks kaybrooks48@gmail.com

Due to the possibility that many members are busy with the Readers Theater, please RSVP this time so that we know if there will be enough members to make a “go” of it. If we have 4 or more people, we will do it. If not, we will cancel and let you know. (That’s why we need your RSVP so we can contact you.)



PAPERCLIP PROTEST

To my fellow League members: Please join me in a paperclip protest! With the threat to so many things that we value, substack author Joyce Vance suggests that we follow the lead of E. Jean Carroll in sporting a paperclip (wherever you want) in protest of the current attack on our democracy.

In WWII, Norwegian teachers and students wore them to show their unity against Nazi rule. They are a subtle, but powerful way of feeling connection. Have fun choosing colors, sizes, or styles, but be part of the message--that we are tightly joined in fighting for the democracy we so value! Watch for kindred spirits sporting paper clips of their own!

Kay Brooks



Banned Books Week: October 5-11

Censored Books is so 1984—Read for Your Rights!

(art by Beth Wood)

Member Services

Hello to you all and Happy Autumn!

Please join me in welcoming our new member...

Dianne Wright, diannewright@gmail.com, Hudson

Welcome Dianne! We look forward to meeting you!

LWVSCV is a group of 101 members in the counties of St. Croix, Polk, and Burnett. Thank you for finding us. We all welcome you to join us in our pursuits as we educate voters and defend democracy.



Readers Theater Performances

Our current events include four Readers Theater performances in October. The Readers Theater is a stage performance which spotlights the suffrage movement in Wisconsin through song, poetry, nursery rhymes, and narrative. This is a moving performance by our sisters and brothers in our League with the help of friends.

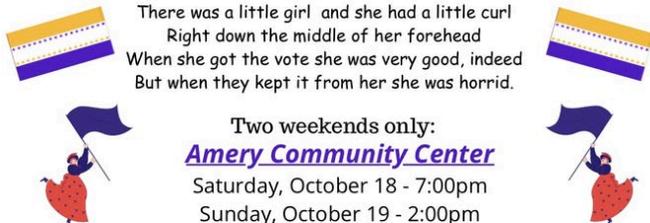
"Oh Dear What can The Matter Be Women Are Wanting to Vote"

A Readers Theater Performance

Presented by:

The League of Women Voters St. Croix Valley
In Celebration of their 10th Anniversary

A History of The Suffrage Movement in Wisconsin through
song, poetry, nursery rhymes and narrative



Two weekends only:

Amery Community Center

Saturday, October 18 - 7:00pm
Sunday, October 19 - 2:00pm

New Richmond Heritage Center Pavilion Building

Saturday, October 25 - 7:00pm
Sunday, October 26 - 2:00pm

The Wisconsin Historical Society's traveling display

***"We Stand on Their Shoulders:
A History of Wisconsin Women and Voting"***

will be on view at The Heritage Center

Birthday Cake and Conversation
following each performance

\$10.00 donation is welcome
But not mandatory



High School Outreach

We will be contacting high schools, providing voter registration materials and volunteers, to register students who will be 18 by the 2026 election days.

DEIJ Service

Our DEIJ ~ Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Justice~ projects are ongoing service projects including coordination with the Los Amigos Program.

Please find specifics in our newsletter the 1st and 15th of each month.

We are all stronger together!



Renewal or Joining LWVSCV for the First Time

Please note that it is best to download and print our application to renew or join LWVSCV from our website, mail the application and payment check to Katrina as noted on the application form. Our website can be found at lwwstcroixvalley.org. Feel free to explore our website. It is there for you and it has newsletters, board

meeting minutes, our calendar, news, take action, vote, photo gallery and links to LWVWI and LWVUS. Feel free to call with questions and to share your ideas and interests in our ongoing pursuits to educate and defend democracy. Forward!

Kathy Streitz
Member/Voter Services
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Save the Date and Register for the 2025 Jane Kirschenheiter Zimmerman LWVIW Issues Briefing!



SAVE THE DATE

Jane Kirschenheiter
Zimmerman
**ISSUES
BRIEFING
2025**

**WED, OCTOBER 22ND
SAT, OCTOBER 25TH
TUES, OCTOBER 28TH**

Use this link to register

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdSer77RgwXhyH9jPh5u1ob4O2vsyqmrIH78rm2TEPcsiWmJA/viewform>:

**IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS
ARE
HUMAN RIGHTS**

The League Stands with Immigrant Communities

The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin stands firmly in solidarity with Wisconsin's immigrant communities. Attacks on one of us is an attack on all of us. Wisconsin is stronger when our communities and families are brought together rather than divided. We must *Unite & Rise* to defend our democracy and stand up for the rights of ALL Wisconsinites.



COULD YOU LOSE YOUR VOTING RIGHTS?

***13,822 women
in Polk/Burnett Counties
are at risk.***

***What to know about the
“SAVE Act”
by***

***Karrie Weaver
Hudson Election Official & Attorney***

***Monday, November 10th
6:30 - 7:45***

***Amery Community Center
608 Harriman Ave S, Amery, WI***



***Funded by
100 Women Who Care
Polk•Burnett***



MONARCA

UPSTANDER TRAINING | LUCK, WI

Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Months into the Trump administration, we are seeing a growing wave of executive orders and policies aimed at targeting and deporting millions, especially in states like ours. Agencies are showing up in neighborhoods, workplaces, and schools. We are coming together to build power, stand with our neighbors, and shine a light on these injustices.

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

Register to attend our Luck, WI training – location details provided in registration.

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COMMUNITY • LEADERSHIP • POWER

REGISTER HERE



bit.ly/RRT_1007



Local No Kings Events:

- Siren, WI 10-12
- Amery, WI Start time changed to 1:30PM includes speakers and more*
- Spoooner, WI Noon to 2PM
- Hayward, WI Noon to 1:30PM
- River Falls, WI 11AM to 1PM
- Menomonie, WI 2-4PM

The Power is with the People—join a peaceful demonstration near you and send a message of community, solidarity, and democracy!

For more details go to:

https://www.mobilize.us/nokings/?tag_ids=27849

OCTOBER		No LWVSCV Board Meeting in October
	1	Newsletter
	2	Term Limits Program—Burnett County Gov Center Duke Tucker Rep. 75th District 6:30
	7	Monarka (Upstander) Training in Polk County 6:30
	15	Newsletter
	16	Fair Maps Rally in Madison: https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin/unite-and-rise-85-commitment-form
	18	NO KINGS EVENTS AROUND THE US: LINK HERE~ https://www.mobilize.us/nokings/?tag_ids=27849 PBI No Kings in Amery 1:30-3:30
	18	LWV SCV Readers Theater, Amery Community Center, evening
	19	LWV SCV Readers Theater, Amery Community Center, matinee
	22	LWV WI Issues Briefing: https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin/event/lwvwi-issues-briefing-2025

	25	LWV WI Issues Briefing
	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!
	28	LWV WI Issues Briefing
NOVEMBER	4	<i>4-5:15 p.m. Zoom Board and 2026 Planning Meeting. All members are encouraged to attend.</i>
	10	<i>SAVE Education Program Amery 6:30-7:45 pm</i>
	12	One Million Rising: Randy's Kitchen Amery

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