



OUR MISSION: *Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.*

November 1, 2025

Zoom~~ Board Meeting and 2026 Planning Meeting

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

All members are encouraged to attend.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82988327664?pwd=Isl5GloILklUy9p6QMTlbnhECjkQHGe.1>

**BEWARE OF
PHISHING SCAMS!**



Note: We are sharing a letter from LWV Dane Co to their membership regarding the scams hitting numerous LWV chapters. These scams are affecting us all, so we must remain vigilant: Phishing scam asks for gift cards, etc.

I am writing to inform you of emails our members have been receiving from fake email addresses, asking you to send 6-\$100 gift cards, or in some cases gift certificates. These emails DID NOT come from me or the League of Women Voters of Dane County.

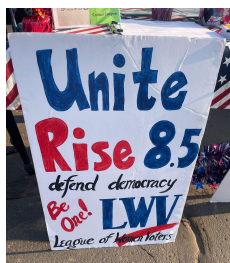
Under no circumstances should you purchase gift cards or gift certificates. We will never ask members to purchase these items for the League.

All correspondence from me will come from president@lwvdanecounty.org, or our office email, office@lwvdanecounty.org.

If you receive one of these emails, please report it to Google. To do so, open the email and click on the three dots next to the reply arrow, then click on "Report Phishing." Only the person receiving the email can report it, so it important to let Google know about the emails.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and apologize for the inconvenience this may have caused you.

In League, Sue Jennik, LWVDC President



Congratulations to all of us in the LWVSCV for finishing the Unite Rise 8.5 Playbook #2 strong and engaged!

We rallied, we held important educational outreach, and we had FUN bringing the History of the Wisconsin Suffrage Movement into our communities with the *Oh, Dear! What can the Matter Be – Women are Wanting to Vote* Readers Theater.

Thanks to a prompt response to the LWVWI that YES we had a project READY we were able to secure \$600 in Unite Rise grant money to help defer the costs of the Readers Theater project and the four birthday celebrations we held to honor the 10th Anniversary of the LWVSCV.

November



KEY (4) PILARS

- Legal & Policy Advocacy
- Civic Education & Engagement
- Public Mobilization & Coalition Building
- Democracy Resilience

2 Election Hero Day
4 Election Day
11 Election Day
18 Election Day
25 Election Day

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

UNITE AND RISE 8.5 SERIES Power Playbook 1

Laying the Groundwork: Building Sustainable Partnerships

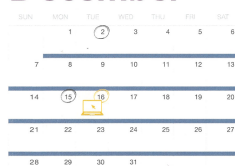
- ☐ **Build Trust** – With your League members, brainstorm what being a “viable partner” looks like. Create a short checklist (e.g., always follow through on commitments, communicate clearly, show up when invited) to guide future collaborations.
- ☐ **Start a Conversation** – Introduce yourself to at least one organization this month and suggest a short meeting to learn about each other’s work.
- ☐ **Attend or Join a Partner Event** – Participate in one partner’s public event as a League representative. Wear your pin, introduce yourself, and follow up with a note of gratitude afterward.

TUESDAY TRAINING

Laying the Groundwork: Building Sustainable Partnerships
Tuesday, November 18, 3 – 4pm ET

Strong partnerships don’t just happen; they are built with intention. This training will introduce Leagues to the core steps of partnership-building: how to identify and reach out to potential allies, establish trust, and sustain relationships over time. Participants will gain practical tools for beginning outreach, learn strategies for showing up as reliable partners, and explore ways to grow collaborations that benefit both the League and community organizations. By laying this groundwork now, Leagues will be better positioned to build lasting partnerships that expand reach, deepen impact, and center the voices of those historically excluded from full participation in our democracy.

December



KEY (4) PILARS

- Legal & Policy Advocacy
- Civic Education & Engagement
- Public Mobilization & Coalition Building
- Democracy Resilience

2 Giving Tuesday
15 National Partnerships for Local Engagement
16 National Partnerships for Local Engagement
(Tuesday Training Webinar at 3pm ET)

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UNITE AND RISE 8.5 SERIES Power Playbook 2

National Partnerships for Local Engagement

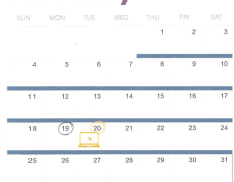
- ☐ **Reach Out to a Local Partner Chapter** – Connect with your local NCJW section or AAJW branch. Introduce your League, mention the national partnership, and explore a small joint activity that builds shared visibility.
- ☐ **Share the Spotlight** – Use your League’s newsletter or social media to feature a partner organization’s work. Highlight their efforts and tag them to show public support.
- ☐ **Co-Host a Grassroots Pop-Up** – Co-host a table or pop-up at a school, library, or holiday market. Share materials from both groups and highlight how women-led organizations are working together for change.

TUESDAY TRAINING

National Partnerships for Local Engagement
Tuesday, December 16, 3 – 4pm ET

Learn about our national Unite and Rise 8.5 partnerships and how state and local Leagues can leverage these relationships on the ground to expand our impact. Participants will gain a greater understanding of LWVUS’ national partnerships strategy, as well as receive tips, tools, and actionable next steps to start building these relationships at the local level.

January



KEY (4) PILARS

- Legal & Policy Advocacy
- Civic Education & Engagement
- Public Mobilization & Coalition Building
- Democracy Resilience

19 INK Day
20 Planning for Voter Engagement Ahead of 2026 Elections
(Tuesday Training Webinar at 3pm ET)

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UNITE AND RISE 8.5 SERIES Power Playbook 3

Partnering for Voter Engagement Ahead of 2026 Elections

- ☐ **Campus Kickoff** – Reach out to nearby college, university, or high school student government organizations or affinity groups to plan a spring voter registration or education event.
- ☐ **Celebrate New Citizens** – Partner with an immigrant-serving group or naturalization ceremony host site to welcome and register new citizens. Share voter registration information and League resources and encourage new citizens to bring family members.
- ☐ **Host a Guardian Event** – Join a labor group, disability advocates group, or faith-based coalition to host a community forum about voting access. Address barriers facing citizens in the state (e.g., new voting law or redistricting maps that might impact voting power).

TUESDAY TRAINING

Partnering for Voter Engagement Ahead of 2026 Elections
Tuesday, January 20, 3 – 4pm ET

Partnerships, activities, and tips for expanding voter engagement among students, justice-impacted people, and naturalized citizens to expand the franchise in 2026 elections. Together, we’ll explore: student engagement and how to build community with campuses and youth-led organizations to energize new and first-time voters; collaborating with advocates beyond traditional democracy partners to protect voting rights and make civic participation more accessible; and naturalized citizens by partnering with immigrant-serving groups to reach new naturalized voters even in the face of new challenges.

The Unite Rise 8.5 campaign now moves into Playbook #3 – Nov 25–Jan 26. Please note the attached monthly calendars outlining goals and activities for the next 3 months.

I want to add this quote from the CEO of LWVUS Celina Stewart

“I want to return to the belief that grounds all of our work: We believe in the power of women to change democracy... only together will we rise above division, resist authoritarianism, and grow a democracy that truly reflects us all. Because when women lead, democracy wins.”

Forward together!!

Beth Wood (co-President LWVSCV and captain Unite Rise 8.5)



The LWVSCV was the recipient of a \$600 Unite Rise Project Ready grant which helped with the costs of the four Readers Theater performances and the four celebrations of the 10th Birthday of the LWVSCV,

held the weekends of Oct 18-19 and Oct 25-26, 2025.

Beth Wood (Unite Rise captain), Vicki Harmon (Director) Katrina Larsen (Treasurer)



The LWVSCV amplified the message at No Kings rallies and at our Readers Theater performances this past weekend.



We appreciate all the support we receive from LWVWI and LWVUS. Forward together!

Member Services

Newest Member: Please welcome our newest member, Olga Trujillo. Her email is olga@olgatrujillo.com and she lives in Star Prairie. Please reach out to Olga and invite her to LWVSCV gatherings! We are so glad you found us, Olga, and we look forward to getting to know you!



COFFEE IN HUDSON

Please join us (Judy Green, Janet Ballis Lestock, Liz Bruch, and Kathy Streitz) at the Hudson Library on Monday, November 17, 10:00 - 12:00 for coffee!

We shall socialize, write postcards, get reacquainted, and welcome newer members.

All are welcome!

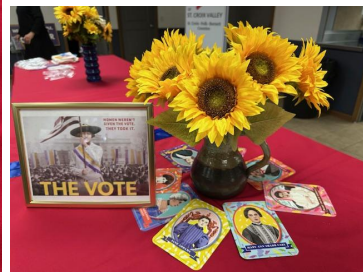
Please RSVP Kathy Streitz, 612-916-8856, kfstreitz@gmail.com.

Can't wait to gather!!!! Our members are passionate activists who support our work in 21 League chapters in Wisconsin. LWV chapters can be found in all 50 states and in more than 700 communities. We are strongest together!!!

"If you want something said, ask a man;
If you want something done, ask a woman."
Margaret Thatcher

Quilt Raffle Winner!

The winner of the "Twisted Bargello" queen sized raffle quilt was **Danielle Johnson of New Richmond**. Danielle and her husband, Mark Parson, were present when the winning ticket was drawn following the Readers' Theater performance on October 26th. Raffle sales brought in \$3,000. A big thank you goes out to League member Carol Johnson of Deer Park who created and donated this beautiful quilt.



Thank you to the many members that helped with the four LWVSCV Reader's Theater/Birthday celebrations!

 **TUES, NOV 3**



UNDERSTANDING WISCONSIN'S MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY CANVASS PROCESSES

Tues, Nov. 3 at 6:30 p.m.

virtual session

Join and Register Now!

Join us on Election Hero Day (November 3, 2025) at 6:30 PM for this virtual webinar.

Election integrity relies on more than just casting ballots — it also depends on what happens after. In this webinar, we'll explore Wisconsin's municipal and county canvass processes, the transparency measures in place, and the role the public can play in observing. You'll leave with a clearer picture of how votes are verified and confidence is built in our democratic system.

RSVP: bit.ly/WI-canvass-webinar

Save the Date: WI Supreme Court Candidate Forum

When: Saturday, December 06, 2025

Time: 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Where: Menomonie - To be determined

Wisconsin voters will elect a new Supreme Court Justice on **April 7, 2026**, for a 10-year term. Two candidates have been announced: **Judge Chris Taylor** (Court of Appeals, District IV – Madison) and **Judge Maria Lazar** (Court of Appeals, District II – Waukesha).

LWV-St. Croix Valley will be co-sponsoring this candidate forum with LWV-Great Chippewa Valley chapter and Community Conversations. Judge Taylor has confirmed she will join us in Menomonie for a live event, venue to be determined. Judge Lazar has been invited to attend—either in person on **December 6**, on an alternate date, or virtually.

Mark your calendar. Consider carpooling with League members in your HUB. Stay tuned for updates.

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
Attorney &
Chief Elections inspector

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

Amery Community Center
608 Harriman Ave S, Amery, WI



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What is the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act (SAVE Act)?

The United States House of Representatives has PASSED House Resolution (HR) 22, the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act, which would require every eligible voter to provide documentary proof of citizenship to register to vote.

The SAVE Act may sound harmless, but it's a dangerous step toward voter suppression. Requiring extraordinary proof of citizenship could block millions of eligible voters — especially women, seniors, students, and communities of color — from participating in our democracy. Currently the SAVE ACT is being rebranded and attempts are made to introduce the same limitations on voting rights through other names and avenues! Be educated and aware and then advocate for Voter's Rights!!!

Here's what you can do:

Learn more about the different ways that voters' rights are being hampered!

Join us in Amery on November 10 to learn more.

FIND YOUR HUB HOME!

You, as an important part of our League, are a part of one of four HUBs. Our goal is to create more intimate communities within our larger League community. We are hoping that members will pull together around their local library, high school, and community events, etc. to accomplish our goals more effectively. HUBs will have their own coffee and work sessions.

This is a new restructuring effort for us. The Board will continue to oversee everything we do, but HUBs will be empowered to decide how best to work within their more local community. HUBs have been divided geographically for ease in planning, but the idea is fluid. Although you may be assigned to a HUB, any member is very welcome to do activities with members of other HUBs.

This is a work in progress. Bear with us as we navigate this system. We are looking for greater impact and sustainability! Each of you is an important part of this effort! (please see the attached pdf labeled Hubz for details)

Kay and Kathy
Voter/Member Services



Members Kay Brooks, Kathy Streitz, Evanne Hunt, Janet Anderson, and Kate Manecke pose for a picture after the upbeat coffee at Table 65 in New Richmond on Wednesday. 10 members attended and discussed the success of the Readers Theater as well as many other topics.



Blankets are urgently needed by many of our immigrant neighbors. To provide adequate and healthy blankets to them, we are asking for donations of new blankets. The families' requests are for queen or twin size blankets. Only new and machine washable blankets will be accepted. There are about 150 families needing blankets, so this is a big ask.

The families are located throughout the three county area, so we would like to receive the blankets by December 1 in order to coordinate distribution with the monthly food bank distribution.

If you can help with this urgent need, please drop off blankets at **84 County Road T, Hammond**, or text **Denise Flaherty** for pick up at **651 253 8880** before **December 1**. Thank you for your generosity and for considering helping with this urgent opportunity.

Denise

Important Dates!

November	1	Newsletter
	4	All Member Board/Committee Chairs Zoom Planning Meeting for 2026 4-5PM https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82988327664?pwd=Isl5GloILklUy9p6QMTIbhECJkQHGe.1 (copy and paste this link)
	10	Could You Lose Your Voting Rights? Amery 6:30-7:45
	11	LWVGCV Voter Registration Training Zoom
	15	Newsletter
	17	Coffee in Hudson! Hudson Library 10AM-12noon
December	1	Newsletter
	6	Wisconsin Supreme Court Candidate Forum Menomonie
	15	Newsletter
	16	Board/Committee Chairs Meeting, 4-5p via Zoom

2026

Month	Day	Tasks/Meetings/Events
January		Lunch and Learn Events at Frederic Public Library~ Tuesdays 11:30–12:30 Speakers TBA
	11	Winter Gathering: Amery Community Center!
	17	Adapting Deep Canvassing Principles for League Work – 10:00–12:00 JJ Levy and Saul Hopper's home, Osceola
	18	Snow date for Winter Gathering



Our Voice is Our Power

Do you enjoy this newsletter? Do you have suggestions? Would you like to assist with any part of getting our message out to the public? There is room for all levels of involvement. If you are interested– email me at [<aksurbaugh@gmail.com>](mailto:aksurbaugh@gmail.com) to set up a phone call or zoom.

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