



OUR MISSION: *Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.*

March 1, 2026



Unite Rise 8.5 Campaign 4 (Feb-April)

LWVUS is asking Leagues to focus on deepening our Electoral Power by reaching new audiences and expanding our partnerships within our communities.

We are encouraged to use traditional as well as bold and creative tactics as we do our outreach, form connections and build voter readiness.

Our priority is to get out the vote.

Thank you all for the numerous ways the LWVSCV is preparing and empowering voters for election readiness. By being prepared we can help reduce barriers and strengthen our collective impact on the 2026 Elections.

If you have any questions or ideas for activities please contact me.

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Forward Together!



Member Services

Membership Matters: Growing Stronger, Together!

As members of the LWV, we honor our volunteers who do the hands-on work to safeguard democracy. We are directly involved in shaping the important issues to keep the community strong. Our members continue to support our neighbors, which brings hope!

As of this newsletter's publication, LWVSCV proudly counts 119 members. Most are active and current at this time.

If you need to renew your membership, please fill out the membership application on our website at lwwstcroixvalley.org. Let me know if you have questions.

Reach out to our new and renewed members in your HUB to attend a coffee, a rally, a high school visit, library lunch and learn, county meet & greet. Check on your neighbors and take good

care of yourselves. We believe in the power of our League membership to work toward an authentic democracy.

Please join me in welcoming renewed and new members!

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VOTER SERVICES REPORT

HELP RAISE AWARENESS OF IMPORTANT APRIL 7TH SPRING ELECTION!

This election will include some local elections, possibly some referendums, and a very important judicial race for all Wisconsin voters in which the next Wisconsin Supreme Court justice will be elected.

We encourage everyone to do their due diligence and check your voter registration, do your homework to select the candidate that best represents your interests, and VOTE.

All members can help get out the vote by promoting the election with friends and family. There is an attached flyer in this email that has been passed on to HUB leaders to distribute to high schools, colleges, and senior centers. They also have been sent to all libraries and the ADRCs. Members: feel free to make copies to post in area businesses, churches, etc.

Kay Brooks

Voter Services Co-Chair



Hub 1 Kris Surbaugh

Hub 1 members will be meeting again at Adventures in Siren on Thursday, March 5 at 11:30 AM. All are encouraged to attend this meeting. We will be discussing plans and ideas to Get Out the Vote and Unite and Rise 8.5.



Hub 1 members collaborated with *Polk Burnett Indivisible* member, Anne Taylor, to bring the LWVSCV SAVE ACT presentation to Burnett County.

With members Barb Katt, Patti Hurd, Nancy Kolb, and Kris Surbaugh, Anne hosted the video presentation of Karrie Weaver's Nov 10, 2025 "Could You Lose Your Voting Rights?"

*(watch the video with this link to our website: <<https://lwwstcroixvalley.org/voting-rights/>>)

The program was held at the Larsen Family Library in Webster, and the meeting room was packed with over 35 guests who represented many differing political points of view as expressed during the conversations after the video. All attending were civil and respectful to each other regardless of differing opinions. It was a great example of democracy in action! Some folks who turned away because the room was full, have contacted the library director, Sherill Summer, for more information about the video.



Kathy Streitz (LWV member, Hudson) acted as facilitator and handled the Q & A at the end of the video. She also handed out materials to interested people after the event. Many folks stayed to share information and ask questions after the formal presentation was over. The program lasted two hours with folks coming early and staying after!



**Meet the
CANDIDATES**

**Polk County
Board of Supervisors**

**Monday, March 9
5:30 - 7:30**

**Osceola Village Hall
310 Chieftain St. Osceola
Room 205**

Enter via the 4th Ave door
(north side marked Senior Center)

Candidates from Districts
2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 12 & 13 were invited

The following candidates will be present:

Dist 2: Doug Route (I)
Dist 3: James Bethke
Dist 12: Frances Duncanson (I) & Patrick Cahill
Dist 13: Craig Moriak

**Get ready to vote in the
SPRING ELECTION - April 7**



Hub 2: Candidate Meet & Greets

LWV St. Croix Valley is hosting two Candidate Meet & Greets for County Board of Supervisors' Candidates. Your County Board of Supervisors and the County Executive make all of the decisions about our local infrastructure and services.

Our League chapter, in collaboration with Wilberg Memorial Public Library, invited 11 Polk County Board of Supervisors' Candidates – those new to the office and candidates running in contested races -- to participate in the March 9 Meet and Greet.

Polk County Board Candidates
Meet & Greet

Monday, March 9, 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Osceola Village Hall

The St. Croix Valley chapter of the League of Women Voters in collaboration with the Hudson Star Observer, the Hudson Public Library, and the River Channel invited 21 candidates to the March 10 Meet & Greet!

St. Croix County Board Candidates
Meet & Greet
March 10, 5:30 – 7:30 pm
United Methodist Church, Hudson



**Meet the
CANDIDATES**

**St. Croix County
Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, March 10
5:30 - 7:30**

**United Methodist Church
1401 Laurel Ave
Hudson, WI 54016**

Candidates from Districts
1,2,3,6,7,8,10,13,15,16,&19
are invited

**Get ready to vote in the
SPRING ELECTION - APRIL 7**

Both events will give Polk and St. Croix County residents an opportunity to meet candidates and learn about their positions on issues before they cast their ballots in the Spring Election, April 7, 2026.

Candidates will be given an opportunity to introduce themselves, delineate their top priorities for the County, answer prepared questions and then after the formal part of the program, meet individually with voters to answer their questions.

We strongly encourage our members to attend these two events, especially the Meet & Greet in your county. We also ask that you share the attached flyers advertising these events with family and friends via email and/or print and post -- distribute at your book club, e.g. and post on bulletin boards in your community. Thank you!

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF ST. CROIX VALLEY

HUDSON AREA PUBLIC
LIBRARY



river channel
Hudson / North Hudson Community Access Television
Comcast Cable Channel 6 & 15

Star-Observer

Irene Bugge
Carolyn Saunders

Miriam Flysjo
Kathy Streitz
Janet Ballis Lestock



HUB 3 : High School Visits

On February 18, Vicki Harmon and Kay Brooks braved threatening weather to drive to Glenwood City to set up a table of voter information in the high school cafeteria. Instrumental in securing our invitation was fellow League member, Sue Curtis, who is temporary co-principal at the school. It is always so much fun to talk with students, provide registration information to seniors, and hand out specially designed bookmarks with the school logo and slogan!

We are looking forward to our next adventures. Janet Anderson, new member Amy Broich, and Kay Brooks will revisit Luck High School to speak to two classes and set up a table at lunch. The next day Janet, Patty Van Nevel, and Kay will head for Spring Valley High School to do the same. They will be joined by the Spring Valley clerk.

Several members are involved in other League initiatives, including the St. Croix County Meet and Greet, Los Amigos, and replenishing our supply of LWV signs.

MARCH COFFEE DATE SET for HUB 3 members and others—



We are excited to announce that our March COFFEE will be held at the just opened New Richmond Library! Vicki Harmon is our hostess and has saved us a spot in Rm. 124, their multi-purpose room. Here are the details:

DATE----Wednesday, March 25

TIME----2:00-3:30

PLACE----New Richmond Public Library

(The main door is on the parking lot side.)

REFRESHMENTS----Stay tuned. Our hope is that Jeweltown Coffee Shop will be open, but we may have to go to Plan B with BYO beverages and treats provided.

Reservation is under Vicki Harmon, LWVSCV. Please let Vicki (vickiharmon@hotmail.com) or Kay (kaybrooks48@gmail.com) know if you plan to come.

However, all, including guests and last minute deciders, are welcome.

HUB 4 News– Kathy Streitz, Janet Lestock, Judy Green

MEMBERSHIP HUB 4 has 37 members in River Falls, Hammond, Baldwin, Hudson. areas. Please see the attached HUB membership list attached to this newsletter! We welcome suggestions, questions, and comments. Host a coffee, organize a gathering, reach out to members near you! We lift our spirits and are strongest together.

SCHEDULED HIGH SCHOOL VISITS

- March 31, Karen Magnuson, Mellissa Karl, and Kathy Streitz will visit Baldwin-Woodville High School during the lunch hour.
- May 20, Carol Skinner and Kathy Streitz will visit River Falls High School during their Future Week which they offer once a month.

We will have in tow, our spinning wheel, civics questions, candy prizes and voter information. We have promised and will deliver bookmarks for the seniors with school logo, moto, and the QR code link to myvote.wi.gov. Students will be offered voter registration materials and be invited to register to vote! We look forward to interacting

with our future voters!

Please note HUB 4 members, other HUB members, and friends, are always welcome to come along on a high school visit! These visits are always joyful!

Let me know if you have the urge for a joyful experience. 🌻

Please check your emails and this newsletter for excursions, which involve ways to interact with high school seniors.

CANDIDATE MEET and GREET

- St. Croix County Board Candidate Meet and Greet**
 - March 10, Hudson Methodist Church, 5:30pm
 - Please see the notice of the community gathering attached to this new letter.
 - **We are looking for a few more volunteers.** Get to know your district county board candidates. Kathy Streitz, kfstreitz@gmail.com, 612-916-8856
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Do you still need talking points to explain the myth of voter fraud? Watched this video – With Joyce Vance (Civil Discourse) and Stacey Abrams (voting rights activist)

The Pernicious Myth of Voter ID Laws: Stacey Abrams & Joyce Vance Explain
<https://joycevance.substack.com/p/the-pernicious-myth-of-voter-id-laws?utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email>

2026 LWV St Croix Valley Annual Meeting—All Invited!

LWVSCV Members and friends - ***SAVE THE DATE!***

**Our annual meeting will be held on
Sunday, April 26, 2026,
from 1:30 to 4:30
at the Amery Community Center.**

Our guest speaker will be Jenelle Ludwig Krause from GROWW, one of our favorite collaborators with the LWVSCV. Jenelle will be speaking about:

The Power Pillar of White Rural America and Your 4th Amendment Rights

We look forward to an afternoon of connection, business, education and refreshments. Please plan to attend.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS



MyVote.wi.gov

Are you prepared to vote in this
year's elections?

2026 Election Dates

April 7 - Spring Election

August 11 - Fall Primary

November 3 - General Election

Do it Now!



Grab a screenshot of this image and keep it on your phone to pull up in any conversation you are having with friends, family, or in your different social groups with information about the 2026 elections.

You can share this and encourage them to check out their registration, what's on their ballot and the next 3 election dates for reference.

Unite, Rise and GOTV!

Putting Up and Taking Down Yard Signs for Spring Elections

Spring Election

Put out VOTE FROM HOME on Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Take in VOTE FROM HOME on Friday, March 27, 2026

Put out VOTE TUESDAY on Wednesday, April 1, 2026

Spring Election on Tuesday, April 7, 2026

Take in VOTE TUESDAY on Wednesday, April 8, 2026

Put out THANK ELECTION WORKERS on Wednesday, April 8, 2026

Take in THANK ELECTION WORKERS on Wednesday, April 15, 2026

March	1	Newsletter
	2	LWV at New Richmond High School LWV at Luck High School
	3	Put out VOTE FROM HOME signs UWRF Event -Katrina Larsen, Edna Early, Kathy Streitz
	4	Luck High School visit Janet Anderson, Amy Brioche, and Kay Brooks
	5	Spring Valley High School Janet Anderson, Patty Van Nevel, and Kay Brooks
	9	Meet & Greet for Polk County Board of Supervisor Candidates, Osceola Village Hall, 5:30 – 7:30. LWVGCV Voter Registration Training on Zoom 4:00-6:00 PM < https://www.lwv-gcv.org/content.aspx?page_id=4091&club_id=329843&item_id=288086 >4
	10	Meet & Greet for St. Croix County Board of Supervisor Candidates, United Methodist Church, Hudson, 5:30 - 7:30
	15	Newsletter
	17	St Patrick's Day Parade in New Richmond 4:00PM
	27	Take in VOTE FROM HOME signs
	28	NO KINGS RALLY AMERY
	31	Baldwin-Woodville High School Karen Magnuson, Mellissa Karl, and Kathy Streitz will visit during the lunch hour.
April	1	Newsletter
	1	Put out VOTE TUESDAY signs
	7	<u><i>Spring General Election</i></u>

	8	Take in VOTE TUESDAY signs Put out THANK ELECTION WORKERS signs
	15	Take in THANK ELECTION WORKERS signs
	26	<i>Annual Meeting All Members Amery Community Center</i>
May	1	Newsletter
	15	Newsletter
	21	River Falls High School: Carol Skinner and Kathy Streitz will visit during their Future Week which they offer once a month.
August	11	<u>Primary</u>
November	3	<u>General Election</u>



Members continue to receive occasional emails that are scams. Beware of any emails that ask you to open a link or ask you to do something financially. Consider that to be a red flag and check the email address that it is coming from. If it isn't an address that you recognize, contact the person by using a text or league verified email of who is supposedly sending it to verify that they sent it.

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Help us maintain our League. We need folks ready to take the reins in the next few years.

Sign up to shadow a director/chair/or officer in 2026—contact one of the folks above to find out more!