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Greetings!

Circle these dates on your calendar:

The next meeting for the Fair Elections Team will be August 4, 2020 at 4:45 pm via GoToMeeting. If you are interested in joining the team, contact Cheryl at mccutcheon@new.rr.com.

The monthly LWVGGB Board meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. League members are always welcome to attend board meetings. If you wish to attend the meeting virtually, please contact Linda Bartlett at lbartlett097@gmail.com for GoToMeeting invitation and link to the meeting.

The Education Committee meeting is scheduled August 6, 2020 at 3:30 pm via Go To Meeting. Please RSVP to Denise at denisegaumerhutchison@gmail.com if you can join the meeting. New members are welcome to join us

YOUR LEAGUE AT WORK

July has been a very busy month for our League. We held two candidate forums this month. The 30th Senate District candidates Sandra Ewald and Jonathan Hansen participated in a live-stream forum on July 13. The 90th Assembly District incumbent Staush Gruszynski and challenger Kristina Shelton participated in the forum virtually. Both forums were a great success.

A big shout out to Karen Schley for her determination and skill in scheduling and coordinating the forums. Thank you also to Jean Marsch of the Green Bay LWV and Jacqui Klimaszewski of the Appleton LWV for outstanding jobs of moderating, to Don Dahlstrom who did a great job, (as always) as timekeeper, to Gail Hohenstein who sorted and organized the dozens of questions we received for the candidates, and to Steve Herro for filming the July 13 forum and for managing and training us on GoToMeeting in preparation for the virtual event on July 15. Additional thanks go to Denise Gaumer Hutchison and Kathy Lockard who got the word out to the public.

Job well done! Going forward, in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, we are now prepared to hold more forums virtually.

If you missed either or both forums, you can view them on our Facebook page or on our LWVGGB website.

Speaking of our website, please check out new voter information links. Find candidate information for National, State and Local elections on Vote411. New League member, Meagan Whalen, will be updating Vote411 with local candidate information after the August primary. There is also a link to MyVote Wisconsin. And, new to the website is a Spanish language link to MyVote. One stop shopping for your election and candidate questions.

As we all know, 2020, marks the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment: 100 years of women voting. Voting rights was a landmark occasion for American women. Early suffragettes spent years, decades and, for some, entire life times advocating for the right to vote. A 4 hour documentary entitled "The Vote" aired on our local PBS station in July. If you missed it, you may be able to watch on-line of on demand. I highly recommend it.

Stay safe and wear your masks.

Linda Bartlett

Vice President

"Perhaps some day men will raise a tablet reading in letters of gold: 'All honor to women, the first disenfranchised class in history who, unaided by any political party, won enfranchisement by its own effort ... and achieved the victory without the shedding of a drop of human blood. All honor to women of the world! "

Harriot Eaton Stanton Blatch

TWO JULY FORUMS ONLINE

The League of Women Voters of Greater Green Bay held their first Virtual Forum on Mon, July 13 at the Brown County Central Library in the auditorium with NO audience and strict social distancing. The Democratic candidates for the 30th Senate District participated. Thank you to Sandra Ewald and Jonathon Hansen, who answered questions that were submitted ahead of time. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we had to look at alternative ways to inform the voters of the important issues in 2020 and also to give them an opportunity to meet the candidates.

The League of Women Voters of Greater Green Bay held a second forum on Wednesday, July 15. This event was totally virtual. The two Democratic candidates vying for the 90th Assembly District, Incumbent Rep. Staush Gruszynski and challenger Kristina Shelton, a member of the Green Bay School Board, answered questions from their homes. Jacqui Klimaszewski, from the Appleton LWV, was guest moderator. Because of technology, she never left her home. Interested persons could watch this forum live by requesting an "invitation" to lwvggbforums20@gmail.com Questions were also gathered by using the same email.

Both of these forums can be viewed on our LWVGGB facebook and web-site pages.

A Special Thank You!!!!

Steven Herro, a LWVGGB member, worked on the technology for these two recent forums. He was a tremendous help and I know the candidate forum team, as well as myself, really appreciated his time and talent. Also, thank you to Jacqui

Klimaszewski from the Appleton league for her help. Thank you to the many league members and the candidate forum team who helped make these forums possible. Because of COVID-19 and safety concerns, look forward to more virtual forums in the fall.

Karen Schley

ADOPT ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

The facts about plastic water bottles is from a display in 2016 by LWV.: America is the largest consumer of bottled water in the world. 17 million barrels of oil are used annually to make America's bottled water. That is enough to fuel 1.3 million cars for a year. Last year, the average American used 167 plastic water bottles, but only recycled 38. It takes more than 450 years for a plastic bottle to completely break down. Only 10% of the cost of bottled goes to the water. The other 90%g goes to the packaging, marketing, and transportation. The average price of bottled water is more than 3,000 times the cost of tap water. 80% of bottled water containers go to the land fill. Tap water is generally safer than bottled water because water purity is strictly enforced by the city government. The cost of bottled water for one year is \$346. Tap water in a washable bottle is 48 cents. Don't use plastic water bottles; use water bottles that can be cleaned and reused such as metal or glass bottles. (If you are at a picnic or party, please remember to recycle. If you are really concerned about water, buy a water filter. Finally, a team of scientists are working on mutant enzymes that eat plastic bottles!

Now about the aluminum cans. My husband has complained for weeks that his favorite soda, Fresca made by Coke, has disappeared from grocery shelves. A recent article explained it. Soft drink and beer companies are facing shortages of aluminum cans. This could be because these two items were hoarded, or COVID-19 caused a shut down in the plants. A good thing about aluminum cans is that they can be melted down and can be used again and again. Since it takes 200 years for aluminum to decompose, it is good to be able to recycle them. Recycling saves around 95% of energy needed to make metal from raw material. A can that is recycled today can be remade, filled, and back on the grocery shelf in 60 days. (I think this is pre COVID-19) One of the problems seems to be that people are not recycling aluminum. Even the pop tops can be recycled. Check with local recycling center. The Green Bay area accepts at curbside clean aluminum and metal cans and empty aerosol cans. It does not accept at curbside aluminum trays or foil, empty paint cans and scrap metal .
Check this website. <www.RecycleMoreTriCounty.org>

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Fall Primary Voter Guide Now Available on VOTE411

To provide Wisconsin voters with essential information about the upcoming Partisan Primary on August 11, the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin has published our Fall Primary Voter Guide on VOTE411. Those visiting the site can type in their address and see information about the candidates on their ballot and compare their answers to the League's questions.

The Fall Primary will narrow field of candidates running for:

- U.S. House of Representatives
- State Senate
- State Assembly

- And other local races requiring a primary. More information for local races can be found at our website.

With limited opportunities to learn about the candidates in person, online voter guides like LWVWI's are especially important for voters making their plans to vote during the pandemic.

We encourage all voters to make their plan to vote and consider voting absentee in the August 11 and November 3 elections. VOTE411 an excellent resource to help voters make a voting plan so they are prepared to cast their vote confidently whether they choose to vote absentee prior to the election or in-person on election day.

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IMPORTANT YEAR FOR ELECTIONS

August 11, 2020---Fall Partisan Primary

Nov, 3, 2020---Fall Presidential Election

Please mark these important dates on your calendar and VOTE!!!

Request Absentee Ballots NOW for August and November!

In Wisconsin you don't need a reason to vote absentee. Request your absentee ballot on-line and the ballot will be sent to your home, along with a pre-stamped return envelope!! Absentee ballots will be mailed to those people who have

requested them for the Fall Primary, starting June 25th

If you haven't requested your absentee ballot yet, do it now!

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You too can become a member of the dynamic League of Women Voters of Greater Green Bay where hand-on work to safeguard democracy leads to civic improvement. [Join Now](#)