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January 18

January 20

10:30 AM

4:00 PM

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December 2 1-3:00 PM	Voter Registration Training BC Central Library, Room 1
December 4 2:30 PM	Environment Committee Meets 1731 E Shore Circle, Green Bay
December 6	Voter Registration at Central and Southwest libraries
December 9 10:30 AM	LWVGGB Holiday Brunch and Potluck - Kress Library , De Pere
December 11 5:00 PM	LWVGGB Board Meets City Building Room 210
December 11 6:30 PM	Migration Advocacy Meets Ken DeGroot Hall - St. Willy's
December 13	Voter Registration at Central and East libraries
December 14 9:30 AM	Health Care Committee meets 825 East River Dr. #31 - DePere
January 16 4:30	Fair Voting Maps committee meets Details TBA

**Education Committee meets** 

Lively Issues! Save the date!

102 Olde Allouez Ct.

**Details TBA.** 



# LWVGGB HOLIDAY SOCIAL AND POTLUCK 10:30 AM, DECEMBER 9 KRESS LIBRARY, DE PERE Lower Level

Rustle up your favorite dish-to-pass and join our local Leaguers, their family, and friends for our Holiday Social 10:30 AM on December 9. Hot beverages and tableware will be provided. Be sure to join us for this festive occasion.

In addition to socializing with other Leaguers and dining on delightful dishes our brunch will be a great time to meet your board and hear what each committee has been doing. We will talk about upcoming League events and you will have a chance to sign up for volunteer opportunities.

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Those who attended Sue Todey's presentation on the history of Title IX, which bans sex discrimination in any federally-funded education program, were reminded about how things were for women 40 years ago, the status of women's equality today, and what steps still needs to be taken in the future. Special thanks to two AAUW/LWVGGB women: AAUW President Sara Ramaker for her invitation; and Dotty Juengst, who worked with our organizations during the inception of Title IX. Thanks also to Linda Bartlett, Barbara Derenne, and Karen Schley for bringing three beautiful food trays to share.

One of the last articles in this newsletter is the proposed changes to the LWVGGB Bylaws. You will have an opportunity to discuss and take action on the bylaw changes at our spring Annual Meeting. A copy of the present bylaws and the

proposed changes can be found on our website (Click LWVGGB at the top of this page.) or contact me for a copy.

The LWVGGB does have a Member Assistance program for people who, for whatever reason, are unable to pay the annual LWVGGB dues assessment. We realize that in life there are financial *crunch* times. If you have hit one of those moments in your life, please let me know and arrangements will be made between our treasurer and me for your LWVGGB membership.

I plan to see you at our December Holiday Social and January Lively Issues.

Thank you to everyone for your work throughout the year! Have a wonderful holiday season with family and friends.

Julie Arneth LWVGGB President jularn@sbcglobal.net

#### VOTER REGISTRATION TRAINING

On Monday, December 4, from 1-3:00 PM at the Central Library, Meeting Room 1, Voting Advocates of Brown County (VABC) has scheduled a voter registration training session for both experienced and novice registration assistants. Training will cover online voter registration (OVR), paper registration, and voter ID.

VABC has events scheduled on December 6 and 13 at the BC Libraries (See article below.) Voter registration events at area high schools are also being planned. Therefore VACA needs more volunteers willing and trained to assist in voter registration. Feel free to invite friends and relatives who are interested in improving voting access and turnout to attend the training with you.

Reply to <a href="mailto:lhochschild59@yahoo.com">lhochschild59@yahoo.com</a> or at 920-660-5674.

Lori Hochschild, League Member

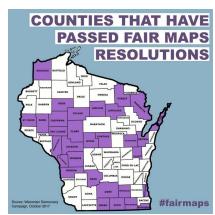
Voting Advocates of Brown County (VABC) would like to provide voter registration assistance on a regular basis at the Brown County libraries. The first events will be on Wednesday, December 6 and December 13. Registration assistance will be at the central library on both days; the Southwest branch on the 6th; the East branch on the 13th.

VABC and LWVGGB invites you to sign up for a shift at the library of your choice. We would like 2-3 for each shift to assist citizens to register online or on paper. No, you do not have to work all day - just one shift.

Contact < lhochschild 59@yahoo.com > Confirmation of date, time, and place will be sent a week prior to the event.

Lorelei Hochschild, LWVGGB Member

#### FAIR VOTING MAPS COMMITTEE UPDATE



After the Brown County Board passed a fair maps resolution in October, the Fair Voting Maps committee is now working to increase citizen participation in the redistricting process at the local level. Committee members and Supervisor Lissen made a statement at the Brown County Planning Transportation and Development Committee in support of a non-partisan citizen committee being appointed to help set the criteria for drawing district lines after the census in 2020. The committee plans to continue working with a small group of County Board supervisors to move this idea forward. The

work must begin now to be ready after the census when new voting districts will be drawn. We will need support from League members as this moves forward.

**Anneliese Waggoner, Chair** 

LWVGGB believes that voting should be as convenient and accessible as possible for all citizens. Therefore our League is asking the City of Green Bay Personnel Committee to consider a LWVGGB proposal to expand early voting hours for the August and November 2018 elections.

Alderman David Nennig was scheduled to introduce the proposal at the Personnel Committee Hearing on November 28 but the meeting was cancelled. The clerk said it would be rescheduled in about two weeks.

Expanding early voting hours has had a positive response on social media and has received bipartisan support. Yet, it still needs you! Call your alderperson today and attend the hearing when it is rescheduled. Watch your email and the LWVGGB Website for the new hearing date, time and place.

After you contact your alderperson, get in touch with a Personnel Committee member. They are listed below with their contact information.

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<u>district2@greenbaywi.gov</u> <u>district10@greenbaywi.gov</u>

Tom Sladek Joe Moore 920-499-7701 920-445-0145

<u>district12@greenbaywi.gov</u> <u>district6@greenbaywi.gov</u>

Colleen Gruszynski, LWVGGB Board Member

#### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

LWVGGB welcomes Loreliei Hochschild and Bob Webb. Lori assisted with new citizen voter registration after Green Bay's Naturalization Ceremony. She has worked and continues to work diligently with VABC and COVO registering voters in our community and high schools. You can contact both Lori and Bob at <a href="mailto:lhochschild59@yahoo.com">lhochschild59@yahoo.com</a>

## JANUARY 20th LIVELY ISSUES 10:30 AM Potluck Brunch and Animated Discussion

Lively Issue is the time each year when League members come together to evaluate our program for 2018-2019 and decide what items we should study, support, and monitor in the coming year. This year Lively Issues will be held on January 20 at the Brown County Central Library, Rooms A &B on the lower level. We will also have a chance to decide what route the LWVWI should take with their study/program items and which program items being brought to LWVUS National Convention in Chicago should be supported.

#### LWVUS CONVENTION IN CHICAGO THIS SUMMER

LWVUS Convention will be held this summer at the Chicago Hilton, June 28-July 1, 2018. Plan ahead to be a part of this most interesting event in our backyard. During this time the LWV Lake Michigan Region is also planning a program with other Leagues around our Great Lake.

LWVVUS has reserved a block of rooms in the Hilton, 720 S Michigan Avenue, but they are moving quickly. If you're thinking of going, reserve your room now. You can cancel it if you change your mind. Call 312-922-4400 and ask for a room from the League of Women Voters block.

## PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION AT LWVGGB ANNUAL MEETING

The 2018 Proposed Bylaw changes per review by Julie Arneth, Patricia Finder-Stone and Kathy Riley on 10/30/17 were discussed and approved by the LWVGGB board at their November 13 meeting. The following changes will be presented to the membership at the LWVGGB Annual Meeting for consideration and action. A copy of the present bylaws is on the LWVGGB website or can be obtained by emailing <jularn@sbcglobal.net>

ARTICLE III Membership

Section 2 Types of Membership

Rationale: Delete current language and replace with LWVUS approved text for Voting Members and Associate Members per Memorandum from Pat Donath regarding "Amendment to Conform Bylaws Adopted at LWVUS Convention 2016."

#### **Delete**: Section 2 Types of Membership

- a. Voting Member: Citizens at least 18 years of age who join LWVGGB and who pay annual dues shall be LWVGGB, LWVWI and LWVUS voting members for the membership year.
- b. Associate Member: All other members who are enrolled in recognized local leagues or the LWVUS shall be associate members.
- c. Life Member: Those who have been members of the LWV for fifty years or more shall be excused from the payment of dues.

#### Replacement: Section 2 Types of Membership

- a. Voting members. Persons at least 16 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of local Leagues, state Leagues, and of the LWVUS; (1) those who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League; (2) those who reside outside the area of any local league may join a local League or shall be state members-at-large; (3) those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from the payment of dues.
- b. Associate Members. All others who join the League shall be associate members.

Section 3 Written Ballot

Rationale: Consistent use of abbreviation LWVGGB Delete: League of Women Voters of Greater Green Bay

Replacement: LWVGGB

ARTICLE: VI

Financial Administration

Section 3 Budget

Rationale: Unnecessary language. The purpose of the budget is understood.

<u>Delete</u>: Delete the sentence. **The budget shall include support for the work of the LWVGGB as a whole.** 

#### Section 4 Budget Committee

<u>Rationale</u>: To set a budget timeline. The budget will be reviewed by the Budget Committee and presented to the board for approval before being forwarded to the LWVGGB Annual Meeting for consideration and action.

<u>Delete</u>: Delete the bold wording.

A budget committee shall be appointed by the board at least two months prior to the annual meeting to prepare a budget for the ensuing year. The proposed budget shall be sent to all members one month before the annual meeting. The treasurer shall not be eligible to serve as chairperson of the budget committee.

<u>Replacement</u>: A budget committee shall be appointed by the board at the January board meeting. The Treasurer shall not be eligible to serve as chairperson of the budget committee. The board approved budget will be presented to the members for final approval at the LWVGGB Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VII

Meetings

Section 2 Annual Meeting Rationale: Simplify language

<u>Delete</u>: C. Adopt an adequate budget <u>Replacement</u>: C. Adopt a budget

ARTICLE VIII

Nominations and Elections

Section 1 Nominating Committee

Rationale: Clarify the language

<u>Delete</u>: Delete the bold language. The nominating committee shall consist of three members, one of whom shall be a member of the board. All three shall be elected at the annual meeting. Nominations for **these offices** shall be made by the current nominating committee.

<u>Replacement</u>: The nominating committee shall consist of three members, one of whom shall be a member of the board. All three shall be elected at the annual meeting. Nominations for **this committee** shall be made by the current nominating committee.

Section 3 Elections

Rationale: Language and punctuation clarification

Delete: The election shall be by ballot provided that when there is but one nominee for each office. The secretary may be instructed to cast the ballot for every nominee.

Replacement: The election shall be by ballot at the annual meeting. When there is but one nominee for each office the secretary may be instructed to cast the ballot for every nominee.

ARTICLE IX

Principles and Program

Section 1 Principles

Rationale: Language simplification and clarification

<u>Delete</u>: The governmental principles adopted by the national convention, and supported by the League as a whole, constitute the authorization for the adoption of the LWVGGB Program

<u>Replacement</u>: The governmental principles adopted by the LWVUS Convention constitute the authorization for the adoption of the LWVGGB Program.

ARTICLE X

National Convention, State Annual Meeting

Section 2 State Annual Meeting

Rationale: LWVWI voting delegate number changed to state League members in attendance at the LWVWI Annual Meeting

<u>Delete</u>: The board at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the state office shall select delegates to that annual meeting in the number allotted the LWVGGB under the provisions of the LWVWI Bylaws.

<u>Replacement</u>: Any voting member of the LWVGGB attending the LWVWI Annual Meeting is eligible to vote at the meeting.

Revised (.....2017)

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