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CALENDAR of EVENTS

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**February 12
5:00 - 7:00 PM**

**LWVGGB Board Meets
City Building Room 210**

**February 12
6:30 PM**

**Migration Advocacy Meets
Ken DeGroot Hall - St. Willie's**

**February 13
9:30 AM**

**Health Care Committee Meets
825 East River Dr. #31, De Pere**

**February 15
4:00 - 5:30 PM**

**Education Committee meets
102 Olde Allouez Court**

**February 19
2:00 PM**

**Environment Committee Meets
BC Library, Think Tank C**

February 20

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY: VOTE!

**February 28
5:30 PM**

**Celebrate League's 99th Birthday
Village Grille Allouez**

**March 6
4:30 PM**

**Fair Voting Maps Committee Meets. 121 Greene Ave.
Allouez**

**May 7
5:00 P M**

**Annual Meeting and Dinner
Holiday Inn: Save the Date!**

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CELEBRATE LEAGUE'S 98TH BIRTHDAY! JUDY CRAIN WILL INTRODUCE YOU TO RUTH CLUSEN



At 5:30 PM on Wednesday, February 28 join LWVGGB members, friends, and family at the Village Grill, 801 Hoffman Road in Allouez to celebrate the League's 98th birthday.

Judy Crain will introduce you to our special "guest", Ruth Clusen. If you have never had the opportunity to meet Ruth a dynamic local, state and national League leader during her lifetime, Judy will give you a most memorable glimpse into her life and history.

Circle February 28 on your calendar and plan to celebrate and learn about our local League's history. You will be able to order food and drinks off of the menu at the Village Grill. Plan to have birthday cake for dessert!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A special thank you to members Lori Hochschild and Kathy Leadley, for organizing voter registration at De Pere HS, West De Pere HS, Howard-Suamico HS, Ashwaubenon HS and the Women's March event. CJ Peters and other non members who were instrumental in the registration events' successes also deserve our gratitude. League could not have done this Voter Service work without your help!

Vote on February 20! In addition to local run-offs, the two highest vote-getters in the Supreme Court primary will face each other in the April 3 general election.

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about the things that matter." Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Julie Arneth

WOMEN'S MARCH AND DAY OF ACTION



Kudos to Colleen Gruszynski for her work with the Delta Sigma Theta sorority to register voters at the Green Bay Women's March and Day of Action, January 20. The Women's March was a day for activists to let their voices be heard in support of women's issues, social and political. A time to recognize the "Power of of the Polls".

At noon Gruszynski spoke about the importance of expanding voting hours for the upcoming elections. Voting should be as convenient as possible for all citizens and the LWVGGB is asking the City of Green Bay Personnel Committee to consider the League's proposal to expand early voting hours. Offer your support by calling your Green Bay alder-person today.

In the afternoon Charlotte Goska led a workshop "Preparing to Vote". Goska discussed Coalition of Voting Organizations (COVO) an umbrella group of non-partisan, voting-supportive organizations in Brown County that educates, motivates, assists in voter registration, and encourages active participation in the voting process with an ultimate goal to increase the number of informed voters. Our League is a member of COVO.

SERVING ON THE BOARD - GREAT WAY TO UNDERSTAND HOW LEAGUE PRESERVES YOUR DEMOCRACY!

The Nominating Committee is in the process of developing a candidate slate of officers (Vice President and Treasurer) and directors for 2018-2020. If you or someone you know is interested in serving on the board, notify the Nominating Chair Joyce McCollum or Kathy Riley at lwvggb@gmail.com or write to LWVGGB, PO Box 1923, Green Bay, WI 54305-1923.

A great way to learn more about the role LWV plays in preserving our democracy is to serve on the board. The development of leaders in our community is a service of the LWV. Board members become engaged in the community by honing skills as leaders and by strengthening their ability to speak with conviction on issues that feed their passion. Mentoring new board members is also a function of the board.

Kathy Riley, Nominating Committee

ARE YOU READY TO VOTE IN WISCONSIN?

Are you, your family and friends ready to vote in WISCONSIN'S PRIMARY ELECTION ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20?

DO YOU HAVE AN ACCEPTABLE PHOTO ID TO VOTE?

Go to bringit.wi.gov

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE

Go to myvote.wi.gov

DO YOU KNOW THE CANDIDATES?

Go to lwwwi.org

DO YOU HAVE A PLAN TO VOTE?

Go to myvote.wi.gov or contact your municipal clerk

View a Sample Ballot

Find your Polling Site

Request an Absentee Ballot

If you have checked off all of the above YOU ARE READY TO VOTE! Now help your family and friends!

JOIN THE OBSERVER CORPS

Would you give a few hours of your time one night a year to attend a county board or city common council meeting? Then fill out the short report form below. That's all there is to it! You will have done important work as a league member and a citizen. What a great way to be involved. It is interesting to see local government working on decisions that deeply affect how we all live. Please join us. We need your help to cover all of the meetings.

Observing these meetings at work gives us a picture of how local government operates. Plus it's important that elected officials see the Observers and know that the LWVGGB follows local government actions. Reports will be published in the newsletter. Observers will receive information, help, and answers to any questions.

The Brown County Board of Supervisors generally meets on the third Wednesday at 7:00 PM. at City Hall. Find access more board and committee information at www.co.brown.wi.us

Green Bay Common Council typically meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Room 203, City Hall.

After 5:00 PM, parking for these meetings is free in the City Hall lot.

An exciting election year is a great time to learn more about local government. Please join us. Sign up on the attached form to observe one or more meetings.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1lwLC2mdbf1IWWvVFX9LpzeXAd75FaCvJU6OBp8k6V9c/edit#gid=0https://>

Barbara Brown, Observer Corp Chair

PRESERVE THE PLANET

The League of Women Voters strongly supports the preservation of our precious planet and its resources. The League's environmental goals aim to look at ways to protect our planet from the physical, economic and public health effects of climate change and to explore ways to reduce and control pollutants.

As part of our environmental commitment, the LWVGGB monitors recycling efforts in Brown County. This is just one of many ways we can help make a difference on the local level.

Recycling has real benefits. When people opt to recycle, rather than trash recyclable items, less trash makes it way to our landfills and along our public ways and more products can find a new use. As individuals, we can all do our part by educating ourselves on the best ways to recycle in our community.

For more information, visit the following website for details on how you can turn in everything from batteries and TVs to unused medications.

<https://www.browncountyrecycling.org>

I would also like recommend the following link to a very informative podcast called "Brilliant Minds of Trash and Sewage". This is a fascinating interview with two experts in the trash and sewage industry.

<https://www.wnycstudios.org/story/waste-episode/>

Linda Bartlett, LWVGGB Board

FAIR VOTING MAPS UPDATE

The Fair Voting Maps (FVM) Committee met and discussed our statements at the County Executive Committee on Monday, January 8 (a summary of our statements appears in the minutes of that meeting). Linda Van Beck and Anneliese Weggenor spoke. The committee plans to attend the next

<https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/its-probably-not-possible-to-end-gerrymandering/>

The next committee meeting will be 4:30 PM, March 6 at 121 Greene Ave.

Anneliese Waggoner, Fair Voting Maps Chair

**LWVGGB ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER
MONDAY, MAY 7, 2018
Holiday Inn Stadium**

Schedule for the evening: 5:00 - 6:00 Annual Meeting; 6:30 Social; 6:30 Dinner followed by the Health Care Committee's program.

The Health Care Committee has invited the following speakers: Bonnie Kuhr, Executive Director of Brown County Community Clinic, and Devon Christenson, Chief Executive Officer of the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC).

Look for additional details and menu choices in the next newsletter.

Health Care Committee

DONATE TO THE LEAGUE

Your contribution to the League of Women Voters of Greater Green Bay, a 501(c)(3) organization, helps make democracy work in your community! Make your tax-deductible contribution today. [Donate Here](#)

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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](#)
