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CALENDAR of EVENTS

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August 7	GB Common Council - argument for expanding GB voting hours
August 13 5:00 PM	LWVGGB Board Meets BC Library Lower Level #1
August 13 6:30 PM	Migration Advocacy meets Ken De Groot Hall - St. Willy's
August 14 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM	Primary Election Day Local Poll sites
August 14 9:30 AM	Health Care Committee meets 825 East River Dr #31, De Pere
August 21 4:00 PM	Education Committee meets 120 Olde Allouez Court
September 17 2:00 PM	Environment Committee meets BC Library, UL Room 1
September 27 6:30 - 8:00 PM	Senate Dist# 1 Candidate Forum Sturgeon Bay Council Chambers
September 27 5:30 -9:00 PM Community Event	Jessie Opoien speaking on Women in Politics at Bemis Center on St. Norbert's Campus

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AUGUST 14 PARTISAN PRIMARY INFORMATION

The **Fall Primary Election is August 14**. Make plans to vote. and to learn about the candidates. The **LWVWI's voter guide is available on VOTE411.org**. On the



homepage, enter your address to view personal information for the State Assembly Representative candidates on your ballot.

To preview your Primary Election ballot, visit the **Wisconsin Elections Commission's *What's on My Ballot*** and type in your address.

You can find additional candidate interviews, bios, and candidate forum recordings on **Wisconsin Eye's Campaign 2018 Webpage** and **WPR's / WPT's WisconsinVote.org**.

The **deadline for requesting a mailed absentee ballot is Thursday, August 9**. Absentee ballots must be returned to the municipal clerk's office by 8:00 PM on Tuesday, August 14. The last day for in-person absentee voting is Saturday, August 11, but many cities end early voting on Friday, August 10. Check with your city clerk!

To confirm that you are registered at your current address visit MyVoteWI.gov. Enter your personal information. You need to have lived at your current address for at least 10 days prior to Election Day in order to register to vote in that election district or ward.

If you are not already registered, after July 25 you can register;

1. In your Municipal Clerk's Office until the the close of business on Friday, August 10. Bring a proof of residence, a paper or electronic document.
2. At the Polls on Election Day. You will need to present a proof of residence when registering, a paper or electronic document. A driver's license or state ID card with your current address is sufficient.

Additionally, the **Door County LWV has scheduled a Senate 1 forum for Thursday, September 27 from 6:30-8:00 PM at the Sturgeon Bay City Council Chambers**. Senate District 1 includes a good portion of De Pere. This forum will be video taped and available on the Door County LWV website.

Election Day is on November 6. Circle the date on your calendar and help the LWVWI monitor the Nov 6th election. Volunteer to be trained as **Election Observers** and placed in polling places in specific areas around the state.

Learn more and sign up to volunteer here my.lwv.org/wisconsin/employment-and-volunteer-opportunities-league

LEAGUE INVOLVEMENT ADVANCES CITIZEN INPUT INTO REDISTRICTING

Note: Anneliese Waggoner, Linda Van Beek and Barbara Brown did a phenomenal job speaking before the Executive Committee of the Brown County Board. Point by point they developed the case. Their work on getting this issue heard and for keeping it alive is truly appreciated.

There was a terrific turnout of League members and friends at the Brown

County Board's Executive Committee meeting on Monday, July 9th. This show of support influenced the members of the committee to look further into the idea of a citizen committee to set guidelines for the redistricting process after the 2020 census.

In the past most county boards have given a lot of weight to protecting incumbents. We believe that the demographic and cultural characteristics of the community ought to play a decisive part in how districts are created. The actual work of drawing the maps is a highly technical process made much easier these days because of computers. Thoughtful guidelines for the mapping process will help make the individual districts more cohesive and representative of all members of our community.

Supervisor Tom Sieber has been charged with developing a process to put before the entire County Board. The League hopes to contribute to that work. League support will be critical as this process moves forward to the full Board.

Anneliese Waggoner, Fair Maps Chair

COLLEEN GRUSZYNSKI LWVWI 2018 MEG MC LANE RECIPIENT

Congratulations, to Colleen Gruszynski who was selected as recipient of the LWVWI Meg McLane Award for Advocacy. The award was presented at the LWVWI Annual Meeting in Oshkosh. This award recognizes Colleen as an outstanding advocate working for positive policy changes in Wisconsin while honoring the dedicated work of Meg McLane, a longtime League and state Legislative Committee member.

Colleen was nominated for this award by our LWVGGB Board who recognizes Colleen's commitment especially on redistricting, voting access, and building new relationships with community groups and leaders.

NEW LWVGGB BOARD MEMBERS

LWVGGB welcomes Nancy Wakefield and Barbara Paterick to our board. In addition to serving on the board, Barbara is an active Redistricting Committee member and Nancy's focus is the Environment Committee's work, on recycling.

Nancy Wakefield graduated from Oklahoma State and soon after married Tom who was in the military for 30 years; they moved 20 times. While living in Manhattan, KS she earned her master's in school counseling. After living in Kansas City for 20 years, she enjoys learning about Green Bay and Wisconsin. A long-time quilter, Nancy has been active in her neighborhood's, quilting groups, service clubs, church and green teams. She and Tom have two daughters: Stacy, who is deaf and lives with them, and Elizabeth who resides in Seymour.

Also a member of the Jacksonville FL League, Barbara Paterick received her BA and JD from UW - Madison and a BA in Spanish from U- North Florida. She also earned a Graduate Certificate in Dispute Resolution (mediation) at Marquette. Quite awhile back she practiced law in Madison and Rochester MN, but now she spends as much time as she can doing Pilates. She came to Green Bay in October because her husband Tim accepted a job here. He is a cardiologist at Bay Care Cardiology. They have two adult sons who live in Chicago and Boston.

LWVGGB WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

LWVGGB would like to welcome our seven new members Tom Joynt, Ellen Reed, Bonnie Kuhr, Devon Christenson, Florence Parfitt, Dawn and Chad Smith to our League. All of our new members can be contacted by email Tom <kgjoynt@gmail.com>; Ellen <ellenreed9187@gmail.com>; Bonnie <bonkhr@gmail.com>; Devon <christianson_dt@co.brown.wi.us>; Florence <parff705@gmail.com>; Dawn <dawnmariestr@gmail.com>; Chad <lastsmith@gmail.com>

We look forward to seeing you at our fall events. Welcome!

JESSIE OPOIEN-O'NEILL SPEAKER

Jessie Opoien a reporter for the Madison Capital Times has been invited to speak on *Women in Politics* on September 27 from 5:30 PM until 9:00 PM. *Women in Politics* is a topic dear our late member Pat 'Neill's heart since she served for a number of years as a Trustee before becoming President of the Allouez Village Board. The event, sponsored by Michael O'Neill, will be at the Bemis Center on the St. Norbert Campus There will be a social hour from 5:30 PM until 6:30 PM during which hors d'oeuvres as well as a cash bar will be available. Jessie Opoien will speak at 6:30 and her presentation would be followed by a question - answer period. This event is free and open to the public. Save this date and watch for additional information.

IN MEMORIUM

LWVGGB has lost long-time member Catherine (Katie) Small at age 95 who died peacefully on May 13 surrounded by members of her family. Katie had been an active member of our League as well as numerous other community organizations and she received the Women of Vision Award by the YWCA for her contributions to our community.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I was fortunate to represent LWVGGB at the 53rd National Convention this summer in Chicago. More than 1,000 League leaders, including 41 from Wisconsin, attended leadership workshops and heard from guest speakers.

The Convention kicked off with *A Conversation on Redistricting* where attendees heard from Ruth Greenwood and Nick Stephanopoulos. Greenwood served on the legal team for the plaintiffs, including Wisconsin, in the United States Supreme Court case Gill v. Whitford which the Court decided in June.

Over the four-days delegates voted on the priorities that the LWVUS should

focus on for the next biennium. The Campaign for Making Democracy Work® includes ensuring a free, fair, and accessible electoral system for all eligible voters by focusing on Voting Rights, Improving Elections, and advocacy for the National Popular Vote Compact, Campaign Finance/Money in Politics, and Redistricting.

At the last night's banquet attendees heard Elaine Weiss, author of the *Women's Hour* recount the final push for women's suffrage in this country.

Convention was an incredible opportunity to connect with and learn from active League leaders. Read more about LWVUS Convention at. www.lwv.org/league-management/council-convention/2018-convention-presentation-archive

Julie Arneth,
LWVGGB President

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