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Hello Jean,
Circle these dates on your calendar:

LWVGGB Board Meeting

Thursday, November 9 at
6:30 pm at the home of
Dawn Smith.

People interested in
attending should RSVP
to Dawn via email.
dawnmariestr@gmail.com
or 920-246-3605.

Health and Environment Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 9,
from 9:30 am to 11 am at the
home of Sue Whittemore
and on Zoom. Please
contact Jean Marsch at
jean.marsch@gmail.com or
920-883-9394 for more
information. All members
are welcome to attend.

The Education Committee Meeting TBD

Please RSVP to Denise
at denisegaumerhutchison@gmail.com

New members are welcome
to join.

Voter Service Committee

Voter Services Team meetings will be held Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 6:00 pm
in the Brown County Central Library Board Room.

The 2024 Election Cycle is just around the corner, and there's a huge amount of
work. Please consider joining Voter Services as we strive to ensure all voters are
informed and able to perform their constitutional right to vote

In Memory of Joan Mills A Very Strong Women

Joan learned from her friends and was never intimidated by her detractors.

Joan was president of the League of Women Voters of Greater Green Bay from
1971-73.

Over the years, many league members relied on Joan for her insights on League
and local government issues. She implemented many good government principles
that are the foundation for the League of Women Voters.

She was the first women elected to the De Pere City Council. She also was elected
to the Brown County Board of Supervisors. While as a Supervisor she worked to
reduce the number of Supervisors from 47 to about half that number. Over her time
on the county board, she served on many committees of the board.

She was appointed to the Brown County Planning Commission where she worked
on transportation, sewer and portable water issues. She once remarked that sewer
extension planning was critical for community development. Because of her
interest in clean water, she joined the Green Bay Remedial Action Plan
implementing committee to clean up the Fox River.

She volunteered for other program such as the Rape Crisis Center, Heritage Hill
and Meals on Wheels.

She was recognized as the Woman of Year by the Brown County Medical Auxiliary
because of her varied elected and volunteer activities.

Submitted by Dotty Juengst

Joan Mills died on September 17, 2023 surrounded by her family. She was a member of the LWVGGB for many more than 50 years, (a marker for being a "Life Member.") A remembrance will be held on November 25, 2023.

Judy Crain remembers her.

"Joan Mills was one of the most effective legislators in our community for many years. She was fearless. In speaking out on important issues, she was informed and persistent and had courage and dedication. Her contributions live on 😊"

Fun Facts: At the time that Joan was most active in the League, she was involved in issues related to appointed vs elected school board; the mass transit system in Green Bay; school property tax and foreign trade, as well as juvenile lawlessness, metropolitan zoning, city-county air pollution.

ON EVENTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND EDUCATION

Events:

There have been a few events that the LWVGGB has been associated with in October and will be in November. The LWV Fox Valley/Outagamie County hosted a Town Hall with three legislators. The Winnebago County League, the Door County League and the League of Greater Green Bay were co-hosts of the event. The goal was to hear from legislators who crossed over all of those county's - which is a testament to gerrymandered districts. Senate District 1 Senator Andre Jacque, from our area, participated. The Town Hall meeting was recorded and can be accessed at the LWV Outagamie County website <http://lwwappletonfoxcities.org>. The next Town Hall is scheduled for February 5th, 2024. More details will be provided closer to the event.

If there are events that you hear about that you think the League should participate in please contact Denise Gaumer Hutchison at denisegaumerhutchison@gmail.com for us to consider and review. To see a list of upcoming events please check the League website and Facebook page. Invite others to "like" our Facebook page to get more expanded reach for our page.

Communications

Please read your State League and National League newsletters for some of the positions on what is happening in Madison and in Washington DC. The legislature is still meeting regarding childcare, funding for the UW System - the Republican leadership is asking for the elimination of DEI offices (diversity, equity and inclusion) before they receive any additional funding. As you have heard from the media outlets, layoffs are happening in the UW system because of the shortfall of funding from the State. This is very disturbing when the state has the largest amount of money in reserves in the history of the state of Wisconsin. There are going to be significant challenges with public schools. A Supreme Court lawsuit has been filed regarding public school revenue limits and private school vouchers. Be watching for the movement of the lawsuit.

Education Committee

The Education Committee hasn't met as I'm waiting to hear from committee members as to when it would be good to have the meetings again and if you want zoom or in person meetings. There are going to be a number of issues facing public education in Wisconsin this year. The state budget was not good for public education so a number of public schools are going to need to go to referendum to meet their budget needs and to do the work necessary for their districts. Please let Denise Gaumer Hutchison know when you'd like to meet and whether in person or via zoom. Please contact her at Denisegaumerhutchison@gmail.com

HEALTHCARE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The Healthcare and Environment Committee will meet on Wednesday, November 8, from 9:30 am to 11 am at the home of Sue Whittemore and on Zoom. Please contact Jean Marsch at jean.marsch@gmail.com or 920-883-9394 for more information. All members are welcome to attend.

How Much is Healthcare Spending Expected to Grow?

Health spending slowed substantially in 2021 but is expected to rebound in coming years. For more details, click on this link from KFF:

https://www.healthsystemtracker.org/chart-collection/how-much-is-health-spending-expected-to-grow/?utm_campaign=KFF-2023-The-Latest&utm_medium=email&hsmi=277973863&hsenc=p2ANqtz-4xm_IH3s49zKxL2Z4Z9aJVVQSGv_3NUn3ij2TA6V5vRPVtxi4vwXiDLgahgzO9jsWZIWgETWUjATDKt1mM3758HwbrQ&utm_content=277973863&utm_source=hs_email#Annual%20change%20in%20per%20capita%20health%20spending,%201970s%20%E2%80%93%202021;%20projected%202022%20%E2%80%93%202031



*All people are valued, celebrated,
and connected to a life of possibilities.*

NEW for Brown County residents!

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is starting the Independent Living Supports Pilot program. This program is paid for by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and will help Wisconsin residents remain in their homes longer. The program will give up to \$7,200.00 for short-term (up to 1 year), flexible help for people with disabilities and people over 55yrs of age who meet certain requirements, helping them stay in their own homes longer for better health outcomes.

The goal of this program is to help DHS understand how people look for information regarding assistance and support, identify potential barriers that may prevent people from getting help, and improve the quality of life for those able to participate. For more information about this program and other uses of ARPA funds in our state, please visit the DHS website [American Rescue Plan Act: Independent Living Supports Pilot | Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#).

ADRC of Brown County will run the program locally, working to sign up eligible people and help identify one-time and ongoing services they might need. **Contact us for more information and to apply at 920-448-4300, bc.adrc@browncountywi.gov, www.adrcofbrowncounty.org or 300 S. Adams St, Green Bay.**

| Do You Qualify? | Examples of Help Include: |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Age 55 or older (18 or older with a qualifying diagnosis)• US Citizen or eligible immigrant AND a Brown County, WI resident• Have a need for assistance with one or more activities of daily living or instrumental activities of daily living• Not enrolled in Medicaid long-term care programs (IRIS, Family Care, Partnership)• Meet financial guidelines (less than \$3,645 income per month for 1 person)• Do not reside in a licensed or certified residential care setting | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Special medical equipment• Devices to make life easier• Adaptations to homes and vehicles to ensure greater independence• Caregiver training• Personal care• Supportive home care• Personal Emergency Response Systems• Help with money management and legal services• Respite care• Adult day services• Daily living skills training |

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with disabilities, and their caregivers.*

VOTER SERVICE COMMITTEE

Voter Services will be hosting a postcard writing campaign to reach out to voters in the greater Green Bay area encouraging them to register before next year's elections.

We're planning several get-togethers to write postcards - the first will be on Saturday, November 11th from 8:00-10:00 at Dawn Smith's house. Breakfast and coffee will be provided, and you don't have to attend for the full two hours - this will be an open house.

If you're interested in attending, please RSVP to Dawn at dawnmariestr@gmail.com, or text 920-246-3605.

If you're interested in writing postcards but would prefer to do it on your own time, please reach out to Dawn at the email or phone number above, and let her know how many postcards you can commit to writing.

We would like to have all postcards in the mail by January 12th to give people time to register online prior to the potential February 20th primary election.

OBSERVER CORPS

The Observer Corps is a program sponsored by the League of Women Voters. It is very rewarding to observe our local elected officials in action.

The Brown County Board meets on the third Wednesday of the month at the Green Bay Central Library in the lower level media room at 7:00 pm.

The Green Bay City Council meets on the first and the third Tuesday of each month at City Hall in the Council Chambers at 6:00 pm.

The Green Bay School Board meets on the second and the fourth Monday of each month at the Unified School District building on Broadway.

Dates and times can vary so it is important to check their web site. I always print an agenda. After you attend a meeting, there is a simple form you fill out to send back to me. Also, it is important to wear your LWV's pin.

If you're interested in attending one of these meetings, please contact Karen Schley--920-497-1531

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

LWVGGB to host 2024 State Convention

Our chapter will be hosting the 2024 LWVWI State Convention. It's been over 7 years since our league has hosted a state convention and we are very excited to see its return. Most likely the convention will be held in the beginning of June 2024 but more details will be released in the coming months. LWVGGB members who volunteer at the event can attend for free, an over \$100 savings! If interested in volunteering, please send an email to lwvggb@gmail.com.

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JOIN THE LEAGUE

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

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