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Greetings!

Circle these dates on your calendar:

LWVGGB Board meeting is scheduled for October 12, 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 lbartlett097@gmail.com

for GoToMeeting lbartlett097@gmail.com

invitation and link to the meeting.

Healthcare Committee Meeting- Virtual Wednesday October 14, 2020 9:30 am -11 am.

Please contact Jean Marsch,

Chair jean.marsch@gmail.com She will send you an invitation to the meeting.

You may also contact her at 920-336-6835 if you have any questions.

The Education Committee meeting is scheduled October 1, 2020 at 3:30 pm

with Steve Murley 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

The next meetings for the Fair Elections Team will be 9/29, 10/13, 10/27, 11/10 at 4:45-5:45pm via

GoToMeeting. If you are interested in joining the team,

contact Cheryl at mccutcheon@new.rr.com

The meeting date for the Environmental Committee is October 19, 2020 at 3:30 pm.

If there is anyone interested in the Environment Committee who did not receive an email link to the Sept. 23 Environment Committee virtual meeting and would like to get a link to the October 19 meeting, please email

kathylockard@gmail.com.

Kathy Lockard is managing the technology for the virtual meetings chaired by Kathy Lefebvre

Observer Corps returning. Please consider joining.

If interested, contact Becca Berger

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A TRUE CHAMPION FOR WOMEN'S EQUALITY AND OUR DEMOCRACY

We are heartbroken by the passing of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg who devoted her life to protecting our



rights and championing equality for all. We must honor her legacy by demanding the values she stood for are not undermined in an effort to rush through an appointment that would only further polarize America.

FAIR ELECTIONS TEAM - GETTING THE WORD OUT

Thanks to members' generous contributions, the Fair Elections Team is able to continue our efforts to educate the public about the Nonpartisan Redistricting question on the Brown County ballot. You will soon see billboards & newspaper ads. We are also writing postcards and letters to newspapers.

The team has also contacted every GGB candidate / incumbent asking them to take the Fair Maps Pledge <https://www.fairmapswi.com/candidatepledgeresponses>.

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Observer Corps Needs You!

Spend part of the long winter ahead getting to know your local government. Let county and city leaders know that you are interested in what they do. Keep your fellow League members informed about important discussion and action.

City Council is currently meeting virtually. County Board meets in person with plenty of space for social distancing.

Contact Becca Berger zuccapucca@icloud.com

FORUMS AVAILABLE ON FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE

The League of Women Voters of Greater Green Bay held two virtual forums in September. We held them early because of the large volume of absentee-mail in voting that is being done in the 2020 election.

On Monday, September 14, at 1:00 p.m. the candidates for the 30th Senate District--Democrat, Mr. Jonathon Hansen and Republican, Atty. Eric Wimberger answered a host of questions submitted by League members.

Then, on Thursday, Sept. 17, at 3:00 pm, the candidates for the 90th Assembly District--Democrat, Kristina Sheldon and Republican, Drew Kirsteatter also answered question gathered from League members.

The Candidate Forum Team, as well as the LWVGGB, appreciates the candidates who accepted our invitation to participate in our forums with the goal of informing the voters about the important issues in the 2020 election.

These forums can be viewed on the LWVGGB Facebook page and website

Both forums were moderated by Jean Marsch. Don Dahlstrom was the time keeper for both events and Gail Hohenstein was the main question "sorter" and transmitted them to the moderator. Linda Bartlett was involved in all aspects behind the scene and was a tremendous help.

Steve Herro, a League member, provided the technology needed to hold these forums.

THANK YOU TO ALL---IT WAS TRULY A TEAM EFFORT!!!!
Karen Schley

MICHAEL GALLAGHER - AMANDA STUCK FORUM

On **Tuesday, Oct. 6**, the LWVGGB will be involved in co-sponsoring a forum with Republican Congressman Michael Gallagher and Democratic opponent Amanda Stuck.

The Door County League of Women Voters invited our League as well as the Appleton League of Women Voters to help organize this event. When we started, before COVID-19, it was going to be an in person forum in Green Bay because we are the central location. Now, because of the pandemic, it will be a virtual forum.

The forum will be held from 4:00 - 5:30 pm virtually from the candidates' home/office. It will be recorded and appear on our Facebook page as well as our website via a link provided by the Door County League.

We have been asking for questions from league members and hopefully you have submitted yours. These will be sent to the Door County League and they will ask questions from each league.
Karen Schley

A Message from the VP

As I contemplated my October "Message from the Vice President" I googled a list of observances for October. The list includes issues and topics promoted by various groups and industries to raise awareness of a particular cause or issue. For example, unless you are a plumber I bet you didn't know that October is National Toilet Tank Repair Month. Who knew? October is also Global Diversity Awareness Month and given the events of the 2020 summer, a most timely topic for this month's message.

Let me begin by bragging about our very own League of Women Voters of Greater Green Bay. Our Bell Ringing event to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment was a great success.

The event included five remarkable and culturally diverse women. Our speakers included Lindsey Dorff, who moderated, Mercy Metoxen representing indigenous women, Jessica Quintana, representing Latinx women, Amanda Chu, representing Pacific Rim Asian women, and Melissa Decker Cheslock, who spoke about the Black women's voting experiences. I came away from the event with a better understanding of the obstacles minority women and men have faced for decades after we won the right to vote in 1920.

I hope to see our League plan and participate in more events like this one that move us closer to our goal of diversity, equity and inclusion.

A big thank you goes to Denise Gaumer Hutchison for coordinating, especially for finding the bell ringers from United Methodist Church who started our program so

beautifully.

Nancy Wakefield made a LWV quilt to commemorate the occasion. If you missed the event, please take a look at our website where you can see Nancy's beautiful quilt and can watch the event, which was live streamed by Steve Herro, our technical expert.

And, if you haven't seen the proclamation presented to our League by Brown County Executive, Troy Streckenbach, and Green Bay mayor, Eric Genrich, please check it out on our web page. Receiving the proclamation was a wonderful way to end our Bell Ringing Celebration.

*"We, as an organization, acknowledge
our own difficult history with racism
while we embrace our future,
where DEI will become part of our DNA."
- Dr. Deborah Turner, LWVUS President*

LIVE ON LWVUS Facebook PAGE

Racism and Redistricting: How Unfair Maps Impact Communities of Color: A live program on LWVUS Facebook page, Oct. 8, 7 p.m. CDT

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE LOOKS AT THESE ISSUES

At the September 21 meeting, the committee heard about the plans for a Brown County Energy Commission aimed at developing clean energy practices for the county. The committee also learned that the Green Bay Sustainability Commission may be seeking new members, as the terms of several current members will expire soon. Anyone interested in applying to serve on the commission was urged to apply.

The committee is starting to work on our program for Earth Day. We also discussed doing a virtual program later this year or in early Spring, using one of Clean Water Action's several topics to inform the community on important environmental issues we are facing.

Kathy Lefebvre
Kathy Lockhart



**End Gerrymandering & Introduction to the
National Popular Vote**
Every Vote Must Count!

A virtual presentation

*Sponsored by the League of Women Voters
of Greater Green Bay
Hosted by UWGB & St. Norbert College*

**October 6, 2020
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Presentation Link: [https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/
2839063677273793803](https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2839063677273793803)**

Daniel O. Theno

Former Wisconsin State Senator (R) (1972-1986) and Mayor of Ashland, Wisconsin (1986 -1989), Daniel O. Theno continues his longtime passion for good governance by, among other contributions, serving as a statewide speaker for the Fair Elections Project, advocating reforms in redistricting. He is also a political consultant and has recently authored a book on campaigning, titled *Winning Local Elections*.

Barbara Paterick

Barbara Block Paterick is a retired attorney who serves as a Board member of the League of Women Voters of Greater Green Bay. Barb works with the State League of Women Voters on National Popular Vote issues, as well as fair redistricting. As part of that work, Barb is also a liaison to the nationwide grassroots organization: nationalpopularvote.com



Let's move our state forward with fair, impartial maps and let's do it together.

The People's Maps Commission is a nonpartisan redistricting commission charged with drawing fair, impartial maps based on 2020 U.S. Census data.

The People's Maps Commission is holding an online public hearing 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, 2020, to seek public input on the upcoming redrawing of legislative redistricting maps.

The hearing is the first in a series of at least eight meetings the Commission will

host. The focus of the hearing will be Wisconsin's Eighth Congressional District and highlight redistricting basics including why redistricting matters and how it works.

The online public hearing will include testimony from experts and also provide Wisconsin residents the opportunity to express how they have been impacted by legislative redistricting and share their ideas for how Wisconsin can work together to achieve fair maps.

Every 10 years, each state redraws their legislative and congressional districts using data from the decennial census. In addition to the data from the 2020 U.S. Census, the Commission will use information gathered during the public hearing process to prepare new maps. It is then up to the Legislature to take up and approve the maps created by the Commission.

Although the Oct. 1 hearing will focus on the Eighth Congressional District, all Wisconsin residents are encouraged to watch and participate. Anyone wishing to testify at the hearing must register in advance by visiting the People's Maps Commission website [HERE](#). The deadline for remote public appearance requests for the October hearing is 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2020.

Remote public testimony will begin at 7:30 p.m. Each speaker has a time limit of 3 minutes. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis, with residents of Wisconsin's Eighth Congressional District being given priority.

For anyone unable to join online, written comments are strongly encouraged. All written comments also can be submitted at any time using the feedback form available on the People's Maps Commission website [HERE](#). Written comments will be reviewed by the commissioners and are public record.

Selected by a three judge panel, the Commission is a nine-member nonpartisan redistricting commission charged with drawing fair, impartial maps for the state of Wisconsin. More information about the Commission, its members and its activities is available [HERE](#).

Anthony Phillips, of Appleton, will represent the 8th Congressional District. Phillips is a physician with Theda Care Hematology and Oncology and has been involved with several grassroots organizations working on election and campaign issues, including Fair Maps Wisconsin and Voters First WI.

In August 2020, the Brown County Board added a
SECOND REFERENDUM QUESTION
to the November 3 ballot. This is an advisory referendum.

Question #2

Should Wisconsin State Statutes be amended to provide County Boards of Supervisors with a mechanism to approve or overturn any actions taken by County Health Officers that impose county wide restrictions on citizens and/or businesses, or that require county wide closure of businesses?

As you review this question, consider if the County Board should have the ability to approve or overturn the county wide restrictions as noted in the question.

A yes vote would allow the County Board to set up a mechanism to overturn or approve the action of the County Public Health Officers by the County Board Supervisors.

A no vote would not allow the County Board to set that mechanism. It would allow our County Health Officers to maintain the authority to keep the public safe with regard to communicable disease.

This question was approved by the County Board, in August, only a month before absentee ballots were mailed. The timing does not allow sufficient time for public

input or education.

The LWVGGB Healthcare Committee would prefer to have time to study the question which would include a review of Wisconsin Statutes as they relate to the authority of Public Health Officers.

HELP FOR DISCERNING FAKE NEWS

LWV Winnebago County will present a virtual program on October 6 at 6:30 pm.

News, Fake News and Spin: Deciding who to trust in the Age of Disinformation.

Open to anyone but registration is needed to get a link to the zoom presentation with Michael Edmonds.

Please register by October 1 to receive the link and be able to ask questions and receive other supporting materials. Call 920.967.3690,

email reference@menashalibrary.org, or fill out the form on the Menasha Library website (menashalibrary.org)

POLL OBSERVER VOLUNTEERS

If you wish to sign up to volunteer here is the link: <https://protectthevote.net/>

We need to take COVID-19 very seriously. But we've had a lot of people reaching out that really want to observe regardless. Therefore, we need to organize them so they're more effective. Only people who understand the risk and are willing to take it should sign up to volunteer. Observers will be spending less time at polling places--approximately 30 min. vs. 2hrs., but that doesn't mitigate the risk. We also will be having people observe central count locations for longer shifts throughout the day.

From Eileen Newcomer-Vote Education Manager
League of Women Voters of Wisconsin

**Nov, 3, 2020---Fall Presidential Election
Please mark this important date on your calendar and VOTE!!!**

Request Absentee Ballots NOW for 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 are now being mailed to those people who have requested them for the November 3 election.

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

NEED A WITNESS FOR YOUR BALLOT

For anyone who lives alone and needs a witness signature on their absentee ballot: If you need a witness, bring your blank ballot to the Voting Mural, and COVO can witness it through your car window. Show them the blank ballot, mark it in private, then they will sign your envelope and you can drop it in the mailbox or your clerk's ballot drop box. They are at the Mural (230 N Monroe) on Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 4pm through October 11th.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The LWVGGB welcomes the following new members. Please introduce yourself when you see them at one of our future League events:

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**Evelyn Dieck, 3184 Open Gate Trail, Green Bay WI 54313
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**Sally Cubitt, 503 Eagle Terrace, Green Bay WI 54313
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Please add these new members' contact information to your Membership Directory and Annual Report.

P.S. If you have not received a copy of the Annual Report and Membership Directory, please notify a member of the board.

**The website is full of information about the current elections. Check out the Voter's guide and the videos of the forums. It is fantastic.
Nancy Wakefield**

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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](#)

JOIN THE LEAGUE

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](#)