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## Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.

Greetings!

Circle these dates on your calendar:

**LWVGGB Board meeting is scheduled for September 14, 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](mailto:lbartlett097@gmail.com) for GoToMeeting invitation and link to the meeting.

**Healthcare Committee Meeting- Virtual Wednesday September 9, 2020 9:30 am -11 am.**  
Please contact Jean Marsch, Chair [jean.marsch@gmail.com](mailto: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 September 10, 2020 at 3:30 pm via Go To Meeting. Please RSVP to Denise at [denisegaumerhutchison@gmail.com](mailto: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 September 1, 15 and 29 2020 at 4:45 pm via GoToMeeting. If you are interested in joining the team, contact Cheryl at [mccutcheon@new.rr.com](mailto:mccutcheon@new.rr.com).

There is a tentative meeting date for the Environmental Committee for September 21, 2020. Details of a virtual meeting are yet to be completed.

Observer Corps returning. Please consider joining. If interested, contact Becca Berger [zuccapucca@icloud.com](mailto:zuccapucca@icloud.com)

## AUGUST 1920 RINGING OF THE BELLS COMMEMORATION



Save the Date

19th Amendment Centennial Event

Wednesday, August 26 at Noon

On Wednesday, August 26 at noon, the 19th Amendment Centennial Committee, the League of Women Voters of Greater Green Bay, the Brown County Historical Society and the Neville Museum will commemorate the August 1920 ringing of bells acknowledging the passage of the 19th Amendment.

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment the League of Women Voters of Greater Green Bay and other partners will gather at the Brown County Court House Plaza on August 26, 2020 at noon to ring bells, hear brief remarks from women leaders in our community regarding the status of voting in our country and to celebrate the right to vote.

Community bells will ring to celebrate the enfranchisement of women, just as they did 100 years ago as reported by the Madison Capital Times in 1920.

August 26th is now known as Women's Equality Day.

People are welcome to join the event where there will be social distancing and masks are requested.

If you have a bell, please bring it to ring.

## FAIR ELECTIONS TEAM FOCUS

The current priorities for the Fair Elections Team are to educate the public about non-partisan redistricting (aka. Fair Maps) and share candidate stances in advance of the November election. We want the public to vote for candidates that support Fair Maps legislation (which has been introduced at the State level but not acted upon). District maps will be redrawn in 2021 so this is a critical time to end gerrymandering!

Our team also worked to get a referendum question on the Brown County ballot. Please tell your friends to vote YES so we can send another message to the capitol that citizens want to pick their representatives (not the other way around)!

Also, please consider donating to the upcoming "voter education" fundraising effort...LWVGGB members will receive a letter soon.

The next meetings for the Fair Elections Team will be 9/1, 9/15, 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](mailto:mccutcheon@new.rr.com)

## Updates from the League of Women Voters Wisconsin

**How to Vote if You are Evicted:** As moratoriums on eviction start to lift, the LWVWI is working with some of our national partners to pull together information for all Leagues to use to educate evicted voters on how to vote when their residence is in flux due to the pandemic. Millions of households around the nation could be evicted between now and the November election. Please watch for this guidance and be prepared to distribute it widely.

**Litigation Update:** Oral arguments were heard in Federal District Court on August 5th. Like in April, decisions by the Court could impact the November election and notice of these changes may not be made until close to the election. The League is seeking relief from the Court to allow ballots to be emailed to voters who timely requested their absentee ballot but do not receive the ballot with an adequate time to mail it back to the clerk. If this relief is granted, the League may be able to assist voters to print the emailed ballot and certification information, supply envelopes and postage, if needed. I will keep you posted on how this develops, but wanted to ensure you were all aware of the case and our potential response if voters are granted this relief.

**Post-Election Story Collection:** Since we did not send Election Observers into polling places across the state in August due to the pandemic, we are offering a Voter Experience survey for all voters. Members and their friends and families are encouraged to complete the survey. As we did in April, we will compile the results and make recommendations to the Wisconsin Election Commission to ensure an accessible, safe and fair November election. A link to the survey can be found on our website at [lwvggb.org](http://lwvggb.org).

**Centennial Bell Ringing:** Bells around the state will ring on August 26th at noon to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment. Please see the [Centennial Information](#) page on the LWVWI website for more information.

**Census:** The time to enumerate has been reduced by one month and will end on September 30, 2020. Please make sure your local complete count teams are working hard to count those who have not yet responded to the Census including folks living in congregate settings such as RV parks, marinas, shelters, park campgrounds, etc. Resources can be found at [Census2020.gov](http://Census2020.gov)

## AAUW WI Public Policy Forum

**WHEN:** August 25<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) and August 27<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) 6:30-8:30PM via Zoom!

**Topics:** August 25<sup>th</sup> Fair Redistricting in 2021 and Wisconsin Public Education

6:30 - Carlene Bechen from Fair Maps WI will discuss how district maps are drawn and how bipartisan support for Fair Maps is growing. Q&A to follow.

7:30 - Heather DuBois Bourenane of the Wisconsin Public Education Network (WPEN) will tell us how we can influence great public education in lieu of offering vouchers to private institutions. Q&A to follow.  
institutions.

**Topics:** August 27<sup>th</sup> Being an Informed Voter and Getting Out the Vote

7:15 – Debra Cronmiller of League of Women Voters will discuss how to inform and encourage voting during a pandemic; and deal with sometimes cruel and bitter vitriol.

6:30 - Matt Rothschild of The Wisconsin Democracy Campaign will discuss how to differentiate between “fake news” and “real facts.” How to become informed voters and educate others; why absentee ballots are safe; and the importance of down-ballot voting in the November election.

**REGISTER NOW:** Register for one or both sessions at [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_nGrBbu5gT2OYZD75ln5Z0w](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nGrBbu5gT2OYZD75ln5Z0w).  
(Non-AAUW Members are welcome – Share the Link & Invite Friends)

## LWVGGB'S OWN FLO PARFITT IS AUTHOR

Flo Parfitt, author of “Sara’s Sacrifice” is a proud member of LWVGGB. “Sara’s Sacrifice” is about a suffragette in the early 1900’s. Her story is based in Milwaukee.

She is a wealthy woman with a pleasant life, but she was very aware that women of that day were barely more than property. Her husband was very much against the suffragette movement, but Sara understood the conditions many women were subjected to. She began to explore the movement in secret but at a rally in Chicago, Sara was arrested. Her secret was out, and she had to decide to retreat into darkness or fight with all she had for women's voices to be heard. The story reveals the trials and sacrifices of one woman in her quest to get women everywhere the right to vote.

Sara's Sacrifice is Book 1 of a trilogy entitled "Daughters of Evolution". A tale of strong women through 100 year of challenges. Book 2 will be out late this fall. It is story of Sara's daughter, Ella, as she lived the Greatest Generation with the challenges of prohibition, the great depression, the polio epidemic, and WWII. It is a story of courage, perseverance, and endurance. It is titled, "Ella Endures." "Ella Endures" explores the beginnings of the League of Women Voters and even presents the Agenda they were pursuing.

Book 3 is in its infant state and is called "Melissas March". Sara's great granddaughter is a child of the 60's. A turbulent time with the Vietnam War raging, Civil Rights crying out along with the feminist movement...all demanding justice. Melissa embraces the march for justice and eventually finds herself reliving this with her daughter, Victoria, as she fights the issues of today in the Me Too and Black Lives Matter along with the politics of both eras.

Ms. Parfitt explores history not through the eyes of politicians and historians but rather through the eyes of strong women, ordinary women, women who care and want to make change.

Her books are available through Amazon, Barnes & Noble and many other bookstores as well as the Brown County Library. Her books are fiction but based in true history. Sara's Sacrifice is currently available in 10 countries.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE VP

The "Dog Days of Summer". The expression comes from the early Greeks who referred to late summer as "dog days" because Sirius, the brightest star visible from any part of Earth and part of the constellation Canis Major, the Greater Dog, occupies the same region of the sky as the sun. These days are the hottest time of the year, believed to be a period of fever, or even catastrophe. Sound familiar?

Fortunately our members have stayed healthy and fever free during the pandemic. We all stepped up and learned a new skill: virtual meetings. Not only did we conduct our annual meeting, committee and board meetings through our GoToMeeting platform, we also sponsored two virtual candidate forums, with more forums to come.

Late summer leading into a presidential election is a busy time for the League of Women Voters. As we prepare for a profoundly challenging election, we are faced with many obstacles because of the pandemic. Keeping safe and healthy is our

number one priority during this time, but doing everything possible to register voters, provide voters with election information, and conduct candidate forums is monumentally important. This league is up to the challenge.

This year we also have a time of celebration as we reflect on 100 years of League History. On August 26, we will gather together to mark the event with a Bell Ringing Ceremony to honor the 19th Amendment Centennial. With social distancing and masks, we will avert any fevers or catastrophes during this late summer season.

I'm so proud to be a part of this fantastic group of women and men and of the important work we do through the League. Together we are making a difference.

Linda Bartlett, VP

### WATCH FOR UPCOMING FORUMS

The LWV is planning to hold several Virtual Forums in mid Sept. The candidates for the 30th Senate District, the 4th Assembly District, the 88th Assembly District, and the 90th Assembly District have all been invited. We are waiting for replies to determine what dates work for the candidates. The November 3, 2020 election is very important and all of us need to be informed voters. Therefore, there is a need to hold forums and allow the public to ask questions in order to make the right decision on their ballot. Please watch for more information. It will be posted on our facebook page and also on our web-site.

Karen Schley <ahmail54303@gmail.com>

### IMPORTANT YEAR FOR ELECTIONS

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 will be mailed to those people who have requested them for the

November 3 election starting September 17.

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

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

Janet Hathaway

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Please add this new member's 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.

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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](#)