

# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2020-2021



# 100th ANNIVERSARY of Women's Right To Vote



Excerpts from "The Hill We Climb" read at the 2021 Presidential Inauguration

*“Somehow we’ve weathered and witnessed  
a nation that isn’t broken  
but simply unfinished...  
And yes we are far from polished  
far from pristine  
but that doesn’t mean we are  
striving to form a union that is perfect  
We are striving to forge a union with purpose  
To compose a country committed to all cultures, colors,  
characters and conditions of man”*

**Amanda Gorman,  
National Youth Poet Laureate**



Cover designed by Es Huiting. Pictures by Sam Hutchison.

Pictures from 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment, starting in left upper corner: Melissa Decker Cheslock, presenter; 2. Brown County Executive Troy Streckenbach, Mayor Eric Genrich, Amanda Chu, and Melissa Decker Cheslock; 3. Jessica Quintana, presenter; 4. Amanda Chu, presenter; 5. Bell ringers from First United Methodist Church; Nancy Wakefield with the quilt she created for the 100 Year Anniversary of the 19th Amendment. (Not pictured are: Mercy Metoxen, presenter, and Lindsay Dorff, event MC and Brown County Supervisor.)

As we begin our 101st year I would like to reflect on what a remarkable year 2020 was for our League. We have faced so many challenges over the last twelve months, yet we have managed to get through them stronger and more resilient than ever. Not only did we figure out how to continue our work during a pandemic, we were able to do it without missing a beat. As an organization we continued to work together on shared issues despite the obstacles brought on by the pandemic. Our passion for and our commitment to our shared issues is our strength. 2020 was a historic year for the League of Women Voters of Greater Green Bay.

Here are just a few highlights from the past 12 months:

- Our membership grew by 22%.
- We sponsored candidate forums.
- We expanded our social media reach via our Website, Facebook and YouTube.
- We turned to using social media and the technology of GoToMeeting to reach people.
- We held our Annual Meeting, Lively Issues and Holiday events on-line.
- We celebrated the 19th Amendment 100th Anniversary with a Bell Ringing event.
- Thanks to members' generous contributions, the Fair Elections Team was able to continue their efforts to educate the public about the Nonpartisan Redistricting Question on the Brown County ballot.
- We partnered with COVO to help register voters.
- Many of our members worked as poll workers.
- The Voter Forum Committee sponsored the film The Reunited States.
- We created a video celebrating our 50 year LWVGGB members.
- The Environmental Committee partnered with New Leaf Foods to present the film "Searching for Sustainability".

This year has been a very productive year of service. I am so grateful to those who served on the board and committees, as well as all who participated in our forums and programs.

We can all be so proud of what our League accomplished in our 100th Year. With hope for a return to normalcy and good health for all our members, we will continue our work into the next 100 years.

## **Linda Bartlett**

Vice President



## **Board of Directors**

### **OFFICERS**

Open Seat - President  
Linda Bartlett, Vice President  
Es Huiting, Co-Secretary  
Jean Dahlstrom, Co-Secretary  
Kathleen Riley, Treasurer

### **MEMBERS**

Beth Bashara  
Nancy Beaudry  
Denise Gaumer Hutchison  
Lauren Keenan  
Kathy Lockard  
Jean Marsch  
Barbara Paterick  
Karen Schley





## **Annual Members Meeting**

Saturday, May 1, 2021

11:00 am

Video Chat at GotoMeeting

The next 100 Years

Call to Order - Vice President Linda Bartlett

### **AGENDA**

- Secretary Call to Order and Welcome
- Housekeeping
- Secretary Attendance Report
- Additions to Agenda
- 50th Meeting Minutes
- Call for Readers of the 51th Minutes
- 2020-2021 Treasurer's Report
- Election of Officers and Directors
- Election of Nominating Committee
- 2020-2021 Review of Accomplishments
- 2021-2022 Budget with the revenue and expenses
- 2021-2022 Local Program
- Membership Lively Issues Continued
- Other New Business

#### **Annual Meeting Rules**

- Virtually: Mute your microphone. To be recognized, use the chatbox feature or raise your hand.
- Composition: The Annual Meeting is open to members of the LWVGGB.
- Debate: When addressing the Chair, first state your name.
- Motions: A motion must be 1)made; 2) seconded; 3)stated and read by the Chair; 4) open for discussion; 5)put to vote; 6) results of the vote declared by the chair.
- Voting: A majority vote of those present shall be required.

# League of Women Voters of Greater Green Bay

50th Annual Meeting Minutes 7:00 pm, Tuesday, June 9, 2020

Virtual Meeting using GoToMeeting

**Call to Order:** Board Director Linda Bartlett called the 50th Annual Meeting of the

**LWVGGB to order at 7:04 pm.**

**Attendance Report:** Given by Co-Secretary Jean Dahlstrom. A quorum is present as our LWVGGB has 94 members and 10% is needed for a quorum according to Article VI Section 3 of our bylaws. Thirty-four members present for the meeting. We are able to conduct our annual meeting.

**49th Annual Meeting Minutes:** Barb Derenne and Beth Hudak approved the minutes for last year's meeting. Motion was made by Barbara Paterick and seconded by Beth Hudak to accept that any members who are present will be voting via email.

Call for readers of the 2020 minutes: Members who volunteered to be readers for the June 9, 2020 LWVGGB Annual Meeting are Jean Marsch, Barb Derenne and Kathy Lockard.

**Treasurer's Report:** (p.9) Treasurer Kathy Riley presented the Statement of Income/ Expenditures from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020. LWVGGB ended the year with an increase in the general fund of \$666, bringing the balance to \$10,539. The pass-through grant fund of \$250 was used to offset expenses incurred for the "How to make your vote count" event held in October 2019. The Patricia O'Neill Memorial fund was used to sponsor "What is the Future of Public Education" event held in September 2019. General funds and a LWVWI grant of \$150 were used to sponsor the Centennial Celebration on February 14, 2020.

## **Items for Discussions and Action:**

**2020-2021 Budget:** (p.10) Treasurer Kathy Riley explained the budget, which includes no increase in membership dues and no increase in Per Member Payment in support of LWVUS or Per Member Assessment in support of LWVWI. Annual LWVGGB dues almost cover the PMP and the PMA for memberships to the LWVUS and LWVWI. Any amount received from our members over our stated dues goes to support operations locally. Members have generously included additional donations in support of our local activities.

One event is planned using the Patricia O'Neill restricted funds. Due to concerns for the health and safety of members during the Coronavirus Pandemic, the National LWV and the Wisconsin State League in person conventions have been cancelled. Therefore no expenses for attendance are budgeted. Additional expenses for virtual meeting fees, printing and postage are budgeted to ensure that LWVGGB continues to operate in support of the Program.

Julie Arneth reminded the members that LWVGGB is also a member of the League of Women Voters of the Lake Michigan Region. Motion was made by Cheryl McCutcheon and seconded by Gail Hohenstein to approve the 2020-2021 budget. Twenty-two members who attended voted "Yes".\*

**2020-2021 Local Program:** (p.10) At the January 11, 2020 Lively Issues the LWVGGB 2020-2021 Program was discussed and forwarded to the LWVGGB Board for consideration. Program changes evolved around additions and a simplification of language, which was identified through bold lettering and underlining. The eliminated items were "struck out" with a line running through them. A significant addition under Recommended Action Priority was "Educate the membership and community about the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact and advocate League's position." In addition is the monitoring of "Community efforts as related to substance abuse and behavioral health issues".

Motion was made by Cheryl McCutcheon and seconded by Julie Arneth to approve the 2020-2021 Local Program. Twenty-two members who attended voted "Yes".\*

**Election of Officers and Directors 2020-2021:** (p.11) Karen Schley presented the Nominating Committee Report for 2020-2021.

**Nomination: Officers 2020-2022**

President: Open seat

Vice-President: Linda Bartlett

Treasurer: Kathy Riley

**Nomination: Board Members 2020-2022**

Nancy Beaudry, Kathy Lockard, Karen Schley

**Continuing Officers: 2019-2021**

Co-Secretaries: Jean Dahlstrom and Es Huiting

**Continuing Board Members: 2019-2021**

Denise Gaumer Hutchison, Barbara Paterick, Nancy Wakefield

**Nominating Committee: 2020-2021**

Nancy Wakefield-Liaison, Colleen Gruszynski and Sue Whitemore

**One-year Board Members:** appointed by the Board - LWVGGB Bylaws, Beth Bashara, Rebecca Berger, Lauren Keenan, Jean Marsch

Respectfully submitted by the 2019-2020 Nominating Committee:

Karen Schley-Liaison, Joyce McCollum and Helen Schwartz

Motion was made by Linda Bartlett and seconded by Barb Derenne to approve the Officers and Directors. Twenty-two members who attended voted "Yes" \*

Motion was made by Barb Derenne and seconded by Lauren Keenan to approve the Nominating Committee Report. Twenty-two members who attended voted "Yes".\*

**Directions to the Board:**

Karen Schley believes that considering Covid-19, the Board needs to look into developing a means of holding virtual forums for the upcoming local elections.

**Announcements:**

Anneliese Waggoner announced that the Brown County Board Supervisors will be voting on whether or not to allow an advisory referendum to be placed on the November 3rd ballot, which would ask voters whether the Wisconsin Legislature should create a nonpartisan procedure for redistricting. She encouraged members to contact their county supervisors along with educating new members, friends and relations as to the significance of redistricting.

Denise Gaumer Hutchison announced that the Hero Act has passed the U.S. House of Representatives, but the Senate is yet to vote on it. Since it deals with major funding for public education Denise is encouraging members to contact the two U.S. Senators, Baldwin and Johnson.

Linda Bartlett introduced Meagan Whelan, a recent graduate of the University of North Carolina, who will be working on Vote411 for the LWVGGB.

The League is looking for an interested member who would run the Observer Corp roster of volunteers of LWVGGB members who would sign up to attend the Brown County Supervisors, Green Bay City Council and the Green Bay School Board Meetings.

June 13 LWVWI Virtual State Convention

June 25-27 LWVUS Virtual National Convention

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Denise Gaumer Hutchison and seconded by Barb Paterick for adjournment.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:45 pm Respectfully submitted by Es Huiting, Co-Secretary

## 50th LWVGGB Annual Meeting Attendees: 34 members

Julie Arneth	Gwen Girard	Cheryl McCutcheon
Linda Bartlett	Steven Herro	Barbara Paterick
Beth Bashara	Gail Hohenstein	Sandy Polarek
Becca Berger	Beth Hudak	Mary Radue
Barbara Brown	Esther Huiting	Sara Ramaker
John Crain	Denise Gaumer Hutchison	Kathleen Riley
Judy Crain	Lauren Keenan	Barbara Robinson
Jean Dahlstrom	Kathy Lefebvre	Karen Schley
Carol R. DeGroot	Kathy Lockard	Jean Sweetland
Barb Derenne	Erin Marsch	Meagan Whalen
Nancy Gibson	Jean Marsch	Sue Whittemore
		Anneliese Waggoner

\* Voting was done via email after the meeting adjourned. Twenty-two of the thirty-four members who attended the Virtual Meeting responded. Spread sheet for the voting results on page 4.



## Your Dues

We appreciate that the ability to pay changes at different times in our lives. The value of your involvement is consistently important to us. We look to our **Sustaining Members**, those who are at a point in their lives where they can make a higher contribution to ensure our local league grows stronger and more vibrant. More than half of our members are sustaining.

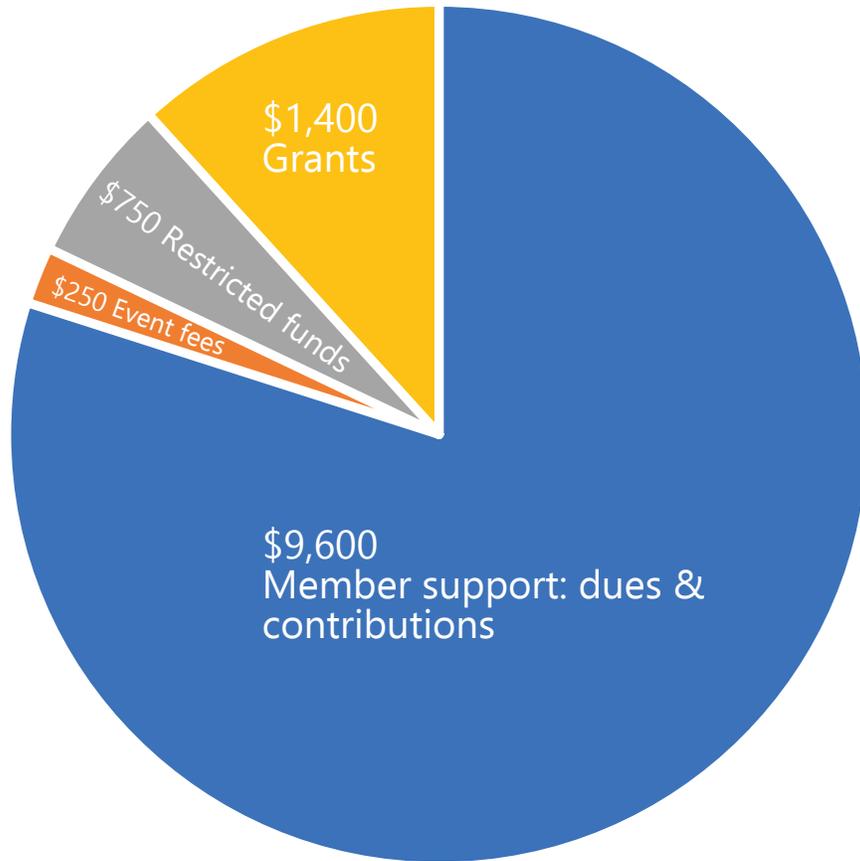
We also offer a Member Assistance Program to subsidized membership dues for individuals with extended financial obligations. If you or someone you know is not able to join because of financial hardship, please encourage them to reach out to the Board President for more assistance.

	<b>DUES</b>
<b>Individual Member:</b> Fee covers \$32 US; \$30 WI; and \$8 GGB	\$70
<b>*Sustaining Member:</b> Fee covers \$32 US; \$30 WI; and \$68 GGB	\$130
<b>Student:</b> Currently enrolled in high school or higher education	\$10
<b>Individual Add'l Household Member (living at same address):</b> Fee covers \$16 US; \$15 WI; \$4 GGB	\$35
<b>*Sustaining Add'l Household Member (living at same address):</b> Fee covers \$16 US; \$15 WI; and \$34 GGB	\$65
<b>Lifetime Members (serving the League for 50 years or more):</b>	\$0

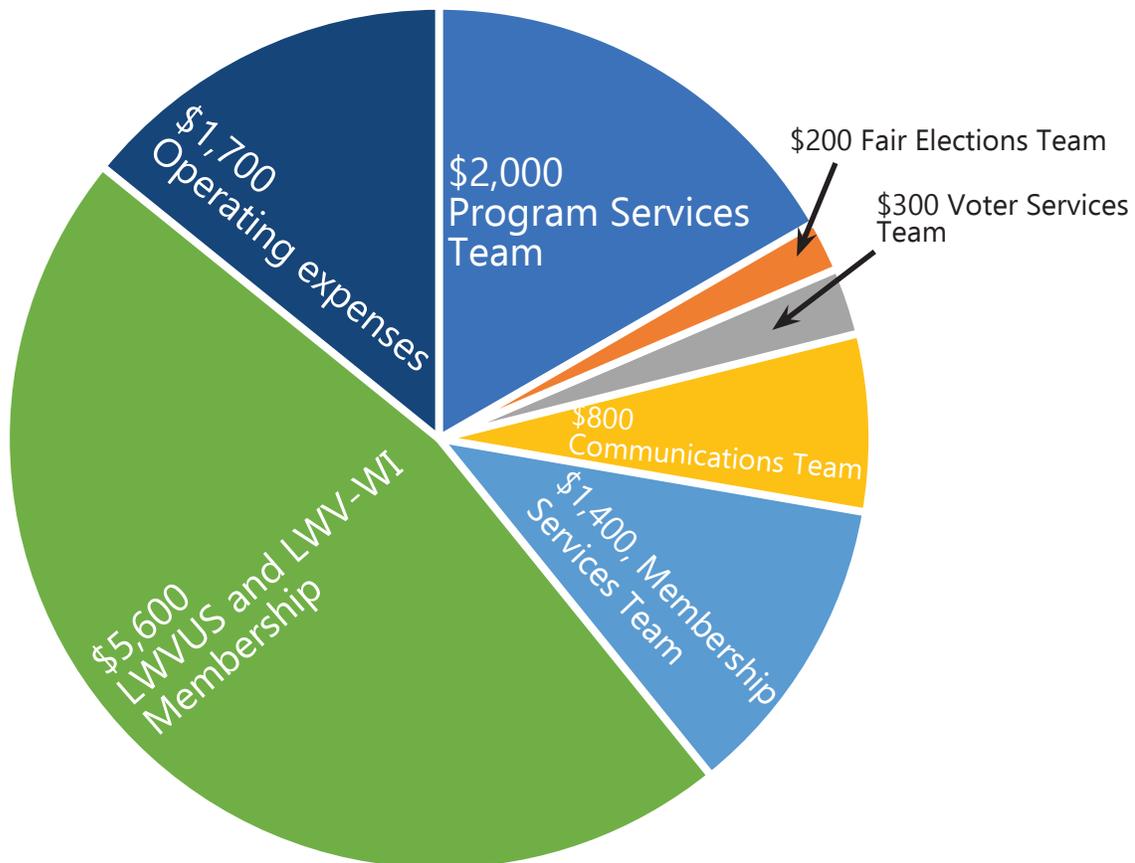
As a League member, a portion of your membership dues goes to the League of Women Voters of the United States, League of Women Voters of Wisconsin, and our local League.

# 2021-2022 Budget

2021-2022 Revenue = \$12,000



2021-2022 Expenses = \$12,000



# Our Involvement



*The following is an excerpt from Mildred (Mrs. Ralph) Smith's report on the League's work. Note her hopes that the League will "take the lead in keeping the program going." (taken from the League's archives at UWGB)*

"The Mayor's Committee for Cleaner and more beautiful Green Day is an outgrowth of the advisory and Appeal Board set up in the Green Bay Air Pollution Control Ordinance. This ordinance was adopted in 1950 after a five-year educational and promotional program by the League of Women Voters.

Many new residents do not know that Green Bay was one of the dirtiest cities in the U.S. in 1945. Chimneys,

belching black smoke, were considered signs of a prosperous city. One scrunched through soot and fly ash when he walked on the downtown streets and sidewalks. One eye doctor said that 50% of his business was taking soot and fly ash out of peoples' eyes. The Public Service Company alone was spewing 200 tons of fly ash over a 7-mile radius every day in 1945. We had 90 tons of soot per square mile per month in the downtown area. Now it is down to 16.2 tons. The dust is collected in dust pots on top of high buildings and analyzed.

The project started when the League wanted a local item to work on in 1945. I swept our front porch and took a candy box full of dust to a League meeting suggesting an air pollution study. The League in its usual manner did a great deal of research. We found out the awful damage done by impure air to humans and the environment. Fortified with the data and with the knowledge that smoke showed improper firing and a 50% waste of fuel, that sulfite liquor which had been polluting our rivers could allay dust and had other commercial value, that fly ash could be used to prevent concrete from cracking in winter, we started publicity. We had panel discussions and alerted all of the women's organizations in town. Businessmen were afraid to support us and factories said we would ruin the city.

We had election forums and found out what candidates would support our pollution project. Finally, in 1950 our proposed Air Pollution Control Ordinance was ready for action in the city council. The council chambers were packed. Finally, Alderman Perkins said, "We have to pass this ordinance, we have 10,000 women on our necks." They passed it.

Green Bay has received national recognition for our work in litter prevention, air and water pollution control, and beautification; we were pioneers in this program. Only 30% of the cities in the U.S. have air pollution control ordinances. We received the All-American City Award for citizen action in the community in April 1965. We had a tremendous parade on May 15, 1965, with 35,000 spectators for we were the first city in Wisconsin to win this award.

The Mayor's Committee gets no financial support from the city. It is a good example of what committee action can accomplish at no cost. It is my hope that League members will take the lead in keeping the program going. League members who are really interested and active can accomplish anything.

Mildred Smith (Mrs. Ralph)  
Chairman"

# Our Members

Recognition and honoring of our longtime members that continue the League's work for over 20 years!



LWVGGB participated in a special League of Women Voters of Wisconsin's video project recognizing members around the state who have been active in the League for more than 50 years. A special thanks to our long-time members, Judy Crain and Sue Whittemore for helping us document these amazing women.

## **20+ Years**

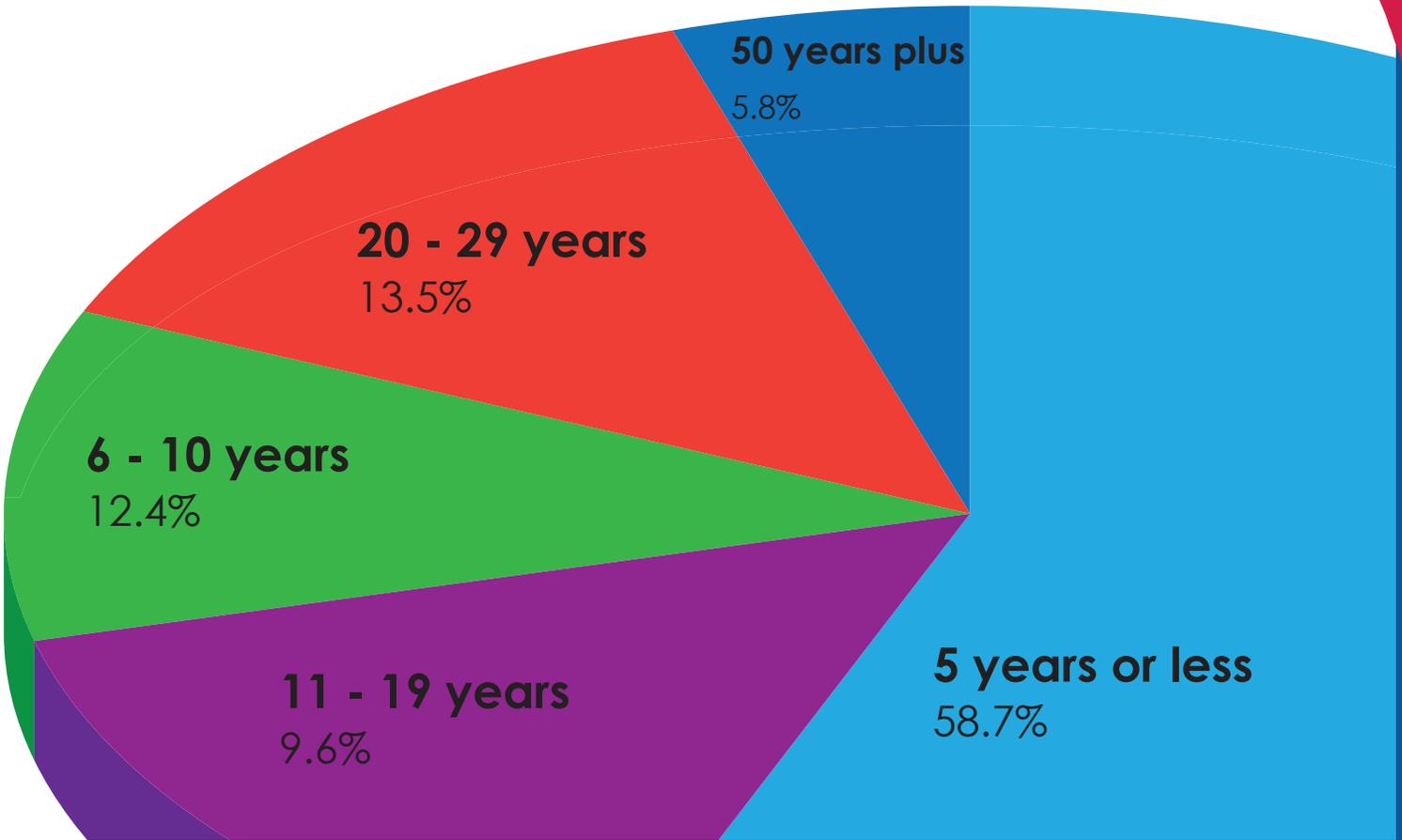
Julie Arneth  
Sandra Burrows  
Carol R. De Groot  
Alison Frazier  
Dorothy Juengst  
Fred Juengst  
Jean Marsch  
Joyce Mc Collum  
Sara Ramaker  
Janet Schoenebeck  
Helen Schwartz  
Lee Schwartz  
Clayton Smits  
Bonnie Vastag

## **50+ Years**

Judith Crain  
Shirlyn Miller  
Joan Mills  
Elaine Milson  
Adrienne Schmitz  
Sue Whittemore

# Membership Breakdown

In 2020-2021 there are 108 members of the LWVGGB. The following shows the breakdown by the number of years of being a member in this League.



## OUR MEMBERS SERVING AT THE STATE, REGIONAL, OR NATIONAL LEVEL

### STATE COMMITTEES

**Colleen Gruszynski**, LWVWI Legislative Committee

**Barbara Paterick**,

- LWVWI Legislative Committee, with a portfolio of National Popular Vote and Redistricting
- Chair of LWVWI NPV working group
- 2021-2022 Chair of the LWVWI Nominating Committee

**Kathy Lockhard**

LWVWI Ad Hoc Work Group Community Alliances Committee

### REGIONAL COMMITTEE

**Julie Arneith**, Board member in 2020 of LWV Lake Michigan Region

Thank You for representing LWVGGB

# Get Involved!

We are grateful for your good thoughts and contributions at all levels, yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

Currently, we are seeking assistance for the following:

## **Treasurer**

Are you interested in a leadership position with the local league? Do you have accounting experience? Do you like to present financial data in a way that moves an organization forward in achieving its goals? Do you like making what seems complicated simple? Do you like efficiency and a challenge?

The position is open effective April 1, 2022. Contact LWVGGB Treasurer, Contact Kathleen Riley.

## **New Alternative Election Methods Committee Leader**

An interesting new committee to explore/discuss alternative voting methods such as Rank Choice Voting and Top 5 Voting. To do this we need a leader!!!! If interested, please come forward! Contact Barb Paterick.

## **Historical Curator**

Looking for someone with organizational skills, a love of history, and a desire to work on projects that promote our long history of good works. Contact Denise Gaumer-Hutchison.

## **Sunshine Coordinator**

Do you enjoy meeting new people and helping make them feel welcome? Are you someone who enjoys the old fashion action of sending a card? Contact Beth Bashara.

## **Members Coordinator**

Looking for people with computer skills, survey work, and managing data. Contact Beth Bashara.

## **Representative**

League of Women Voters of Lake Michigan Region is looking for representation from this area for their board/committee to work on collaborative water issues of our great lakes. Contact Julie Arneith.

# It is time to reactivate our Observer Corp!

For more information, to volunteer to lead/coordinate, or to volunteer to help, please contact Linda Bartlett, LWVGGB Vice-President.

## Why do we need an active Observer Corps?

1. To watch community boards and commissions' general operations. What issues are being discussed and how is the meeting being conducted? Does the agency comply with the open meeting laws?
2. To note any issues the LWVGGB currently has a positions on and report back to the Board.
3. Observing makes a statement that the community is watching the process of government. The League observer is the representative of the public at these meetings.

## What to do when you observe:

Go to the meeting, wearing your League of Women Voters button. Get a copy of the agenda (check whether it is available in advance online) and any other reports that are available. You don't have to read them all! You may not speak for the League at the meeting. Outside of the meeting you can ask questions of staff and officials.

If you can't be at the meeting in person, then watch it online. While the officials may not see you, you can still monitor the meeting.

## Let us know your thoughts and ideas!

### Contact Linda Bartlett

*"The League's important work continues because there are still citizens in the United States without the right or access to participate in the voting process. We must help everyone who wants to vote have an opportunity and right to vote."* **Denise Gaumer Hutchison**

# Nomination Report

Board of the League of Women Voters of Greater Green Bay  
Nomination for the Board

## **Nomination: Officers 2021-2023**

President	2021-22	Linda Bartlett
Vice-President	2021-23	Colleen Gruszynski
Secretary	2021-23	Beth Bashara

## **Continuing Officer**

Treasurer	2021-22	Kathy Riley
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## **Nominations: Board Member for 2-year Terms**

New Board Members

Gail Hohenstein	2021-2023
Terri Gulyas	2021-2023
Dawn Smith	2021-2023

## **Continuing Board Members**

Jean Marsch	2021-2023
Denise Gaumer Hutchison	2021-2023
Lauren Keenan	2021-2023
Nancy Beaudry	2020-2022
Kathy Lockard	2020-2022
Karen Schley	2020-2022
Barb Paterick	2020-2022

## **Nominating Committee for 2022-2023**

Colleen Gruszynski	League Vice President
Sue Whittemore	2022-2023
+1 other member	TBD

## **Submitted by the 2021-2022 Nominating Committee**

Sue Whittemore  
Colleen Gruszynski  
Denise Gaumer Hutchison (Board Representative)



**County of Brown/City of Green Bay  
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE AND MAYOR**



**OFFICIAL JOINT PROCLAMATION  
Women's Equality Day Proclamation**

**Whereas**, the women of Brown County and Greater Green Bay have historically been treated as second-class citizens and have often been denied the full rights and privileges, public or private, legal or institutional, which are available to male citizens of Brown County and Greater Green Bay; and

**Whereas**, the women of Brown County and Greater Green Bay have united to assure that these rights and privileges are available to ALL citizens equally; and

**Whereas**, the women of Brown County and Greater Green Bay have designated August 26, the anniversary date of the certification of the Nineteenth Amendment, which culminated a decades-long, non-violent campaign to extend the right to vote to women, as a symbol of the continued fight for equal rights; and

**Whereas**, residents of Brown County and Greater Green Bay should honor the trailblazing women who have fought for, and achieved, incredible gains in equality since the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment; and

**Whereas**, the women of Brown County and Greater Green Bay have fought hard for accomplishments that have strengthened our economy, our communities, and our families and have enriched the American spirit; and

**Whereas**, the women of Brown County and Greater Green Bay are to be commended and supported in their organizations and activities.

**Now, Therefore**, I, Troy Streckenbach, Executive of Brown County, and Eric Genrich, Mayor of Green Bay, do hereby proclaim **August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020** as

**WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY**

in the County of Brown and City of Green Bay and thank the women of Brown County and Greater Green Bay for their resolve, innovation, leadership, passion, and compassion which has changed our community and the world around you, while continuing to inspire future generations of women.

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020

Eric Genrich  
Green Bay Mayor

Troy Streckenbach  
Brown County Executive



# Our Work

## Fair Elections Team

### 2020-2021 Accomplishments

- Fair Voting Maps (FVM): actively encouraged citizens to apply to serve on the Brown County Citizens' Drafting Ad Hoc Committee. Two out of the seven-member committee, applied because of encouragement by LWVGGB members. This county committee had its initial meeting in October and will set guidelines for drawing voting districts for the county board in cooperation with the county planning department.

- Fair Voting Maps (FVM): Starting in early 2019 we advocated for a county referendum for nonpartisan state redistricting to be on the ballot in November.

- In September committee members worked on a publicity campaign to educate the public about the importance of ending gerrymandering. Over \$13,000 from members and other supporters were raised and used to purchase bumper stickers, print and mail 3000+ postcards, and purchase billboard and newspaper advertising. The referendum passed with 71%, favoring non-partisan redistricting, a level playing field in the legislature that allows all voices to be heard.



- National Popular Vote (NPV): In September, with the assistance of Dan Theno and Barb Paterick, we presented a two-part virtual educational event for students/faculty at UWGB and St. Norbert College about gerrymandering/nonpartisan redistricting and the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact (NPVIC). We anticipate passage of the NPVIC bill will be a several year process.

### 2021-2022 Goals:

- The FVM committee will work to get support from members and the community to advocate with legislators for fair (nonpartisan) voting maps and transparency in the mapping process in 2021, as well as for a law governing future decennial redistricting. We will also monitor the progress of the Brown County Redistricting Citizens' Committee.
- Both FVM and NPV committees will continue to educate/advocate for FVM and NPV with the public and with state legislators and will coordinate with LWVWI state working committees on FVM & NPV.

### Fair Election Team Members

Chair: Barb Paterick (also Chair of National Popular Vote); Members: Julie Arneth, Linda Bartlett, Jane Benson, Becca Berger, Barbara Brown, Jill Fermanich, Colleen Gruszynski, Jean Hamersky, Janet Hathaway, Lauren Keenan, Davis Littig, Kathy Lockard, Lea Marie, Joyce McCollum, Cheryl McCutcheon, Florence Parfitt, Sara Ramaker, Kathy Riley, Katie M Schmidt, Helen Schwartz, Jean Sweetland, Alex Tran, Linda Van Beek, Anneliese Waggoner (Chair of Fair Voting Maps)

*"It is exciting to see citizen involvement in this important activity [redistricting], one that takes place only every ten years following a census. Voters should choose their legislators, not the other way around."* - **Barb Paterick, Fair Election Team Chair.**

## Voter Services



*"This past election cycle was very busy. Many LWVGGB members and volunteers worked hard to accomplish the goal of reaching as many voters as possible. As much as I wish these forums could have been held in person, I feel the LWVGGB did the right thing in moving to virtual forums for the safety of all concerned. These forums were truly a "team effort" and I am grateful for all the help I received. THANK YOU!!!"*

- **Karen Schley, Voter Services Chair**

State Supreme Court Forum at the Brown County Library

### 2020-2021 Accomplishments

Even with all the complications in dealing with the pandemic, we held several candidate forums. LWVGGB members and interested citizens emailed questions to the forums. The questions were sorted by Gail Hohenstein. Kathy Lockard posted information on Facebook and Linda Bartlett put these events on our website. Jane Benson and Denise Gaumer Hutchison handled our press releases. Don Dahlstrom was the time-keeper, and Steve Herro handled the technology.

- Sandra Ewald and Jonathon Hansen, candidates for the 30th Assembly District, forum was held July 13 at the Brown County Central Library with NO LIVE AUDIENCE! All who were in attendance were wearing masks and we practiced strict social distancing. Jean Marsch was the moderator.



- Staush Gruszynski, the incumbent 90th Assembly District, faced his challenger, Kristina Shelton on July 15 in a totally virtual forum. Appleton league, Jacqui Klimaszewski, served as moderator.
- The candidates for the 30th Assembly District, Jonathon Hansen, and Eric Wimberger meet virtually on September 14. Jean Marsch was the moderator.

• Candidates Drew Kirsteatter and Kristina Shelton, running for the 90th Assembly District, participated in a Forum on Sept. 17. Moderator was Jean Marsch.

• Three more virtual forums were: Suamico Village Trustee Forum on March 4 at 6:30 pm; Green Bay School Board Forum on March 9, at 6:30 pm; and Howard-Suamico School Board Forum on March 25 at 6:30 pm.

• The LWVGGB partnered with the Appleton and Door County Leagues, to hold a forum on October 6 with the candidates for the 8th Congressional District, Congressman Michael Gallagher, and his opponent, Amanda Stuck. Shirley Senarighi, from the Door County League, was the moderator. The Door County League handled the technology.

• Voter Services worked with the Madison League to get information out to citizens on voting and absentee ballot. The area food banks were contacted. Many of them gave permission to have information added to their food distribution.

### **2021-2022 Goals:**

- To continue the mission we are on: hold virtual forums as needed and hope for the end of this pandemic so in-person forums can be held again.

# Healthcare Committee

*"The pandemic taught us all new ways to stay connected in meaningful ways with family, friends, and League members. League members are resourceful people and nothing will keep us from keeping our commitments to our family and our community."*

**- Jean Marsch, Chair Healthcare Committee.**



## 2020-2021 Accomplishments

- In August 2020, the Brown County Board added a second advisory referendum question to the November 3, 2020 ballot. Via the LWVGGB newsletter provided an explanation to clarify what the vote for or against would mean.
- Member Teri Gulyas represents the LWVGGB on the Brown County Alcohol and Drug Coalition for Changes

## 2021-2022 Goals:

- Identify the on-going changes in healthcare and recommend appropriate actions.
- Promote and advocate for accessible and preventative healthcare for all people in Brown County.
- Monitor the impact of Covid-19 on the physical and mental health of people in Brown County.
- Educate the membership on healthcare issues.

## HEALTHCARE COMMITTEE

Chair: Jean Marsch (Affordable Healthcare Act) and Sue Whitemore (Medicare/Medicaid & Social Security), Helen Schwartz (Public Health), Dottie Juengst (Women's Health & Pandemic Equity), Nancy Gibson (COVID in WI), Sandy Burrows (Aging in WI), Gwen Girard (Medicare), Carol DeGroot (Mental Health), and Terri Gulyas (Drugs and Alcohol Issues)

# Environment Committee

## 2020-2021 Accomplishments

• Hosted a public virtual event on March 20, "Sustainable Farming and Your Food: What's Happening in Northeast Wisconsin." Planning began in fall of 2020, with a decision to use the documentary film "Searching for Sustainability" along with a panel discussion. The panelists were Valerie Dantoin, executive producer of the film, Tara Yang of NEW Food Forum, and Bill Van Beek. The event was co-hosted with NEW Leaf Foods to publicize the event to their members and contacts. Kathy Lefebvre moderated the panel discussion, and Steve Herro managed the technology.



## 2021-2022 Goals:

- Evaluate success of March 20, event and identify ways to follow up on issues of food sustainability, local food connections, and environmental impacts, particularly with the film "Wasted: The Story of Food Waste," and discussion of the data showing its impact on climate change.
- Partner with the League's Health Care Committee on climate change and health.
- Ensure representation on the LWV Lake Michigan Region Inter-League organization
- Plan for a program on Green Economic Development.
- Continue discussion about a public program with climate scientist Katherine Hayhoe.
- Monitor regional and state-wide environmental issues and contact state legislators when needed.
- Monitor Brown County Board and Green Bay Common Council decisions and policies impacting the environment; monitor Green Bay Sustainability Commission activities and decisions. Attend any of these meetings when it seems necessary for advocacy.
- Inform the LWVGGB membership about environmental issues by including news and information in the monthly LWVGGB newsletter and Facebook.
- Maintain contacts with other local and state environmental organizations including Clean Water Action Council, Citizens Climate Lobby, NEW Leaf Foods, Clean Bay Backers, Wisconsin Conservation Voters, Green Fire, and Clean Wisconsin.

## Environment Committee

Chair: Kathy Lefebvre, Members: Kathy Lockard, Carol De Groot, Nancy Wakefield, Carolyn Hawk, Julie Arneth, Terri Gulyas, Janet Schoenebeck, Mary Radue; Jean Dahlstrom, Steven Herro, Karen Kirsten, Florence Parfitt, Brenda Staudenmaier, and Don Dahlstrom

# Public Education Committee

## 2020-2021 Accomplishments

- Welcomed guest speakers:
  - Chris Thiel, Government Relations Director from Milwaukee Public Schools to educate the PEC on the new budget from the DPI in the Governor's state budget.
  - Steve Murley, Green Bay Area Public Schools' new Superintendent, to get to know him and understand his goals for the GBAPS and how the LWVGGB PEC can be involved in those plans.
- Participated in webinars from the Public Schools Public Funds organization to better understand the impact of vouchers nationwide.
- Co-sponsored with Wisconsin Public Education Network the State Superintendent Primary to get to know the State Superintendent candidates regarding their goals for the DPI.
- Participated in the WPEN Book Study: "Despite the Best Intentions" to understand the issues of systemic racism and the steps that can be taken to respond effectively about systemic racism

## 2020-2021 Goals

- Advocate for well-funded, high-quality public education for all children in Brown County.
- Monitor the impact of Covid-19 on the public schools in Brown County assessing the physical and mental health as well as the economic health of children in our public schools, staff working in our public schools, the families of those groups, and the school districts themselves.
- Monitor changes in public education laws, policy, and funding, specifically around the issue of vouchers/voucher expansion, special education funding, poverty funding, and disbursement of COVID 19 funding.
- Educate on public education issues facing our community and the state.
- Identify the on-going challenges in public education and recommend appropriate action to benefit the public schools in NE Wisconsin.
- Identify issues for study and/or action for the following: voucher expansion, expansion of nonpublic charter schools, alternatives to in-person education, mental health support, and systemic racism.

## Public Education Committee

Denise Gaumer Hutchison, chair. Members are: Sheila Crandler, Gwen Girard, Kathleen and Tom Joynt, Sandy Polarek, Dawn Smith, Jean Sweetland, Doris Ziesemer, Beth Bashara, Esther Huiting, Kathy Lockard, Dotty Juengst, Jean Marsch, Jean Dahlstrom, Sue Whitte-more, Terri Gulyas, Julie Arneth, Meagan Whalen, and Judy Crain

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# Communication Team

## 2020-2021 Accomplishments

- Produced Voter Services Forums in an electronic/virtual format that became the standard for Leagues around the area.
- Added YouTube coverage to our list of promotional vehicles.
- Co-hosted the State Superintendent Forums with Wisconsin Public Education Network.
- Provided support for early, in-person voting and absentee voting services.



- Had numerous print, television, and radio stories on LWVGGB events and 19th Amendment.
- Created a media campaign around Fair Maps.
- Created two LWVGGB wide events to celebrate and acknowledge the 19th Amendment 100th Anniversary and the 100th Anniversary of the LWV. Received two proclamations from the Brown County Executive and the Mayor of Green Bay.
- Promoted voter registration programs with COVO (coalition of voting organizations).

## 2021-2022 Goals:

- To ensure the mission, vision, and values of the LWVGGB are presented through all LWVGGB programs to members, the community, and the legislature/candidates.
- To standardize branding and wording to reflect LWVGGB mission, vision, and values as presented by all groups/committees to members, communities, and legislature/candidates.
- To create an avenue for all committees to receive the communication help and support necessary for them to be effective with consistent and accurate communication.
- Access a vehicle/medium to reach a younger audience with LWV message.
- Meet with all team members regarding their various responsibilities and review their budgets and plans so a comprehensive calendar, plan, and budget can be presented to the Treasurer.
- Develop a Vote 411 program for LWVGGBE to enhance signage for exposure at events.



### **Communication Service Team**

Chair: Denise Gaumer Hutchison; Members: Linda Bartlett (website, YouTube and Vote 411), Jane Benson (press release distribution), Es Huiting (creative services), Kathy Lockard (Facebook), Jean Sweatland (newsletter).

## **Membership Team**

### **2020-2021 Accomplishments**

- Introduced new ways of communication to reach our members, creating and distributing on-line surveys.
- Activated tasks and committees that are working on: updating new member orientation, fee structure, on-line registration.
- Created a team for putting together the annual report.

### **2021-2022 Goals:**

- Create team and review and update current documents and processes for new member orientation.
- Create materials for and records of members' engagements in LWVGGB committees and programs.
- Create a Future Leaders summit for interested members, especially those of diverse backgrounds, who could bring so much to the organization relating to leadership, volunteering, and civic duties.

### **Membership Service Team**

Co-chairs: Kathy Riley and Beth Bashara; Members: Julie Arneith, Linda Barlett, John Crain, Colleen Gruszynski, Nancy Wakefield, Sue Whittemore.

# Members Lively Issues Discussion

January 2, 2021

## Mission and Vision

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

<b>LWVUS Priorities</b>	<b>Action LWVGGB (position with intent to change)</b>
<p><b>Voting Rights and Elections</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expanding Voter Access</li> <li>• Redistricting</li> <li>• National Popular Vote for President/Vice President</li> <li>• Educating Voters</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educate the membership and community about the League’s position on nonpartisan redistricting and advocate for nonpartisan redistricting.</li> <li>• Educate the membership and community, and legislators about the Nation Popular Vote Interstate Compact and advocate for NPV.</li> <li>• Promote voter interest, education, registration, and turnout.</li> <li>• Investigate, educate, and advocate for fair, honest, and transparent elections and election methods.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Governance</b> Transparency, Efficiency, and effectiveness</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commit to Observer Corp members attend Brown County and Green Bay City Council meetings. Reports from observers at other Brown County area meetings are encouraged.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Healthcare</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify the on-going changes in healthcare and recommend appropriate action.</li> <li>• Promote and advocate for accessible, affordable, and preventative health care for all people in Brown County.</li> <li>• Impact of Covid on people’s health and mental health</li> </ul>
<p><b>Environment</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educate our members and community about issues related to climate change, the environment, and recycling. Advocate for policies that will remediate negative effects.</li> <li>• Identify issues related to climate change and the environment.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Immigration</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore creating a committee to look at the issues in immigration and naturalization.</li> <li>• Identify and advocate for issues related to immigration and naturalization.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Education</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Superintendent Race</li> <li>• Support and advocate for strong public education.</li> <li>• To meet the needs of public education by researching and communicating with policymakers and the community as to the need for sufficient state funding. The impact of vouchers, the need for high-quality teacher preparation and the effects of Covid on public education all need to be addressed.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Diversity, Inclusion, Equity</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commit to a greater emphasis on Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity for our membership recruitment efforts.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Preparing Leadership</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage people to seek election or appointment to public office that supports (that aligns) with the National League’s position on Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity.</li> </ul>

**Other issues to monitor for LWVGBB to consider for future actions:**

1. Programs and services related to the needs of the educationally, socially, and economically disadvantaged
2. Human trafficking - missing and murdered Indigenous women
3. Public transportation
4. Clean drinking water
5. Brown County recycling, landfill, and waste disposal.
6. Building alliances with other groups
7. Our elected officials on their actions ( is this part of the Observation Corp?)
8. Prison Reform, solitary confinement, and school-prison pipeline with funds being funneled to prisons.

*“In the next 100 years, all women will be seen as equal, will be treated as equal, will serve our country as equal and will have all the rights and responsibilities our Country offers awarded to them but most importantly, the League of Women Voters will have helped them achieve that right.”* **Denise Gaumer Hutchison**

# Meet Our Teams and Committees

What is the difference between a team and a committee is a very good question. The answer is evolving. Faced with virtual meetings, conducting business brought to light opportunities for improving our organizational structure and flow of information. Just how does information from our active members get up to the board and how does the board work get passed down to our members?

The answer: Teams, chaired by a member of the board, comprised of LWVGGB members heading committees or responsible for tasks, improve communication and provide updates from their members to the board and vice versa. This new organizational structure is a first step as we continue to find ways of working effectively and efficiently.

Join a team or committee today.

## **Fair Elections Team**

**Contact Barb [bpaterick@gmail.com](mailto:bpaterick@gmail.com)**

Ensuring fair representation for Greater Green Bay constituents. The Fair Election Team (FET) is the umbrella team for subcommittees that cover election-related topics. Presently we have 2 committees: Fair Voting Maps (nonpartisan redistricting) and National Popular Vote.

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## **Voter Services Team**

**Contact Karen at [ahmail54303@gmail.com](mailto:ahmail54303@gmail.com)**

Strengthen democracy and empower citizens through voter education, voter registration, and voter mobilization. Our mission is to keep the voters in our community informed about the candidates running for office and all issues and policies that affect them.

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## **Healthcare Committee**

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Promotes and advocates for accessible, affordable, and preventive health care for all people in Brown County.

## **Environment Committee**

**Contact Kathy at [kutz2du@gmail.com](mailto:kutz2du@gmail.com)**

Obligated to understand climate change and other negative effects on our ecology, the committee addresses environmental concerns with sensitivity to diversity, group equality, and inclusiveness. Our primary mission is to educate our League members with a secondary goal of outreach to communities in Northeast Wisconsin.

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## **Public Education Committee**

**Contact Denise at [denisegaumerhutchison@gmail.com](mailto:denisegaumerhutchison@gmail.com)**

Supports and advocates for strong public education in NE Wisconsin and around the state. Offer support statewide and nationwide where possible regarding public education issues.

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## **Communication Team**

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Maintains and enhances the approved LWVGGB brand through word, image, and presentations, to maintain the integrity of the information presented through the various channels of communication in print, social, website, media, and events. Supports and provides media/communication services to various LWVGGB workgroups/committees. Assists LWVGGB workgroups/committees with campaign design support for their issues/programs.

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## **Membership Team**

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Sustains and increases the number, diversity, equity, and inclusion of members by creating a nurturing and vibrant connection to our members.

*We are grateful for the generous help within our community including:*

- COVO (coalition of voting organizations) and*
- NWTC*
- Hunter Herminath , designer*
- William R. Mikolanz, Instructor at NWTC in Graphic Design*
- Co-secretaries Jean Dahlstrom and Es Huiting*

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