

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MANITOWOC COUNTY
JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

02/07	GD: Drug Policy in Latin America
02/14	GD: Biden's Agenda
02/17	Voting & Election Information
02/21	GD: Changing Demographics – Remote
02/28	GD: The Quad Alliance

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Dear Members,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! I want to thank George and Julie Grinde for hosting our recent Christmas Social held in December. Many league and board members attended and we all had a great time. I also want to take this time to thank ALL members who contribute and participate in many ways throughout the year. We appreciate every one of you.

I realize that the Spring 2022 Elections might seem far away, but in reality they are just around the corner. The Spring Primary will be held on February 15th and the Spring Election on April 5th. Let's make it our New Year's Resolution to vote in every election in 2022. Visit my [vote.wi.gov](https://www.vote.wi.gov) today to make sure that you are registered and to request all of your absentee ballots.

Encourage your friends and family to take up this resolution and check-in with one another as we get closer to elections.

As we approach the one year anniversary of the insurrection, let's celebrate the New Year and the FREEDOM to vote in 2022.

Sincerely,

Cathy

Take Action to Protect Our Voting Rights

Contact the Biden Administration and your Senators

Tell them to vote yes on The Freedom to Vote Act

The newly released ***Freedom to Vote Act*** is a transformative voting rights bill that will protect and expand the right to vote, decrease the influence of money in politics and curb partisan gerrymandering. This legislation will put power back into the hands of American voters by prioritizing voting access and participation, while also modernizing future elections to ensure a system that everyone can trust.

The Freedom to Vote Act addresses some of the most pressing issues facing our democracy by:

- Protecting voting rights;
- Getting big money out of politics;
- Curbing gerrymandering.

The National LWV is calling for the White House to use its power and influence to lead the fight for voting rights reforms that will:

- Protect and enforce voting rights;
- Address the historical barriers to voting;
- Provide oversight on voting rights violations;
- Hold states and bad actors accountable
- Create a democracy that is representative of all Americans.

The American people have been calling for national standards to protect our freedom to vote, ensure fair representation, and get big money out of politics. The introduction of the **Freedom to Vote Act** is proof that our voices have power in the halls of the US Senate. It's again time to add your voice and speak out!

The Freedom to Vote Act ensures that our democracy is protected and serves the American people.

**Your voice is powerful, now it's time to raise it up to the Oval Office.
Call on the Biden-Harris White House to lead this fight to protect our
freedom to vote.**

Call White House: 202-456-1111 or Email: [whitehouse.gov/contact](https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact)

**Now is also the time to let your Senators know we expect them
to protect our voting rights and to vote yes on the Freedom to Vote Act**

Sen. Ronald Johnson: Phone: 202-224-5353
Email: ronjohnson.senate.gov/email/-the-senator

Sen. Tammy Baldwin: Phone: 202-224-5653
Email: baldwin.senate.gov/contact-tammy

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MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE:

The League Mental Health Committee has finished its report on Mental Health Courts and it will be printed next week. Thanks to the League and League members Donna Firman and Steve Lankton for underwriting the cost of printing.

The Committee had planned to have a public forum later this month to promote the report to the community, but due to the Omicron Virus, we have rescheduled the forum until March 24. It will be held at City Hall and more information will be forthcoming about the event as it gets closer.

Once the report is printed, committee members will be distributing it to community stakeholders. The final report will be emailed to League members and it will be available on the League Website.

A special thank you goes to the report's editors, Maureen Crowley and Linda Gratz for all their hard work through many revisions.

INFORMATION ON REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS PROCEDURES:

On Thursday, February 17th, Jessica Backus, County Clerk and Jamie Aulik, will be presenting virtually at the Manitowoc Public Library information on registration, obtaining absentee ballots, and election procedures that ensure your vote. It will start at 6 pm. We are very grateful that Mr. Aulik can do this since he will be away from home.

GREAT DECISIONS:

This is the schedule with dates, Speakers and Topics for the Great Decisions Series. This will be conducted both in person and virtual at 6 PM with the Manitowoc Public Library. Notice that two presentations will be held remotely.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Topic</u>	
February 7	Pablo Toral	Beloit College	Drug Policy in Latin America	
February 14	Beth Dougherty	Beloit College	Biden's Agenda	
February 21	Alise Coen	UW Green Bay	Changing Demographics	Remote
February 28	Martin Farrell	Ripon College	The Quad Alliance	
March 7	Elizabeth Wheat	UW Green Bay	Climate Change	
March 14	Lowell Barrington	Marquette University	Russia	
March 21	Mary McCoy	UW Madison	Myanmar and ASEAN	
March 28	Kenneth Phillips	California Science Center	Outer Space	Remote

