

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MANITOWOC COUNTY
JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

02/05	GD: Climate Technology
02/06	Board Meeting
02/12	VIRTUAL: GD: Middle East Alignment Part I
02/15	Mental Health Meeting
02/19	GD: Middle East Alignment Part II
02/20	Primary Elections
02/22	Elections and How they work in Wisconsin
02/26	GD: Science and AI
03/05	GD:
03/06	Board Meeting
03/07	Two Rivers Forum for Common Council

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Dear League Members,

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!! Let us have a safe and healthy year. We have started the year with a record snowfall that has hindered many people from going out. We have been spoiled with fairly good weather for most of November and December.

The Board wishes to thank Julie and George Grinde for opening up their home for our annual Christmas Social. We are very grateful for their hospitality. Those who did attend had a great time and the weather cooperated with no ice or snow to maneuver.

There is nothing happening in January, but February brings many events. Great Decisions will begin again. The guest speakers will be here in person at the Manitowoc Public Library. It will be open to the public and online. Notice that on February 12th, it will be a virtual presentation.

Please take time to read the rest of the Newsletter for further information on all the events.

Thank you.

FORUM ON SCHOOL BASED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The League Mental Health Committee is sponsoring a forum on school based mental health services on **Thursday, February 15 at 6 pm at the Manitowoc Public Library**. The event will be co sponsored by NAMI and is free and open to the public.

Speakers on the panel will be Kristin Sterns from Lakeshore Community Clinic, Jenny Schneider, school social worker for the Two Rivers School District and Heather Baugniet, school counselor for Mishicot School District.

Recently, Lakeshore Community Clinic was awarded a \$700,000 federal grant to provide school based mental health services in the Manitowoc and Sheboygan areas. This has allowed them to expand the services they were already offering in some schools to most of the schools in the Manitowoc School District. Two Rivers School District also has mental health services available in the schools through a local provider.

With the post covid increase in students with mental health concerns, it is important to provide the services students need where they can access them. We will learn more about how school based mental health services are helping children and teens in our communities and what more can be done.

GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions will begin on Monday, February 5th, in the Balkansky Room of the Manitowoc Public Library at 6:00 pm – 7:45 pm. The series will be held for eight weeks ending on March 25th. It is open to the public and can be viewed online. The following programs for the month of February are as follows.

02/05: Climate Technology with Pablo Toral, PhD, Beloit College

02/12: Virtual Presentation on Middle East Alignment Part 1, with Alise Coen, PhD, UW-Green Bay

02/19: Middle East Alignment Part II, with Beth Dougherty, PhD, Beloit College

02/26: Science and AI, Matthew Friedel PhD, UW-Milwaukee

ELECTIONS

On Thursday, February 22nd, Meagan Wolfer from the Wisconsin Elections Commission will be coming to Manitowoc to speak with the LWV-Manitowoc County and our community on the Election process and how it works in Wisconsin. Location and time will be determined and published in the February Newsletter.

FORUMS

There will be a forum in the Two Rivers Chambers Room at City Hall on Thursday, March 7th at 7 pm. We will introduce the candidates who will have an opportunity to introduce themselves to the public and answer questions from the audience.

MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome our newest member to the League. Annette Kaminski lives in Two Rivers, Wisconsin. We look forward to seeing you at some of the events.

OBSERVATORY CORPS

This committee is looking for a member who could report on the Manitowoc Common Council. It meets once a month and can be observed on line. If you are interested, please contact Linda at llgratz47@gmail.com.