

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10/10	MEMBERSHIP TRIVIA NIGHT
10/16	PRIVATE SCHOOL VOUCHERS
10/16	END OF By-Mail Online Registration
10/18	BALDWIN & HOVDE DEBATE
10/22	IN-PERSON VOTING BEGINS
10/25-26	LWV-LAKE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE
11/01	END OF LATE REGISTRATION
11/03	END OF IN-PERSON VOTING
11/05	GENERAL ELECTION

Dear League Members:

We have two events happening in the month of October. Please mark your calendar for a fun night at the Tapped on the Lakeshore. It will begin at 6:30 pm for trivia night. Our next program will be held at the Manitowoc Public Library on Vouchers and the Impact it has on Local Taxes and Public Schools. These are two different programs but both appealing to all of our members. Please plan on attending these two events. More information is in the Newsletter.

I placed a lot of information on voting in our state. I came from a family of men who participated in World War II, starting with my dad, who was a drill sergeant that trained the young men who went overseas. My uncles served in the Coast Guard, U.S. Navy, U.S. Army, and the Marines. One of my uncles was in Germany when the Berlin Wall was built. I have a cousin who served in Viet Nam and my brother-in-law was in the Air Force. They believed in God, Country and Service.

It is because of their service and dedication that I strongly believe that EVERYONE should vote. It is our right and our privilege to take part of this important event.

REMEMBER WOMEN – We only have had the right to vote for 104 YEARS!!

MARKETING AND PUBLICITY

The League is gearing up for a fun recruitment event. We recruited Betsy Maliborski and Joan Geiger to help us reach younger potential members. They came up with the idea of a **Trivia Night**, which will be held on **Thursday, October 10th at Tapped on the Lakeshore, 3114 Memorial Drive, Two Rivers, Wisconsin from 6:30 (warm up/get drinks/form teams) to 9:00 pm**. Members should come with a potential new member, preferably of the next generation. Don't know anyone? Daughters, friends of daughters, church members, other volunteer organizations you belong to, someone you chat with at the grocery checkout. Remember, we are non-partisan, so the requirement is interest in the civic life of our community. All are welcome. Our aim is to enlist and activate 30 new members. This event will be followed up with outreach to new members to engage them and welcome them so they are comfortable getting involved. **ANOTHER** event in an alcohol free place is planned for early next year.

Contact board members for more info: Ginny Finnel, Jennifer Balma, Angela Zar, or Suzanne Zipperer. Help us get a great turn out by "friending" LWV Manitowoc on Facebook and Instagram and sharing the posts. Thank you for spreading the word.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

On Wednesday, October 16th at 6 pm, the LWV-MC will present in the Balkansky Room of the Manitowoc Public Library: "Private School Vouchers: How they Impact Local Taxes and the Public Schools."

SPEAKERS:

Denise Gaumer Hutchinson, Wisconsin Public Education Network.

The Wisconsin Public Education Network is a non-partisan grassroots coalition to support our public schools. Denise is also a member of the LWV in Brown County. Denise will give a history of private school vouchers in Wisconsin and will discuss the impact they have on taxpayers and our public schools. She will also provide information about the changes coming to the program in the upcoming years.

Angela Erdmann, Director of Business Services of Manitowoc Public Schools.
Angela will present a local perspective on the impact of private school vouchers on the Manitowoc Public School District.

VOTER SERVICES:

After multiple attempts were made to engage Representative Tittl in a primary candidate debate with no response, we stopped making efforts. This is a problem across all Leagues in the state where incumbents refuse to respond to League requests. Any ideas for strategies are welcome. We will continue to work with the Manitowoc County Chamber of Commerce on candidate forums.

The Baldwin/Hovde debate will be held on **Friday, October 18th** and will be televised on that date. We will put more information on our Facebook/Instagram pages. Please submit any such events to Ginny Finnel for posting.

League members will be at Voter Registration Information tables at Manitowoc Public Library through October. Cathy Cole has been at the Lester Library in Two Rivers. We have also been at the YMCA.

As listed in the Calendar of Events, these are the dates to be remembered for registration and voting. If you need further information on your ballot or voting place, go to **myvote.wi.gov**. Candidate information can be found at **VOTE411.org**.

VOTE NO ON THE WI CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Reason 1: Changing the language from “every” citizen to “only” citizens is a way for lawmakers to further limit our right to vote, including implementing proof of citizenship requirements despite knowing that 1 in 10 US Citizens don’t have the documents to prove citizenship.

Reason 2: These laws would erect barriers for voters who are likely already facing challenges in voting. It opens the door to an even more complicated registration process and discriminatory practices against voters of color, non-English speaking individuals and those who speak English as a second language.

Reason 3: Wisconsinites have had five confusing constitutional amendments on the ballot this year alone, VOTE NO to show legislators we have had enough of these wide-sweeping, harmful amendments. Our legislators need to do their job – work with the governor to pass policies and laws.

The end of On-line Registration by mail will be Wednesday, October 16th. In-person voting will begin on Tuesday, October 22nd and will continue until November 3.

On November 5th, the General Election will begin. Polls will open at 7 am and close by 8 pm.

Those of you who need a ride in Two Rivers can call the Two Rivers Senior Center and a car will pick you up. There is no excuse for not voting. Mark it and Circle it on your calendar!!

LWV- LAKE MICHIGAN REGION

League of Women Voters Lake Michigan Region
2024 Annual Meeting and Conference
Preserving & Protecting Lake Michigan:
Restoration, Climate & Line 5

October 25-26, 2024

*Attend in-person or via Zoom**

In-person registration is \$115 for full conference, including lunch and dinner, Conference without dinner is \$55.00, Dinner only is \$60.00.

On-line attendance is \$25; field trips are not available online.

Discounted rooms are \$180 per night, plus tax, and include breakfast.

Rooms may be reserved by calling

the Hampton Inn at 231.299.1096 and press 0 (let them know you are with LWVLMR, Code CHH-LWV) or use this link: <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/mblmahx-hampton-suites-manistee-waterfront>, and enter Code CHH-LWV.

A limited discounted room block is available. Once sold out, the discounted room rate will only be extended, based on availability.

Conference and Lodging

Registration In-Person

Registration Online

Details

Attendance

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MEMBERSHIP

The membership list and the interest form update have been sent to all members. I appreciate all of you who completed the form and sent it in with your renewal of membership. Thank you for your continued support.

During this summer, we lost one of our members to cancer. Joan Kaeiser was an active member of our league. She had served on the board for several years and was interested in the Environment as well as the various issues in our community. Her husband Bob Kaeiser helped with voter registration and was a member of the Legislation Action Committee, writing letters to the editors, senators and representatives. Bob is in assisted living. We will miss the both of them, but appreciated their contributions and support to our League.
