

**MANITOWOC COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER**

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b>05/15</b>	<b>Tour of Recycling Center</b>
<b>05/22</b>	<b>Annual Banquet &amp; Meeting</b>
<b>06/06-07</b>	<b>LWV-WI Convention</b>

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Dear League Members,

The fiscal year is winding down as you can see from the Calendar of Events. We will have our final meeting on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be a lot of discussion and clarification on the new policy of paying dues. Because of this, we have made some changes in our by-laws to reflect the new policy. It would be to your advantage to come to the annual meeting and stay for the brief business meeting that will follow the speaker for the evening.

This will be the last newsletter for the fiscal year which ends on June 30, 2025. Most of us will be receiving notification from the National League in regards to renewal of membership during the months of July through September of this year.

This is also the last newsletter from me. I have been publishing the newsletter for 17 years and with the new crop of members, I feel it is time for me to step down and let someone else take the reins.

See you at the annual meeting.

Sincerely,

Catherine L. Cole  
Editor

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

The Environmental Committee met in person and by emails to focus on Recycling for an Earth Day/Week event on April 16 at the Manitowoc Library. John Reisenbeuchler, operation manager of the Manitowoc Recycling Center, "Talked Trash" and answered questions on what to reuse/recycle/trash. Our local League has a long and impressive history of involvement with solid waste management as recorded in handouts prepared by Julie Grinde. As a follow-up to this event, **a tour of the Recycling Center IS scheduled for May 15<sup>TH</sup> at 10:00 am.** The Center is located at 3000 Basswood Road, Manitowoc.

A BIG thank you goes to Marilyn Sontag and the Environmental Committee for the success of this program.

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## ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting for the LWV-MC will be held on Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Farm Discovery Center. Registration will begin at 5:00 pm, dinner will start at 6:00 pm. Dinner will be buffet style serving beef brisket sliced and chicken with a wine sauce for \$25.00 per person. Our speaker for the evening will be Sachin Shivaram, CEO of the Wisconsin Aluminum Foundry.

After our speaker, we will have a brief business meeting. During this time, we will be voting on our proposed slate for officers and directors.

Officers:	Ginny Finnel, Vice President	2025-2027
	Julie Grinde, Secretary	2025-2027
Board of Directors:	Jennifer Balma	2025-2027
	Marilyn Sontag	2025-2027
	Suzanne Zipperer	2025-2027

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Nancy Slattery, President  
Annette Kaminsky, Treasurer

Board of Directors: 2025-2026

Catherine Leone

Nancy Randolph

Martha Rasmus

We will also be discussing the changes to the by-laws and the budget. We will then vote to approve both items.

During the time of COVID, we voted on the minutes of the last annual meeting, the budget, local programs and the slate of officers and directors. This year we will only be voting on the minutes of the annual meeting and local programs. I would appreciate your response as soon as possible.

Thank you.

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## **OUR COUNTY WITHOUT IMMIGRANTS**

The program “**Our CountyWithout Immigrants**” welcomed Rosario Ibarra and Michael Slattery, The Wilfert Family (local farmers), and Sara Ghadiri, an immigrant lawyer to First Lutheran Church on May 1<sup>st</sup> sharing information with the over 150 community members. The sponsors, the League of Women Voters of Manitowoc County and RUTH, the Manitowoc interfaith justice group, wish to thank Pastor Andrew Wendle and First Lutheran Church for their welcome and hospitality.

Stay involved with future action/events as they are announced. An immediate action might be to sign up to tutor individuals preparing for their citizenship exams or just improving their language skills at your local Public Library. We also wish to thank that awesome planning group from both groups. Thank you for becoming an entity that gives life to our values.

A special thank you goes to Nancy Slattery, who is President of the MC-LWV, but also President of RUTH. With the help of her committee and the RUTH organization, there were over 150 people attending this important event. Thank you, again for your continued work.

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## **MEMBERSHIP**

We wish to thank Suzanne Zipperer, Ginny Finnel, Jennifer Balma and the rest of their committee that have reached out to the community to join the League of Women Voters. Their committee has had over thirty men and women join the League. We are very proud of their efforts and hope the new members will enjoy being part of the League.

At this time, we would also like to honor those of us who will be resigning from the board for various reasons. They have all been President of the League during their years on the board. They have Chaired and Served on many committees and will continue to do so after they leave the board. They are as follows: Darlene Wellner, Mary Wallace, Linda Gratz, Maureen Crowley, and Cathy Cole. It has been an honor to work with these women throughout the years.

Thank you for your dedication and service to the League. We all appreciate the work you have done and the work that you are continuing to do as a member of the League.

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## **STATE CONVENTION**

The LWV-WI Convention will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 6th through June 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 3 pm on Friday and ending by 4:30 pm on Saturday. Registration deadline is May 17<sup>th</sup> and Virtual is June 5<sup>th</sup>. The convention will be held at the Hilton Garden, 11600 West Park Place, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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