

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MANITOWOC COUNTY**  
**APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER\**

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b>04/08</b>	<b>March Forth downtown Manitowoc at 5 pm</b>
<b>04/11-17</b>	<b>DNR Spring Hearings and other Actions for Earth Day</b>
<b>04/17</b>	<b>March Forth Downtown Manitowoc at 5 pm</b>
<b>04/22</b>	<b>Earth Day</b>
<b>05/03</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
<b>05/18</b>	<b>Election of Officers and Board Members</b>

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Dear League Members,

As you might have surmised, we will not be having an annual banquet and meeting in May due to COVID. This is the third year that we will not be gathering. We realize that many restrictions have been lifted, but by that time, it was a little late to put a dinner, speaker, and meeting together.

Therefore, we are going to rely on all of you to respond to our printed program as you have done in the past. It will depend on all of you to act quickly so that we can approve our slate of officers, board members, our budget and local programs in our county. All of this will occur in May of this year.

According to the by-laws, we need to publish the slate of officers, board members, budget and local programs at least twice before we vote upon any of them. If there are questions, ask any officer and/or board member.

Thank you for your support and commitment to the league. If COVID cases keep dropping, we might have a gathering this summer.

Cathy

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## FORUMS

In March, we held two forums. The first was in Two Rivers for their City Council candidates and the second was for the Manitowoc School Board Candidates. None of these forums would have been successful if it wasn't for the help and assistance from Greg Buckley, City Manager, Jamie Jameson, City Clerk of Two Rivers, Justin Nickels, Mayor, Stacy Groll, Assistant, Amanda Baryenbruch, Cheryl Schwartz and to our league members, who gave of their time and expertise: Jennifer Balma, Julie Grinde, Connie Hendries, Marilyn Sontag, Nancy Slattery, and Shelly Randerson.

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## MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

The forum on Mental Health Courts, which was held on March 24, was very successful. Not only did we have great attendance, but several people who will be key to implementing the court were there. Among the attendees were 2 judges, the Human Services Department Director, the Drug Court Coordinator and the County Executive to name a few. Feedback from the audience was very helpful and several people volunteered to help with the project.

The highlight of the forum was the power point presentation prepared and presented by Maureen Crowley. We plan to use this presentation when we attend community groups to build support for the court.

The League Committee met this past week to identify and prioritize next steps. We will keep the League membership apprised as we make progress!

Mary Wallace and Linda Gratz  
Co Chairs

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## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE -- CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

### Actions to Help Protect Our Planet

**First Action:** Wis. Department of Natural Resources  
**April 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for sending a message to the DNR**  
**Tell the DNR that their line # 5 Environmental Impact**

Statement (EIS) understates the destructive impact it will have on our rivers, wetlands, fish habitat, climate change, and human health. The proposal also does not acknowledge that it violates treaty rights for many Wisconsin Tribes.

[Send a postcard or letter to](#)

Line 5 EIS Comments

DNR (EA/7),

101 South Webster Street

Madison, Wi. 53707

[Send a Facebook message & for more information](#)

[Tinyurl.com/TakeActionOnLine5](https://www.facebook.com/Tinyurl.com/TakeActionOnLine5)

**Second Action: Wis.Conservation Congress "Spring Hearing"**

**Vote To Protest Wis. Natural Resources**

**April 11 at 7:00 PM to April 14 7:00 PM**

The Wisconsin Conservation Congress allows our voices to be heard by providing an annual survey regarding Wis. natural resources.

The survey questions cover many areas such as wildlife, water, land and other natural resources. The survey takes about 30 minutes.

There is a Sierra Club voting guide that you can review before voting.

[Link to register for taking the survey](#)

<https://act.sierraclub.org/events/details?formcampaignid=7013q000002GcEMAA0&fbclid=>

[Link to review Sierra Clubs Voter Guide](#)

<https://www.sierraclub.org/wisconsin/blog/2022/04/april-11-14-vote-conservation-congress>

**March Forth is still taking place. We meet every Friday at 5 pm at 8<sup>th</sup> and Maritime Drive. We will meet there until Earth Day, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. We welcome all!! See you there. We do cancel if the weather is not cooperating.**

**Submitted By: Bev Rawling**

**Information received from the following groups:**

**Wis. Sierra Club-350.org Madison, Building Unity Madison**

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## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

**OFFICERS: Co-Presidents: Linda Gratz and Maureen Crowley (2022-2024)**

**Vice President: Vacant (2021-2023)**

Treasurer: Jo Ellen Gramling (2022-2024)  
Secretary: Julie Grinde (2021-2023)

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** Currently serving 2021-2023

Mary Wallace                      Marilyn Sontag                      Anita Rappe

**Elected Directors (2022-2024)**

Jennifer Balma      Catherine L. Cole      Sue Matczynski      Nancy Slattery

**Appointed Directors: (2022-2023)**

Darlene Wellner                      Donna Firman

The proposed budget and list of the LWV-MC local programs will be sent under separate cover.

Thank you all for your continuing support to the League.

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## STATE AND NATIONAL CONVENTION INFORMATION

Please join us IN PERSON on Friday, June 10, 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM, and Saturday, June 11, 9:30 AM to noon, at the Hilton Appleton Paper Valley Hotel in downtown Appleton for LWVWI's 2022 Annual Meeting! A light breakfast will be available each day starting at 8:00 AM! The meeting will highlight the League's strength in partnership with diverse groups.

[www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)

**As a reminder, any LWV Manitowoc member in attendance at the State  
League's Annual Meeting  
in Appleton on June 10-11, will be able to vote.**

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**The National League of Women Voters  
Convention**

It's also time to select members from our local League to attend the **2022 L WVUS Convention** as voting delegates! Based on our Manitowoc L WV membership totals we are awarded 2 (Two) delegates. If we do not send all our allotted delegates, other League members in the state can fill in **If you are interested in attending the meeting in Denver June 23-26, please contact us at [lwmnitowoccount@gmail.com](mailto:lwmnitowoccount@gmail.com)-- so we can give your information to Ellen Penwell at the state league for listing within the program.** Each attendee must register individually on- line. [click here](#).

**2022 L WVUS Convention will be held June 23-26 in Denver, CO. Voting delegates may attend the convention in person or virtually.**

FYI This is a link to the convention agenda with times and locations  
<https://www.lwv.org/league-management/council-convention/2022-convention-agenda>

2022 Convention Agenda | League of Women Voters

View the agenda for the 2022 Convention.

[www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org)

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine L. Cole