

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

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- 04/20 Earth Day Celebration
  - 04/23 Glen Grothman Town Hall Meeting
  - 05/07 Board Meeting
  - 05/07 Recycling Information
  - 05/16 LWV-MC Annual Banquet/Meeting
  - 05/31 LWV-WI STATE CONVENTION, Green Bay, WI.
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Dear League Members,

Forums and Elections are behind us. We had good attendance at all of them and happy that they are done for the season. A big thank you goes to the City and County Clerks, Greg Buckley, City Manager of Two Rivers, Mayor Justin Nickels, candidates and all of the Poll Workers for participating in this election period.

I wanted to thank Linda Gratz, her committee and the Manitowoc Public Library that set up the rules and parameters for the Meagan Wolfe Event. We were so honored to have Meagan Wolfe present all that her Office does to insure safe and secure voting rights.

It was another phenomenal 8 weeks of Great Decisions. There were so many interesting, informative, and familiar speakers on the various topics. Since COVID, the library and the supporters have invested in streaming which opened the events to a vast audience near and far. KUDOS for another wonderful year!

In May, we will be holding our Annual Banquet/Meeting at the Holiday Inn. We have some details in the newsletter. We will be electing officers and Board of Directors. We will do some voting through e-mails so that our meeting will not be too long. It will be nice to see all of you.

Happy Spring,

Cathy

## **EARTH DAY 2024**

The LWV-MC recommends that members bring their families and friends to this event taking place on **SATURDAY, APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2024, 1 PM – 4 PM**. It will be held at the **FRANCISCAN MUSIC CENTER, 6751 CALUMENT AVENUE, MANITOWOC, WI**.

It is presented by the Froedtert Holy Family Memorial Hospital, the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity and Catholic Charities. The program will explore Earth Day from the perspective of the footsteps of St. Francis, Mother Earth, Brother Fire, Sister Water and Brother Wind/Air. Green activities for children and resource information for all ages will be available throughout the afternoon.

### **PRESENTATIONS 1-2 PM:**

. Brother Wind/Air – Greenhouse Gas Effects – David Poister, Professor of Chemistry and Environmental Science, St. Norbert College.

. Brother Fire – Sustainable Energy from Past to Present – Troy Adams, General Manager, Manitowoc Public Utilities.

. Sister Water – Wastewater Management – Brad Busse, Engineering/Stormwater Technician, City of Manitowoc.

. Mother Earth – Grow it Forward – Amber Daug, CEO and founder, Grow It Forward.

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### **RECYCLING INFORMATION**

The Lester Public Library, 1001 Adams Street will be hosting Jon Reisenbuechler, Manager of the Manitowoc County Recycling Center on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. He will be presenting all the services that the Manitowoc County Recycling Center offers as we spring clean and spruce up our gardens and homes.

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## TOWN HALL MEETING

Glen Grothman will be at the Valders Community Center, 420 North Liberty Street, on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:30 am to 11:30 am.

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### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE, Ginny Finnel, Chair**

The nominating committee has been busy recruiting many of you to serve as either an officer and/or directors. The following slate will be presented at the May Banquet. Thank you for all your work.

President	Nancy Slattery 2024-26
Vice President	Ginny Finnel 2024-25
Treasurer	Annette Kaminsky 2024-26
Secretary	Julie Grinde 2023-25

Board of Directors: 2024-26

Martha Rasmus	Suzanne Zipper	Catherine Leone
Nancy Randolph	Cathy Cole	Jennifer Balma
Linda Gratz	Maureen Crowley	

Board of Directors: 2023-25

Marilyn Sontag	Mary Wallace
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Appointed Directors: 2024-25

Darlene Wellner	Angela Zar
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## **ANNUAL MAY BANQUET/MEETING**

The Annual May Banquet will be on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn in Manitowoc. It will begin at 5:00 pm for registration. At 5:30 pm, we will have a brief meeting. We will have dinner around 6:00 pm. It will be buffet style offering pork tenderloin and chicken teriyaki with salad, potatoes, vegetables, rolls and butter. The cost will be \$25.00 per person.

Our speaker for the evening will be Lori Fure. She has 30 years experience with the Manitowoc County of Health Services Department. She has been the HSD director for a little over a year.

An invitation will be sent in the mail for registration and payment very soon.

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## **GREAT DECISIONS**

After 17 years, Great Decisions is still as popular as ever. A big THANK YOU goes to Marilyn Sontag, Darlene Wellner, Kathi Fishbeck, and Tim Gadzinski for scheduling qualified speakers for each topic. A continued thank you goes to the supporters of Great Decisions: Manitowoc Public Library Foundation, Manitowoc Public Library, the Lakeshore Unitarian Universalist Fellowship and our league.

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## **MEAGAN WOLFE EVENT**

A big THANK YOU goes to Sandi Best, Linda Gratz and her committee for having the set the format that we had. For those of you who did not come that evening, this presentation is on the Manitowoc Libraries facebook site. Meagan gave you the facts in such an informative and interesting way. She gave you much to think about and comfort in knowing that the election system in Wisconsin is secure and that your vote does count!!

