

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MANITOWOC COUNTY
APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

04/16	Recycling of Plastics
05/01	Our County With Out Immigrants
05/22	Annual Meeting
06/06-07	LWV-WI Annual Meeting

Dear League Members,

Great Decisions is over and we certainly enjoyed the topics and the speakers. We want to thank Marilyn Sontag, Darlene Wellner, Kathleen Fishbeck, the Lakeshore Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, the Manitowoc Public Library Foundation and the Manitowoc Public Library for all of their support throughout these many years. Again, we had a record attendance thanks to streaming. Many people can view this around the world and at the comforts of their home. It was a wonderful series and addressed issues that are relevant today.

Forums and elections are over. The board wants to thank Suzanne Zipperer and her committee for conducting interviews and forums in Manitowoc and Two Rivers. We were pleased that the Student Council of Lincoln High held the forum for the MPSD school board. Reedsville High School also presented a forum for their school board. It is so good to see these students taking an interest in their community. The attendance showed that there are many interested citizens in these communities with many questions for the candidates. Kudos to all involved!

However, we are not done yet. We will be having a program on Recycling of Plastics. Further information on time and place is listed in the Newsletter.

We are cosponsoring with RUTH a program on May 1st, in regards to the immigrants that live and work in our county. Further information is listed in the Newsletter.

More information on our Annual Meeting is also in the Newsletter. Please read for all these events. See you at some or all!!

Cathy

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

There will be a program on recycling of plastics and other recyclable material in our environment for a 2025 Earth Day event. This will be held on **Wednesday, April 16th at the Manitowoc Public Library, the Balkansky Room B and C at 6:00 PM. Entry to this section is located in the children's library.** The speaker for the evening is John Reisenbuechler, Operations Manager at the Recycling Center 3000 Basswood Road, Manitowoc. Public is welcomed and light refreshments will be served. See you there!!

IMMIGRATION EVENT

On May 1, the Manitowoc League of Women Voters and RUTH, the Interfaith Justice Group will co-sponsor a discussion:

"Our County Without Immigrants, Myths, Facts, Resources" at First Lutheran Church 521 N. 8th St. Manitowoc in the *Fireside Room* from 6 PM - 8 PM on Thursday, May 1st.

The evening presentation with community members, farmers, business owners, & an immigration attorney gathers to dispel myths, present facts and share resources with all who are impacted by the many actions and changes occurring here in the county. Come on **Thursday May 1st** to clarify, learn and support your neighbors.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting for the LWV-MC will be held on **Thursday, May 22nd** 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 wine sauce for \$23.00 per person. Our speaker for the evening will be Sachin Shivaram, CEO of the Wisconsin Aluminum Foundry. Further information will be forthcoming, but mark your calendars.

BUSINESS THAT WILL BE COMPLETED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

There will be a short business meeting after our speaker. It is at this time that we will be proposing whether or not to accept the following:

BY- LAWS

The LWV-MC has selected a committee to revise the by-laws since there will be changes in how we pay our dues. The revised by-laws will be sent to all members so that we will be able to accept or not at the Annual Meeting.

BUDGET

A proposed budget will also be sent to all members so that we will be able to vote on them at the Annual Meeting.

The membership will be asked to approve the Local Programs that we have supported through the years. These programs are listed in the Local Program booklet that is given to new members.

PROPOSED SLATE presented by the **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** is as follows:

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

The board has the opportunity to appoint more members to the board. If you are interested in serving for one year, please let the board know of your interest. The slate of proposed officers and directors will be voted at the Annual Meeting.

This is also the time when proposed programs and studies are taken into consideration for the following year. We hope ALL of you will stay for this short business meeting.

LWV-WI

The state annual meeting will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 6th through June 7th beginning at 3 pm on Friday and ending by 4:30 on Saturday. Registration deadline is May 17th and Virtual is June 5th. Fees will differ if you will be attending in person and whether or not you wish to stay overnight at the Hilton Garden Inn, 11600 West Park Place, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. For further information go to the following website: LWVWI ANNUAL MEETING 2025 Evenbrite.

LWV-USA -- From the League Update of April 3rd

It's alarming that in just these last two weeks, we've seen blatant and unlawful attacks against voting rights, starting with the Trump Administration's latest executive order on voting. This order is a dangerous attempt to silence American voters and yet another example of the administration's executive overreach — **that's why we're suing!** On Tuesday, the LWV Education Fund (LWVEF), LWVUS, and LWV of Arizona filed a lawsuit challenging this harmful executive order. **Read our statement on www.lwv.org.**

Additionally, we continue to oppose the *SAVE Act* and anticipate that the US House will soon vote on this harmful voter suppression legislation. Keep using our **[action alert](#)**, **[talking points](#)**, and **[letter-to-the-editor template](#)** to pressure representatives to vote against this bill!

