

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MANITOWOC COUNTY  
FEBRUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER**

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**Calendar of Events**

<b>2/07</b>	<b>GD: Drug Policy in Latin America</b>
<b>2/14</b>	<b>GD: Biden's Agenda</b>
<b>2/15</b>	<b>Primary Election for some</b>
<b>2/17</b>	<b>Power at the Polls</b>
<b>2/21</b>	<b>GD: Changing Demographics – Remote</b>
<b>2/24</b>	<b>Two Rivers Forum for Council Members</b>
<b>2/28</b>	<b>GD: The Quad Alliance</b>
<b>3/07</b>	<b>GD: Climate Change</b>

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Dear League Members,

Depending on the results of the Ground Hogs, it looks as if we will have six more weeks of winter. I can remember snow on Mother's Day so I don't take stock in either prediction!!

Great Decisions will begin on February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Manitowoc Public Library. It will last for eight weeks with many diverse topics. However, please read the rest of the newsletter since there is more information on safety procedures.

For the shortest month of the year, February has many programs for you to watch from the comforts of your home. Please stay warm and practice safe distancing when you are out and about on your errands.

Cathy

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**GREAT DECISIONS:**

Due to limited space registration is required. You must register for each event separately at [www.evenbrite.com/e237748892337](http://www.evenbrite.com/e237748892337). If you are unable to attend in person, the library will have each Great Decision event live streamed on MPL's

Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/manitowoclibrary](http://www.facebook.com/manitowoclibrary) and at the You Tube channel. The library still subsidizes the booklets at \$15.00 each. This is the schedule with dates, Speakers and Topics for the Great Decisions Series. This will be conducted both in person and virtual at 6 PM with the Manitowoc Public Library. Notice that two presentations will be held remotely.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Topic</u>	
February 7	Pablo Toral	Beloit College	Drug Policy in Latin America	
February 14	Beth Dougherty	Beloit College	Biden's Agenda	
February 21	Alise Coen	UW Green Bay	Changing Demographics	Remote
February 28	Martin Farrell	Ripon College	The Quad Alliance	
March 7	Elizabeth Wheat	UW Green Bay	Climate Change	
March 14	Lowell Barrington	Marquette University	Russia	
March 21	Mary McCoy	UW Madison	Myanmar and ASEAN	
March 28	Kenneth Phillips	California Science Center	Outer Space	Remote

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## **POWER AT THE POLLS:**

There will be a virtual meeting on **February 17, 2022 on the Power at the Polls: Current Rules and Regulations will be discussed from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.** The community will be able to ask questions to the panel. The panel consists of Jessica Backus, County Clerk of Manitowoc County, Jamie Aulik, Wisconsin Elections Commission, MacKenzie Reed-Kadow, City Clerk of Manitowoc and Jamie Jackson, City Clerk of Two Rivers. They will be able to answer all your concerns from on line registration, obtaining an absentee ballot, and much more. You can watch this on their Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/manitowoclibrary](http://www.facebook.com/manitowoclibrary) and at the You Tube channel.

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## **TWO RIVERS FORUM:**

There are six candidates running for the three year term of the Two Rivers City Council. They are: Bill LeClair and Larry Thomas, incumbents, Tim Peach Petri, Doug Wolf, Scott Stechmesser and Travis Van Lanen. There are two candidates that are running for a two year term: Jason Ring and Roger Van Voltenberg.

The Forum will begin at 6:30 pm on the third floor of the Two Rivers City Hall, 1717 East Park Street. It is open to the public and those that are physically present will be able to ask questions to the candidates. This will be live streamed, but the viewers will not be able to ask questions.

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## **MENTAL HEALTH STUDY:**

The League Mental Health Committee has printed its report on mental health courts. Now, we are busy distributing copies of the report to community stakeholders and planning publicity for it. The report is available on our League website and will be provided to League members either in print or electronic form at their request.

The Committee will host a public meeting entitled: **Moving a Mental Health Court from Plan to Reality; A Community Dialogue on Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Manitowoc City Hall.** The purpose of the event is to engage in a discussion with the community regarding next steps in the process of bringing a mental health court to Manitowoc County.

The committee chairs would like to thank the committee members who worked on the report, Susan Lind, Ceil Held, Nancy Slattery, Linda Luedtke, Sue Matczinski, Martha Rasmus, Darlene Wellner, Marilyn Sontag, Donna Firman and especially our editor, Maureen Crowley.

Mary Wallace and Linda Gratz, Co Chairs

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## **Environment Committee Report**

### **Possibilities for Earth Day 2022**

I am in contact with the LWV State legislative office to find out if there is any legislation regarding environment or climate change actions that we could support.

Another...March Forth to Earth Day! March 4th to April 22, 2022I am checking this out...This is what I have so far. There will be eight consecutive weeks of

outdoor-in-person & virtual climate actions across Wisconsin. The group is looking for cosponsors for this project. They already have a long list of sponsors. **For more info google: March Forth to Earth Day.**

### **Voting Rights National LWV Meetings**

I also continue to follow up with the national LWV-US Voting Rights monthly meetings. Even though the voting rights bills "Freedom to Vote" & the John Lewis VR Act did not pass, they are continuing to work on this. Their exact words were "Seeds have been planted...The battle is not over". They also said the voting rights legislation is still alive and we can possibly move forward in other ways. Maybe adding something in the "Build back Better" plan. I will continue to attend their meetings. If anyone else is interested in joining their monthly meetings contact Alicia below:

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