

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MANITOWOC COUNTY
JANUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

01/18	Community Impact of Drug Court
02/01	Manitowoc-area Homelessness, Part I
02/01	GD: Brexit and the European Union
02/02	Early Voting Begins
02/08	Manitowoc-area Homelessness, Part II
02/08	GD: The End of Globalization
02/15	GD: Persian Gulf Security Issues
02/16	Spring Primary
02/22	GD: Roles of International Organizations
03/01	GD: China's Role in Africa
03/08	GD: Struggles Over the Melting Arctic
03/15	GD: The Korean Peninsula
03/22	GD: The Global Supply Chain & Nat'l Security

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Dear League Members:

Every Christmas card that I received all wished for a better and healthier new year. We have hope of returning to a "normal" life as we have known it, but it won't come until late spring or summer. Hopefully by this time next year COVID 19 will be a painful, but historic past.

During December, the League found out that Kim Graves, the City Clerk of Two Rivers was going to retire. We presented to her the Democracy in Action Award and a gift certificate for her years of service and cooperation with the League throughout the years. She was very surprised and appreciated working with us. We hope she will enjoy the latest chapter in her life.

This month and the months ahead we will be presenting virtual meetings with the cooperation of the Manitowoc Public Library. Please read the brief newsletter to see how you can connect with these virtual programs.

MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE PLANS VIRTUAL FORUM

A virtual forum entitled “Community Impact of the Drug Court in Manitowoc County” is planned for **Monday, January 18 at 6 pm.** The event is co sponsored by the Manitowoc Library, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and the interfaith justice group: Responding with Understanding Truth and Hope (RUTH).

The presenters will be Jason Latva, Drug Court Coordinator and Judge Bob Dewane, Drug Court Judge. They will be joined on the panel by 3 Drug Court participants, a current participant, a successful graduate of the program and a former participant who did not graduate. The moderator for the program will be Tim Gadzinski from the library.

You can access the program through either the Manitowoc Library’s Facebook page at **[wwwfacebook.com/manitowoc library](https://www.facebook.com/manitowoclibrary) or the library’s YouTube channel.** After the live streamed event, the program will continue to be available on both platforms. During the live program, you will be able to type in questions to ask the panel. This is a great opportunity to learn more about this successful community program.

GREAT DECISIONS:

Great Decisions will also be presented by the Manitowoc Library’s Facebook page at **[wwwfacebook.com/manitowoclibrary](https://www.facebook.com/manitowoclibrary) or the library’s YouTube channel.** After the presentation, you will be able to type in your question to the speaker. Many of the speakers are return presenters. This should be an interesting season.

02/01	Brexit and the European Union: Pablo Teral (Beloit College)
02/08	The End of Globalization: Alise Coen (UW/GB)
02/15	Persian Gulf Security Issues: Beth Dougherty (Beloit College)
02/22	Roles of International Organizations in Global Pandemic: Heinz Klug (UW Madison)
03/01	China’s Role in Africa: Martin Farrell (Rippon College)
03/08	Struggles Over the Melting Arctic: Elizabeth Wheat (UW/GB)
03/15	The Korean Peninsula: David Fields (UW Madison)

03/22 The Global Supply Chains & Nat'l Security: Amulya Gurta
(UW/GB)

TWO-PART ONLINE SERIES ON MANITOWOC HOMELESSNESS

The Lakeshore Continuum of Care, a coalition of agencies that aims to end homelessness in the area, will be hosting the director of the Wisconsin Balance of State Continuum of Care, Carrie Poser, for a two-part online series on homelessness in the area.

The first part of the series will be from 1 to 3 pm on February 1. The topic will include how local homelessness issues relate to the big picture of homelessness across the state and nation, how to develop a more comprehensive system to address homelessness in the area and how to build a coalition to include local government, school systems, affordable housing developers, public housing authorities, law enforcement and others for a more complete plan.

Part two will take place from 1 to 3 pm on February 8 and will look at local data that can help identify gaps, strengths and begin discussion about next steps needed to strengthen coordinated efforts.

To get a link to register for the meeting, call Lakeshore CAP at 920-682-3737 or Go to the Lakeshore Community Action Program's facebook page for an event and link. For more information contact Kate Markwardt, chairwoman at 920-686-8703.

I placed the above article that was printed in the HTR on Thursday, January 7, because of our recent Poverty Study that touched on many of these issues pertaining to our community.

Respectfully submitted,

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