

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MANITOWOC COUNTY

JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

01/26	Mental Health in the Workplace
02/06	GD: Energy Geopolitics
02/07	Board Meeting
02/13	Climate Migration: ONLINE ONLY
02/21	February Primary – if needed

President's Corner



Happy New Year 2023!! We start the new year with exciting news from the Mental Health Committee. Donna Firman, NAMI, and the Mental Health Committee submitted a grant request to the Rahr West Foundation's Directors' Choice Imagining Grant in the Human Services category and were successful in receiving a challenge grant of \$50,000 to pursue a mental health court in our county. The grant is being administered by NAMI and will include collaboration with many community partners. What a wonderful way to start out the new year. Also, mark your calendars for January 26th for our panel discussion on Mental Health and the Work Place which will be held in collaboration with NAMI, and in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce.

Linda has temporarily stepped down as co-president to actively campaign for school board candidates in the spring election. I will be gone to Florida in February to help out my sister who is having surgery so you probably won't be hearing much from us until March, although I will try to keep up to date on important issues that affect our members.

I wish to thank Darlene and Marilyn for all their hard work in putting together our highly successful Great Decisions series again this year. The programs take place on Monday nights at 6:00 in the library during February and March. This year

they are planned to take place in person and virtually. We have the very best program in the country, or at least that's what we think here in Manitowoc.

The board is working hard to update some of our policies and will be bringing them up for approval at our annual meeting. We are being encouraged to update policies and approve them annually so that we stay current with best practices from the state and national levels.

We are still looking for an Observer Corps volunteer to cover the Manitowoc City Council meetings. You don't need to attend in person because the meetings are taped and available for viewing on line. Thank you to Christine Aguilar for covering the December meetings and for her hard work over the last few years. Thank you to all of our reporters who have been covering our local governmental meetings, Sue Matczynski, Mary Wallace, Suzanne Zipperer, Nancy Slattery, Jo Ellen Gramling, and Linda Gratz.

Please let me know if you have any questions, suggestions or information to share.

Thanks so much, Maureen

MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Mental Health Committee will be presenting a panel discussion **Exploring Solutions to Mental Health in the Workplace**. The meeting will occur on **Thursday, January 26th at Orion Energy Systems, 2210 Woodland Drive from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. A flyer was sent to all members.**

GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions will begin on Monday, February 7 at 6:00 pm in the Balkansky Room with Pablo Tural from Beloit College on Energy Geopolitics. The second program will be on February 13th on Climate Migration with Alise Coen from UW-GB and is offered ONLINE ONLY.

The Great Decision programs will also be on MPL Facebook page: www.facebook.com/manitowoclibrary and YouTubeChannel. The library is again offering the Great Decisions Booklet for the low price of \$15.00. The supply is limited so call and reserve this booklet at 920-686-3000. Mark your calendars.

