

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MANITOWOC COUNTY
MARCH 2023

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Calendar of Events

0/3/13	GD: Economic Warfare
03/20	GD: War Crimes
03/23	Improving the Criminal Justice System
03/27	GD: Global Famine
04/04	Election Day/Board Meeting
04/20	Earth Day Celebration

President's Corner



February was a very busy month for our Voter Service Chair. Thank you Cathy for working to put on 3 candidate forums in our county. Cathy worked with the city governments in Two Rivers and Manitowoc to put on forums in collaboration with the cities and then worked with the Student Senate at Lincoln High School to put on a wonderful student run forum. Because of these collaborations Cathy saved our League over \$200 of rental fees and got buy in from the candidates. The principal at Lincoln, Lee Thennes, and the advisor for the student group, Matt Kadow, both voiced a hope that we can continue this collaboration into the future. Kudos Cathy!

Just a reminder that we have 3 more Great Decision programs coming up in March. This is the 17th year for this collaboration between the League of Women Voters, Manitowoc Public Library Foundation, the Manitowoc Public Library, Lakeshore Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, and Lakeshore Pax Christi. This is a fantastic program and one that should make us all very proud.

Our Annual Meeting will be held on May 18th this year. Thank you to Cathy Cole, Anita Rappe, Julie Grinde, and Angela Zar for all their hard work planning this event. Please mark this date on your calendar and we hope to see you there. The details of the meeting will be coming out soon.

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

GREAT DECISIONS:

All Great Decisions are held at the Manitowoc Public Library and can be seen virtually on their facebook page: [facebook.com/manitowoclibrary](https://www.facebook.com/manitowoclibrary) and on YouTube Channel on Mondays at 6:00 pm at the Baransky Room.

March 13th: Economic Warfare - Pablo Toral, Ph.D, Beloit College

March 20th: War Crimes – Kevin Kelly, JD, UW-Madison, Law School

March 27th: Global Famine – Elizabeth Wheat, PhD, UW-GreenBay

A SPECIAL INVITATION TO ALL OUR LOCAL MEMBERS:

Instead of a big public meeting at the City Hall, we have arranged a setting at the **Lakeshore United Methodist Church** to encourage all of our membership (and friends) to attend.

We hope to attach a name to a face we have only met on our membership list and interact on a more personal level. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

IMPROVING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AND REDUCING MASS INCARCERATION

A meeting is rescheduled on **Thursday, March 23 at 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm** at **Lakeshore United Methodist Church**, 411 Reed Avenue, to address **important justice issues**.

Attorney Casey Hoff, acclaimed **defense attorney** and Herald Times **columnist** from Sheboygan, will be the **guest speaker with discussion** to follow on the **role of citizens** in improving the system. **All interested persons are invited to attend.**

Sponsors for this community meeting are the **League of Women Voters** and **RUTH**.

**For more information call Darlene Wellner (LWV) 920-682-9466
or Nancy Slattery (RUTH) 920-863-2996.**

April 20: LWV-MC Family Picnic at Woodland Dunes to Celebrate Earth Day 2023

5:00 pm: Coffee at the Center Fireplace and/or visiting the new Center, the outdoor and indoor childrens areas, the Butterfly Garden, the viewing tower, and the Cattail Trail.

6:00 pm: Program — Completing the Circle—Dunes early beginnings were with a Mishicot teacher Winnie Smith encouraging Bernie Bouchard to start a nature center.

A current Woodland Dunes' staff member will give us an update on their conservation efforts, and Jamie _____ from Mishicot High will tell what environmental projects her students are pursuing

7:00 pm: Picnic - Brats and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. Family members and guests including children are welcome. We will be able to use the facilities inside as well as outside.

Please call Marilyn Sontag at 920-682-8988 if you plan to attend so correct amount of food can be prepared.

FORUMS:

We held three forums during the first two weeks of March. All were aired for the evening. I want to thank all of the League members who attended and those who helped, especially Shelley Randerson, Jennifer Balma, Julie Grinde, and Cathy Cole.

We are especially proud of the Lincoln High School Senate Committee who decided to partner with the LWV-MC to hold the Forum for the Manitowoc School Board. The students had three very good questions that all candidates answered and then it was open to the public.

Absentee ballots will be sent out during this week. Walk-in voting at your City Hall will begin on Tuesday, March 21st. Election Day is Tuesday, April 4th. I encourage all members to go to myvote.wi.gov to view what is on your ballot.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

This is the time of year when we ask members of League to consider serving on the board or running for office. We are in need of a Vice-President at this time. Julie Grinde will continue to serve as our secretary and historian. We want to encourage our members to think about serving on the board. As a board member, you would attend our summer planning meeting which sets up the programs for the following year. The board meets on the first Tuesday of the month. Our meetings begin at 5:00 pm and usually end about 6:30 or earlier. It depends on the length of the agenda and reports of the various committees. We have openings for one-year term. If you are interested, please come to one of our board meetings in April or May. **Please consider serving on the board for at least one year.** We meet at the Presbyterian Church on 8th Street. Contact Cathy Cole at 920-553-8757 or talk to any member on the board. You ARE a member, so why not take the next step and decide to become a member of the board.

We have received two resignations to date. Donna Firman has decided to step down from the board since she has accepted the presidency of our local NAMI chapter. She recently received the Athena Award from the Chamber of Commerce. We congratulate her on her new position as President of NAMI and know that she will do a fine job.

Anita Rappe has served as President and the board for many years, but feels it is time for her to have someone else serve on board. She is grateful for the friends that she has met during her time. She will still be an active member and will participate on various committees next year.