

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MANITOWOC COUNTY
MAY 2021**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

05/17	Rally for Fair Maps, 12 Noon – Madison, Wisconsin
05/27	Final Day for Approval of Annual Mtg. Agenda
06/11-12	Virtual Annual Meeting
06/11-12	People's Power Summit, Maribel, Wisconsin
06/24-27	Virtual National Council

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Dear League Members,

We are still wearing masks, washing hands, and keeping at a safe distance from all. This month was the first time the Board was able to be together face to face or mask to mask. All had been vaccinated. We kept a safe distance, but what a joy it was to get together.

We are hoping as people receive their vaccine and the rate of COVID cases go down, that we will be able to have local events on important issues of the day in our fiscal year of 2021-22.

However, at present, the board needs your support. Again, we are asking all members to read this May Newsletter of 2021 and vote to either accept or reject the revised By-Laws, Budget, the continuing support for ongoing programs, and nominees for the Officers and Board. There is a final date for voting of May 27th, just before the kick-off of Memorial Day Weekend. Last year, we received tremendous response and support from all of you. Please do the same, again, this year.

The Board has appreciated your patience and support throughout this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Catherine L. Cole, Co-President

RALLY TO END GERRYMANDERING

After months of work, Wisconsin legislators are introducing a bill to create a nonpartisan, transparent redistricting process. In anticipation of this, we want to celebrate and demonstrate the support Wisconsinites from all over the state have for Fair Maps!

That's why you are invited to join us and that Fair Maps Coalition in a safe, socially-distant rally at the State Capitol (State Street side) on **Monday, May 17 at Noon**. This event will be outdoors - rain or shine. There will be speakers from all over the state, including the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin Executive Director **Debra Cronmiller**.

We hope you can join us! More information can be found on this [Facebook event page](#), or on our [event posting](#).

REVISION TO OUR BY-LAWS

The revision to our by-laws is a request from the LWV-WI to revise our Section I Types of Membership. This will be added as the first paragraph under Article III Membership: Section I Types of Membership.

“The LWVMC is an organization fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in principle and practice. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion are central to the organization’s current and future success in engaging all individuals, households, communities, and policy makers in creating a more perfect democracy.”

MCLWV ELECTIONS, 2021-2022

This is the time of year when we present next year’s budget, slate of officers and board members, and changes to by-laws. The budget is attached for those receiving hard copies. It will be sent by e-mail separately. The following 2021-23 slate of officers is as presented: Secretary – Julie Grinde and no Vice President at the present time.

The Board of Directors for 2021-23 is as presented: Mary Wallace, Marilyn Sontag, and Anita Rappe has decided to return as a board member.

The 2020-22 officers and Board of Directors are: Co-Presidents: Nancy Slattery and Cathy Cole; Treasurer: JoEllen Gramling. Board of Directors: Jennifer Balma, Maureen Crowley, Linda Gratz, Sue Matczynski, and Bev Rawling.

LWVWI ANNUAL VIRTUAL MEETING JUNE 11/12

Information and Preparation

All local members can register for all the 3 events -- at

<https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin/calendar>

Fri eve --Sat am --Sat. from 11:15 am league members meeting

All will require separate registration, no fees, Plenary available only to members. The Breakouts planned for Friday PM and Saturday AM will be selected early by members as they register.

- ✓ Friday evening, June 11, 6:30PM - 8:30PM, speaker on gerrymandering, then 5 breakout sessions-*Choose yours when register*
- ✓ Saturday morning, June 12, 8:30AM-11AM. Keynote speaker, then 6 breakout sessions- *choose yours when register*
- ✓ Saturday over lunch hour, Only members can register for this Plenary/ Business Meeting, June 12, 11:15AM-1:00PM.
- ✓ -----*Meeting materials to be sent out by May 12.*
- ✓ ● Delegate Counts will be based on Membership as of Jan 1, 2021.
- ✓ ● Oral History Project update: instead of a video, all interviews will be posted on the LWVWI website. Did not find it 5/3/2021 at <https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin>
- ✓ Parade of Leagues: Cathy sent in text

PEOPLE'S POWER SUMMIT JUNE 11TH AND 12TH

You are invited to the **June 11th & 12th** People's Power Summit (See attached Flyer) Join us for this opportunity to network and build community with other local organizations. There will be speakers, cultural events, workshops, kids activities, music, food, art, and displays. You can find more information and register to attend at <http://peoplespowersummit.org/>

Our first fundraiser for this event will be held **May 16th** at Crusaders of Justicia office, 1523 Washington Street, Manitowoc from Noon-3 PM. There will be baked goods, brats, tamales, and other items for sale. More information on this event can be found on facebook at www.facebook.com/mlkdaymanitowoc.

The Manitowoc LWV will have a display table at this event.
If you are interested in helping to be at the table during anytime during the 11th or 12th, please reply back to Bev at circleofsong@tds.net .

Thanks,
Bev Rawling,
People's Power Summit Organizer
920-693-8941

GREAT DECISIONS UPDATE

This year Great Decisions continued as planned but with one hiccup – people could not convene in person. Thank goodness for technology. Not only did Great Decisions continue, but it had a broader audience than ever before in the 15-year history of Great Decisions in Manitowoc. Usually the attendance has been over a hundred, but with technology attendance was over 300 at times.

During this eight week experience, Great Decisions would have had to cancel twice because of the weather. It is because of the unseasonable weather and success of watching from home that the Manitowoc Public Library will offer Great Decisions both in person and on line. If you did not get an opportunity to watch these programs, they are still available on the library website.
