

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

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**Calendar of Events**

<b>10/16</b>	<b>LWV- Great Lakes Annual Meeting</b>
<b>10/21</b>	<b>Consensus of Manitowoc Drug Court Study</b>
<b>10/30</b>	<b>State Issues Briefings</b>
<b>11/02</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
<b>11/11</b>	<b>Rank/Choice Voting</b>
<b>12/??</b>	<b>Social</b>

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Dear League Member,

We are cautiously beginning our programs. Many of you watched on your local Manitowoc channel the redistricting program that was streamed through the City Hall facilities. We had approximately twenty people who came out in person to see Mary Lynne Donohue give her presentation on Gerrymandering and fair maps for the state of Wisconsin.

We will continue to practice safe programming throughout the fiscal year. Thank you for your continued support to the League. We value your contributions and input on future programming.

The Newsletter has more information on the importance of our upcoming consensus meeting that will be held at the Presbyterian Church.

The board is looking forward to seeing many of you in the near future.

Cathy

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**LWV-GREAT LAKES ANNUAL MEETING**

One of our newest members will be attending virtually and reporting on the Great Lakes annual meeting that will be held on October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Darian Kaderabek will be representing the LWV of Manitowoc County. Thank you for covering this upcoming event.

## MENTAL HEALTH COURT CONSENSUS MEETING SET

The League Mental Health Committee is finishing up its report on Mental Health Courts and is ready to present it to the League membership. A consensus meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 21 at 6 pm at First Presbyterian Church, 727 8<sup>th</sup> Street in Manitowoc**. We will be meeting in the church's fellowship hall so there is ample room for social distancing. This will also be zoomed and an invitation to all members will be forthcoming.

The draft of the report and 6 consensus questions that we will discuss during the meeting has been sent to all members. We hope that you will have a chance to read through the report before the meeting as the questions will pertain to the report.

Consensus meetings are a League tradition. When we study a topic, we then bring our work to the membership who are provided with information and asked to make a decision as to whether we as a group favor or oppose the recommendations of the study.

We hope to see you there as we discuss the important topic of Mental Health Courts.

Mary Wallace and Linda Gratz, Co-Chairs.

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## RANK/CHOICE VOTING

On **Thursday, November 11, 2021 at the Chambers Room of Manitowoc City Hall at 7 pm, Sara Eskrich will be presenting Rank/Choice Voting**. This topic is being debated around the country and in the state of Wisconsin. She will review the lessons learned elsewhere to help inform policymakers and the public about how ranked-choice voting would change elections in Wisconsin.

Sara Eskrich is the Executive Director of Democracy Found, a Wisconsin based nonpartisan initiative committed to revitalizing democracy.

This event will be lived stream from City Hall. We hope many of you will tune in or attend this hot topic.

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## **OBSERVER CORPS**

The Observer Corps was established so that the League could be aware and updated on the various community meetings that influence lives. At present, the Manitowoc School Board is having many protests wanting to replace some of the members that were elected to serve. Please read the MPSD school board reports and support them as they try to work for the safety of **all children and staff** members who attend the schools.

Currently, Nancy Slattery is covering two Manitowoc County meetings – Manitowoc County Human Services Monthly Board Meeting and the Manitowoc County CJCC Meeting. She would like to cover the Manitowoc County CJCC Meetings and would be happy to work with anyone who would like to take over the Manitowoc County Human Services Monthly Board Meetings. The MC Human Services meetings meet once a month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 4:45. If interested, please contact Nancy Slattery at (920) 863-2996 or e-mail her at [nancy\\_slattery@hotmail.com](mailto:nancy_slattery@hotmail.com).

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## **MEMBERSHIP**

All of you should have received your membership list and interest form results. We appreciated having completed the membership drive early in the year so that all this information can be sent to all of you. Currently, we are 63 strong!! Thank you so very much.

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## **REDISTRICTING**

I would like to thank the committee for the work that was done to promote the redistricting/fair mapping event that was held in September. A special thank you goes to Jennifer and Jim Hallohan, Jean Rausch, Lori Wrenthe, Nancy Slattery, Nancy Lodl, and Karolyn Dahm. The people that attended practiced safe distancing and wore a mask.

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## **LWV-WI**

The State League is getting ready to have its annual interest briefing on October 30<sup>th</sup>. It will be held virtually. Information has been sent to all members.

