



# The League of Women Voters of Milwaukee County Making Democracy Work for All

## 2016-2017 Snapshot

### **WE DEFEND** voting rights and the integrity of the election process.

LWV at all levels -- local, state and national -- has been outspoken in its opposition to Voter ID and other election law changes that affect citizens' voting rights. We make our voice heard in several ways: press conferences; newspaper opinion columns; contacting lawmakers; providing court testimony; collaborating with community organizations, schools and elections officials. And of course, League members are out in full force on every Election Day serving as poll workers and election observers.

### **WE ADVOCATE** for public policies that make communities better.

As a grassroots organization, local Leagues study important public policy issues and formulate position statements on a wide range of subjects. The public is invited to our General Meeting presentations to learn about important topics. In 2016-17, LWVMC's public presentations were: The Emerging Electorate; Risks of Oil Trains Passing Through Milwaukee; A Discussion on Matters of Race; Wisconsin Water: Issues of Quality and Quantity, Engaging the Electorate: who votes, who doesn't + strategies to boost turnout; and Bridging the Polarization Divide.

### **WE EDUCATE** citizens about voting and changing election laws.

We were busy in 2016! The state's changing election laws required extra diligence in keeping our printed materials and online content current. We worked efficiently by coordinating with many community organizations to reach Milwaukee County citizens. Hundreds of LWVMC volunteers participated in voter outreach: 52 community voter education/registration events; 69 Naturalization ceremonies, where we registered nearly 2,000 new citizens to vote; 53 high school voter registration events, through a collaboration with the City of Milwaukee Election Commission and Milwaukee Public Schools; 17 community events on National Voter Registration Day; 5 candidate forums moderated by LWVMC; and online candidate voter guides. Our work continues...

### **WE ENGAGE** citizens in democracy and our members in LWV activities.

There are many ways to engage with LWVMC: new member orientations; public presentations and follow-up discussions; committee meetings; our new Lunch & Learn series of brief, informative meetings on various topics held during the lunch hour; our kick-off meetings or other social gatherings -- or connect with us in the virtual world through our social media outreach on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

**We appreciate your support.**

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