



# The *Voter* July-August 2018

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MILWAUKEE COUNTY

July has arrived, bringing all the wonderful sights and sounds of summer. For many, this is the best time of year as nature is in full bloom, and there are so many festivals and activities in the state that you can hardly choose from all the offerings. If the heat gets too much you can always get away up north. Summer is such a respite.

July is also the beginning of the League year. The Board gathers for orientation and training, ensuring a smooth transfer of job responsibilities as well as building group cohesion. With our continued rapid growth, we are aware of the need to explore different ways to meet the expectations of our members and to use our resources most effectively. Given the current political climate, the organization of our League and its focus are critical.



We are confronted every day with evidence that the very foundation of our representative government is in danger. Political gerrymandering remains intact, allowing the party in power to effectively control election results. Our president continues to act unilaterally by issuing signing statements without consulting Congress. And the Supreme Court is now comprised of a conservative supermajority. There is a real possibility that many recently-gained rights are in danger of being revoked.

It is so hard not to get discouraged by the seemingly never-ending bad news coming out of Washington. Yet there have also been some encouraging signs that we, the American electorate, will not surrender to those who would usurp the power of the people. Just in the past year, some long-entrenched politicians have lost stunning primary upsets, more women have entered the political fray, and people all over the country have taken to the streets to protest en masse.

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So, once again I ask all of you to continue the great fight. Keep informing, keep registering, and keep hoping. Remember, we are descended from amazing women who fought for women’s suffrage. After many setbacks over many decades they finally won the franchise. Like them, we have the grit and determination to fight for what is right, no matter how long it takes. As Martin Luther King, Jr. once said: “Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable... Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals.”

**Welcome to the new League year!**

**Anne Golden, LWVMC President**

# Calendar

## July 2018

|    |      |                                   |   |
|----|------|-----------------------------------|---|
| 10 | Tue  | 6:00pm - 7:30pm                   | Social Policy Committee<br>Milwaukee Public Library - Central Library Branch, Room 2B<br>814 W Wisconsin Avenue<br>Milwaukee, WI 53233<br>Contact: Solana Patterson-Ramos 414-522-7714  |
| 11 | Wed  | 5:00pm - 6:30pm                   | Online Voter Registration & Photo ID for voting<br>Milwaukee Public Library Tippecanoe Branch<br>3912 S Howell Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53207<br>RSVP to <a href="mailto:lwvmc.voterservices@gmail.com">lwvmc.voterservices@gmail.com</a> |
| 11 | Wed  | 6:00pm - 7:30pm                   | Board Meeting - LWV Milwaukee County<br>1845 N Farwell Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53202<br>Contact: Anne Golden <a href="mailto:league@lwvmilwaukee.org">league@lwvmilwaukee.org</a>  |
| 12 | Thur | 8:30am - 12:30pm<br>and<br>1:30pm | Naturalization Ceremony (3) / New Voter Registration<br>517 East Wisconsin Avenue, Courtroom 320<br>Milwaukee, WI 53202<br>Contact: Mary Jo McDonald <a href="mailto:newcitizens@lwvmilwaukee.org">newcitizens@lwvmilwaukee.org</a> |
| 17 | Tue  | 1:00pm - 3:00pm                   | Waukesha County Unit Meeting<br>Milwaukee Street Traders, 523 Milwaukee Street<br>Delafield, WI 53018<br>Contact: <a href="mailto:waukesha@lwvmilwaukee.org">waukesha@lwvmilwaukee.org</a>  |
| 21 | Sat  | 10:00am - noon                    | Development Committee Meeting<br>Wauwatosa Public Library<br>7635 West North Avenue<br>Wauwatosa, WI 53213<br>Contact: Mary Sussman <a href="mailto:maryksussman@gmail.com">maryksussman@gmail.com</a>                              |
| 25 | Wed  | 7:00pm - 8:30pm                   | Natural Resources Committee<br>Contact: Carol Diggelman <a href="mailto:nr@lwvmilwaukee.org">nr@lwvmilwaukee.org</a>  |
| 26 | Thur | 8:30am - 12:30pm<br>and<br>1:30pm | Naturalization Ceremony (2) / New Voter Registration<br>517 East Wisconsin Avenue, Courtroom 320<br>Milwaukee, WI 53202<br>Contact: Mary Jo McDonald <a href="mailto:newcitizens@lwvmilwaukee.org">newcitizens@lwvmilwaukee.org</a> |
| 26 | Thur | 1:30pm                            | Naturalization Ceremony (1) / New Voter Registration<br>517 East Wisconsin Avenue, Courtroom 320<br>Milwaukee, WI 53202<br>Contact: Mary Jo McDonald <a href="mailto:newcitizens@lwvmilwaukee.org">newcitizens@lwvmilwaukee.org</a> |
| 28 | Sat  | 10:00am - noon                    | Voter Services Job Fair<br>Wauwatosa Public Library<br>7635 West North Avenue<br>Wauwatosa, WI 53213<br>Contact: <a href="mailto:lwvmc.voterservices@gmail.com">lwvmc.voterservices@gmail.com</a>                                   |

## Calendar, cont.

### August 2018

|    |      |                             |  |
|----|------|-----------------------------|--|
| 1  | Wed  | 5:00pm - 6:30pm             | Online Voter Registration & Photo ID for voting<br>Milwaukee Public Library Atkinson Branch<br>1960 W Atkinson Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53209<br>RSVP to: <a href="mailto:lwvmc.voterservices@gmail.com">lwvmc.voterservices@gmail.com</a> |
| 8  | Wed  | 6:00pm - 7:30pm             | Board Meeting - LWV Milwaukee County<br>1845 N Farwell Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53202<br>Contact: Anne Golden <a href="mailto:league@lwvmilwaukee.org">league@lwvmilwaukee.org</a>   |
| 9  | Thur |                             | The Voter Newsletter <b>DEADLINE</b><br>Contact: Nancy Maloney <a href="mailto:ngm.lwvmc@gmail.com">ngm.lwvmc@gmail.com</a>  |
| 14 | Tue  | 7:00am - 8:00pm             | 2018 Partisan Primaries - <b>!!!VOTE!!!</b><br>Statewide   |
| 14 | Tue  | 6:00pm - 7:30pm             | Social Policy Committee<br>Milwaukee Public Library - Central Library Branch, Room 2B<br>814 W Wisconsin Avenue<br>Milwaukee, WI 53233<br>Contact: Solana Patterson-Ramos 414-522-7714   |
| 16 | Thur | 2:00pm - 4:00pm             | Naturalization Planning Meeting<br>4354 N Marlborough Drive<br>Shorewood, WI 53211<br>Contact: Mary Jo McDonald <a href="mailto:newcitizens@lwvmilwaukee.org">newcitizens@lwvmilwaukee.org</a>                                       |
| 20 | Mon  | 1:15pm - 2:45pm             | Membership Committee meeting<br>St. John's on the Lake<br>1840 North Prospect Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53202<br>Contact: Barbara Rasmussen 414-791-0114   |
| 21 | Tue  | 6:00pm - 8:00pm             | Waukesha County Unit Meeting<br>Milwaukee Street Traders, 523 Milwaukee Street<br>Delafield, WI 53018<br>Contact: <a href="mailto:waukesha@lwvmilwaukee.org">waukesha@lwvmilwaukee.org</a>   |
| 22 | Wed  | 7:00pm - 8:30pm             | Natural Resources Committee<br>Contact: Carol Diggelman <a href="mailto:nr@lwvmilwaukee.org">nr@lwvmilwaukee.org</a>   |
| 23 | Thur | 8:30am - 12:30pm and 1:30pm | Naturalization Ceremony (2) / New Voter Registration<br>517 East Wisconsin Avenue, Courtroom 390<br>Milwaukee, WI 53202<br>Contact: Mary Jo McDonald <a href="mailto:newcitizens@lwvmilwaukee.org">newcitizens@lwvmilwaukee.org</a>  |
| 26 | Sun  |                             | Women's Equality Day   |
| 26 | Sun  | 2:00pm - 4:00pm             | New Member Orientation<br>3942 N Oakland Ave<br>Milwaukee, WI 53211<br>Contact: Barbara Rasmussen 414-791-0114   |



**Delegates to the LWVWI 2018 Annual Meeting:**

*Front Row: Dave Petering, Eloisa Gomez, Ann Batiza, Louise Petering, Mary Kae Nelson, Carol O'Neill, Mary Jo McDonald, Teri Lane. Back Row: Diane Steigerwald, Liz Aelion, Leigh Ann Tidey, Jenna Lara, Ruth Shank, Peggy Creer, Michele Goldstein, Janet Fitch, Mary Sussman. Not pictured: Carol Diggelman and Joey Walsh.*

## *Bridging Divides, Building Unity, and Strengthening League*

### **Report from the 2018 State League Convention**

**Ann Batiza**, VP Organization, LWVMC

Nineteen LWVMC delegates attended the LWVWI State Convention whose theme was, *Bridging Divides, Building Unity and Strengthening League*. Several of our members presented during the Friday afternoon League Exchanges: **Mary Jo McDonald** discussed *Equipment for OVR* and **Leigh Ann Tidey** discussed *High School and Campuses Outreach* during the Voter Services Exchange. **Louise Petering**, who is the State Membership and Leadership Development Coordinator, shared her expertise regarding *Membership and Leadership Development* during the Membership Exchange, while **Teri Lane** discussed *How to Share and Organize Legislative Information* while introducing League members to the State HUB during the Technology Exchange.

The evening keynote address challenged members to consider, *Intent vs. Impact: Mobilizing the Power of the Black Vote*. Tracey Robertson, who is the Executive Director of Fit Oshkosh, Inc., asked members what we were willing to give up to attract black members. She described the need to have partners at the table from the beginning when planning events and the need to relinquish control for decision-making.

During the Parade of Leagues, we highlighted our four public meetings, Voter Services and Latinx Outreach, monthly programming events, and keynote speaker for the LWVMC annual meeting. We were able to report we now have 369 members, which is an increase of 130 members since this time last year! (Thank you for the last-minute update, **Beverly Katter!**)

During the Saturday breakout sessions **Leigh Ann Tidey** discussed the *Importance of Civic Education* while **Michele Goldstein, Jenna Lara** and **Eloisa Gomez** served on a panel regarding the *Community Alliances Update*. In another session, two former jail and prison inmates discussed the Catch-22 conditions that black women inmates particularly endure, while another session addressed poverty in Wisconsin. Meanwhile, our two State Board members, **Louise Petering** and **Ruth Shank**, took part in the LWVWI Board Meeting and our League contributed a lovely patriotic wine and party basket assembled by **Mary Kae Nelson** and **Mary Sussman**.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Louise Petering**, who was elected Vice-President of the Wisconsin State League!

**VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!**

Partisan primaries will be held on August 14, 2018

For information on what's on the ballot visit [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org), [www.wiseye.org](http://www.wiseye.org) and [www.wisconsinvote.org](http://www.wisconsinvote.org)

# Membership Committee



**Barbara Rasmussen, Chair**

## *Oh, the Places You Will Go...*

...when you choose to participate in the myriad activities of the League of Women Voters of Milwaukee County! Like the Dr. Seuss people, we can go far and achieve much by working together. We have seen that through events throughout this year. We continue to grow because the more we do the more we are seen. And the more we are seen the more others want to be a part of an organization that accomplishes so much. In the past year, we have had over **100** people become members!

If you have joined and are looking in on what is happening, but have not yet jumped in to volunteer, I invite you to come and see the places you – and we will go – with your help. You can register voters, work on programs to educate voters about the issues, or participate in panels that present candidates where voters learn about their stands on issues. You can monitor the work of your legislators on many levels.

You can also join various League committees, including the Membership Committee, where we recruit, renew and retain members. Among other things, you can

become a “buddy” to a new member by simply getting to know them and help match their interests with avenues they can take to become involved. You may also make yourself available to answer questions about the League and how it works.

Your first step in getting **more** involved is to fill out the online Interest Survey. You can do that right here <http://lwvmilwaukee.org>.

If you have not attended a New Member Orientation, please join us on **Sunday, August 26, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Eastwood Condominiums, 3942 N Oakland Avenue in Shorewood**. If you are a new member, you will receive an invitation by US mail, as well as by email. Please respond as requested.

Another event at which you can meet your fellow Leaguers is the Fall Kickoff on **Wednesday, September 26 at the Whitefish Bay Women’s Club**.

If you have questions about anything, please contact a leader listed on the website or in your Membership Directory.

**And, please renew your dues for the 2018-19 year now, if you have not already done so!**



## **Do Your Dues!!!**



If you have not already done so, please renew your membership! You may send a check to the League office (1845 N Farwell, Milwaukee, WI, 53202) or click on the Renew Membership button at the website (<http://lwvmilwaukee.org>) to pay via PayPal.

# The League of Women Voters of Milwaukee County Expands to Form Waukesha Unit

## Vicki Aro-Schackmuth

The League of Women Voters of Milwaukee County Waukesha County unit held its first public meeting Tuesday, June 19th, 6:00 pm at Milwaukee Street Traders, 523 Milwaukee St., Delafield, WI 53018. The meeting was attended primarily by members of the public with a few current League members joining. 16 attendees total participated.

Vicki Aro-Schackmuth opened the meeting with an introduction about the League and an account about “how we got here” as a Unit in Waukesha County. Teri Lane followed with a more in-depth video presentation on the League. She then presented a slide show highlighting the League’s works. Michelle Goldstein and Leigh Ann Tidey presented on Voter Services which led to a free-flowing discussion on many topics, with Candidate Questions/Forums and county transportation topping the issues.



There appeared to be a high level of interest for League activity in Waukesha County, with applause ringing out at the mention of it. The next step will be to determine the best use of our most limited resource, manpower. We plan to dedicate the next evening meeting on August 21 at 6:00 pm to brainstorm. The meeting on July 17 at 1:00 pm will be dedicated to welcoming prospective members as well as planning for the future.

An interest survey was developed to assist in determining areas of interest and need in Waukesha County. The survey can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/LWVWaukeshaInterestt>

The primary leaders of the unit are **Vicki Aro-Schackmuth, Teri Lane and Leigh Ann Tidey**. We all were lifted by the amount of enthusiasm we saw generated at this first meeting and are looking forward to the growth of the unit and the prospect of good work to come.



Contact us at: [waukesha@lwvmilwaukee.org](mailto:waukesha@lwvmilwaukee.org)



## NEW MEMBERS

**Shirley Halloran**, Membership Committee

Janet Badura, Wauwatosa  
Dorothy Deacon, Brookfield  
Julie Edell-Berlin and Sarah Philipp,  
Milwaukee  
Ronald Farr, Milwaukee  
Paula Fink, Milwaukee  
Marilyn Fryk, Delavan  
Ann Gainey, Wind Lake  
Julie Hanna, Milwaukee  
John Idzikowski, St. Francis  
Sheri Levin, Shorewood  
Ann McIntyre, Milwaukee  
Jane and Allison Nastoff, Brookfield  
Patricia Oblatz, Milwaukee  
Peggy Palmer and Penn Engebose,  
Germantown  
Joan Rocamora, Glendale  
Susan Amour Seidman, Shorewood  
Kathleen Ulbricht, Franklin  
Alicia Walia, Milwaukee  
Lois Wesener, Shorewood  
Bethany Woodson, Milwaukee

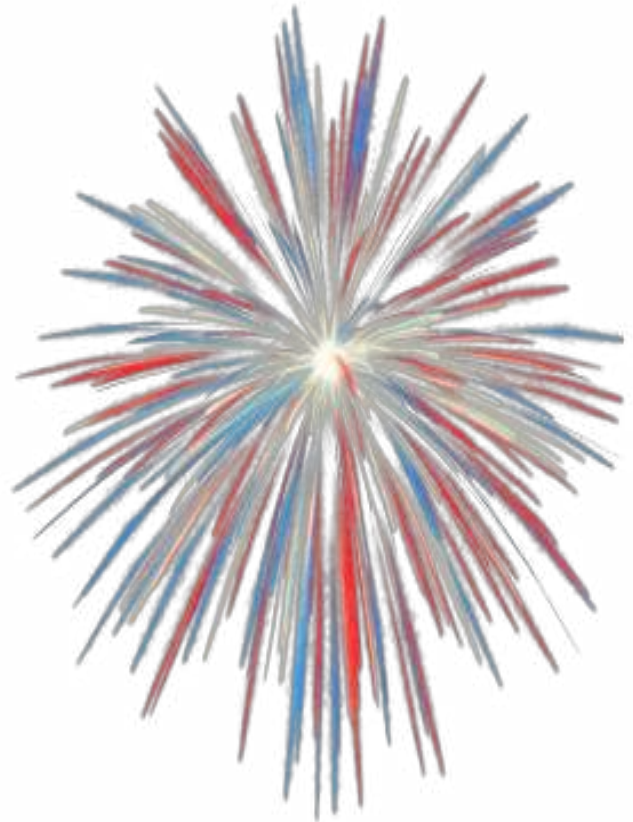
While these recent new members are especially invited to attend the New Member Orientation on Sunday, August 26, so are others who have joined since our last orientation in February. It's an opportunity to learn about League policies and procedures, but our primary purpose is to welcome you! Plan to be there.

By the way, though it's a New Member Orientation, we will turn away no "old" members. Come to socialize and connect with others who care about issues.

## Voter Services Celebrated Work of **240** Volunteers!!!

**Michele Goldstein**, Voter Services Committee  
Chair

The Voter Services arm of LWVMC gathered on Monday, June 25, to celebrate the hard work and dedication of the **240** Voter Services volunteers (unduplicated) and partners who helped our League register eligible voters in the high schools, naturalization ceremonies and in the community as well as training students, nonprofit staff and community members in how to use the My Vote online registration system. And that's not even taking the candidate forums into account! A hearty THANK YOU to all who contributed their time and talent!



**HAPPY  
FOURTH!!!**

# The League Needs YOU!

*Help Us Establish a Development Committee  
to Support Our Programs  
& Activities*

- ✧ Our goal is to build an enthusiastic development committee to raise money for our active and growing League so that we can continue to support and expand our educational programming and community outreach.
- ✧ Curious? Please mark your calendar and join us at this informational brainstorming gathering at the Wauwatosa Public Library, where we will get to know each other and share our experience, interests and ideas. We hope to identify those who are interested in helping with specific fundraising activities as well as those who might serve on a Fund Development Committee.
- ✧ Bring your experience, skills and ideas. Those with and without experience are welcome to this gathering to develop plans to meet our revenue needs for both the short and long term. Help LWVMC develop a strategic development plan and support its implementation.

*Please Join Us!*

WHERE: Wauwatosa Public Library  
7635 West North Avenue  
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

WHEN: July 21, 2018 10:00 am –12:00 pm

Light refreshments will be served.

Questions? Contact Mary Sussman at [maryksussman@gmail.com](mailto:maryksussman@gmail.com)

We look forward to seeing you!

Mary Sussman & Michele Goldstein, Session Facilitators



*Voting is the foundational act that breathes life  
into the principle of the consent of the governed.*

*DeForest Soaries*

## Mark Your Calendar!

*Join the LWVMC Voter Services Committee  
and Each of Its Teams For the First Annual*

### **“Step Up Voter Services Volunteer Job Fair”**

Please join us!

**When?** Saturday, July 28, 2018  
10:00am - 12:00pm

**Where?** Firefly Room, Wauwatosa Public Library  
7635 West North Ave.  
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

**Why?**

1. To learn what Voter Services is all about.
2. To learn what the different Voter Services teams are.
3. To meet the Voter Services team leaders.
4. To learn about how the work of each of the Voter Services teams gets done.
5. To think about how you can help “Make Democracy Work.”

**RSVP:** [lwvmc.voterservices@gmail.com](mailto:lwvmc.voterservices@gmail.com)

# Join Up! Join In! Join the League of Women Voters - Today!



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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete this form, make your check payable to LWVMC, and mail to:**

League of Women Voters of Milwaukee County, 1845 N. Farwell Ave. Suite 102, Milwaukee, WI 53202

**OR join online at [lwvmilwaukee.org](http://lwvmilwaukee.org) - Thank you!**

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