



Dear Friends in League,

Just as we have almost caught our breath from 2020, the 2021 election season is upon us. A statewide primary election for the Wisconsin Superintendent of Public Instruction will be held on **Tuesday, February 16**. You can request absentee ballots at **MyVote.WI.gov**, <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/>

and can learn about the candidates on the LWV Education Fund's **VOTE411.org** website, <https://www.vote411.org/>

In early January, the LWV of Greater Green Bay conducted a candidate forum that you can view on the LWVWI website at <https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin/article/state-superintendent-candidate-forum-recording-available-now>



The 2021 Spring Election will be on **Tuesday, April 6**. Our League is planning local candidate forums for Janesville City Council and for the Board of Education of the School District of Janesville in late February or early March. Watch for more information on our website, social media, and in the next issue of *The Voter*.

Be sure to attend this year's **Beloit & Janesville LWV Annual Event** on **Saturday, February 13**, from 10:00-11:30 am. The theme of this online special event is **"Restoring Trust in the Voting Process."** Speakers will be Professor **David Canon**, Professor of Political Science at UW-Madison, and Rock County Clerk **Lisa Tollefson**. We are not able to gather together for a luncheon this year, but we hope that attendees will consider making a donation to support the League's work. This event is free to the public, but donations will be shared equally between the Beloit and Janesville Leagues. You can register for the event on our website at: <https://www.lwvjvl.org/upcoming-events>. The LWV of Beloit will send registrants a link to the online event closer to February 13.

It is not too late to complete the LWVWI Demographic Survey if you haven't had the opportunity to respond yet. This survey will be used to measure the diversity of League membership across several variables. The link to the LWV Janesville Demographic Survey 2020 is <https://forms.gle/RJpZSsGTuFCx1bjA9>

Looking ahead, the LWVWI Annual Meeting will be on Saturday, June 12, 2021, and will be a virtual meeting—hopefully, for the last time



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Nominations Open Now



Seeking Nominations for LWVWI Board of Directors

LWVWI is seeking a diverse pool of nominees for several positions on the Board of Directors for fiscal year 2021-2022, including president, secretary, three directors and two off-board members for the Nominating Committee. Board officers and directors serve two year terms and Nominating Committee members serve one year terms.

The Board of Directors is the administrative and policymaking team for the state League. Board members are responsible for planning and decision-making in League management, from financing to communications and visibility, as well as programming, which addresses advocacy, study and education services.



The president of the board leads and speaks for the state League, and is also charged with convening and presiding over meetings.

The LWVWI board meets at least six times per year.

If you are a League member and want to bring your League experience, leadership skills and diversity to the Board, we welcome you to nominate yourself. You can also nominate another League member. We encourage you to fill out a Board Nomination Form and return it to lwvwisconsin@lwvwi.org by March 1, 2021.

The current LWVWI Nominating Committee is comprised of two off-board members, Jennifer Balma of LWV Manitowoc Co and Barbara Paterick (Chair) of LWV Greater Green Bay, and LWVWI board member Sara Companik of LWV Appleton.

This is also the time of year many local Leagues are seeking nominations to their boards. Please consider making a difference and lending your voice and expertise to your local board and join them in strengthening board diversity and representation on issues that matter to you and your local community.

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“Restoring Trust in the Voting Process”

**Saturday, February 13th, 2021
10-11:30 A.M.**

**“Forward Together--Advancing Democracy”
The Beloit & Janesville Leagues’ Annual Celebration**

Saturday, February 13, 10-11:30 a.m.

**The Leagues of Women Voters of Beloit and of Janesville present virtually,
the Annual Forward Together – Advancing Democracy**

“Restoring Trust in the Voting Process”

With the recent unprecedented violent attempt to overturn the results of a presidential election, this topic takes on a new sense of urgency. What can be done to convince the 40% of Americans who believe the election was stolen from President Trump that our elections are secure? Professor David Canon, Ph.D. of UW Madison will talk about the myth of systemic voter fraud and the reality of the integrity of the voting process. It is free, with a suggested donation of \$10 in lieu of a registration fee. Next year we plan an in-person luncheon. As always, elected public officials and candidates for public office are encouraged to take the opportunity to introduce themselves if they register by January 30.

Please register for this event at:

<https://www.lwvjvl.org/event-info/beloit-janesville-lwv-annual-event-restoring-trust-in-the-voting-process>



SAVE THE DATE

LWVUS Semi-Annual Survey Results



LWVUS to Share Semi-Annual Survey Results

Local Wisconsin Leagues spent valuable time completing the LWVUS Semi-Annual Survey. We are grateful for their efforts to record their voter service and communication activities during the 2020 election season, local organizing, advocacy work, and any progress made while implementing the League's [Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy](#). LWVUS sought to collect this data across all states in order to better understand our Leagues' efficiencies, accomplishments and challenges nationwide.

LWVUS will share their findings in a national webinar on Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 6 p.m. (CST). You can register for the webinar. If you have any questions, please contact Amilcar Guzman, LWVUS director of evaluation and outcomes, at aguzman@lww.org.



CALENDAR

Upcoming Activities 2020-21*

*Additional events may be planned. Check website: lwwjvl.org/upcoming-events

February 2021

February 1 LWV JVL Board meeting via Zoom
February 13 Beloit & Janesville Annual Event
10:00-11:30 a.m. online special "Restoring Trust in
the Voting Process"
February 16 Spring Primary
February 22 Courageous Conversations 5:30-8:30
p.m. Via Zoom

March 2021

March 1 LWV-JVL Board meeting
March 21 Courageous Conversations 5:30-8:30
p.m. Via Zoom
April 2021
April LWV-JVL Board meeting via Zoom
April 6 Spring Election

Meg McLane Award Nominations and MLD Award Applications



LEFT: Meg McLane was a longtime member of LWV Fond du Lac and the state Legislative Committee. Her work is honored through an advocacy award bearing her name. RIGHT: 2019 MLD Award recipients included LWV Beloit and LWV Winnebago County.

LWVWI Seeking Meg McLane Award Nominations and MLD Award Applications

LWVWI is always proud to present two distinguished awards at its Annual Meeting. The [Meg McLane Award for Advocacy](#) recognizes a League member who works as a citizen advocate through the League of Women Voters and/or other organizations for policy changes in Wisconsin. Individual League members or groups may place anyone in nomination by filling out a [nomination form](#) and submitting it to lwwwisconsin@lwwv.org before April 5, 2021.

The [Membership and Leadership Development \(MLD\) Award](#) recognizes local Wisconsin Leagues for

initiatives they have taken over the past year that have measurably increased their visibility, outreach, member/non-member participation, leadership development, and diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives. Any local League may self-nominate by submitting an [application](#) showing measurable evidence of their growth in any of these areas. Please submit applications to lwwwisconsin@lwwv.org before May 12, 2021.

Awards will be presented at the 2021 LWVWI Annual Meeting on June 12, 2021.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy

Each month we will be placing our position on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Voter, as a service to our members.

LWV is an organization fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in principle and in practice. 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.

There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, gender identity, ethnicity, race, native or indigenous origin, age, generation, sexual orientation, culture, religion, belief system, marital status, parental status, socioeconomic status, language, accent, ability status, mental health, educational level or background, geography, nationality, workstyle,

work experience, job role function, thinking style, personality type, physical appearance, political perspective or affiliation and/or any other characteristic that can be identified as recognizing or illustrating diversity.

The Janesville LWV commits to the diversity of Janesville and fully endorses the LWV's DEI policy.



SPRING PRIMARY ELECTION

FEBRUARY 16



2021 Spring Elections and Special Legislative Elections

The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin encourages all voters to participate in the Spring elections. Please save these dates!

- ☐ Spring Primary: February 16, 2021
- ☐ Spring Election: April 6, 2021

What's on the ballot? State superintendent of public instruction, court of appeals judge in Districts I, II and III, circuit court judges, and other local nonpartisan offices.

The special elections for Assembly District 89 and Senate District 13 will be held in conjunction with the February 16, 2021 primary and the April 6, 2021 election.

Make your plan now to vote February 16th.

Check your voter registration status at myvote.wi.gov. If need to register, or re-register if you moved since the last election, act now:

- ☐ January 27: Deadline to register online or by mail
- ☐ February 12: Deadline to register in person at your Municipal Clerk's Office
- ☐ February 16: Register at your polling place on Election Day

Consider voting safely from home by voting absentee. Request your absentee ballot today at myvote.wi.gov.

If you need assistance, contact the Voter Helpline at (608) 285-2141.

Are you reading this newsletter as a 'guest'?
Joining the League of Women Voters is easy simply fill in this form and mail.

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Phone Number _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$65.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Household | \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting | \$75.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Student | \$10.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> & _____ Open Door Membership | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am unable to join the League at this time but enclosed is a contribution of \$_____. | | | |

Please make your check payable to: League of Women Voters -
Janesville, P.O. Box 8064, Janesville, WI 53547-8064

- I request consideration for a LWV scholarship.

Web addresses of National, State and Local Leagues:

To check out the action go to: **LWV-US**

<www.lwv.org>

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