

## LWV DC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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## VOTE SIGNS

Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> is the primary election day. Please put out your vote signs Monday and take them in Wednesday! Vote... take a friend to vote!

## CANDIDATE FORUM - LIBERTY GROVE TOWN

The LWV DC conducted a candidate forum for the contested races for supervisor for the Liberty Grove Town Board. Candidates included: Frank Forkert, Nancy Goss, Michael Mercier. This forum was held Saturday, February 16, 2013, in the Liberty Grove Town Hall, at 10:00 AM. **Thanks to LWV members Sandy Brown, Estelle & Chuck Lauter, Phil & Marilyn Hansotia, Michele Geiger-Bronsky, Shirley Senarighi and LWV Friend Barb Pederson for efficiently implementing this important session for the residents of Liberty Grove.** The forum can be seen on YOU TUBE: [http://youtu.be/6\\_vOfOYXpZO](http://youtu.be/6_vOfOYXpZO) There is also a link to it on our Facebook page and the LWV Door County website.

## HIGH SCHOOL VOTER REGISTRATION

The League of Women Voters has a long history of helping voters get registered to vote. This spring LWV DC members will assist high school students, who will turn 18 on or prior to the April 2 Election Day, to complete mail-in voter registration forms. Staff members and community members who have moved since the last election but who will reside at their current address for at least 28 days by Election Day are eligible to register with the mail-in form as well. League members and friends of the League will be at each of the Door County High Schools to distribute registration forms and stamped envelopes addressed to the appropriate town or village clerk, and answer any questions people have about the registration forms and process. High school students and other adults are welcome to stop by and complete a mail-in voter registration form.

A copy of the person's current and valid WI driver's license (must have current address to be used) or other proof of current residence *must be mailed with the registration form* to the clerk's office up to 20 days prior to the election. Completed forms and copy of proof of residence can be mailed right from each high school office in their out-going mail; a copy of the ID/proof of residence can be made at the high school.

The following documents constitute proof of residence if they contain the voter's *CURRENT and complete first and last name and CURRENT residential address*, and are valid on the day used to register to vote.

- A current and valid WI Driver License / ID Card
- Any other official identification card or license issued by a Wisconsin governmental body or unit
- An employee ID card with a photograph, but not a business card
- A real property tax bill or receipt for the current year or the year preceding the date of the election
- A residential lease (Does not count as proof of residence if elector submits form by mail)

- A picture ID or fee card from a university, college or technical college
- A utility bill for the period commencing not earlier than 90 days before the day registration is made
- A bank statement
- A paycheck

High school identification cards are NOT acceptable as proof of residence for voter registration.

Thanks to LWV members and LWV friends for implementing the following voter registration activities:

**Gibraltar - Lobby near the Lunch Room Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> 12:10 PM - 1 PM**

**Volunteers: Madeline Johnson, Karen DeYoung, Helene DiIulio, Gerri Friedberg**

**Southern Door - HS Cafeteria, Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

**Susan McAninch, Dawn Kuelz, Peter Wyatt, LWV Friend Nancy Feld**

**Sevastopol - Lobby near the HS Office Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM**

**Madeline Johnson, Barb Graul, Peter Wyatt & Victoria Cerinich, & LWV Friend Jim Adams**

**Sturgeon Bay - Front Lobby of HS Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM**

**Susan McAninch, Dawn Kuelz, Julie Stratton, Betsy Williamson, Peter Wyatt OR Victoria Cerinich & LWV Friend Sue MacLean**

## **CANDIDATE FORUM - SOUTHERN DOOR SCHOOLS**

The Candidate Forum is for the contested race for Southern Door School Board. This forum is scheduled for **Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013**, in the High School Library at Southern Door Schools, beginning at 7:00 PM. Should there be inclement weather, listen to local radio for an announcement; a snow date has been set for Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. **Thanks to LWV members Victoria Cerinich, Peter Wyatt, Martha Beller, Bill Beller, Jennifer & Mark Moeller, and Eileen Bohn for volunteering to implement this important forum for the voters of Southern Door!**

## **LIVELY ISSUES SESSION**

**Fourteen individuals attended this Lively issues session!** A summary of our discussion follows: At the national League level - LWV of Amherst, MA requested support of a proposed study related to the 2010 Citizens United v FEC decision. The LWV DC agreed to support this study. At the LWV WI level - Proposal for Review of LWV WI Position on Judicial Selection: The LWV DC believes the position should be reviewed and clarified. Look at the WI GAB as a model. Proposal for Review of LWV WI Positions on Natural Resources: The LWV DC ranked the order in which positions should be reviewed: 1. water, 2. land 3. pesticides 4. solid waste management 5. air. Peter Sigmann and Paula Olson volunteered to help with this review at the state level and pull in local LWV members for input as warranted.

At the local LWV level we discussed the following issues:

Voter Service:

- Getting young women registered and voting - Look at a Women's Fund Grant
- Conduct sessions on getting women involved in local government - Look at a Women's Fund Grant

- Collaborate with Libraries - story hours and play groups, Health Department, Church Youth Groups
- Use our plan for HS registration plan at community venues.
- Use our HS registration plan at NWTC

#### Civility:

- Look at 'On Being' Pod Casts
- Determine a plan after the 2/ 4/ 13 meeting with the representatives from the Oshkosh Civility Project

#### Other Issues:

- Continue to advocate for legislation that addresses our local issues related to Karst.
- Continue advocacy for Family Care in Door County.

## CIVILITY UPDATE

Twenty eight LWV members and community leaders attended the Civility meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup> at the Sturgeon Bay City Hall. Dr. Tom Grogan, Special Assistant to the Chancellor at UW Oshkosh and Sue Panek, Executive Director, Oshkosh Area United Way shared the Oshkosh Civility Project. Nearly everyone in the room engaged in the conversation at some point. A follow-up survey was emailed to all in attendance to get their input on how to proceed from here. I've attached a poster illustrating the aspirations of their Civility Pledge. This is a Link to resources of the Oshkosh Civility Project:

<http://www.oshkoshcivilityproject.org/download-materials.html> Once surveys are in we can determine the direction of a Door County Civility Project. We'll keep you posted and involved!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The LWV Door County will hold its ANNUAL MEETING the evening of **Thursday, May 23** at Mr. G's Supper Club just south of Jacksonport. This year we celebrate the **60<sup>th</sup> birthday** of the **LWV of Door County**. It will be a fun night; we hope all members can attend and bring a friend along!

## WEBSITE

If you haven't taken a look at the LWV Door County website recently, please do so! **Thanks to our new webmaster Peter Wyatt** for updating items and adding many more items to the site for our League! **Thanks to previous webmaster Martha Beller** for setting up the site and managing it the past couple of years!

## OUT OF TOWN

Co-president Shirley Senarighi will be out of the area from February 19 - March 19. Co-president, Martha Beller will be available.