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Dear League Member:

On behalf of the Board of the League of Women Voters of Door County, thank you for your membership in our organization. Without your financial support and participation, our work in Door County would be very difficult, if not impossible. The Board has elected to keep our membership dues reasonable. Our projects are entirely funded by sustaining contributions from members and this annual request. We need your continued financial support! On 8/26/11 the IRS granted 501(c)(3) non-profit status to the LWV Wisconsin and its local chapters. All contributions and dues (up to \$75 per individual) paid to the LWV DC are now tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. By using this email format we are trying to reduce postage and stationery costs in order to devote more of our resources to our projects.

The Door County LWV is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government. We have served Door County for over 60 years. Some of our past and current activities include:

- Holding (and covering the recording expenses for) voter forums; 3 were held in 2012-13.
- Conducting 5 Mail-in Voter Registration Assistance Events at Gibraltar, Sevastopol, Southern Door, and Sturgeon Bay High Schools.
- Sending birthday cards to Door County youths on their 18th birthday to congratulate them on becoming adults and remind them of their civic responsibility to register and vote; over 250 cards were sent in 2012-13.
- Publicizing information on how to register and vote, distributing voter literature, and encouraging high voter turn-out by displaying "Vote It Counts!" signs.
- Monitoring county board, city council, and other local government through a revitalized Observer Corps; 9 members monitored the meetings of 10 governmental groups in 2012-13.
- Monitoring compliance with Open Records and Open Meetings Laws.
- Acting on local, state, and national issues as supported by League positions.
- Promoting civility in government and society by 4 public showings of video "Patriocracy" which resulted in the founding of the Door County Civility Project, a free-standing community based organization.
- Participating in Door/Kewaunee Legislative Days 2013.

We appreciate your generosity and look forward to your response to this request! Thanks!

Sincerely,

Sandy Brown, President