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*Commemorating Our Legacy,
Expanding Our Impact.*

Save the Date!
February 8, 2020

Centennial Luncheon
Guest Speaker: Meagan Wolfe
Wisconsin Elections Commission Administrator

Topic: Election Security

Sponsored by:
**The Leagues of
Women Voters
of Beloit and
Janesville**

Saturday, February 8 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.,
at Cargill Methodist Church, 2000 Wesley Ave, Janesville, WI

"If you don't vote, you don't count!"
Formally known as the Susan B. Anthony Birthday Party.

**LWV 2019 State Issues Briefing,
Saturday, October 19
Session - Wisconsin Counts: 2020 Census**

Mary Buelow
LWV-JVL Board

Matt Dannenberg, Census Director for Wisconsin Voices gave a very inspiring presentation about 2020 Census. He described the process as "flying an airplane while it's being built". The whole process can be broken into four phases:

- Phase 1 – building infrastructure and testing (thru Nov 2020)
- Phase 2 – motivation and GOTC (Get Out The Census) preparation (Dec – Jan)
- Phase 3 – Get Out The Census! All hands on deck! (March – April)

- Phase 4 – Non response follow-up (May 1 – July 31)

Non-responders will be sent a paper form April 8 – 17. If there is still no response, they will be visited at their home by a Census employee. Enumeration ends July 31, 2020.

The Census is available in multiple languages. The online form supports 39 languages. For those who chose to call in over the phone, 12 languages are supported. Paper forms are available in English and Spanish.

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An important as the Census is, some people are reluctant to participate. Dannenberg suggested several phrases that are helpful to encourage people to participate.

- 10 minutes that can impact the next 10 years.
- Your community is counting on you to be counted
- If you don't count the baby, they're not accounted for during the first ten years of life
- Resources your community needs depend on counting everyone! (schools, child care, housing, transport, more)
- Only census data can be used for funding decisions. Even if you are involved in other government programs (section 8, FoodShare, IRS, etc) the Census cannot use that data. You must fill out the Census form to be counted!
- For marginalized communities, Census is visibility. Stop being overlooked!
- "It's a radical act of saying 'I have to be counted, and you have to see my community, and they have to be counted. We are here'" Minnesota Lt Governor Peggy Flanagan, White Earth Band of Ojibwe

• Estimates vary, but the loss to the community is a minimum of \$16,000 per person per year for every person not counted.

Dannenberg encouraged people make a plan to fill out the Census:

- Decide which method you will use - Online form, telephone, paper form, or wait for knock on the door
- Parents with children in joint custody – decide which parent will count the kids
- Multi-generational households – count everyone from oldest to youngest
- Multi-family households – decide who will fill out the form for everyone. Count them all!
- Grandparent households, Children not related to householder – (foster kids, other situations) make a plan who will count the kids. They need to be counted!
- Occasional couch surfer - find out where they are staying April 1. If they have nowhere invite them to stay overnight on April 1, and count them in your household.
- Concerns due to a disability? Find out what your options are.

Dannenberg also stressed that the Census is confidential. This information cannot and will not be shared with anyone.

DEI Breakout Session at LWV Briefing, Saturday, October 19, 2019

Evon Mitchell
Diversity Committee

Session presented by Tracy Williams-Merlin, Senior Director of External Relations, Partnerships, and Development in the Division of Diversity, Equity and Educational Achievement at UW_Madison. (She also presented at the LWVWI spring workshops held this year in Milwaukee and Madison.)

Workshop title was "Justice Through the lens of Race: Exploring our role in diversity, equity and inclusion"

Book she recommended called White Fragility: Why it's so hard for white people to talk about racism by Dr. Robin DiAngelo (published in 2018)

Ground-breaking book exploring the counterproductive reactions white people have when discussing racism that serve to protect their positions and maintain racial inequality. In the ground-breaking and timely book, anti-racist educator Robin DiAngelo deftly illuminates the phenomenon of white fragility. Referring to the defensive moves that white people make when challenged racially, white fragility is characterized by emotions such as anger, fear, and guilt, and by behaviors including argumentation and silence. These behaviors, in turn, function to reinstate white racial equilibrium and prevent any meaningful cross-racial dialogue. In this in-depth exploration, DiAngelo explores how white fragility develops, how it protects racial inequality, and what we can do to engage more constructively.

You will find Youtube presentations on the topic by

Dr. DiAngelo. Our speaker shared a part of one of those Youtube videos during her workshop. I intended to take the time to listen to more.

Wisconsin is 81% white, 6% black, 5% Latino, and a lower percentage of native Americans and Asians.

Tracy talked about the eight pillars of whiteness... un-examined beliefs of white people:

1. Only bad people are racist
2. Individualism allows white people to exempt themselves from forces of socialization ("I didn't enslave anyone, so I don't need to feel responsible")
3. Taught to think about racism only as discrete acts committed by individual people rather than as a complex interconnected system.
4. In light of so many white expressions of resentment toward people of color, white see themselves as entitled to and deserving of more than people of color deserve.

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5. Invested in a system that serves white people.
6. Work hard to deny beliefs.
7. Become defensive when these dynamics are named.
8. Defensiveness maintains the status quo.

Agreements that need to be made when you're having Courageous Conversations About Race (a book by Singleton and Curtis)

- Stay engaged
- Experience discomfort
- Speak my truth
- Expect and accept non-closure

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**Janesville Hearing November 6
from 1 to 3 p.m. Room. 1400B,
the North Commons, Blackhawk
Technical College.**

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Wisconsin Natural Resources Board Seeks Expanded Public Input Additional NR 151 Public Hearings to be Held After Fall Harvest

MISHICOT, Wis. – The Wisconsin Natural Resources Board today directed the department during their September meeting to expand public input regarding the department's process to develop rules relating to the state's water quality standards to decrease nitrate pollution in areas of the state with highly permeable soils that are susceptible to groundwater contamination.

To achieve water quality standards required by state statute, NR 151 establishes statewide runoff pollution performance standards, prohibitions, and practices for agricultural facilities. The rule also sets performance standards for non-agricultural facilities and transportation facilities.

The Legislature's Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules called for a preliminary hearing on the scope statement that outlines the parameters of the rulemaking. The DNR sought NRB approval at the September meeting for that hearing. The Wisconsin Natural Resources Board is asking for the public hearings relating to this process be expanded to three cities across the state including Fond du Lac, Hancock Research Center and Blackhawk Technical College in Janesville to be held after November 1.

"This is not the board delaying the process. This is the board wanting to increase the public input for this very important issue affecting Wisconsinites," said NRB Chairman Dr. Frederick Prehn. "We are asking to expand public input because we truly want everyone at the table to help us tackle this. That also means making sure members of the agricultural community are part of this serious discussion which is why out of respect for

their hard work during the harvest we ask for the public hearings to be held after November 1."

By law, if the statewide performance standards and prohibitions do not achieve state water quality standards, the DNR may develop targeted performance standards.

"This is a critical issue that needs a transparent, robust public input process. The research shows that 39% of Wisconsinites rely on private wells for their drinking water and thousands of those wells have nitrate levels so high the water is unsafe. We must fix that," said DNR Deputy Secretary Todd Ambs. "We look forward to beginning that discussion in November as we work toward the goal of clean safe drinking water for the citizens of Wisconsin."

Nitrate is Wisconsin's most widespread groundwater contaminant. Approximately 90% of nitrate in groundwater originates from agricultural sources such as land application of fertilizers and manure. Much of nitrate comes from fertilizer applied to corn fields and use of nitrogen fertilizer has been increasing for decades. Elevated nitrate can cause miscarriage, birth defects, elevated cancer risk, and other disorders.

Following these three preliminary public hearings, the next step is the DNR seeking NRB approval of the scope statement, which then allows the department to start a rulemaking process.

Board meetings are webcast live. The public can watch the meeting webcasts online. After each meeting, the webcast will be permanently available on demand.



Our Deepest Sympathies



Deb Griffin for the loss of your mother.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS - Voter Service

Date: October 8, 2019
Time: 6:30-7:30
Location: Hedberg Library
Attendees: Sue Scott Susan Johnson Eileen Newcomer Jennifer Bleak Lisa Johnson

The primary focus of the meeting ----planning “Voter Services” activities thru December 1, 2019 and discuss results from recent events we attended.

Updated Records Sheets for Events and discussed results! Still needed data reported for several of the events we attended or hosted. **THANK YOU TO ALL THAT PARTICIPATED AND MADE THESE EVENTS SUCCESSFUL!**

Sat. **Farmers Market** – September 14, 2019
Volunteers: Jennifer, Lisa, Sue, Christina

Festival Latino – Sunday September 15, - Report/
Lisa Johnson/Assisted by Jennifer Varela

Tues. September 24, **National Voter Registration Day** —
Ruth Robinson working with Craig, Milton & Parker

Festival Foods – Confirmed – Jennifer
Hedberg – Lisa Johnson
U-Rock – Linda R
Volunteers: Deb Griffith, Linda Reinhardt, Jennifer Bleak, Ruth Robinson, Christine Moore, Janet Hay, Lisa Johnson

Wed Sept 25 1-3pm Rock **County Community Resource** Fair — Job Service Center way Janesville
Sponsored by Criminal Justice Systems - registered –
Volunteers: Jennifer Bleak and Sue Scott attending
Data:

Wed October 2 – 11-1pm Rock University – Civics Class – Voter Registration – Blackhawk Technical College – Lisa Johnson – 15 attendees – going back 2nd semester – registered 5 that day and 7 more will register online when they are eligible.

October 3-5 –
Saturday –Pumpkinfest 10am-2pm Janesville Women’s Club
Volunteers: Mary Buelow, Lisa Johnson,

Carol Herzig & Susan Johnson

October 5, 2019 Celebrate Janesville Sponsored by First Lutheran Church/Application Pending
Hours: 11-6 – Town Square Downtown Janesville (First Congregational Church)
Volunteers: Jennifer Bleak & Lisa Johnson

Pending VS Events

November 10 – 11am to 6pm Latino Heritage Festival – JPAC – More information to follow.

Planning & Scheduling – Date TBD – **Voter Services Workshop** – Presenters Eileen Newcomer – State Voter Services Coordinator – and Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition We will be inviting Rock County and City of Janesville Clerks to attend and present. This will be a refresher for current members and an orientation for newer members. This will be open to all members and guests. We will be covering voter rights – steps to register - Review or refresher of Voter Services – next VS meeting with some tips and suggestions from LWV State and National office and resources on “how to address voters”...answer questions etc. that maybe helpful. If anyone has anything they would like to see covered, please let Lisa J or Jennifer B know.

Adult “101” February/Hedberg Library – in the planning stages with Gabby Draxler more to follow

General discussion on:

Communications Project

Planning and Implementation of marketing pieces to be used in local publications/Facebook new letters about Voter Services activities and voter registration and – our messages about “get out the vote” – trusted sites for information etc. Working with state office for branding pieces and suggestions – sending out email to all members for ideas and contacts locally – getting all of the churches for bulletins/news letters from Evon Mitchell for a start! Working with Heidi Keith on a communications meeting on November 11 to work on a communication plan for 2020 Election. More information to follow

Board Approval of committee purchases of: \$150

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approved for equipment and supplies for Voter Services

Collapsible Tent/Cover/Smaller Size/With Back \$40 Dick's Sporting

Folding Table that Fits The Cover/Light Weight- right dimension for the cover

Proper Color/Table Cloth With LWV Branding

Two Chairs Folding/Easy Carry – fit under the above

Another Banner for Back of Tent/Cover that has gromets for easy hang and proper dimensions

Cart with storage for materials to get these items to events....have one in mind (all in one...easy load and unload stuff)

Update table signs? National will have some ideas for us that are focused on the 2020 Elections



Thank you notes with LWV On Front...ordering from National/State-Vote411.org signs for events

Voter 411.org project – next phase and deadlines – Voter Services will be soliciting volunteers for this project the first week in November.

Lisa Johnson had an initial very positive meeting with Patty Hernandez & Brian Babbitts 10/24/19 at **Janesville Schools District** Office. They are going to report back on ways to working on ways to integrate voter registration into the high school and charters further.

We have 3 More Charter Schools to do – 4th quarter 2019 and return to all of them in the first quarter of 2020 for voter registration.

Edgerton Public Library/Edgerton Schools March 2019- Voter Registration/Education Event Planned

Lisa Johnson met with Robert Wise, Mary Newton who represent a group of retired teachers that would like to work with Voter Services on voter registration and education. They will be attending future Voter Services meetings.

City of Janesville & Rock County Discussion Points-from Clerks – VS question to them - **Who are the underserved and how can VS assist?**

Nursing Homes – Residential Facilities – Reach out to social workers – Susan Johnson is compiling a list of agencies – phone numbers contacts to

Develop a strategy on how we can assist those agencies and their clients on voter registration.

Disability Challenges – new equipment being installed at our polls – Lisa J to contact City of Janesville to see about new equipment going – is it all voting locations etc.

Spoke about the large increase in registered voters he found in his reports for the National Voter Registration Day!

Disability Rights of Wisconsin –organization -waiting for call back/partner? Eileen Newcomer is on their board and will be helping VS with resources available

For voters with disabilities and how we can utilize their resources locally. Take a look at their website and materials...great organization.... formal name:

Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition – a project of Disability Rights Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities

www.wiscinsoinvote.org; www.facebook.com/wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition – I would encourage you to check these sites out!

They are doing great work and the LWV is partnering with them....to help what can be yet another “underserved” group of voters!

Next Meeting - Tuesday, November 12, 2019 6:30-7:30 - Hedberg Not Available/More Info To Follow!

2019-2020 LWVDC PUBLIC ISSUES FORUM — CLIMATE CRISIS SERIES

Forum #2

Why Local Governments Matter



Photo courtesy of Corinn Swinson

The series aims to raise awareness and private/public action to reduce carbon emissions and build resilient communities through non-partisan leadership.

SPEAKERS

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Sustainability Coordinator,
City of Madison

Ralph Petersen, Ph.D.

UW-Madison Space Science
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Sherrie Gruder

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Extension Natural Resource
Institute

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Director, Dane County Office
of Energy and Climate Change

Wednesday, NOVEMBER 6, 2019

6:30 p.m. Doors open

7:00 p.m. Program

Capitol Lakes Health Center Auditorium
333 W. Main Street, Madison

Free and Open to the Public

For more information, visit www.lwvdanecounty.org or call 608-232-9447.

CALENDAR

Upcoming Activities 2019-20*

*Additional events may be planned. Check website: lwvjvl.org/calendar

November 2019

November 4 Board meeting @ 6:30 p.m. location Nancy Sonntag
November 18 Diversity Committee @ 6:30 Hedberg Public Library
November 25? Centennial Celebration @ TBD

December 16 Diversity Committee @ 6:30 Hedberg Public Library

January 2020

January 7 Board meeting @ 6:30 p.m. location Hedberg Library

February 8 Centennial Celebration Luncheon

March 2020

March 2 Board meeting @ 6:30 p.m. location
March Candidate Forum(s) for local elections

December 2019

December 2 Board meeting @ 6:30 p.m. location Nancy Sonntag

February 2020

February 3 Board meeting @ 6:30 p.m. location

April 2020

April 6 Board meeting @ 6:30

Green Tier Legacy

Susan Johnson
Natural Resources

At its September 17 meeting, the Sustainable Janesville Committee recommended sending Resolution Number 2019-1697 to the City Council for its consideration in joining the WI DNR Green Tier Legacy Community charter. At the October 14 City Council meeting, the Council authorized the City to join the program. There are 26 other Wisconsin communities, both municipalities and counties, currently in the Green Tier Legacy charter. The charter impacts about one million people in the state. As a green tier community, Janesville will continually reduce its carbon footprint by gradually embracing more and more renewable energy. Our city will become an even more attractive place in which to live and work, as well as, a destination place to visit.



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, cul-

ture, religion, belief system, marital status, parental status, socioeconomic status, language, accent, ability status, mental health, educational level or background, geography, nationality, work style, 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.

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 _____

Individual \$65.00
 Supporting \$75.00

Household \$100.00
 Student \$10.00

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>

LWV-WI *<www.lwvwi.org>*

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