



Dear Friends in League,  
 I am pleased to report that we held a productive Annual Meeting on May 18. I wish to thank all of you for your efforts to make 2020-2021 a successful year despite the COVID-19 pandemic. Special thanks go to our LWV-JVL Board for their perseverance and creativity throughout the year.

Annual meetings bring transitions in officers and directors, and two members will be stepping down from the board: VP Christina Barrett and Director Mary Buelow. We will certainly miss their good counsel in board meetings, but we know that they will continue to contribute to the LWV in other ways. I am so grateful that several board members will continue to serve on the board in new terms or in new offices, and we have elected two new board members who will bring fresh ideas and perspectives to our League’s leadership.

Our BOD for 2021-22 is:  
 President—Linda Reinhardt  
 VP—Deb Kolste  
 Secretary—Renee Kalvestrand  
 Treasurer—Laura Peterson  
 Directors: Deb Griffith, Lisa Johnson, Heide Keith, Sue Scott



I want to remind you that ALL League members are welcome to attend board meetings. Attending a board meeting is a great

way for members to learn more about “the bigger picture” of the LWV. Contact me if you would like additional information.

Another great opportunity to learn about League is to attend the LWV WI Annual Meeting on June 11 & 12. The meeting will be held virtually, in three sessions held on Friday evening and Saturday morning. It is free and open to all League members. Go to the LWVWI website to register for one or more of the three sessions and find more information about keynote speakers and breakout sessions.

Please remember to renew your membership and complete the 2021-22 LWV of Janesville Membership Form and Interest Survey that you can find online at <https://forms.gle/smwWui5GfPKJcFb1A>. A hard copy of the form can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. By completing this form you help us keep current on your contact information and your interests in League issues and activities.

Our new League year will begin on July 1, and I think we are all really looking forward to getting out of our Zoom meetings to engage with one another in person and more easily do all the things that League members do to empower voters and defend democracy.

Linda

**“Back porch” Summer Book Discussions**

League members don’t just read “beach books” during our summers. Our members have proposed a number of interesting and challenging books for “Back Porch” Book Discussions. Take a look at the list by clicking on the link to the survey below. Let us know which books you would like to discuss with League

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members during the Summer.

The survey also asks for your preferred location, days of week and times for discussion. We may have time for

three discussions in late June, July, and August.

Click on the link to the survey:

<https://forms.gle/6qLg9rishcuxQPjJ8>

## Street harassment can happen to anyone. How can you respond?

Street harassment is used as a tool to intimidate people. The goal is to make the target leave and give up their right to be in a public space. It disproportionately punishes women, girls, LGBTQ+ people, and other marginalized groups for being themselves in the world. Those who experience street harassment feel more anxious, feel less safe, have a higher fear of assault, and are more likely to change their lives in some way than those who do not experience street harassment. This and other forms of harassment actions prevent equality by targeting individuals and groups as unworthy of respect.

Research shows even small interventions can help a target recover from a harassment incident. But harassment actions are intended to be shocking and disorienting, triggering freeze or flight chemicals in the brain. Witnesses question their own safety, and report it's hard to know what to do when faced with a street harassment incident.

Information and training can help you build your own toolkit of responses. There are different methods you can use to support someone who's being harassed, emphasize that harassment is not okay, and demonstrate to people in your life that they too have the power to make our communities and workplaces safer. The 5D bystander intervention methodology covers five key tools:

**Distract.** The aim here is simply to derail the incident by interrupting it. The idea is to ignore the harasser and engage directly with the person who

is being targeted. Don't talk about or refer to the harassment. Instead, talk about something completely unrelated.

**Delegate.** Delegation is when you ask for assistance, for a resource, or for help from a third party.

**Document.** Recording an incident as it happens to someone, in a manner that keeps yourself safe and does not create additional harm.

**Delay (Delayed Action).** Many types of harassment happen in passing or very quickly. You can still act after the situation is over by checking in with the person who was targeted, and giving assistance they may want.

**Direct Response.** Respond to harassment by naming what is happening or confronting the harasser. The most important thing here is to keep it short and succinct. Try not to engage in dialogue, debate, or an argument, since this is how situations can escalate.

The Hollaback organization offers one-hour, interactive online trainings on the 5Ds of bystander intervention. Hollaback says "The trainings are not going to end injustice, but we hope they can disrupt hate and harassment. We know that it takes consistent actions from all of us to change our culture." You can access schedules and sign-up information at <https://www.ihollaback.org/harassmenttraining/>

## 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.



Membership Form 2021-2022

Please fill out this form completely to ensure we have current information. Dues and forms are due by JUNE 30 of each year. You may choose to pay dues online with Paypal at <https://www.lwvjvl.org/join-the-league>. If you pay online, please provide the following information in the online survey form. Thank you.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES**

<b>\$65 Active Membership</b>	For each Active Member, our League is assessed \$32 National dues and \$30 State dues. \$3 remains in Janesville.
<b>\$70 Supporting Membership</b>	Supporting Members are not called upon to serve on committees or working groups.
<b>\$100 Active Household Membership</b>	Our League is assessed \$16 (National) and \$15 (State) for an additional person within a Household.
<b>\$ ____ Open Door Membership</b>	Members pays dues they are comfortable with. Our League is not assessed State dues for members in this category.
<b>\$10 Student Membership</b>	No National or State dues for high school and post-secondary students

**For Household Membership:**

Name of additional member \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

If you wish to make a donation to support the LWV-JVL, please indicate the amount and include in your check:

**Dues:** \_\_\_\_\_ + **Donation:** \_\_\_\_\_ = **Total Amount Due:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to the LWV-Janesville and mail with completed form to LWV-Janesville, PO Box 8064, Janesville, WI 53547-8064.**

**Dues are important, but your involvement in the League’s work is what will make us a vital community organization. If you have selected an ACTIVE member status, please circle one or more interest areas below:**

Voter Education & Services	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)	Membership
Housing Issues in Janesville area (e.g., fair housing, evictions, affordability)	Janesville/Beloit Leagues Annual Event	Fair Maps (non-partisan redistricting process)
Publicity and Social Media (includes newsletter and web page)	Observer Corps (monitor local government; be the “eyes and ears” of the LWV)	Natural Resources (including LWVWI Infrastructure Project)
Fundraising	Other	

**If you selected “Other” and/or would like to say more about your interests in League activities, please tell us about them:**

# 2021 ANNUAL MEETING

*Strength in Diversity; Partnering for Progress*



Photo credit: Tim Holte

**Friday, June 11, 6:30-8:30PM**

## Keynote Speaker

Attorney Douglas Poland will present on partisan gerrymandering and voter suppression in Wisconsin, with time for Q&A.

## Breakout Rooms on Wisconsin Issues

- ASCE/LWVWI Infrastructure Project Status Report & Looking Ahead
- K-12 School Funding in Wisconsin
- Observing the Nov 2020 Post-Election Equipment Audits in Wisconsin
- Reimagining Public Safety and Funding
- DEI Panel: Eliminating Age Bias in LWVUS Bylaws

**Registration Required:** [bit.ly/2021AnnualMeetingFriday](https://bit.ly/2021AnnualMeetingFriday)

**Saturday, June 12, 8:30-11AM**

## Keynote Speaker

LWVUS CEO Virginia Case will provide an update on national issues, including DEI, with time for Q&A.

## Breakout Rooms on National Issues

- HR-1: For the People Act
- Nonpartisanship in Partisan Times
- Is the \$15 Federal Minimum Wage a Good Way to Fight Poverty?
- ERA - Where Are We Now?
- Drinking Water Safety
- Emerging Strategies for Decentralizing DEI at the Local Level

**Registration Required:** [bit.ly/2021AnnualMeetingSaturday](https://bit.ly/2021AnnualMeetingSaturday)

**Plenary Session: Saturday, June 12, 11:15AM-1PM**

**League member business meeting:** [bit.ly/2021AnnualMeetingPlenary](https://bit.ly/2021AnnualMeetingPlenary)

**LWV** LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS'  
OF WISCONSIN

# Wisconsin's Infrastructure Needs You!

## Let's raise Wisconsin's infrastructure grade!

Join the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin, ASCE-WI infrastructure category authors and invited panelists to discuss Wisconsin's 2020 Infrastructure Report Card. These category meetings are designed to initiate conversations about local infrastructure needs.

<b>Series Schedule: Thursdays, 3-5 PM</b>	<b>Grade</b>
<b>Energy</b>	<b>May 6</b> B
<b>Bridges and Roads</b>	<b>May 27</b> C+/D+
<b>Transit and Aviation</b>	<b>June 17</b> D+/C+
<b>Inland Waterways and Ports</b>	<b>July 8</b> C-/C+
<b>Stormwater and Dams</b>	<b>July 29</b> C/C+
<b>Drinking Water and Wastewater</b>	<b>August 5</b> C-/C-
<b>Hazardous Waste and Solid Waste</b>	<b>August 19</b> B-/B-

### REGISTRATION

For more information and to register for the series event, visit [lwvwi.org/calendar](http://lwvwi.org/calendar)

### ASCE REPORT CARD

View the ASCE Report Card brochure at [bit.ly/ASCE-WI-ReportCard](http://bit.ly/ASCE-WI-ReportCard)

To join discussions about infrastructure needs with the League, contact us at [lwvwisconsin@lwvwi.org](mailto:lwvwisconsin@lwvwi.org) for more info.



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## **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>*

**JANESVILLE LEAGUE**

*<www.lwvjvl.org>*