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Centennial Luncheon You're Invited! February 8, 2020



*Commemorating Our Legacy,
Expanding Our Impact.*

Guest Speaker: Meagan Wolfe

Wisconsin Elections Commission Administrator

Topic: Election Security for 2020



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The Leagues of
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of
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Janesville

Saturday, February 8 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., at Cargill Methodist Church,
2000 Wesley Ave, Janesville, WI
Tickets \$25, in advance; \$30 at the door. Send checks payable to LWV Janesville,
P.O. Box 8064, Janesville, WI 53547-8064 or Purchase tickets online at
www.lwvjvl.org/news-1 (\$2 Paypal charge will be added)

"Your Vote, Your Voice!"



Dear Friends in
League,

I hope that you
all had a wonderful
Thanksgiving and
are happily prepar-
ing for Christmas
and the other win-
ter holidays. While

this is a busy time of year for everyone,
I hope that League members will be
able to attend and participate in the two
events we have scheduled in December:

Tuesday, December 10. Redistricting Reform in Wisconsin: People Powered Fair Maps™. The League of Women Voters has launched the national People Powered Fair Maps™ campaign directed toward creating fair political maps and reducing politi-

cal gerrymandering in all 50 states and DC. **Erin Grunze, Executive Director of the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin,** will explain what the campaign means for our state, and will outline the focus and strategies that will guide our efforts to get fair voting maps in Wisconsin.

Time and Location: 6:00-7:30 pm,
UWW at Rock County, Allen Hall Lec-
ture Room

Saturday, December 14. Voter Registration Training Workshop. Learn how to help eligible Wisconsin citizens register to vote and get their voices heard. Workshop leaders will be Lisa Tollefson, Rock County Clerk, David

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Godek, Janesville City Clerk/Treasurer, and Eileen Newcomer, LWVWI Voter Education Coordinator. Time and Location: 10:00am-Noon, Basics Cooperative Community Room

As we approach the 2020 elections, it will become increasingly important for American citizens be wise and careful consumers of information they read or hear in the press, on television, and in social media. How do we distinguish fact from fiction? How can we identify the true source of the stories we read or hear? Are we willing to give serious consideration articles and

op-ed pieces presented by people whose views differ from our own? You can learn strategies to help you and your family decode the media by attending our program, **Smart News Consumption: Separating Fact from Fiction** on Wednesday, January 15, at 6:00 pm in the Basics Cooperative Community Room. Mary Buelow, reference librarian at the Hedberg Public Library will lead the program. Mary has given MANY presentations on critical thinking and information literacy during her career, and she will share strategies and tools that we can use and share with our families and friends to enable us to be knowledgeable and analytical consumers of information.

Friendly Reminder about Membership Renewal

Our records show that approximately 15 of our members, several of whom are long-time League members, have not yet renewed their League membership for 2019-20.

As you are making the end-of-year check of your financial records and charitable giving, please look to see when you last renewed your League membership. If you have not sent the League a check since our Annual Meeting in May 2019, your membership

renewal is probably overdue.

League membership is renewable in JUNE of each year, and that is why we encourage members to make a practice of renewing each year at the time of our Annual Meeting.

LWVJVL President Linda Reinhardt will contact those members who have not yet renewed their membership for 2019-20. We don't want to lose you as members, but those who have not renewed by January 31, 2020 will be not be included in the League's National Database.

Directory and Membership Update

Our Membership Directory has the best information we had for you at the time of printing in September, but If you want to update your information for our League and for the national database, please send the information to our Treasurer, Nancy Sonntag ndsonntag@gmail.com, who maintains the national database. Nancy will forward the information to Carol Herzig and others who need it to manage our local mailing lists and printed membership directory.

Two new members have joined the LWV-Janesville since our Membership Directory was printed in September:

William Gempeler – gempeler@centurylink.net
Holly Huebscher - hollyhuebscher@gmail.com

Please help us make them feel welcome to League.

Dues are \$65 for Active membership and \$100 for a Household membership. We have added a new category of Supporting membership at \$70 for members who do not wish to be called upon to serve on committees or work groups. Student memberships are \$10.

Renew by sending your checks payable to LWV-Janesville, PO Box 8064, Janesville, WI 53547-8064.

You can now join League or renew your membership online through our League website at <https://www.lwvjvl.org/join-the-league>. (A Paypal service fee of \$2-\$2.50 is added to online dues payments. Dues will appear as a donation for a fixed amount.)

We do not want the cost of dues to be a barrier to League membership. If paying dues would create a financial hardship for you or for someone you know who would like to become a member, please contact a member of the League Board.

Wanted: Sponsors for Student/Teacher Groups Attending Centennial Luncheon

For \$100 you can sponsor a group of THREE high school/college students and ONE teacher to attend our LWV Centennial Luncheon on Saturday, February 8.

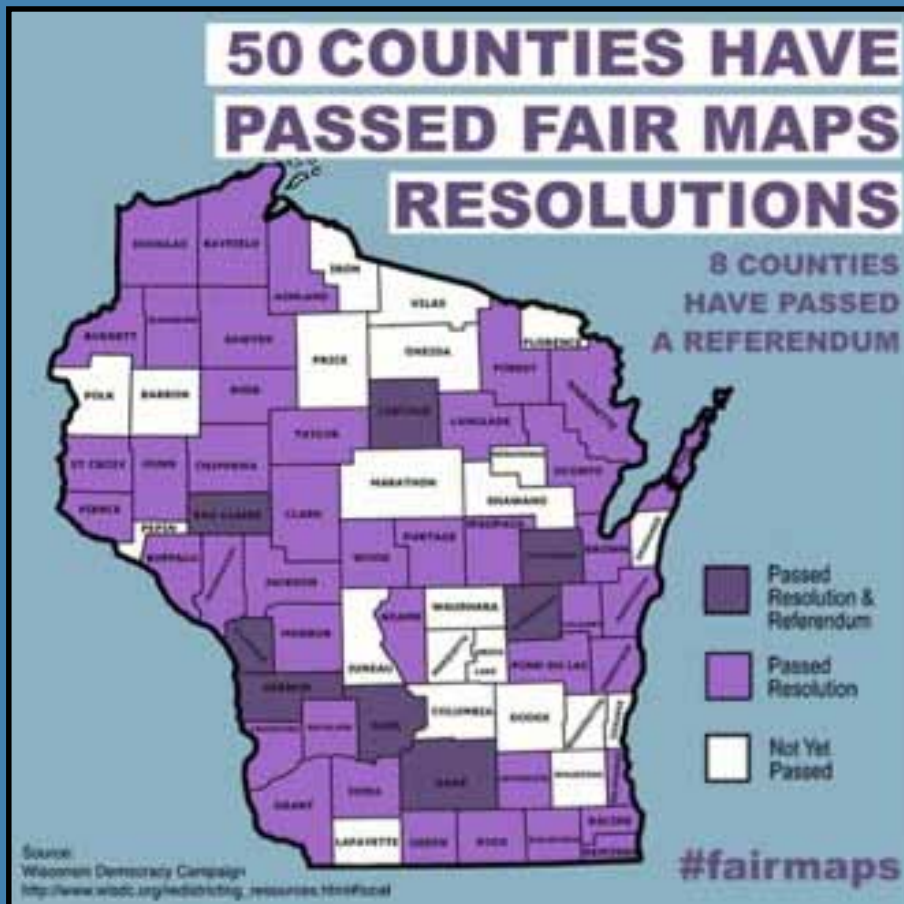
Members have purchased luncheon tickets for students in past years, but experience has led us to believe that high school students will be more likely to attend if they are part of a group of students accompanied by a teacher.

If you know teachers/advisors who you think would be interested in participating in this event, please give us their names and contact information so we can be

sure to reach out to them.

For \$10, you can sponsor a one-year Student membership in the League of Women Voters of Janesville. Depending on the number of sponsors, we can give these memberships to some or all of the students who attend—or award them to students who help League members in voter registration efforts on their campus.

If you can help, **contact Linda Reinhardt ldacreinhardt@gmail.com BEFORE CHRISTMAS.** Once we know how many groups we can sponsor, we will approach teachers soon after the first of the year.



Redistricting Reform: People Powered Fair Maps™

Speaker: Erin Grunze

LWV-Wisconsin Executive Director

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 6-7:30pm

UWW at Rock County, Allen Hall 106

Sponsored by:



University of Wisconsin
Whitewater

Rock
 County



Smart News Consumption: Separating Fact from Fiction

That article you just read--is it news, opinion or fake?

Hedberg Librarian **Mary Buelow** will share information about spotting errors, bias, and fraud in the news. Learn how social engineering is used to manipulate opinion and get tips for becoming a more savvy news consumer.

Wednesday, January 15, 2020, 6:00-7:30 pm

Basic Cooperative Community Room

1711 Lodge Dr. Janesville

Voter Registration Training Workshop

Saturday, December 14, 10 a.m. - Noon

Basics Cooperative, 1711 Lodge Dr.

**Panelists: Lisa Tollefson, David Godek
and Eileen Newcomer**

**Reserve by December 7 to receive packet
of resource materials**

For additional information, contact Lisa Johnson,
ljohnson2@farmersagent.com and 608-333-8105



Enbridge Line 5 Pipeline Resolution

WHEREAS the League of Women Voters of Ashland and Bayfield Counties (League) supports measures to prevent water pollution, including measures to protect lakes, streams, and wetlands, and protection of current and potential drinking water sources;

AND WHEREAS the League recognizes the Sovereignty of Native Americans, including the Bad River of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and respects treaty rights in regard to water resources, as well as their positions and decisions with respect thereto;

AND WHEREAS the League supports the effort of Towns and Counties to protect their citizens from the adverse impacts of environmentally destructive activities;

AND WHEREAS the League understands the need for and supports a timely and rapid transition to renewable energy;

And WHEREAS the League supports the preservation of the physical, chemical, and biological integrity of the ecosystem and maximum protection of public health and the environment, and further supports the stewardship of land as a finite resource, particularly fragile lands and waters, such as the Bad River Watershed, Lake Superior, and the Straits of Mackinac, where leaks and spills from oil pipelines could result in irreversible damage;

AND WHEREAS Enbridge Energy has proposed the continuance, replacement, and/or relocation of a pipeline to carry oil through northern Wisconsin and Upper Michigan;

AND WHEREAS Wisconsin as a whole derives minimal benefit and has no utilization of product of Enbridge Line 5, but assumes great risks associated therewith;

AND WHEREAS the League acknowledges the Bad River watershed's unique, remote, and challenging terrain that, when combined with the increasing frequency of extreme weather events, has proven hazardous to pipeline integrity;

AND WHEREAS Enbridge pipeline have, in the past, and continue to, experience numerous leaks and spills, which have resulted in the discharge of massive quantities of oil and other pollutants;

AND WHEREAS Enbridge is not required to publicly disclose what hazardous materials are transported by Line 5, contrary to the public's right to know, leaving the public inadequately informed about health and environmental risks;

AND WHEREAS the League fears that Enbridge may have inadequate emergency response plans and we fear Enbridge may provide insufficient funds for any future spill response and clean-up, should they become necessary, and any spill would therefore be environmentally, culturally and economically catastrophic;

AND WHEREAS the League is a member of the League of Women Voters Lake Michigan Region, and Enbridge Line 5 proceeds to route through the Straits of Mackinac where it puts both Lakes Huron and Michigan at risks;

NOW, THEREFORE, the League of Women Voters of Ashland and Bayfield Counties, Wisconsin, passes this resolution to express their **OPPOSITION** to Enbridge Line 5 and their **SUPPORT** for the efforts of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians and others, including private landowners along the (current and proposed) Enbridge Line 5 corridor; to halt any expansion or relocation of the line and rather to see it removed from the Bad River watershed and decommissioned entirely.

Dated the 26th day of November, 2019.



Anne Chartier, President

League of Women Voters of Ashland and Bayfield Counties

CALENDAR

Upcoming Activities 2019-20*

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

December 2019

December 10 Redistricting Reform in Wisconsin People Powered Fair Maps, @ 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., UWW at Rock County

December 14 Voter Registration Training Workshop @ 10:00 - Noon, Basic's Community room

December 16 Diversity Committee @ 6:30 Hedberg Public Library

January 2020

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

January 15 Smart News Consumption: Separating Fact from Fiction @ 6:00 p.m., Basic's Community room

February 2020

February 3 Board meeting @ 6:30 p.m. Hedberg Public Library

February 8 Centennial Celebration Luncheon

March 2020

March 2 Board meeting @ 6:30 p.m. Hedberg Public Library

March Candidate Forum(s) for local elections

Susan Johnson Steps Down from Board to Seek Elective Office

In accordance with the Nonpartisan Policy of the League of Women Voters of Janesville, Susan Johnson is resigning from the Board of Directors to run for a seat on the Janesville City Council. (You can read the entire Nonpartisan Policy on our website at <https://www.lwvjvl.org/nonpartisan-policy>).

The League of Women Voters made the choice in 1920 to neither support nor oppose any political party or candidate for public office. This nonpartisan policy is key to our reputation and enables League to hold balanced forums to bring opposing views together for dialogue and discussion. The nonpartisan policy adds strength to the League's positions on issues and has made possible wide acceptance of League voter services and other educational activities.

While League is nonpartisan, it is a political organization that encourages members to participate fully in the party or policy issues of their choice—though not as a representative of the LWV. Several members of

League have served, or are currently serving, as elected public officials. They remain active and involved members of League, but they may not serve on the Board because officers and directors face special obligations in maintaining the nonpartisanship of the League.

Creative types!

The logo for the League of Women Voters (LWV) consists of the letters "LWV" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. A thick, red, curved brushstroke underline is positioned beneath the letters.

buelow_m@msn.com or 754-0588.

We're looking for people to help put together an information display about the 2020 Census. If you are interested please contact Mary Buelow at

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

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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"/> 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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