

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MANITOWOC COUNTY
APRIL 2018 NEWSLETTER**

Calendar of Events

- 04/14 Earth Day Celebration at Grace Church, Two Rivers**
04/26 Cost of School Vouchers: Who is Paying the Price
05/03 In the Best Interest of the Child
05/07 Board Meeting
05/16 Annual Banquet and Meeting
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Dear League Members,

Take the opportunity to read the Newsletter sometime this week or weekend. There is more detail on the various programs mentioned above.

We are getting to the end of another busy year thanks to all of you who support the League with your membership, contributions, interest, dedication, and attendance at the various issue events that we have had throughout the year.

It was another successful year for Great Decisions!! We have been fortunate to have such wonderful and informative presenters at all of them. The attendance did not falter. We had over 100 people coming to each program. Many of the presenters have commented about the attendance and the questions asked after each presentation. They look forward to coming back to our area next year. A big thank you goes to Marilyn Sontag and Darlene Wellner chairmen of the Great Decisions Committee and to all of their committee who have made it such a success.

We hope to see all of you at the last issue event, Cost of School Vouchers on Thursday, April 26th and at the Annual Banquet on Wednesday, May 16th.

Cathy

EARTH DAY

With the remodeling at the YMCA this year, the League will not be sponsoring an Earth Day event. However, **Grace Congregational United Church of Christ, 2801 Garfield Street, Two Rivers** will be holding Earth Day Exhibits on **April 14th from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm**. Jim Knicklebine of Woodland Dunes and Nick Miller of The Nature Conservancy will be the Guest Speakers. League member, Nancy Slattery has prepared a poster on the History of Earth Day and will be in attendance along with Anita Rappe. There will be many exhibits, food, and games for all. This will be a wonderful family event.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

On Thursday, April 26th, 7:00 – 9:00 pm in the Council Chambers of Manitowoc City Hall at 900 Quay Street, District Administrators Mark Holzman of Manitowoc Public School and Lisa Quistorf of Two Rivers School District along with Heather DuBois Bourenane, Executive Director, of the Wisconsin Public Education Network will be featured speakers in an education committee issue forum. The speakers will discuss: **The Cost of School Vouchers – Who is Paying the Price.**

The program is open to the public and all are welcomed. Light refreshments will be served.

IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD

On Thursday, May 3rd at the Holiday Inn of Manitowoc from 8:45 am – 12:00, a program will be presented to the public on the focus of innocents in the opioid crisis. Many grandparents in our community have assumed care of their grandchildren related to their child's substance addiction. The featured speakers will be: Tonette Walker, First Lady, Eloise Anderson, Secretary of the Dept. of Children and Families, Julie Poehlman Tynan, PhD, Center for Healthy Minds & UW-Madison Professor and Elizabeth Hudson, Director of WI Office of Children's

Mental Health. There will be a Panel Discussion with: Lane Kinzel, Supervisor of Social Workers; Julie Ribley, Director of CASA, Lisa Quistorf, Superintendent of Two Rivers Public Schools; Jerilyn Dietz, Manitowoc Attorney and GAL with Paul Tittl, State Representative as the moderator.

The Event is FREE and open to the public. Early registration is advised. Pre-registration can be made at <http://best-interest-of-the-child.eventbrite.com>.

MAY BANQUET AND ANNUAL MEETING

ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 16TH AT 5:00 pm, AT THE HOLIDAY INN OF MANITOWOC, the Annual banquet and meeting will take place. Judy Goldsmith will be our principal speaker on Civil Discourse and the Raging Grannies will perform a variety of music for our pleasure. Further information will be forthcoming through the mail. There will be more information on the Annual Meeting in the May 2018 Newsletter. When you receive your invitation, please complete the form and send it in as soon as possible.

BUSINESS MEETING AFTER THE MAY BANQUET

BY LAWS:

We will be amending Article III, Section 1: Any person, at least 18 years of age, who subscribes to the purpose and policy of the League shall be eligible for membership and all members shall be voting members.

AMENDED: Any person at least 16 years of age, who subscribes to the purpose and policy of the League, shall be eligible for membership and all members shall be voting members. Any student membership will be at no cost.

This is in compliance with the National League of Women Voters who has made this recommendation.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

Sec. 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers: The Officers of the League of Women Voters of Manitowoc County shall be a President or Co-Presidents, a Vice

President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The President or Co-Presidents and the Vice President will be elected annually for a one-year term. The terms of the Secretary and Treasurer will be two-year terms with the Treasurer elected in even numbered years and the Secretary in the odd numbered years.

AMENDED:

The Officers of the League of Women Voters of Manitowoc County shall be a President or Co-Presidents, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The President or Co-Presidents and the Treasurer will be elected in even numbered years for a two-year term. The Vice President and the Secretary will be elected for a two-year term in the odd numbered years.

This reverts back to the original version of the Election of Officers. The Board and the nomination committee feel that it is necessary to restore the election of President and/or Co-Presidents to a two year term. This will give the league a sense of continuity and consistency with the office.

REMEMBER at the Annual Meeting, a person, who wishes to be an Officer or a Board Member can be nominated from the floor.

The Budget has been sent to the members of the League in an e-mail earlier this month. It has been approved by the Board, but will be presented at the Annual Meeting to be voted upon. The Budget will be sent in May before the Annual Meeting.

PHILANTHROPIES REPORT

Thank you to the people and companies who support the League. We are grateful for the contributions from: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bare, Mrs. Barb Katz, Mrs. Sandra Bast, United One Credit Union, Pfeffer Funeral Homes and Alpert & Fellows.

We appreciate the continued support from these donors.

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MANITOWOC COUNTY PRESENTS
THE 2018-2019 SLATE OF OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

OFFICERS:

President	
Vice President	Nancy Slattery (2017-2019)
Treasurer	Jo Ellen Gramling (2018-2020)
Secretary	Julie Grinde (2017-2019)

ELECTED DIRECTORS (2 YEAR TERM 2018-2020)

Jennifer Balma	Linda Gratz	Jean Biegun
Catherine Cole	Shelly Randerson	Beverly Rawling
Maureen Crowley	Sue Matczynski	

APPOINTED DIRECTORS (1 YEAR TERM 2018-2019)

Ginny Finnel

ELECTED DIRECTORS (2017-2019)

Mary Wallace	Marilyn Sontag	Cecelia Held
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