

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MANITOWOC COUNTY
APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER**

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Calendar of Events

05/06 Board Meeting
05/11 Earth Day Celebration
05/15 Annual Banquet and Meeting
06/08 LWVWI 2019 Annual Meeting

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Dear League Members,

This is the time of year when events are winding down. We have had a very busy year with lots of information released to you and the public.

A big thank you goes to the members who served on Great Decisions. This was a wonderful program with excellent speakers. We had good attendance throughout the series. We applaud the committee for the consistent quality of speakers.

Earth Day Celebration will be held on May 11th. Please read the newsletter for further information. The committee has worked diligently to insure that this will be a fun day for all ages.

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 15th further information and an invitation will be sent by regular mail next week. Look for it and respond as quickly as possible.

The board would like to wish all of you a very Happy Easter.

EARTH DAY FESTIVITIES

A special event for people of all ages to learn more about the world we live in and how to take care of it!

May 11th from 9 AM-1 PM
UW- Manitowoc Campus
705 Viebahn St. Manitowoc

Over 30 local exhibitors and special guest speaker at 10:30 will be Titus Seilheimer, Wisconsin Sea Grant Fisheries Outreach Specialists

MCLWV ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 15th at the Holiday Inn.

5:00 pm	Social and Registration
6:00 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm	Awards and Program
8:15 pm	Business Meeting

Guest Speaker, Margaret Rozga, 2019-2020 Wisconsin Poet Laureate

Life-long Wisconsin resident Margaret Rozga, Wisconsin Poet Laureate for 2019–2020, lives in Milwaukee. She earned her BA at Alverno College and an MA and PhD in English at the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee. An emeritus professor of English at the University of Wisconsin–Waukesha, she continues to teach a poetry workshop for Continuing Education at what is now the UWM–Waukesha campus.

Margaret Rozga's poems draw on her experiences and interests as an educator, avid reader and researcher, parent, and advocate for social and racial justice. Her first book, *200 Nights and One Day* (Benu Press 2009), was awarded a bronze medal in poetry in the 2009 Independent Publishers Book Awards and named an outstanding achievement in poetry for 2009 by the Wisconsin Library Association. She has published three additional collections of poems: *Though I*

*Haven't Been to Baghdad, Justice Freedom Herbs , and Pestiferous Questions:
A Life in Poems*

Dinner options:

Chicken Cordon Bleu: Chicken Breast Stuffed with Ham and Swiss Cheese
& Topped with a light Cheese Sauce. \$14.00

Grilled Vegetable Tian: Grilled Vegetables layered with Parmesan Cheese,
Herbs and Breadcrumbs with a Roasted Red Pepper Sauce. \$16.75

Poached Salmon: Poached Fillet of Salmon Served with a Creamy
Cucumber Sauce. \$17.50

Tax and Gratuity is included in the price.

During the Business Meeting we will be approving the budget and the election of
officers and Board Members: Nancy Slattery: Vice President; Julie Grinde:
Secretary

Board Members for 2019-2021: Marilyn Sontag and Cecilia Held
Appointed Director 2019-2020: Mary Wallace

We would like all members to participate at this meeting. For your convenience
the proposed budget is attached to this Newsletter.

An invitation will be sent to all members through the US postal service with an
enclosed addressed envelope.

State Budget Hearing: APRIL 24TH

**The Biennial State Budget is the most impactful piece of legislation that passes
each session.**

The Budget determines: funding for the Department of Natural Resources,
determining staffing levels including how many staff can focus on clean air and
water. The funding also determines how well maintained our State Parks and
public lands are.

. the State's transportation policy by directing state funding to highways, transit systems, local roads, and bike and pedestrian funding.

. funding for clean energy. Governor Evers proposed budget calls for 100% clean energy and the creation of the Office of Sustainability and Clean Energy with \$4 million for clean energy grants.

The hearings are the only formal opportunity to speak to the Joint Finance Committee.

Wednesday, April 24, 2019 (10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
University of Wisconsin-Green Bay
University Union - Phoenix Rooms
2430 Campus Court
Green Bay, WI 54311

LWVWI 2019 ANNUAL MEETING

On Saturday, June 8th at Green Lake Conference center the LWVWI will conduct their annual meeting. Tickets for the Annual Meeting are \$50.00 for full attendees and \$20 for students. The registration fee provides access to the full day's events and includes light breakfast fare with regular and decaf coffee and hot tea, and an all-you-can-eat buffet lunch.

The Green Lake Conference Center is now taking lodging reservations for our group. Individual overnight reservations can be made by calling Guest Services at (920) 294-3323. A block of guest rooms for Annual Meeting attendees will be held by the Conference Center through Friday, April 12th. Be sure to identify your affiliation with LWVWI Meeting when making your reservation. Room pricing is \$129/night. The registration deadline for this event is Thursday, May 23rd, 2019.

Register Here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-lwvwi-annual-meeting-tickets-56943776368>

