

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MANITOWOC COUNTY  
JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER**

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**Calendar of Events**

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| <b>02/04</b> | <b>Great Decisions: Refugees &amp; Global Migration</b> |
| <b>02/05</b> | <b>Board Meeting 5 pm</b>                               |
| <b>02/07</b> | <b>Presentation on Coal Tar Pavement Sealants</b>       |
| <b>02/11</b> | <b>GD: The U.S. &amp; Mexico Partnership Tested</b>     |
| <b>02/18</b> | <b>GD: The Middle East: Regional Disorder</b>           |
| <b>02/23</b> | <b>MCLWV Poverty and Addiction Consensus Meeting</b>    |
| <b>02/25</b> | <b>GD: The Rise of Populism in Europe</b>               |
| <b>03/04</b> | <b>GD: Nuclear Negotiations: Back to the Future?</b>    |
| <b>03/05</b> | <b>Board Meeting 5 pm</b>                               |

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Dear League Members,

The last Newsletter that you received was in November. Since then, we had two immigration and refugee issues meetings and the annual Christmas Social.

We want to thank Julie and George Grinde for hosting the annual Christmas Social. They were gracious hosts to members of the league and guests. Those who attended had great food, wine and conversations. It was a great way to kick-off the Holiday Season. Thank you again for opening up your house to all of us.

Great Decisions is about to begin. It will be held at 6:00 pm in the Balkansky Room at the Manitowoc Public Library. The Great Decisions 2019 briefing books are available at the Library Service Desk for \$15. A portion of the book is paid for courtesy of the MPL Foundation. You need not purchase the briefing book to participate in the series. Pamphlets with dates, topics, and speakers are also available for your information. The pamphlets are free.

Please **read** the rest of the Newsletter for more information on the issues meeting of the Coal Tar Pavement Sealants and the Poverty and Addiction Consensus Meeting.

Thank you,  
Cathy

## Poverty and Addiction Meeting

Three years ago the League adopted a local study on the issue of Poverty and Addiction in Manitowoc County. A report was released to our members and the community in November. We will be discussing the results of this publication on **Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9 am to 11 am at First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall.** At that time committee members will lead a discussion regarding the Strengths and Gaps of services for Children, Adults and Public Schools.

Each League member should have received a printed report or have indicated they would rather read the report on-line at our Manitowoc League website. If you would like to have a copy of the printed report, please contact Julie Grinde at [grinde6145@yahoo.com](mailto:grinde6145@yahoo.com).

Please read the report and bring your questions to the discussion on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. We are grateful to the West Foundation and John and Kate Miller for donating money to print the report which is being distributed to our members, anyone interviewed for the report and other community organizations involved in mental health services.

After discussion of this report with our members, the committee will develop a written position statement regarding Poverty and Addiction in our county. This is part of the League process of study and consensus/concurrence which leads to action and change.

We will be serving a brunch at this meeting because we League members do enjoy good conversation with **FOOD**.

Thank you to committee members: Jean Biegun, Nancy Slattery, Ceil Held, Darlene Wellner, Theresa Collins, and Ginny Finnel.

Julie Grinde

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## **IMMIGRATION FORUM**

Our two part immigration forum was a big success with great attendance and wonderful panel members. A big thank you goes out to the members of the ad hoc committee: Cathy Cole, Darlene Wellner, Nancy Slattery, Maureen Crowley, Linda Gratz, Sue Matczynski, Betsy Ailes, Ceil Held and Jean Rausch for all of their work to give League an opportunity to highlight this important topic. An especially big thank you goes to Maureen Crowley for her excellent job as moderator and to Nancy Slattery, our vice president, for being the League spokesperson.

Mary Wallace, committee chair

## **GREAT DECISIONS**

The much awaited Great Decisions will begin on Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> in the Balkansky Room of the Manitowoc Public Library, 707 Quay Street. The topics and speakers are as follows:

02/04 Refugees and Global Migration; Alise Coen, PhD, UW-Manitowoc

02/11 The United States and Mexico: Partnership Tested: Pablo Toral, PhD, Beloit College

02/18 The Middle east: Regional Disorder; Beth Dougherty, PhD, Beloit College

02/25 The Rise of Populism in Europe; Elizabeth Wheat, PhD, UW-Green Bay

03/04 Nuclear Negotiations: Back to the Future? Andrew Kydd, PhD, UW-Madison

03/11 Cyber Conflicts and Geopolitics; Keven Kelly, J.D., UW Law School

03/18 Decoding US\_China Trade; Martin Farrell, PhD, Ripon College, Retired

03/25 State of the State Department and Diplomacy, Daniel C. Stoll, Ph.D, St. Norbert College

If you wish to meet the speakers ahead of time, the League invites them to the Courthouse Pub for dinner at 4:30 pm. League members are invited to attend at their expense. Please call Marilyn Sontag at 682-8988 as soon as possible.

## **COAL-TAR PAVEMENT SEALANTS**

On February 7<sup>th</sup> at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum, 75 Maritime Drive, at 6 pm, a presentation on Coal-Tar Pavement Sealants will be discussed. Join your neighbors to learn more about: human health & environmental harms of toxic coal-tar sealants; actions you and your community can take to protect your health and our water resources. League will have a table at this presentation with voting material, pamphlets on Great Decisions, and membership information.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

The League has a new member, Suzanne Zipperer. Welcome her into the league. We hope to see you at Great Decisions and other events that we will have throughout the year.

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## **LWV-WISCONSIN**

A federal judge has struck down the Wisconsin Republicans “lame duck” restrictions on early voting.