

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

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b>03/11</b>	<b>GD: Cyber Conflicts and Geopolitics</b>
<b>03/14</b>	<b>Candidates' Forum for MPSD School Board</b>
<b>03/18</b>	<b>GD: US-China Trade</b>
<b>03/25</b>	<b>GD: State of the State Department &amp; Diplomacy</b>
<b>04/01</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
<b>04/02</b>	<b>Primary Election Day</b>
<b>05/06</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
<b>05/11</b>	<b>Earth Day</b>
<b>05/15</b>	<b>Annual Meeting</b>

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Dear League Members,

The year is winding down. We only have three more Great Decisions Programs left for the month of March. For those of you who have not attended, the topics and the speakers have been very informative. We have had over 100 people in attendance at each meeting. It has been a great season despite this horrible winter.

With spring, we have primaries. Please read the rest of the newsletter for information on who is running for the MPSD School Board and then don't forget to vote.

The rest of the calendar for the year is listed for your convenience. Please mark down the dates so that you will be able to attend these events.

Like all of you, I am awaiting for the snow to be gone and to finally see buds on the trees.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all our Irish Members and to those who are Irish on that Day!!

Cathy

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## GREAT DECISIONS

03/11 Cyber Conflicts and Geopolitics: Kevin Kelly, J.D., UW Law School  
03/18 Decoding US-China Trade: Martin Farrell, PhD, Ripon College  
03/25 State of the State Department and Diplomacy: Daniel C. Stoll, PhD,  
St. Norbert College

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## CANDIDATES' FORUM

There will be a candidates' forum for Manitowoc School Board seats on Thursday, March 14 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of Manitowoc City Hall. There are five candidates for four seats. The candidates are: Seth Damrow, Dave Nickels, Dick Nitsch, Meredith Sauer and Elizabeth Williams.

The public will be able to ask the candidates questions. As always, light refreshments will be served.

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## LWV OF OZAUKEE COUNTY

The league has sent an invitation to to attend a Brunch with Janette Braverman as their speaker for their annual Women's History Month Event. Ms. Braverman's topic is "Unleash Your Greatness." She is an author and Dean of the College of Business and Management at Cardinal Stritch University. The event will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at the Ozaukee Country Club, 10823 North River Road, Maquon, Wisconsin. Reservations can be made on their website: [lwvozaukee.org](http://lwvozaukee.org). The luncheon is \$40.00 per person.

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## Conservation Lobby Day

**March 27th**

**Monona Terrace in Madison.**

**Registration at 9:00 am**

**The event starts at 10:00 AM**

**Sponsored by Wisconsin Conservation Voters**

Conservation Lobby Day is our day to make our voices heard at the State Capitol and to share our views on the crucial issues facing conservation in our state. This year's focus will be on protecting drinking water from lead and manure, protecting public lands through the Stewardship Program, and urging legislators to invest in renewable energy

Buses are available traveling through Northeast Wisconsin with stops at Green Bay and De pere  
For more information check their website

Website page: <https://conservationvoters.org/events/conservation-lobby-day>

**Anyone interested in driving together please contact  
Bev Rawling 920-693-8941 or email [circleofsong@tds.net](mailto:circleofsong@tds.net)**

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## POVERTY REPORT MEETING

Members were invited to a discussion of the Poverty Report on Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> (9 am – 11 am) at First Presbyterian Church. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Concurrence Statements regarding the strength and gaps of mental health services in Manitowoc County. Members had received a printed copy or had access to a copy at our League website. They also received a 19 page document prior to the meeting that was a summary of what was in the report.

Fourteen members met and were treated to a wonderful brunch with a variety of nutritious food. Thank you to all the people who brought food to share. The Concurrence process was to read each statement and decide if you agreed with it,

wanted to modify it, or disagreed with the statement. The statements were arranged under these categories: Assessment, Recovery, Staffing, Training, Funding, and Initiative & Community Support.

We discussed each statement and had excellent input from the people there who suggested word changes, clarifications, and suggestions for more information. Thank you to Ginny Finnel who recorded these comments for the committee. We ended our meeting at 11:30 pm and we all felt we had an excellent meeting with good input from everyone there.

The next step is to have the committee revise the Statements and get Board approval for our League position. It is important for the League to get this done quickly as the county budget is being prepared. Our final recommendations will be emailed to all members.

Thank you to the committee for their perseverance to get this completed: Jean Biegun, Nancy Slattery, Ginny Finnel, Theresa Collins, Cecilia Held, Darlene Wellner, and Nancy Lodl. Each brought their specific skills and background to this report. Thank you to Jean Biegun for writing a newspaper article for the Herald-Times about the study and for writing an article for the newsletter of the LWV of Wisconsin. Our League was featured in their February issue.

Thanks also to the West Foundation and John and Kate Miller for providing funds to produce this report. Copies are being made available to people and agencies interviewed, any non-profit organization working with mental health and other interested people in the community. These reports are available at Beacon Consulting (across from the Courthouse) at no cost.

Julie Grinde

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## **MEMBERSHIP**

We have new members added to our roster. Please welcome Jenna Leigh and Brandon Guyton. Jenna and Brandon reside in Manitowoc and Jenna is a law student.

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