

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MANITOWOC COUNTY  
OCTOBER 2015 NEWSLETTER**

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**Calendar of Events**

<b>10/22</b>	<b>Forum on Redistricting</b>
<b>11/05</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
<b>11/17</b>	<b>Hunger and Poverty in Manitowoc County</b>

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Dear League Members,

Fall has been very busy. We had a wonderful meeting in September with Soup up the League. We had about 30 members and many other people stopped in to see our program that was presented by the Heritage Players. We had good food, good entertainment, and good company. I want to thank our Board for bringing the soup, bread, and desserts. We had a great variety of soups and breads. Everyone had a good time.

We have two very good meetings lined up for the months of October and November. The meeting in October is on redistricting which is done every ten years following the census. We will have Representative Eric Genrich from Green Bay speaking at this meeting. The program in November is an introduction on Hunger and Poverty in Manitowoc County. It is a prelude to our Poverty Study and should be an eye opening experience for all of us.

Both meetings will be held at the Manitowoc City Hall located at 900 Quay Street. Please read the rest of the newsletter for the times of these meetings. Comcast will be at both meetings and a schedule of rebroadcasts will be posted on our website: [lwvmanitowoc.org](http://lwvmanitowoc.org).

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**REDISTRICTING MEETING**

The League of Women Voters of Manitowoc County will host a forum about **Redistricting at 6:30 pm on October 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Council Chambers of the Manitowoc City Hall, 900 Quay Street, Manitowoc.** Redistricting is done following the census every ten years to assure an equal representation in each Legislative District. The current process for Redistricting and its challenges will be discussed as well as an examination of the proposed legislative changes to the process and its potential benefits. The League's position on Redistricting is available on line at: [http://www.lwwi.org/Issues Advocacy/GovernmentStructures Procedures.aspx](http://www.lwwi.org/Issues%20Advocacy/GovernmentStructures%20Procedures.aspx).

**Representative Eric Genrich, Grren Bay, District 90** will speak regarding proposed legislation for a non-partisan panel to develop the ‘maps’ without the court costs and challenges of recent attempts and answer questions from our community. His plan is similar in many aspects to that of the “Iowa Plan.” Check it out at: <http://www.ncsl.org/research/redistricting/redistricting-commissions.aspx> for more details.

Faced with six separate elections in the next thirteen months, this forum should be of great interest to citizens and local election officials.

Comcast will broadcast the forum live on **October 22<sup>nd</sup>**. A schedule of rebroadcasts will be posted on the LWVMC website: <http://lwvmanitowoc.org> when available.

Coffee and treats will be available at the meeting.

For more information contact Nancy Slattery through the league website.

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## **HUNGER AND POVERTY IN MANITOWOC COUNTY**

Join us on Tuesday, **November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall** to watch a power point presentation by **Teri Zueger-Halvorsen on Hunger and Poverty in Manitowoc County**. Comcast will broadcast the presentation and a schedule of rebroadcasts will be posted on the LWVMC website: <http://lwvmanitowoc.org> when available.

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## **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

I want to welcome Bev Rawling into the League. She joined at our recent “Soup-Up the League Kick-Off” for the new fiscal year of 2015-2016. We hope to see Bev at our next two meetings in October and November. This year we are experimenting with having all League members check off their name at the meetings that they attend. This will help us with the League’s Membership and Leadership Development improvement suggestions. This will also help us inform the state that we are encouraging all members to participate in a variety of programs that we offer throughout the year. Our treasurer, Jo Ellen Gramling, prepared a membership list and all we have to do is simply check off our names. The clipboard with the list will be at our October 22<sup>nd</sup>, meeting.

There are several members who have not sent their renewal forms and dues. I will be calling them soon so that the League Membership List, and Phone Tree will be sent to all of you by next week.

Lately, I have been asking all members to phone or contact their representatives and senators to vote no on the recent bills that are set before the houses. I am attaching a list of their names with their district to all of you with this newsletter.

The phone tree will be implemented next week as a reminder that we will be having a meeting on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> on redistricting. This is a gentle reminder since our lives get very busy with day to day occurrences that we often forget what we were planning on doing in the evening or for the rest of the week.

If you have any problems receiving your newsletter, please let me know and I will try to send you a hard copy through the post office.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN TO ALL!!!

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