

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MANITOWOC COUNTY
OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER**

Calendar of Events

10/19	Science of Substance Abuse & Treatment Options
10/28	LWV-WI Issues Briefing, Madison College, Truax Campus
11/06	Board Meeting
11/7-10	State of Lake Michigan Conference: Hyatt Regency, GB
11/16	Movie: "Before the Flood"
12/04	Annual Holiday Social at the Grinde's

Dear League Members,

It was good to see so many of you attend our September Meeting on the Manitowoc/Sheboygan Watershed. We had over 35 people in attendance. The guest panel was excellent and well informed. They answered many questions and stayed to talk with the people individually after the program.

Our next meeting coming up will be on The Science of Substance Abuse and Treatment Options. You will find more information in the Newsletter.

We hope all of you will get the opportunity to attend the many issues meetings that we have planned throughout the year.

Cathy

THE SCIENCE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND TREATMENT OPTIONS

“The Science of Substance Abuse and Treatment Options” will be the topic of the League of Women Voters of Manitowoc County public forum on **October 19th at 7:00 pm at the Manitowoc City Hall, 900 Quay Street.** Dan Walters, R.Ph., pharmacy manager at Walgreens in Manitowoc will be the guest speaker. He currently serves as a clinical instructor for Wisconsin’s drug recognition program and has given presentation to law enforcement groups across the state. He was a research fellow in the Department of Pharmacology at UW-Madison and has been

recognized for excellence in teaching and mentoring pharmacy students. His areas of interest include alternative and natural medicines.

All are welcome to attend – concerned community members, medical and counseling as well as law enforcement professionals, individuals struggling with addictions, and their friends and families. Addiction is not caused by moral failure or choice and understanding the neurobiology of this disease will help reduce its stigma. There will be opportunity for questions after his presentation. The program is funded by the West Foundation, Inc and Pathways to a Better Life Alcohol and Drug Treatment Center in Kiel. Light refreshments will be served.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WISCONSIN

LWVWI is preparing for this year’s Issues Briefing in Madison on Saturday, **October 28th from 9 AM – 2:30 PM.** The meeting will take place at Madison College Truax Campus, 1701 Wright Street. The Keynote Speaker will be Attorney Glorily A. Lopez on Current Issues on immigration. Midmorning sessions will be an update on WI Gerrymandering Lawsuit with Professor David Canon; Enhancing League Diversity Through Community Alliances by Consuelo Lopez, Springfield; and Voter Services: Projects for the 2018 Elections.

At 11:30 lunch will be served with a presentation from Dr. Timothy Smeeding on Poverty and Public Policy in Wisconsin.

The afternoon break out session will include an Overview of Critical Water Issues in Wisconsin by Rebecca Power, UW –Extension; League Transformation: Preparing the League for its Second Century by Debra Cronmiller and New Members and New Leagues around Wisconsin.

Registration deadline is October 19th. There are four people attending from our League. If any of you wish to go, please go online to the state website and click on issuesbriefing2017.evenbrite.com. Full registration is \$40.00.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MICHIGAN REGION

The 2017 Annual Meeting and Dinner of the Lake Michigan Region LWV will take place on Thursday, November 9th at the Hyatt Regency in Green Bay, Wisconsin. The Conference is organized by the International Association of Great

Lakes Research (IAGLR) to provide a bridge between the research and policy communities. The State of Lake Michigan Conference begins on November 7th until November 10th. The LWV Lake Michigan Region's Annual Meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 9th**, along with dinner and speaker. Attend one or more days of the conference: LWVMR events only; or just join the Annual Meeting, or our dinner, as your schedule allows. **Register for the League's dinner by Saturday, November 5th**. The cost of the dinner is \$32 per person. There is no charge for attending the Annual Business Meeting. All are welcome at either, although only designated delegates may vote at the meeting. Visit lwvlmr.org/annual-meeting-2017 to register online.

MOVIE: BEFORE THE FLOOD

The Manitowoc League of Women Voters agree with 97% of scientists who are telling us that the time to act on climate change is now. Join us to view National Geographic's film, "Before the Flood." The film follows Leonardo DiCaprio's journey across 5 continents and the Arctic as he presents the dramatic changes occurring due to climate change and investigates concrete solutions to the most pressing environmental challenge of our time. The film will be held at the **Manitowoc City Hall, 900 Quay Street on Thursday, November 16th at 6:30 pm**. Bring something to drink and snacks will be provided.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership is almost complete. We are waiting for a final update on new members. I want to let everyone know that Erica Strauss has recently renewed her membership. It is a delight to see Erica in our midst again. We have 54 members in League at this time.

I am in the process of updating the phone tree and will be sending it out with our new membership list and interest list.

Thank you for your patience.

BOARD MEETINGS

The board meets at 4:00 pm on the first Monday of the month at the First Presbyterian Church at 502 N. 8th Street. All members are encouraged to join us at that time to see how we set up our issues programs. If you have considered being a board member, this can be very educational and help with your decision.