



Bulletin

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Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2019

6:00 p.m.

Why Climate Change is a Public Health Emergency

Mark your calendars now and don't miss the launch of a new LWVDC Public Issues Forum Series focused on climate change.

Ralph Petersen, Ph.D., UW-Madison Space, Science and Engineering Center
Andrea Kaminski, LWVWI Board Member and previous LWVWI Executive Director
Claire Gervais, M.D., UW Health Clinics

New Location

**American Dream Bank,
821 E. Washington Ave., Madison**

Convenient parking in the South Livingston Ramp, 111 South Livingston St.

Doors open at 6:00 pm.

Program starts at 6:30 sharp.

Light refreshments served.

Study materials will be available at
www.lwvdanecounty.org.

Public Issues Forums are free and open to the public.

President's Message

Aileen Nettleton, president@lwvdanecounty.org

Meet our new members of the Board of Directors for 2019-2020. Joan Provencer, our new Secretary, joined the LWV when she noticed restrictions to voting and wanted to do something about it. She has been an active member of the High School Voter Education Team, assisting with events at East High School and Monona Grove High School. Sometimes this has meant going to senior social studies classes to assist with voter registration. In one school, an afterschool club, Girls Empowerment, assisted league members as they set up voter registration tables and made their own presentation to those attending. Joan has learned that young people really do want to vote!

Joan brings a strong background in community service, having chaired the Briarpatch Youth Services Board of Directors for many years. Her personal passion is dog training, and she is the treasurer for the Madison Retrievers organization. Welcome, Joan.

Marian Matthews, new Voter Service Co-Director, has been active with the committee for 4 years. She is proud of helping organize large voter registration events like the UW "bus pass distribution" and Epic Systems and providing training to new volunteers with the workshop she developed, "Everything You Wanted to Know About Helping Voters but Were Afraid to Ask!" Marian anticipates that 2020 will be an especially busy election year. She hopes the Voter Service team can prepare Voter Service volunteers with training on the new state registration form (reportedly available this fall). The Voter Service team also hopes to streamline registration practices through technology, plus expand partnerships with community groups. An ambitious agenda!

In addition to her league work, Marian enjoys cooking, gardening, films and travel. We appreciate your continued commitment to voters through league work, Marian.

Marilyn Stephen, Action Chair and Observer Corps Coordinator, was motivated to join the LWV of Dane County last year based on her positive experiences during the '70s with the Jackson, MI, LWV. Marilyn attributes the principles she learned through the league to guiding her professionally through the policy side of her work in Child Services at the county and state levels in Michigan. She also learned to be even-handed, do thorough research, and most important, use consensus in decision-making.

When her kids and grandkids moved from Madison, she checked out the Dane County League website, read our position papers, was impressed with the picture the website presented and decided to commit her time and energy to our local league. She looks forward to following up with the first group of our government "observers" so that being part of the Observer Corps is worthwhile for these league members. Thank you, Marilyn!

Donna Van Bogaert, Director for Publicity, learned about the LWV as a 10-year-old. She became aware that the LWV sponsored candidate debates on TV. She read the local LWV *Candidates' Answers* on the front page of the local Aurora, IL, newspaper. She recalls being impressed that the league represented "the pinnacle of non-partisan information" and decided she would be a part of the league someday.

In her role as Publicity Director with the league, she hopes to bring her past professional experience in media and communications to help our communications become more inclusive and effective while considering

economy and efficiency. How do we decide which media to use to reach younger and more diverse audiences? How do we most effectively use media to keep connected to our members?

Her personal interests include performing as a jazz singer with regional bands. She is a watercolor and fiber artist, and she enjoys multimedia and video production. We look forward to tapping your interests in various ways, Donna!

What's New at 100 Years Old?

Aileen Nettleton, president@lwvdanecounty.org

Our new Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, chaired by Maria Spinozzi, will guide our league as we carry out the LWVUS and LWVDC goal of incorporating the lens of "DEI" in all our work. As we strive to achieve a membership that reflects our broader community, we are seeking new partnerships, new venues, and new activities to help us become more inclusive in our league work. Watch for opportunities to become engaged.

Our new Unit Discussion Coordinator is Pat Kippert, a long-time member of the Northeast Unit. Gloria Meyer and Marilyn Kupferberg will co-chair the Westside Unit, which will be meeting at the Lussier Community Center on Gammon Road this year, with members of the public invited. In addition, Wally Brinkmann has offered to start a new unit for members in eastern Dane County at Oakwood Prairie Ridge. New groups started last year on the UW Campus and in Fitchburg will continue to welcome members, along with the Northeast, Downtown, Westside and Oakwood Village University Woods units. Check the information on Unit Meetings in this Bulletin and watch the weekly LWVDC enews updates for specific information to join the group that fits your schedule. The Unit Meetings offer focused discussion and personal action opportunities following each of the league Public Issues Forums.

The league is cooperating with the Complete Census Count project of the city and county. The league will promote "Every Person Counted" through our October Issues Forum, distributing information flyers at voter registration events and speaking at community events. Diane Liebert and Aileen Nettleton are our league's liaisons for this project that is endorsed by the US and Wisconsin LWV. The Voter Services, Program, Publicity Committees and Webmaster will play key roles in our league's community outreach. The Census will take place in April 2020. Let us know if you wish to be a part of this important project: dwliefert@gmail.com or president@lwvdanecounty.org.

We are beginning to plan our LWV Dane County 100th Birthday Gala with Earnestine Moss chairing the committee! Mark your calendars to join in the celebrations on Saturday evening, March 28, 2020, at the Park Hotel. We will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the LWVUS and the Madison LWV, both founded in 1920, with food, drink, music, a speaker, and even dance! If you wish to help locate historical photos or documents about the Madison and Dane County League for a slide show, if you can recommend a good band, or if you like to write invitations, contact Earnestine Moss at emosse@aol.com or the office, 232-9447.

Remember that thing you saw in that email from us?

Oh.. when was that event? Wednesday? Saturday?

Now you can check the archive! All past weekly update emails are now available on our [website](#).

Observer Corps Training

Marilyn Stephen, mfs6100@gmail.com

Are you interested in seeing local government in action? Do you have a special interest such as human services, juvenile justice, natural resources or education? No matter where you live in Dane County, you can observe your local government or school board at work.

On **Monday, September 9, 2019, at 5:30 p.m.**, the LWVDC will hold its third Observer Corps Orientation and Training workshop at the league office. The goal of the Observer Corps is to promote fair and transparent governance by encouraging league members like yourself to regularly attend one or more local governmental meetings of your choosing and report back to the league about issues or concerns that arise. You would be the “eyes and ears” of the league.

If you would like to know more, plan to attend the Orientation. RSVP to Marilyn Stephen, Observer Corps Coordinator, at mfs6100@gmail.com or contact the LWVDC office at office@lwvdanecounty.org.

Did You Miss the July 31 Deadline?

Sally Gleason and Mary Ellen Schmit,
membership@lwvdanecounty.org

Did you forget about the renewal notice we sent at the end of June? If so, please renew your membership as soon as possible. This will save time and money by avoiding reminder emails and phone calls. You can renew online at www.lwvdanecounty.org/join-renew. While on our Join/Renew page, you can also complete the Membership Survey to indicate your interests. If you prefer, send your dues and survey by U.S. mail in the envelope we provided. Thanks for making our job a bit easier!

Upcoming Book Groups

Join us as at one of our September meetings as we discuss [*The Warmth of Other Suns*](#) by Isabel Wilkerson.

September 23, 7 p.m.

Encore Room

Capitol Lakes

333 W Main St, Madison

Host: Caitlin Schaer

September 26, 9:30 a.m.

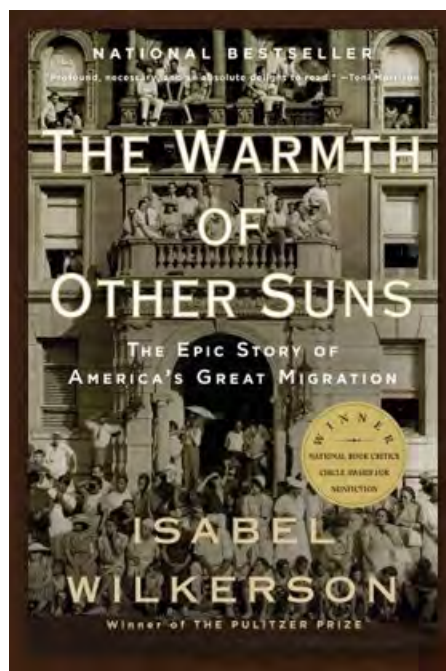
Alicia Ashman Library

733 N High Point Rd, Madison

Host: Betty Cohen

RSVPs to Jean Jacobson at
jeanskobydog@charter.net
or 608-846-7266

appreciated but not required.



Committed to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Maria Spinozzi, bulletin@lwvdanecounty.org

LWVDC is committed to applying a lens of diversity, equity and inclusion to all of our work. As part of this effort, we hope to encourage our members to seek out a variety of sources of news, information and ideas. Maybe that's a community paper you haven't had the opportunity to read yet, a new type of media, a topic or issue that doesn't directly affect you, a perspective or experience that differs from your own or an author that is dissimilar to most of those whose work you've read.

Read

[Madison Woman Vies for Miss Muslimah USA Crown](#)

- Wisconsin Muslim Journal

[YWCA Madison Honors Eight Women at the 45th Annual Women of Distinction Leadership Awards](#) -

YWCA Press Release

[Culture shock: Former Edgewood College students and staff complain of racist campus culture](#) - The Cap Times

[Recommendations on MMSD Black Excellence](#) - MMSD Black Excellence Coalition

[Blacks Arrested for Pot Possession at Four Times the Rate of Whites in Wisconsin](#) - Madison365

[A black principal, four white teens and the 'senior prank' that became a hate crime](#) - The Washington Post

Attend

Aug 18 [OutReach Magic Festival](#): A PRIDE Celebration event for 2019 will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Stonewall and the 30th Anniversary of Madison's first pride parade.

Wednesdays 5 p.m. [Summer Mercadito](#) at Centro Hispano

Listen

CodeSwitch

[America's Concentration Camps?](#) (28 minutes)

There's a debate over what to call the facilities holding migrant asylum seekers at the southern border. We revisit an earlier controversy to help make sense of it.

Hidden Brain

[People Like Us: How Our Identities Shape Health and Educational Success](#) (36 minutes)

What happens when the ideal of a colorblind society comes up against research that finds colorblindness sometimes leads to worse outcomes?

The Nod

[Conscious Rap: The Birth and the Backlash](#) (38 minutes)

The turbulence and violence of the late 1980s pushed hip-hop away from its party music roots, giving birth to a new subgenre: conscious rap.

Revisionist History

[Carlos Doesn't Remember](#) (34 minutes)

A cautionary tale about how hard it is to rise from the bottom to the top—and why the American school system, despite its best efforts, continues to leave an extraordinary amount of talent on the table.

Solvable

[The Tech Gender Gap is #Solvable](#) (25 minutes)

Marième Jamme is the founder of IAMTHECODE, the first African-led global movement to support marginalized girls and young women access to STEAMD.

Absorb

Free online, self-paced courses

[Justice, Mercy and Mass Incarceration](#) - Vanderbilt University through Coursera

[Revolutionary Ideas: Borders, Elections, Constitutions, Prisons](#) - Rutgers University through Coursera

Update on National Popular Vote Compact

Karen Gunderson, jokarjen@gmail.com

Quite a bit has happened regarding the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact (NPVIC) since our November, 2018, forum on the electoral college. To refresh your memory, the NPVIC is an agreement between U.S. states and the District of Columbia that the members in the NPVIC will give all of their electoral votes to the presidential candidate who secures the nationwide popular vote. This would be regardless of which candidate won the popular vote in each individual state. The compact will go into effect when the number of electoral votes represented reaches 270. Since November, three more states (Colorado, Delaware and New Mexico) have joined the compact, bringing the number of states in the compact to 16, representing 196 electoral votes.

Two bills to have Wisconsin join the NPVIC have been introduced this session: AB185 and SB197. Both bills are still in committee and not likely to move out of committee. Similar bills are pending in several other states.

LWVWI now has a working group focused on the NPVIC, chaired by Barb Paterick of LWV Greater Green Bay. The group has met twice, most recently on June 28, 2019. They are looking for additional members for this committee. If you are interested, contact Barbara Paterick (bpaterick@gmail.com), and let LWV Dane County President Aileen Nettleton know that you are planning to participate.

Barb provided me with a summary of the June 28 meeting. Here are some highlights:

On October 19, the LWVWI Issues Briefing in Madison will include the NPVIC, either as a breakout or general session topic.

The NPVIC working group is working on that presentation and is also developing a Tool Kit that will be put on the state Hub for all chapters to use. That will include a slide presentation with a script, sample letters to the editor, common Q&A's, a one-page handout explaining NPVIC, and other information.

They will be requesting local chapters to send at least one representative to the NPVIC session on October 19 and will ask those in attendance (and others) to volunteer to be part of a speakers' bureau and undergo training to be a speaker. Also, they are looking for members who are interested in helping to develop a partnership with UW-Madison, high schools and perhaps other colleges to sponsor NPVIC events on campus. They also need assistance with a website and social media.

In the fall, they hope to participate in a nonpartisan briefing session in the state capitol for the public, legislators and staff. They also hope to coordinate this with state legislators, caucuses and partners. They will be developing a partner list, so if LWVDC members are aware of other groups who support the Wisconsin NPVIC bills, please let Barb know. At the national level, the LWVUS has set up a five-person task force to determine what the state and local leagues are doing related to the NPVIC and what resources the LWVUS should put toward those efforts.

Whether you are in favor of the NPVIC or not, this is an important issue to stay aware of. It has the potential to change our democracy dramatically.

Letter in Support of Increased Elections Staff

This letter was sent to Mayor Rhodes-Conway on May 7, 2019, in support of two new positions proposed for the Madison City Clerk's office. **It's not too late to [contact the mayor](#) and/or your [alder](#) to express your support for the City Clerk's budget request.**

Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway
210 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd Rm. 403
Madison WI 53703

Dear Mayor Rhodes-Conway:

The League of Women Voter of Dane County has worked very closely with the City Clerk's office over the last decade. We are very impressed with Maribeth Witzel-Behl's commitment to ensuring that every Madison citizen has the opportunity to vote and have their vote counted. She has invested many, many hours and much creativity in expanding the number of volunteers and voter outreach sites to assist voters with registration and voting information, in making early voting at libraries and other sites a popular and viable option, and in running efficient elections.

However, we have been extremely concerned by the number of hours she herself puts into her job, an effort which we believe cannot be sustained at current levels without endangering her health. We also lament the loss of experienced, competent clerk's staff who have transferred to other city positions that require less overtime.

Over the last several years, new legislation has required proof of residence when voters register and Voter Photo ID. These barriers to voting have required additional training for outreach volunteers and poll workers, additional workers on election day, and additional staff work to maintain records of ID for absentee voters and to process the additional information on voter registration forms. The staffing levels in the Clerk's Office have not been adjusted to fully account for the new workload.

We understand that Maribeth has presented a proposal for your 2020 budget that would add a regular staff member and a Deputy Clerk for elections to her office. We believe these two positions are ***absolutely necessary*** for the efficient functioning of the Clerk's Office and the high quality of election services for Madison residents that Maribeth and her staff have worked so hard to establish.

We look forward to the inclusion of a new Deputy Clerk for Elections and a new Clerk's staff position in your 2020 budget.

Sincerely,

Aileen Nettleton
President



Municipal Clerk Appreciation Week

Municipal Clerk Appreciation Week was May 5 – 11, 2019. This letter to the editor, showing the League of Women Voters of Dane County's gratitude for all of the clerks of Dane County, was published in the *Wisconsin State Journal*, May 9, 2019.

It's Municipal Clerk Appreciation Week, and the League of Women Voters of Dane County expresses gratitude to all the clerks in Dane County. Among their many other duties, clerks are responsible for the smooth operation of elections. With the many changes to voting laws and concerns about election security in the news, clerks have faced significant challenges in recent years.

Some clerks have devised innovative and effective ways to make it easier for citizens to register and cast a ballot that counts, such as expanding registration sites and in-person absentee voting (early voting), posting election information online, piloting electronic poll books and contacting provisional voters. We urge all clerks to share their successes so we can all learn from each other.

We encourage all citizens to thank their clerk and their support staff for what they do. Let your elected representatives know that you expect your clerk's office to be well-supported and to reduce barriers to voting in your community. In a democracy, your vote is your voice, and your municipal clerk makes all the difference in how easily your voice can be heard.

Paul Lindquist, voter service chair, League of Women Voters of Dane County

UW Bus Pass Registration

Marian Matthews, mmatthews@lwvdanecounty.org

The LWVDC will be conducting voter registration at UW-Madison at their fall bus pass distribution. The dates are **August 26 - September 13** (except for Labor Day). As in past years, community and student volunteers will work at the Student Activity Center. We hope to also have a second location at Union South. If you are interested in volunteering, you must have taken the Voter Education Ambassador training offered by the Madison City Clerk. The next monthly training is scheduled for August 13. Find more information on the training at www.cityofmadison.com/tags/voter-education-ambassadors.

Volunteers will also need to attend a training session specific to registering UW students. If you volunteered for this event in the past, you will need to attend this UW-specific training again since information about proof of residence for students has changed. In the next few weeks, we will send an email with a link for training sign-ups and working shift sign-ups for this event. There will also be a link posted on the LWVDC [website](#) to sign-up. If you indicated an interest in voter registration work on your member survey, you will automatically be added to the voter service volunteer list and will receive this email. If you are a new or less experienced voter registration volunteer, we'll arrange for you to shadow an experienced volunteer for a couple of shifts.

LWVDC Annual Meeting

May 15, 2019

Photos by Al Nettleton and Ingrid Rothe



Sue Fulks, Marian Matthews and Paul Lindquist ready to give their annual reports.



Bonnie Chang, Georgiana Hernandez and Louise Robbins chatting at the annual meeting.



Aileen Nettleton talking with Doug and Kathy Johnson.



Erin Grunze providing an update on lawsuits regarding gerrymandering and lame duck sessions in Wisconsin.



Theresa Walske and Kathleen Fullin chatting during a break.



Helen Horn getting ready to provide her report on the league's financials.



Marian Matthews giving her report on voter services activities.



Mary Ploeser giving a report on the Upper Mississippi River Region Interleague Organization.



Sally Gleason and Mary Ellen Schmit welcoming members to the annual meeting.

Carrie Chapman Catt Award Recipients

Photos by Al Nettleton

At the 2019 annual meeting, Kathleen Fullin and Ingrid Rothe were presented with the Carrie Chapman Catt award. Fullin and Rothe served together as co-presidents of our league from 2013-2015. Both continue their leadership in their off-board positions. Read more about their accomplishments [here](#). Congratulations to Kathy and Ingrid!

Born in Wisconsin in 1859, Carrie Chapman Catt campaigned for women's suffrage for decades. On February 14, 1920, roughly six months before the passage of the 19th Amendment, Catt founded the League of Women Voters.



Ingrid Rothe and Kathleen Fullin each receiving the Carrie Chapman Catt award.

Global Warming's Effects on Our Environment

The LWV Upper Mississippi River Region Interleague Organization ([LWV-UMRR ILO](#)) presents. . .



Raj Shukla from the River Alliance of Wisconsin on how global warming affects our rivers.

When: Monday, August 5, 1 p.m.

Where: Middleton Public Library, 7425 Hubbard Ave., Middleton

League members and non-league members alike are invited. We look forward to seeing you there.

Voter Service Team Seeking Coordinator

Marian Matthews, mmatthews@lwvdanecounty.org

The Voter Service team will be working on a new project this fall - adopting apartment buildings around the county to register voters where and when they first move. We are looking for a project coordinator who will help recruit and support individual volunteers as they work with apartment managers and residents. The coordinator will help maintain a database of apartment information and will be expected to adopt an apartment building. For a more detailed description of the coordinator tasks, click on this [link](#) and scroll down to Coordinator for Volunteers. If you're interested in being the coordinator, please contact Marian Matthews (mmatthews@lwvdanecounty.org).

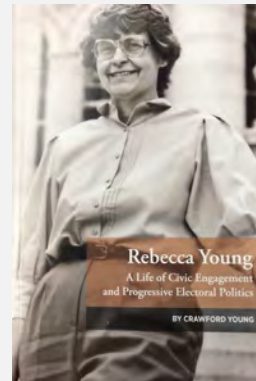
Madison Passes Bill of Rights for Women

Monica Schwartz

The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) is commonly known as the bill of rights for women and was adopted in 1979 by 189 United Nations member nations. The United States did not adopt the treaty, resulting in CEDAW resolutions being adopted on a city by city basis. With a co-sponsorship from the League of Women Voters of Dane County and the backing of more than 40 signatures collected by the league, the United Nations Association of Dane County proposed a CEDAW resolution to the Madison Common Council. On April 30, 2019, the Council unanimously adopted the resolution, formally supporting efforts to end discrimination against women in Madison. Madison is the 41st city to adopt a CEDAW resolution.

Rebecca Young Biography

Ingrid Rothe has kindly donated 3 copies of "Rebecca Young: A life of Civic Engagement and Progressive Electoral Politics" by Crawford Young. Rebecca Young was a founder active member of the Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood Association and a member of LWVDC. These books are available in the LWVDC office as part of our lending library. Feel free to come by during office hours to check out a copy and to browse the other available titles.



Appreciation

Christine Clements,
fundraising@lwvdanecounty.org

Thanks to your tremendous generosity, this last year has been one of great success. Your gifts have greatly enhanced the impact of the League of Women Voters of Dane County in sustaining active and informed democracy.

Your member gifts from the last year brought more than \$34,000 in financial resources to the league's efforts. These financial gifts, in addition to the thousands of volunteer hours offered, are also making it possible for the Dane County League to explore and implement new ways to increase our diversity and impact in Making Democracy Work™. We are extremely grateful for your continued support and look forward to a successful new year in achieving our goals of empowering voters and defending democracy.

Voter Resources Now Available in Spanish

Kathleen Fullin, kathyfullin@gmail.com

Our league has now translated several voter resources into Spanish! Our bookmarks with information about voter photo ID and voter registration are available in both Spanish and English. These are distributed to most Dane County libraries. If you are doing voter outreach at a location that might involve some citizens who are native Spanish speakers, please pick some up from our office.

Our website information about voting and voter photo ID has also been translated into Spanish. We contracted with a translator certified by the American Translators Association. The Pew Research Center reports that 13% of Latinx citizens

who are registered to vote in the U.S. speak Spanish as their primary language. Because Wisconsin's voting requirements have become so complex in recent years, our Voter Service Committee believed that it would be helpful to have information about voting in Spanish for those who are most comfortable with that language.

We considered the idea of Hmong translation, but because Hmong is primarily a spoken language determined that Hmong translations would not be used extensively.

"Pay It Forward" Partner

Aileen Nettleton,
president@lwvdanecounty.org

The LWV Dane County was Forward Theater's "Pay it Forward" partner for its *Two Steps Forward Monologue Festival* produced in recognition of Wisconsin's Ratification of the 19th Amendment 100 years ago. Ten original monologues celebrated the advancement of rights in Wisconsin, each with a different twist. *Susan B. Anthony* was a delightful juxtaposition of an actress performing a historical re-enactment of Susan B. Anthony giving a suffrage speech, while being interrupted on her cell phone to be told her daughter was being disciplined by her school principal for her response to being harassed by a classmate! In the concluding monologue, *Forward*, actress Erin Celello, draped as the Forward Statue, delivered a speech on the importance of everyone having the right to vote.

As the partner for the production, LWVDC included an invitation in the programs inviting audience members to join the LWV Ratification Centennial Celebration at the Capitol Square the same weekend. The Forward Theater has recognized a community organization with each of its productions this year to honor its 10th anniversary. We thank the Forward Theater for honoring our league for our service in our community.

New Members

We welcome these new members who joined us in April-June this year. An [updated member directory](#) is available. If you have forgotten the password, there is a link to contact the webmaster for help.

Ellen Baum

Tracye Bietz

Susan Cambria

Jane Christian

Carla Corwith

Caroline Crehan

Cynthia Gramm

Gloria Green

Patricia Iaccarino

Megan Jacobson

Sue Grace Krokosz

Kate Lyman

Josephine Musser

Sue Pavetto

Janie Riebe

Dorothea Torstenson

Diane Weiner

Thelma Wells

Patricia Wolleat

50-Year Lifetime Members

At this year's annual meeting on May 15, 2019, two members were recognized for achieving 50-year/Life membership status. Carol Palmer passed away a few weeks after earning this recognition. Please see page 14 for more information.

Elizabeth Magnuson

Carol Palmer

Contributions

Our work is supported by financial contributions beyond membership dues. Thank you to these members (bold) and nonmember supporters who donated April-June this year.

May Challenge

Catherine Berndt

Lois Bernbeck

Robin Chapman

Christine Clements

Beverly Davison

Sita Diehl

Laurie Egre

Jean Espenshade

Charlotte Farin

Barbara Feeney

Sally Gleason

Nancy Gunder

Karen Gunderson

Erin Grunze

Shirley Haidinger

Nancy Jensen

Charlotte Jerney

Andrea Kaminski

Janet Kane

Carol Kiemel

Sue Larson

Patricia Levin

Joan Lundin

Clare McArdle

Phyllis Menne

Kim Miller

Al Nettleton

Sylvia Poppelbaum

Victoria Robertson

Ruth Saecker

Brook Soltvedt

Deborah Speckmann

Priscilla Thain

Carol Toussaint

Sandra Vandervest

Shelley Weiss

Dorothy Wheeler

Sandra Whisler

Phyllis Young

General or Other Donations

Harriette Burkhalter

Alex Cohn

Hazel Hiemstra

Michael Kane

Karen Michael

Marianne Meyer

HopCat

United Way

Sally Phelps Memorial

William Bullock

Virginia Kruse

Lynn Morgan

Virginia Shannon

Elizabeth Whitesel

Sally Phelps Trust

Friends of Sally Phelps

Candidates' Answers

Donald Jones

Frank Nick

Thank You to Volunteers

Thank you to the following members who volunteered in the office in April-June this year.

Linda Dietrich
Judi Dilks
Margaret Fuguitt
Eileen Hanneman

Reta Harring
Merilyn Kupferberg
Joan Lundin
Barbara Mortensen

Ellen Rosborough
Kathy Shurts
Jan Van Vleck

Thank you to the following members who helped to clean up our patch of Highway 12.

Gail Bliss
Sally Carpenter
Philip Heckman

Doug Johnson
Louise Lund
Karen McKim

Rose Sime
Jan Van Vleck

Thank you to our members who volunteered at the local Juneteenth celebration hosted by Kujichagulia Madison Center for Self Determination. Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of slaves in the United States. Read more about it at www.kujimcsd.org/juneteenth and www.juneteenth.com/history.htm.

Bonnie Chang
Linda Chhath

Laura Grueneberg
Earnestine Moss

Spinozzi Family

Thank you to the following members who volunteered during our celebration of the centennial anniversary of Wisconsin's ratification of the 19th amendment.

Jan Anderson
Joy Cardin
Sherren Clark
Susan Dinauer
Martha Frey
Margaret Fuguitt
Kathy Fullin

Shirley Haidinger
Wendy Hathaway
Jean Jacobson
Kathy Krusiec
Marian Matthews
Judy Landsman
Cindy Lindquist

Paul Lindquist
Kathy Shurts
Brook Soltvedt
Rose Stephenson
Susan Sweet



Members participating in the Ratification Celebration in June.

In Memoriam

Marie McCabe

by Kathy Johnson

Marie McCabe passed away in June a few months shy of her 100th birthday. Marie reached 50 year membership in the LWVDC in 2005. In past years she served as treasurer of the LWVDC and also served on the Financial Advisory Board. Marie was a financial support of the local league at a time when our financial position was very shaky and is remembered on the plaque honoring financial angels we have had through the years. Marie moved to Oakwood University Woods in 2010 and was a member of the Oakwood Unit Discussion for many years. We will miss Marie in that group and also in the league at large.

Marie's full obituary can be read at https://madison.com/news/local/obituaries/mccabe-marie-stanfield/article_4191728a-084c-5abe-a8f8-36d021e29404.html.

Carol Palmer

Carol Virginia Smith Palmer, age 89, passed away on Friday, June 28, 2019. She was born in Omaha, Nebraska, on May 9, 1930, to Leon and Maude Smith. Carol was honored, in absentia, as a 50 year member of the League of Women Voters this May at our annual meeting.

Carol received both bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Northwestern University. She taught at Evanston, Township High School, where she met her husband, and at the University of Illinois Lab School in Urbana. Carol was a professional volunteer. A few of her key roles included President and member of the University League, Chair of the Wisconsin Women's Network, Chair and member of the Friends of the Waisman Center, President and long-time member of the American Association of University Women, and over 20 years of leadership for the Attic Angel Continuing Education program. She loved working with people and organizing events.

Adapted from Carol's full obituary which can be read at https://madison.com/news/local/obituaries/palmer-carol-virginia-smith/article_8e8cacfe-bb3d-5683-a716-68ed5a0f8a77.html.

Arlene Rotter

Arlene Rotter passed away Tuesday, June 25, 2019. Arlene was born on February 21, 1926, to Ezra and Bess Frank in Madison, Wis. Arlene was a graduate of West High School and the University of Wisconsin Madison.

Arlene was dedicated to volunteering in her lifelong Madison community. She was an active volunteer at Attic Angel Community, Temple Beth El, Jewish Social Services, University of Wisconsin Hospital, and in her Shorewood Hills neighborhood. She joined the League of Women Voters in 2007. She received a number of awards for her community service, including being named a "Know Your Madisonian."

Adapted from Arlene's full obituary which can be read at https://madison.com/news/local/obituaries/rotter-arlene-nee-frank/article_4726db78-d4b0-50cb-9844-37b3a3193f51.html.

Unit Meetings Schedule

Pat Kippert, Unit Coordinator, pkippert@yahoo.com

Unit meetings will start back up in **September**.

UW Campus

Time: 6:30 p.m., 9/15 (third Sundays)

Location: Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St.,
check Today in the Union for room

Leader: [Laura Grueneberg](#) (502-235-0023)

West / Middleton

Time: 6 p.m., 9/16 (third Mondays)

Location: Lussier Community Center
55 S. Gammon Rd., Madison

Leaders: [Merilyn Kupferberg](#) (608-831-3267)
and [Gloria Meyer](#) (608-288-8160)

Oakwood West

Time: 12:45 p.m., 9/18 (third Wednesdays)

Location: 6205 Mineral Point Rd., Madison
Parking on grounds. Enter through the
unlocked doors in the Tower, located near the
intersection of Mineral Point Road and Island
Drive. Take the elevator to the 2nd floor and
turn right, following signs to the Garden
Terrace Bistro.

Leader: [Kathy Johnson](#) (608-238-1785)

Northeast Side

Time: 3:30 p.m., 9/18 (third Wednesdays)

Location: Lakeview Public Library

Leaders: [Karen Gunderson](#) (608-729-4351)

Downtown Dinner

Time: 5:15 p.m., 9/18 (third Wednesdays)

Location: Capitol Lakes Retirement Center
private dining room

Leader: [Ingrid Rothe](#) (608-556-3174)

Southern Dane County

Time: 6 p.m., 9/19 (third Thursdays)

Location: Benvenuto's Italian Grill, Fitchburg

Leader: [Diane Liebert](#) (608-698-4143)

NEW Far East Side Unit Forming at Oakwood Prairie Ridge

Contact Pat Kippert at pkippert@yahoo.com
for more information.

Upcoming Events

Aug. 5	WI River Alliance Presentation 1 p.m.
Aug. 14	Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
Sept. 4	Public Issues Forum, 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	Observer Corps Training, 5:30 p.m.
Sept. 11	Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	LWVDC Book Group, 7 p.m.
Sept. 26	LWVDC Book Group, 9:30 a.m.
Oct. 2	Public Issues Forum, 7 p.m.
Oct. 19	LWVWI Issues Briefing

