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President's Message: Recognizing Outgoing Leaders

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We are all aware that the greatest strength of the League is our volunteers. One very special group of volunteers consists of those who take on leadership roles as members of the LWVDC Board of Directors. On July 1, we entered our new program and fiscal year with a new Board of Directors, which means

Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021

7:00–8:15 p.m.

Where are Wisconsin's Fair Maps? via Zoom

Elected representatives reflect the will of those who vote them into office, right? Not so much when extreme (but legal) partisan voting district lines are drawn to favor the party in power. This is gerrymandering. Historically, it's a practice Wisconsin Republicans and Democrats alike have employed. But with modern data-gathering techniques, parties in power are carving out favorable districts with extreme precision. Most Wisconsin voters are calling for an end to the practice once and for all with fair non-partisan maps. Join the League of Women Voters of Dane County on September 1, 2021 as **Doug Poland**, Litigation Director with Law Forward, **Matt Rothschild**, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, and **Kriss Marion**, rural Wisconsin farmer and Lafayette County Board Supervisor, bring us up-to-date on the legal information/strategy, and the financial impacts of gerrymandering in Wisconsin. You can register for the event [here](#).

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

Forums are free and open to the public.

saying good-bye to our exiting board members. Paul Lindquist and Marian Matthews are leaving as co-directors of Voter Service and Mary Ellen Schmit as the co-director of Membership.

Paul Lindquist has served two consecutive two-year terms as Voter Service Director, the first term on his own and the second as a co-director. Throughout this time, he not only committed himself to leading our largest group of volunteers in our most active program area; he also managed technology for all of LWVDC. His ability to bring these two areas together has transformed the work of our Dane County League.

In addition to his work for Voter Service, Paul has been masterful at developing and managing overall office technology and was an outstanding board member. He helped us select a CRM, Little Green Light, doing extensive custom programming to enhance the functionality of the system for LWVDC. He also provided his programming skills to managing mail systems, the annual survey and untold other systems, and applied his incredible patience to overseeing director and committee use of our internal communications management system.

As a board member Paul was dedicated, always present and engaged, thoughtful and held us to standards of excellence. He was creative in responding to an incredible array of demands and led us all with his mission-driven dedication to League values and priorities. We are very pleased that Paul will continue in his technology support role and as a member of the Voter Service and Voter ID Coalition Steering Committees, but also happy that his load can lighten just a bit.

Marian Matthews has served as the co-director of Voter Service for the past two years. During her time in this role, she was renowned for her amazing organizational skills, her command of facts and detail, her prioritization of all things Voter Service and her never wavering commitment to voter rights. Along with Paul Lindquist, Marian developed outstanding in-person and virtual training sessions for voter service volunteers, many of whom were relatively unfamiliar with the complexity of voter laws and the voter registration process. The Voter ID Coalition recognized Marian as a trainer par excellence with an encyclopedic grasp of voting laws.

Marian's contributions as a board member have been exceptional. Her wisdom and goodwill enhanced every meeting discussion, with insightful questions on challenging issues and supportive feedback to her fellow board members. Our board discussions were richer and our decisions better because of her participation. In addition, Marian served on the executive director search committee, a project that demanded a considerable amount of time and effort during one of the most demanding election seasons of our lifetime. Marian leaves the Voter Service domain strong and well organized, and the Dane County League well-positioned for the future. We will miss her discerning voice.

Mary Ellen Schmit has served as the co-director of Membership for the last three years, her first two-year term as co-director with Sally Gleason and the last year as co-director with Amber Rottier. Mary Ellen's decision to stay for an extra year to develop and mentor new leadership is representative of her priorities and values. She has a prodigious commitment to mentoring members and developing leadership for the League. Her greatest challenge and pervasive commitment was to making members feel welcome and listened to, and she actively sought opportunities for engaging them to mutual benefit.

In addition to her Membership director responsibilities, Mary Ellen was devoted to the League's diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) work. She was an active participant in the DEI committee from its inception, inviting diverse community organizations into her home to discuss shared commitments and

possible collaborations. Mary Ellen was a member of the State League's Community Alliances Committee (CAC) and a liaison to the Dane County League in the development of the diversity survey and sharing of outcomes.

Mary Ellen's supportive approach was a critical element of her board membership. She came to every meeting with a smile and an openness to all ideas. When there was board work to be done, Mary Ellen was always among the first to raise her hand and volunteer. One of her membership colleagues said, "It's really a joy to work with Mary Ellen." We will miss her encouraging influence.

Finally and sadly, we are saying goodbye to our Program Director, Georgiana Hernandez, who will be leaving her position in August as her family moves to Las Cruces, NM. The incredible work she has done to enhance the impact of the Dane County League by extensively developing committees in Program and Advocacy, engaging many additional and enthusiastic members and expanding the number and range of topics for forums is nothing short of phenomenal. Georgiana has brought years of nonprofit leadership experience, an astute and strategic mind and unending energy to our League. In typical fashion, she has also built out leadership in her area and filled all the leadership slots before her exit. She has been a critical transition leader as we adjust to a much larger League, generously sharing her time and insights to position the League for a strong future. Georgiana will be sorely missed for so many reasons, but she leaves behind a vibrant and enthusiastic Program and Advocacy domain.

Taking a leadership role in LWVDC is a major commitment of time and skill and an avocation to a calling to empower voters and defend democracy. We are all beholden and grateful to these outgoing board members for their leadership.

Executive Director search begins

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The search has begun for our next executive director. A search committee of both board and non-board members was formed in June. Committee members include Bonnie Chang, Barb Feeney, Sally Gleason, Jean Jacobson, Louise Robbins, and Maria Spinozzi.

The search committee is spending the summer months ensuring that the job description reflects the organization's needs for this position. This process has included incorporating feedback that Kate provided about her experience prior to her departure. The process also considered a lot of feedback from League members regarding their experiences and how they saw an executive director best fitting into our organization.

The committee has also been focused on defining the application and interview process and timeline. We plan to post the job on September 1, 2021, with a closing date of October 1, 2021, and will begin reviewing applicants immediately after the closing date. Our hope is to have a new executive director in place by the start of 2022.

Member feedback is important to this process and will be considered throughout each phase. If you have questions or comments about the search for our next executive director, we encourage you to reach out to Maria at mspinozzi@gmail.com.

Implementing the LWVDC Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Policy in 2021-2022

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This month's DEI-related feature begins with a recap of the progress that the LWVDC DEI Committee has made over the past year. In August 2020, at the beginning of my term as committee chair, we established the goals of advising the Board and various domains, educating LWVDC members, and assessing our progress. Our educational activities included hosting two DEI Cafés in 2021, as well as co-hosting the April book discussions of "The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America." In addition, several members of the DEI Committee engaged in their own self-reflection and training through programs such as [Witnessing Whiteness](#) and Nehemiah's [Black History for a New Day](#).

Our most significant accomplishment over the year, however, was the development of recommendations for implementing the LWVDC [DEI Policy](#). We based these recommendations on the results of a DEI self assessment that we conducted, guided by a template available through LWVUS. The assessment revealed that, while our league has taken many steps forward in implementing the DEI policy, we still have a ways to go. Embracing the concepts of diversity, equity, and inclusion—and building them into all our work, not just assigning it to a DEI committee—is a lifelong practice, not a finite task. We developed our recommendations through an extensive, deliberative process that involved much discussion and careful consideration. The Board unanimously accepted the committee's recommendations on July 14, which means that, in 2021-2022, the Board and the domains will be carrying out the recommended actions.

Three of the key areas for action—Governance, Non-transactional Partnerships, and Training—fall under the purview of the Board. Governance actions include collecting and sharing data on diversity within the LWVDC membership, staff, leadership, and vendors and suppliers—both to understand where we're at and also to identify ways to close any gaps. In addition, like all other leagues in the state, LWVDC does not yet have a process for reporting and addressing incidents of bias. Establishing such a process will be a high priority in the year to come.

"Non-transactional partnerships" refers to our desire to forge deep, lasting relationships that transform our organization instead of superficial relationships in which we partner with other organizations for a specific event or activity and then move on. To help the Board in this process, the DEI Committee recommended conducting a listening tour with peer civic engagement organizations to understand how our league is perceived and to start building authentic relationships. The committee also recommended following the lead of the Sheboygan League in hosting LWVDC fundraisers for the benefit of other community organizations.

In Case You Missed It...

LWVDC blog helps promote Wisconsin infrastructure issues

This summer the LWVDC punctuated Wisconsin's infrastructure needs by promoting our state league's partnership with the American Society of Civil Engineers—Wisconsin Section through [our blog](#)!

This informational series wraps up with two more sessions in August and past sessions can be viewed retrospectively through [the state league's website](#).

One of the most visible recommendations for the membership at large will be in the realm of training. In addition to including DEI-related training in onboarding activities for all Board members, committee chairs, and staff, the League will offer training at least annually to LWVDC members in implicit bias, microaggressions, the history of racism, and other DEI-related topics. In addition, individual members may be eligible to receive scholarship funding to enroll on their own in other DEI-related training that involves a registration fee.

With this major task behind us, the DEI Committee's role in the coming year will be to continue to advise, educate, and assess. Additional recommendations will likely be forthcoming as we coordinate and collaborate with our colleagues in the state-wide Community Alliances Committee, LWVWI DEI Committee, and individual leagues. We'll also continue to spread the word about non-League training opportunities, promote any DEI-related book discussions (such as next month's "The Sum of Us"), and hold our own educational events for LWVDC members. In September, we'll be hosting a DEI Café to explore the LWVUS's very informative [DEI Modules](#). Each of these five short videos is accompanied by various web-based resources that will provide plenty of material for introspection and discussion. Details about the event will be available later this month.

The DEI Committee welcomes new members at any time during the year. If you think the committee might be a good fit for you, or if you'd like to learn more, feel free to contact me at ljanairo129@gmail.com so we can set up a time to talk.

In next month's *Bulletin*, we'll examine the rationale for the DEI Committee's recommendation related to LWV founder Carrie Chapman Catt — namely, to appropriately address her contributions to women's suffrage and the LWV's existence while acknowledging her contributions to the League's historical lack of diversity and lack of support for suffrage for all women.

Thank you to our Voter Service Interns!

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Photos provided by Angela Maloney and Makayla Pesch

In the Fall of 2019 we introduced you to our first ever UW-Madison interns, Angela Maloney, a freshman at that time, and Makayla Pesch, a sophomore. At the beginning of the program, Angela and Makayla were based at the Social Justice Hub at Union South under the watchful eye of Jim Rogers, the Social Justice Hub Program Director. There were many successes during that first year, including organizing multiple registration events through the School of Education and the Department of Chemistry. There were challenges as well, particularly gaining visibility for the Voting Team that Angela and Makayla were trying to establish. In the fall of 2020, an exciting opportunity opened up for our internship program when we moved to the Morgridge Center for Public Service. Angela and Makayla were now able to work within the structure of an established team composed of other voting interns, which helped them achieve more of their goals and expand their experiences.

Describing participating in the BadgersVote Student Coalition at the Morgridge Center, Makayla said, "It was an incredibly supportive group and their help on projects was always amazing [...] If there were areas I struggled in, I was always able to ask for help from another intern who excelled in those areas." This welcoming and supportive environment was facilitated first by Cristina Johnson, who was the Morgridge

Center's Assistant Director of Civic Engagement and Communications, and at present by Zachary Holder, the Morgridge Center Voter Engagement and Civic Learning Coordinator.

During this fall semester, Angela and Makayla helped students get ready to vote in the November election. Working within the restrictions imposed by the pandemic, they led efforts to inform other interns about voting procedures, helped organize and conduct zoom registration events for the entire UW-Madison Athletic Department, and conducted training and outreach with other student voting "ambassadors."

During the past semester (spring 2021), Angela and Makayla focused their attention on developing their leadership skills and conducting research on students' civic engagement. Angela conducted an independent research project through the Civic Health of Wisconsin Initiative under the guidance of Mary Beth Collins, Executive Director of the UW-Madison Center for Community and Nonprofit Studies. Makayla researched and began planning an Arts of Change exhibit.



Makayla Pesch

We asked Angela and Makayla to reflect on their experiences as LWVDC interns during the last two academic years.



Angela Maloney

Angela reported that her most positive experiences were "get[ting] to interact with other students through registration and education events! I love hearing other students' perspectives on the electoral system and learning what questions students have that we can help answer and that help to inform our work at BadgersVote." Makayla also found that helping others to vote was her most rewarding experience, especially "during the 2020 presidential election [when] COVID-19 added a lot of unprecedented difficulties in the voting process [...] Getting others involved in the political process and helping them to express their constitutional rights is an amazing feeling and it was so special getting to play this role in a major election."

When asked about lessons learned that will inform future work, Makayla shared, "One major lesson I've learned is that when it comes to informing others about voting, less is more [...] It is important to really focus on simplifying this process. This involves having resources that are easy to understand and accessible for people of all backgrounds." When reflecting on lessons learned, Angela referenced the results of her recent independent study project. "The student vote is just as much about how students perceive the electoral system as it is about structural barriers students face [...] When candidates don't address issues that matter to youth voters in a meaningful way young people aren't motivated to go through the process of registering and casting their ballot."



Finally, we asked Angela and Makayla if their experiences in the internship program had influenced their long-term goals. For Angela, it was a resounding “Yes!” She explained, “I have discovered my love for working within the community through grassroots organizing. It’s empowering to organize with your peers to create a tangible impact on the electoral process and empower others to vote.” Makayla reported a similar impact on her plans going forward. “I want to work in public policy in the future [...] I plan to continue being an advocate for voting and work to create policies that make voting accessible for all people as everyone deserves to have their voice heard in the political process.”

From the perspective of the Voter Service team, our internship program has been a great success. It has provided us with insights and connections for voter outreach on the UW Madison campus that we did not have prior to starting the program. We’ve had the wonderful opportunity of supporting two talented and thoughtful young women as they develop their community leadership skills for the LWV of tomorrow.



The fight to end Wisconsin’s gerrymandered maps continues

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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the decennial redistricting process will begin with the delayed release of the Census data on August 18, 2021. Drawing new districts is required due to population shifts, since holding elections based on the old district maps would dilute the voting power of Wisconsinites in growing communities. There are three legal updates about redistricting in Wisconsin of which members should be aware:

The Wisconsin Legislature’s two redistricting bills, vetoed by Governor Evers

Governor Evers vetoed two redistricting bills (AB 369 and SB 385) that the Wisconsin Legislature passed which would have resulted in “two or more years under the old district lines that were created as part of the same process which resulted in some of the most gerrymandered congressional and legislative seats in the country.” These malapportioned maps are not accurate reflections of Wisconsin’s current population and thus violates the constitutional principle of one person, one vote. Had Evers not vetoed the bills, the county supervisory district and ward boundaries maps would have been delayed until after the 2022 spring election. The bills would have required city aldermanic maps to first apply in the 2023 spring primary and election and final county supervisory district maps to first apply in the 2024 spring primary and election.

Now with Governor Evers’ veto, there is no actual guidance for the counties or the municipalities. As such, no decision has been made by counties and municipalities to complete the three local redistricting phases which are intended to provide the maps for the Legislature to draw the congressional and legislative maps for Wisconsin’s next 10 years according to the 2020 Census data.

Whether or not the counties and municipalities will expedite the mapping process in order to complete the local mapping by the December 1st deadline is an open question.

A Legislative solution which had the potential to end Wisconsin’s gerrymandered maps

Two bills were introduced in the Wisconsin Legislature (AB 395 and SB 389) which the League of Women Voters has supported that would have provided various changes to the laws governing redistricting. These bills proposed that the Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) be a Redistricting Advisory Committee for preparation of congressional redistricting plans. Important to these bills is that district boundaries under the

plan would have required that municipal ward boundaries would coincide with boundaries of political subdivisions.

AB 395 and SB 389 would have required that the LRB would be strictly nonpartisan such that no district would be drawn for the purpose of favoring a political party, incumbent legislator, or member of Congress. The LRB would have been required not to use political affiliations of registered voters, previous election results, or demographic information. Also required would have been that districts would be drawn so that neither the intent nor the result of the plan abridges the equal opportunity of racial or language minorities to participate in the political process.

Among some of the most important requirements that the Commission would adhere to are as follows: 1) oversee the work of LRB employees; 2) prohibit certain individuals from being on the commission (e.g. persons who are not eligible electors, hold partisan office of political party office, or employed or a relative of a member of the legislature or of Congress or employed directly by the legislature or Congress); 3) hold a hearing in each of the congressional districts in Wisconsin, hold a public hearing; 4) set standards for development of the plan; 5) submit a report to the legislature summarizing information and testimony; and 6) present a plan of legislative and congressional redistricting three different times with passage requiring the approval of three-fourths of all the members elected in each house.

These bills would have provided exceptions to the redistricting process to account for variations in the timing of the release of federal census data (as happened in 2020 with the pandemic) which would have provided a workable and reasonable solution to delayed Census data and avoided the problematic Legislative bills of AB 369 and SB 385 that Governor Evers vetoed.

AB 395 and SB 289 never were brought to the floor for a hearing.

The Wisconsin Supreme Court has ruled that the private law firms hired by the Wisconsin Legislature in January, 2021 with taxpayer funds can continue its work

In late 2020 and early 2021, Assembly Speaker Robin Vos and Senate Majority Leader Devin LeMahieu (the “Legislators”) signed high-dollar contracts with private lawyers for legal services to “represent” the Wisconsin Senate and Wisconsin Assembly for likely ensuing litigation. A circuit court heard the case on its merits (whether private firms can be hired by the Legislature for redistricting before any litigation has begun; Waity v. LeMahieu, L.C. #2021CV589). The circuit court voided the contracts and issued a declaratory judgment and permanent injunction that stopped the Legislators from authorizing any further payments to the law firms. The circuit court ruled that “the inability to hire outside counsel would not impair the Legislature’s ability to enact redistricting legislation because “the Legislature has available to it the services of the Department of Justice, the Legislative Council and the Legislative Technology Services Bureau, some of which also employ attorneys.”

The Legislators filed a procedural motion to the Court of Appeals to stay the circuit court decision so that the contract would not be voided, but the Court of Appeals denied the lower court decision. Law Forward, a law firm to fight to protect democracy and voting rights, filed an Amicus Curiae Brief on behalf of its client, the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, in an effort to urge the Wisconsin Supreme Court not to accept the expedited petition to bypass because the Legislators “have no right to adjudication by this Court.”

The state Supreme Court, however, used its “extraordinary powers” to intervene in the normal appellate process and grant the Legislators’ petition, stating that it was exercising its discretion to do so and analyzed what it deemed were two errors of law made by the circuit court.

First, the majority held that pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 16.74, the Legislators could prevail on the lawsuit when the state Supreme Court hears the case on the merits because the purchase of “contractual services can include the purchase of professional services which would include legal services.” The dissent by Justice

Rebecca Dallet argued that the “scope of representation” is “limited to representing the Legislature though trial, and if requested, on appeal.” Because of the Census data has not even been released, no lawsuits have not been filed. She also argues in her Dissent that the Legislators provided no argument or evidence that the staff attorneys at the afore-mentioned state agencies are “incapable of providing legal advice related to the redistricting rules and regulations.”

Second, the majority decided that “the harm to the public from depriving its elected representatives of specialized lawyers necessary to perform the important task the public has assigned to those representatives [...] outweighs the harm to the public of having some taxpayer funds be spent on legal services contracts that are ultimately declared void” [if and when the state Supreme Court hears the full case and denies the Legislature the contracts for legal services].

Earlier in the opinion, the state Supreme Court referred to the cost for the private attorney contracts as “a not insignificant amount of taxpayer funds,” but that stated if the Legislators lost on the appeal on the merits, there was always the “possibility of requiring the law firms to disgorge public funds on contracts that would be declared void.” Accordingly, the majority ordered a temporary stay of the circuit court’s declaratory judgment and permanent injunction.

The fact that the Supreme Court decided to hear the appeal from the circuit court’s judgment is, according to Law Forward in its Amicus Curiae Brief to the Supreme Court, a “deviation” and “short-cut” from orderly and legal appellate procedures and such a “bypass” “must remain the exception if appellate review is to serve its intended function.” Law Forward further argued that the Legislators’ appeal to the state Supreme Court was “mid-stream forum shopping [that] undermines public confidence in our impartial judiciary.” Hence, with the majority’s Order, the Legislature can continue to expend costly public funds (as it has done since January 2021) to the private law firms until the hearing on the merits at the state Supreme Court, even though no redistricting lawsuit has even been filed.

Opportunity to join the Observer Corps

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For both new and continuing members of the League of Women Voters of Dane County (LWVDC), there is a simple way to “give back” to the organization: join the Observer Corps. The purpose of the Observer Corps is to alert the League to actions taken during city and Dane County Committee meetings. Observer Corps members attend meetings (virtually is fine) and act as the “eyes and ears”, but not the voice, of the LWVDC.

For 2021-2022, the Program/Advocacy group in the LWVDC is focused on three thematic areas: Making Democracy Work; Climate; and Social Equity. Observers are needed to report on committees working in these three areas. A list of the committees will be available. Also available to League members are position papers stating the League’s goals in these areas.

Learning how local government works through committees takes time. You may decide, after attending some meetings, that observing a different committee would be more interesting or productive. Or perhaps a new subcommittee or task force is being formed that is more closely matched with your interests. If you are interested in a change, you can discuss the proposed change with Laurie Egge, Observer Corps Coordinator.

Filling out an online report form on the League’s web site is all it takes to complete your role as an Observer, unless something immediate is happening. Your report allows Informed action by the LWVDC leadership to support or oppose the proposed changes. The information in your report goes into a spreadsheet for review

by the leadership and for a possible call to action. The spreadsheet also builds a history of committee decisions for future Observers.

Once you sign up to be an Observer, there will be a meeting of all who sign up to explain how the Observer Corps works. Also a short training will be provided for you to learn which committees need observation; what is expected as you attend meetings; and how to complete the report form.

Please [sign up here](#) if you are interested in becoming a part of the Observer Corps!

New Advocacy/Action Alert Corps is coming!

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A new Advocacy/Action Corps is being formed by the LWVDC. This group will go beyond observation of government by responding to Action Alerts. They will contact their elected officials and request action. Action Alerts are routinely sent out from the national League of Women Voters (LWVUS), the state League (LWVWI), and our local league (LWVDC) to ask members to contact their elected officials and ask them to either support or oppose policies, resolutions, or legislation based on the League's positions.

Members of the Action Corps do not speak for the League, but for themselves. They are not lobbying, as they are not paid. They may choose which Action Alerts they support and wish to act on. Action Alerts pertaining to local governments and school boards may be posted in the monthly Bulletin, the Monday e-news, or for time-critical items sent by email to all members.

In the Action Corps, League members will take on a more active role than in the Observer Corps. They will be acting directly to tell elected officials their position on issues. Training will be provided. Please [sign up here](#) if you are interested in becoming part of the Advocacy Corps!

Civic Education Seminar

This fall, **Joan Schwarz**, Director of Advocacy, will offer a seminar in civic education and the Constitution. In eight meetings, held every other week, Joan will lead group discussions that will focus on the stresses and tensions on our laws and norms, the guardrails of our system of self-government, the stability of our political institutions and our resiliency for consensus and civil discourse, all of which are necessary for a viable democracy. Tentative times are Thursdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. or Saturdays from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

[Read more about the seminar here](#) and [click here to sign up!](#)

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New Members

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

Do you want to join the League?
[Sign up for a membership online.](#)

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Discussion Units

If you want to learn more about the current forum topics and get to know LWVDC members, joining a discussion unit is a great option. There are currently five Discussion Units, meeting the third week of the month virtually or in person at a library, neighborhood center or other public facility. Members select a unit meeting that fits their schedule. Find a unit meeting that's convenient for you and participate! Visit the [web page](#) for more information.

Currently, each discussion unit decides whether to meet virtually or in person. If you are planning to attend a meeting for the first time, please contact the unit leader ahead of time. Please consult the [calendar](#) for details about specific meetings.

Unit: Prairie Ridge (Oakwood Village). *This group is open to Prairie Ridge residents only.*

Time: 3:30 p.m., third Monday of the month

Location: Perennial Learning Center, Oakwood Village Prairie Ridge, 5565 Tancho Dr.

Leaders: [Dorothy Wheeler](#) (608-630-5163)

Unit: West / Middleton

Time: 6:30 p.m., third Monday of the month

Location: TBD

Leader: [Ralph Petersen](#) (608-831-3267) and [Gloria Meyer](#) (608-288-8160)

Unit: West

Time: 12:45 p.m., third Wednesday of the month

Location: LWVDC office, 720 Hill St, Suite 200

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

Unit: Northeast Side

Time: 3:30 p.m., third Wednesday of the month

Location: Lakeview Public Library

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

Unit: Downtown Dinner

Time: 5:15 p.m., third Wednesday of the month

Location: Capitol Lakes Retirement Center private dining room; *space is limited*

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

Upcoming Events

Aug. 11	Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Aug. 16	Membership Committee Meeting, 12 p.m.
Aug. 26	End of Summer Membership Event, 5 p.m.
Sep. 1	Forum on Redistricting, 7 p.m.

