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## President's Message

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We all knew the November Presidential Election was going to make this an interesting year, but 2020 has been even more challenging than expected. The pandemic, followed by the death of George Floyd and the quest for racial justice as well as ongoing threats to voting rights have all increased the challenges for the work of the League. Fortunately, the outstanding volunteers of the Dane County League have found a way to honor our Centennial celebration of the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment and promote informed and active participation while living in a COVID-19 world.

## A Virtual Public Issues Forum

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

7:00-8:00 pm

### How Can We Ensure a Safe, Fair, and Accessible November Election?

Retired WPR Talk Show Host and LWVWI board member **Joy Cardin** will lead a Q&A about election and voting issues with **Barry Burden**, Director of the Elections Research Center at UW-Madison and **Eileen Newcomer**, Voter Education Manager for the LWVWI as well as representatives from community groups working on 'Get Out The Vote' efforts.

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[Register online.](#)

Click [here](#) for more information about the forum and associated resource materials.

In response to the unique issues November voters will face given the current health crisis, our innovative and highly committed Voter Services team has joined forces with the Dane County Clerk to support a comprehensive voter assistance project. Funded by a grant from the Dane County Board, this project will offer new strategies for reaching voters, while keeping both volunteers and voters safe. Publicity is being developed for those citizens most adversely affected by the changes in election administration over the past eight years, including seniors, people of color, non-English speakers, students, ex-felons “off-paper” and those who move frequently. The publicity will direct people to an upgraded automated Voter Helpline service coordinated by a new Helpline Manager, and volunteer assistance will be provided for such services as requesting absentee ballots, uploading IDs, providing a witness for absentee ballots, as well as helping voters to register to vote, obtain an appropriate ID, and get to the polls to vote in person, if desired.

### ***In Case You Missed It...***

**Have you seen the League's Blog, *Swinging for the Fences*, lately?**

**Louise Robbins' discusses Ibram X. Kendi's book in her post [A Desperately Needed Path to Antiracism for All](#).**

**Ralph Petersen clarifies how 'normal' is defined when used in discussing the weather in [So What Is It with Normal?](#)**

Meanwhile, our dedicated Program Committee has continued to offer citizen education opportunities on the themes *Making Democracy Work™* and the *Climate Crisis* by making substantive, high quality forums available through virtual means. On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, ERA organizer Janette Dean will discuss recent ratification debates and means for pursuing expeditious adoption, and on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, issues of election security, safety, and inclusion will be addressed by State League Voter Education Coordinator Eileen Newcomer and Barry Burden, Professor of Political Science and Director of the Elections Research Center at UW. In order to assure multiple perspectives are addressed, guests representing diverse community groups will participate in the discussion.

Along with the new board members listed in the Summer Bulletin, Lisa Janairo is joining us as the new chair of our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee. In addition to the DEI Cafes and book club discussions, the committee provides a DEI lens to all of the League's efforts to help us identify where we are missing opportunities and to identify new opportunities to be more inclusive. If you aren't already, please consider getting involved with this committee and supporting League initiatives to strive for racial justice.

Finally, over the last two years, the Dane County League's membership has more than doubled. Wow! This speaks to the relevance and impact of the work we are doing, and the potential power of our community. In order to fully realize the capacity of our members to empower voters and defend democracy, I would like to encourage you to get involved in one or more of our committees. If you haven't done so already, please complete or [update your member survey](#), indicating those areas of greatest interest. You can also contact the League office at [office@lwvdanecounty.org](mailto:office@lwvdanecounty.org) for committee chair contact information. Whether your expertise or interest is in action, advocacy, education, voter support or areas such as communications, fund development, governance or web design, the League of Women Voters of Dane County will benefit from your contributions. Your participation and leadership are essential to creating a more perfect democracy.

## Carrie Chapman Catt Award

*Each year at our annual meeting, the president presents the Carrie Chapman Catt award to a non-board member, selected by the board, by recommendation of the Voter Service Committee. Because our Annual Meeting was conducted by mail this year, the award was not announced or presented at the usual time. Instead, Marian Matthews, co-chair of Voter Service, presented the 2020 Carrie Chapman Catt award to Susan Fulks via Zoom at the Voter Service Steering Committee meeting on August 21. The certificate and the traditional yellow rose were delivered to her home at the same time by 2019–2020 President Aileen Nettleton. The text of the presentation follows.*

Carrie Chapman Catt was a smart, capable, organized, and pragmatic woman who worked efficiently to accomplish the goal of suffrage for women. Before becoming active in public affairs, Catt worked as an educator.

So it is entirely fitting that this year's Carrie Chapman Catt award from the Dane County League of Women Voters is presented to Susan Fulks, who demonstrates those same qualities.

Susan joined the League in the fall of 2013 after retiring from the Cooperative Educational Service Agency. She became a Special Registration Deputy, did voter outreach at the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, and worked at the polls.

In January 2015 Susan was appointed to the Dane County League Board of Directors to handle the Publicity portfolio, and she continued on the Board as Publicity Chair through June 2019.

Susan standardized the email list of news media, and promoted LWVDC forums and *Candidates' Answers* through flyers, online calendars, press releases, and social media. She also compiled an email list of neighborhood organizations to provide information about Voter ID and election issues. Susan sent out press releases from all over the world, as she traveled to exotic destinations.

In the spring of 2017, Susan organized a new Dane County effort to provide voter registration and voter information for high school students. By 2020, the project was working in partnership with twelve Dane County high schools to assist students in registering to vote and becoming informed voters. The project trained students who organized peer voter information/registration drives in six of the schools.

Susan is richly deserving of being named the 2020 recipient of the Dane County League's Carrie Chapman Catt award.



*2019–2020 President, Aileen Nettleton, presenting Susan Fulks with the Carrie Chapman Catt award.*

# Recognizing Leadership: Susan Fulks

*This article marks the first in a series of interviews with former League board members. The goals of the series are to recognize member service and to help new members to learn more about how the League has evolved, the path to League leadership, and how they can help shape our future. Our first subject is the winner of the 2020 Carrie Chapman Catt Award, which is normally presented at the Annual Meeting.*



## Introduction to LWV

Soon after Sue retired from her career with CESA 5 (Cooperative Educational Service Agency) in October 2011, a friend invited her to attend a League forum on the Affordable Care Act, something she strongly supported. She was impressed with the forum and with the good questions people in the audience asked, so she joined the League. The League's nonpartisan policy was something Sue felt very comfortable with because it had been essential in her work as a municipal employee with CESA. At that time, the *Bulletin* was printed and sent through the postal mail to members, and Sue answered the call to volunteer in the office, assisting with mailings.

## Path to leadership

Soon after Sue began volunteering in the League office, the board director for publicity stepped down because of health issues, so Co-President Kathy Fullin recruited Sue to fill the position. The position was fairly limited in scope—primarily publicizing monthly forums through media contacts, electronic bulletin boards, neighborhood newsletters, and electronic flyers. Communications had been central to Sue's career in instructional technology services with CESA 5, so it was an easy transition.

Attending League board meetings made Sue aware of the many ways the League was active in the community in support of issues ranging from voting rights to education, health care, the environment, and equality. League membership was growing at an unprecedented rate, particularly as people in the county felt the need to assist voters in overcoming new barriers to voting due to legislation enacted in 2011. Sue became involved with voter registration and in-person absentee voting work with the League and the Dane County Voter ID Coalition.

Drawing on her career experience with school administrators and teachers, Sue formed and led the High School Voter Registration Action Team. She created a website to share information and meeting notes, arranged meetings in public locations, and was an early adopter of the use of a computer and projector to share information at meetings. She worked with LVW of Wisconsin and a national nonprofit, Inspire-US, to not only register students to vote, but to train students to organize their peers. Through her leadership, High School Voter Registration teams have been active in all Madison high schools and many other high schools around Dane county.

## Change and diversity

One of the most notable changes for Sue since she joined the League in 2011 is that electronic communications have largely replaced the paper-based communications of the past. Sue appreciates that this has enabled us to expand the reach of our messages and programs to many more people. Extensive use of social media, the weekly eNews, and our website have allowed us to share the latest information in a fast-moving world. We use electronic scheduling and reminders for outreach events and videos for volunteer training. We use G Suite tools to share files and communicate. We began recording our programs for asynchronous watching and listening, then expanded to using Facebook Live to draw other Leagues into our audience. And in the pandemic world, we are producing nanoprograms, Zooming the vote, and more.

Sue sees our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives, including expansion of free and reduced memberships, DEI cafés, and our book discussions, as a good beginning. But she noted that the pandemic throttled efforts to

evaluate programming ideas, such as holding events at different times and venues, in order to assess the changes and see them bear fruit. Her recent experience working side-by-side with college students as an election official at a campus polling place was another reminder of generational differences in communication styles, and the importance of cultural competence in its many forms when working with voters.

### What's in Store

After serving for more than four years on the board, Sue stepped down in 2019. She remains active with the League, particularly with the Voter Service team and her leadership of the High School Voter Education Action Team. But she also hopes to make up for lost travel time by taking several trips over the next few years as soon as we get the all-clear. Sue enjoys Overseas Adventure Travel small-group trips to distant continents, as well as road trips around North America in her RV.

Thank you, Sue, for making your mark on our League!



Sue travelling the world

## Committed to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

*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 there'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 in the past.*

### Listen

The Long, Bloody Strike for Ethnic Studies – CodeSwitch, 38 minutes

### Read

Wisconsin's 48 Most Influential Asian American Leaders– Madison365, Henry Sanders

Equity in Pandemic Schooling Presentation - Equity in Action Committee of Lapham-Marquette Parent-Teacher Group

28 Common Racist Attitudes and Behaviors – uvic.ca, Deborah Leigh

Resources for White Allies – UW-Madison

The Case Against Racial Colorblindness– Harvard Business School, Carmen Nobel

# LWV National Convention 2020

Joan Schwarz, [schwarzjoan111@gmail.com](mailto:schwarzjoan111@gmail.com)

The 54th Biennial National Convention was stimulating and provided an energetic agenda for the League of Women Voters across America.

On Wednesday, June 24, prior to the Convention itself, numerous caucuses and workshops took place virtually. As reported by Christine Clements, President of the League of Women Voters of Dane County, one Caucus—Rebuilding Trust with Each Other to Save our Civil Society—focused on the lack of trust in the integrity of our elections as a major concern for participation in our democratic system. The speaker was Dr. Carolyn Lukensmeyer, founder of AmericaSpeaks and Director Emerita of the National Institute for Civil Discourse. Dr. Lukensmeyer spoke about the necessity of listening with an open mind and open heart to all peoples in our democratic discussions. In doing so, the League can protect and advocate for the integrity of our elections by connecting through our common humanity. We can build “trust capital” through our non-partisan commitment to assure people that their votes will count and be accurately recorded.

The convention included many other pre-convention caucuses and workshops, including “Think Globally, Act Locally,” “Youth Voter Movement,” and “How We Foster Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging in the League.” For a complete list and to view the recorded sessions, visit the [convention website](#). In addition to the caucuses and workshops, a Virtual Lobbying Day on June 17 provided information about the Lobby Day Toolkit in preparation for the LWV Lobby Day on June 26.

On Thursday, June 25, Chris Carson, the LWVUS President provided the welcome address and then Virginia Kase, our new LWVUS CEO, moderated a panel of voting rights experts who discussed how to expand the vote and make our democracy representative of all. The conversation included the following inspiring speakers: Muriel Bowser, Mayor of Washington, D.C.; Alejandra Castillo, CEO of the YWCA USA; Allison Riggs, the Southern Coalition for Social Justice Interim Executive Director and Chief Counsel for Voting Rights; and Valerie Jarrett (former advisor to President Barack Obama), who is the Board Chair of “When We All Vote” and Co-Chair of the United State of Women. It was a great beginning for the convention. Over 1,000 delegates attended virtually over Zoom and the Facebook livestream garnered more than 5,000 views!

On Friday, June 26, in her welcome address, LWVUS President Chris Carson highlighted the historic moment we are all living through with the COVID-19 pandemic; the systemic racism that is deeply rooted in our culture; our League work over the past biennium, including our impact on more than 12.5 million voters; our redistricting fight at the Supreme Court and launching People Powered Fair Maps in the aftermath; nearly \$1 million in pass-thru grants to Leagues around the country; and finally, the U.S House of Representatives’ passage H.R. 51, the Washington, D.C. Admission Act, which would make Washington, D.C. the 51st state. (The League has advocated for D.C. statehood for decades.) The keynote speaker was Norah O’Donnell, anchor and managing editor of the *CBS Evening News* and anchor of CBS News Election Specials. Ms. O’Donnell spoke about how activism and journalism go hand in hand. LWVUS Treasurer Jessica Lowe-Minor reported that the financial health of the League is strong. The Per Member Payment (PMP) rate of \$32 was adopted for the 2020-2022 Biennium.

On Saturday, June 27, members moved and adopted for the LWVUS the following eight (8) Motions:

- A Not-Recommended Program Item for the abolition of the electoral college by Constitutional amendment for the 2020-2022 biennium.
- Two Concurrences:
  1. Adoption of the Transfer of Federal Public Land in New Mexico

2. Adoption of the Voter Representation/Electoral Systems Concurrence to support electoral systems at each level of government that encourage participation, are verifiable and auditable and enhance representation for all voters (motion made by Debra Cronmiller, LWVWI)
- Five Current Positions and the Proposed 2020-2022 Program:
    1. Retention of all current LWVUS positions in the area of representative government, international relations, natural resources, and social policy.
    2. Adoption of the proposed LWVUS Program for 2020-2022: Campaign for Making Democracy Work, ensuring a free, fair, and accessible electoral system for all eligible voters by focusing on voting rights, improving elections, advocacy for the National Popular Vote Compact, campaign finance/money in politics, and redistricting; and to continue to work on urgent issues such as climate change, the Equal Rights Amendment, health care, gun safety, and immigration.
    3. Reaffirmation of our commitment to immigration reform to ensure efficient, expeditious immigrant entry into the United States. The League stands in solidarity with immigrants and our immigrant rights community partners. Congress must take immediate action to pass common sense, fair immigration policies that end the crisis at our borders, end the separation of families, ensure their health and safety, and provide a clear path to citizenship, including DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals).
    4. A resolution that the League advocate against systemic racism in the justice system and, at a minimum, for preventing excessive force and brutality by law enforcement; that all League members call for prompt action to advocate within every level of government to eradicate systemic racism and the harm that it causes; that the League help our elected officials and all Americans recognize these truths to be self-evident; that Black, Indigenous, and all people of color (BIPOC) deserve equal protection under the law; and that we demand solutions for the terrible wrongs done, so that—regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, disability, gender identity or sexual orientation—we may truly become a nation “indivisible with liberty and just for all.”
    5. Motion that the LWVUS calls for an immediate, wide-scale mobilization by the United States to restore, protect, and fund an ecologically sustainable environment and climate, based on an interrelated approach that is environmentally sound, science-based, just, and equitable, dedicated to adequately addressing the scale and speed of the global climate change emergency.

On the last day of the virtual Convention, we again heard from Virginia Kase, who spoke about the unforeseen challenges of 2020 and about what it means to be non-partisan in hyper-partisan times. She emphasized that the LWV is always about educating and empowering voters to strengthen democracy in defense of the Constitution. This means being able to call out the bad behaviors of elected leaders, criticize policies, discuss race in our country and especially in the League, and promote civil discourse. She emphasized that, while partisan lines have been drawn on issues, the matters the League focuses on are *not* partisan. It takes strength and courage to make democracy free and inclusive.

The convention concluded with newly elected LWVUS President Dr. Deborah Turner laying out her vision for the next biennium: making VOTE411 a household name; advancing our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) work; and embracing inter-generational conversations. All in all, the convention presented a strong vision for democratic empowerment for all League members across the country. Learn more by accessing the [Daily Briefings](#) and the [recorded caucuses and info sessions](#).

# Virtual Access to Local Government Meetings

Kathleen Fullin, [kathyfullin@gmail.com](mailto:kathyfullin@gmail.com)

In late June, the LWVDC sent the Mayor of Madison, Satya Rhodes-Conway, an email requesting that the city provide video access to residents who want to watch city committee meetings.

For context, Madison City Council meetings have been televised and live-streamed for years, and gradually the city has added several key committees to the list of live-streamed meetings. When the pandemic restricted the ability of committees to meet in person, the city's Information Technology Department significantly increased the number of city committee meetings that were live-streamed on [City Channel](#). The IT Department also converted the paper meeting registration form to an online form. Individuals who wanted to speak on specific items at committee meetings registered and were sent a link to join the meetings via Zoom.

Although it was a welcome development to have most city meetings conducted through Zoom, the problem is that they were **not** simultaneously live-streamed. Only registered speakers were provided with the Zoom link. This meant that members of the public who wanted simply to observe the deliberations or to register support or opposition to an item, without speaking, were relegated to "attending" the meeting by phone.

This was very problematic. As the League pointed out in our email to Mayor Rhodes-Conway: "If the individual uses a cell phone, it uses many of the plan's minutes. If the individual uses a cordless phone, the lengthy time drains the battery. The listener cannot always tell who is speaking; chairs do not necessarily use full names when calling on committee members; any visual presentations cannot be seen. . ."

Within a few days, Alder Shiva Bidar and Sarah Edgerton, the city's Chief Information Officer, assured the League that our request was being given a high priority. By mid-July, an improved registration system was in place for city meetings that were not being live-streamed. Members of the public who registered support or opposition to agenda items but did not want to speak, or who simply wanted to observe the meeting, could register and get the Zoom link to the meeting.

The League has now turned its attention to improving public access to **county** committee meetings, which use the phone model for all public access. The League contacted County Board staff and emailed the County Executive and County Board Chair, and League members contacted their supervisors. County Board Chair Analiese Eicher informed us that County Board staff were working to convert public access from phone to video.

In mid-August, the county Executive Committee met via Zoom and allowed members of the public to register. Several League members observed and agreed that, despite several technical glitches, the video was a great improvement over phone access. County Board staff expressed appreciation for our input and said that efforts continue to improve public access to county committee deliberations.

If your local school district or municipal government does not provide meaningful public access to its virtual meetings, speak up! Contact your local elected officials and let them know that public meetings should be open to observers. If you would like help from the League on the issue, contact [Kathleen Fullin](#) or [Marilyn Stephen](#).

**Through the generosity of an anonymous donor, the League is launching an \$8,000 "Make Democracy Work" matching challenge campaign on September 22. Help us meet the challenge and double the impact of your gift.**



# Generational Voices and the Equal Rights Amendment

*Joan Schwarz, Rebecca Patterson, Camila Hernández Flowerman, and Geneviève Anex*

*The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), is a proposed constitutional amendment with a 100-year history that guarantees equality under U.S. law regardless of sex. Though passed decades ago by both the House and Senate, the ERA remains unratified and is therefore not part of the U.S. Constitution. Some would like this to change while others think a more up-to-date version should be introduced. And for many of us the ERA is simply an unknown. To this end we wondered, is the ERA in its current form more relevant to one generation over another? We asked four women from different generations to share their personal perceptions of the ERA—60-plus, 40-plus, 20-plus and a teen registered voter. Though not scientifically admissible, we delight in their responses.*

I am from a middle-class Chicago neighborhood and when I was younger, I was fully unaware of the politics of inequality, having had no civic education at any level. In the 70s, as a young married woman with a daughter, Betty Friedan's *The Feminine Mystique* and the ERA introduced me to the barriers facing women. I was astounded when I was refused entrance to a graduate program in the 1970s because I was explicitly told that since I was of child-bearing age, the university did not want to "waste" a spot on me. After encountering other inequities, I became an attorney and a university academic and for the last 35 years, I have advocated for women's rights. More legally comprehensive and focused on gender equality than the 14th Amendment, the ERA would neutralize lingering gender discrimination amongst the states and enforce universal compliance of equality. **Joan I. Schwarz**



*Joan I. Schwarz is an attorney and a recently retired academic from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater where she taught civic education and Gender Law and Policy to undergraduates.*

I grew up in Madison, Wisconsin and graduated from Malcolm Shabazz High School in 1994. I moved to Vermont for college and returned to Madison in 2001. I

vaguely remember learning about the ERA in American History in 9th grade. I remember that it was about women's right to vote; then interest died down until the late 60s and 70s when it was part of the women's rights movement. I vaguely remember that people said women would lose rights. I have no idea about the ERA now. I didn't know that there was controversy right now. Frankly since I have a disability, I worry more about how the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) is slowly but surely being gutted. Maybe there should be an amendment that guarantees everyone their rights. **Rebecca Patterson**



*Rebecca Patterson is an Independent Living Specialist at Access to Independence, an independent living center supporting individuals with disabilities in three south-central Wisconsin counties.*



I was born and raised primarily in the Bay Area, and I later moved to the Midwest for college. I'm sure that at some point in my elementary or high school years I studied the history of the ERA, but that feels like quite a long time ago now! So, some very uneducated reflections on the concept of the ERA more generally: if the purpose of legal rights is to provide a clear basis for litigation in the event of some transgression of our moral rights, then an amendment which guarantees equal legal rights for all people (whether they are women, nonbinary, men, etc.) is a crucial addition to the Constitution. But of course, merely ratifying the text of such an amendment does not guarantee that the legal protection it extends will actually be respected or enforced equitably. The passage of the ERA is thus necessary, but not sufficient, to guarantee equality for all persons, given the profoundly unjust and inequitable

context and history of our nation. ***Camila Hernández Flowerman***

*Camila Hernández Flowerman is a Doctoral student in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Wisconsin—Madison.*

I was born in Oklahoma, raised in Iowa and Wisconsin, and learned about the rights and responsibilities of citizens through my AP Government class at Madison West High School. I am now a sophomore in college in Minnesota. When first asked to share my thoughts on the ERA, it took a bit to jog my memory. I know that the ERA was proposed with a specific deadline by which a number of states had to ratify it and the deadline was not met and that more recently there has been a push for ratification past the deadline. I don't think that the 14th Amendment is sufficient to guarantee equality for men and women. Additionally, although the ERA is closer to being passed, it was originally proposed years ago, so a newer version might be more beneficial to establishing equality today, specifically including gender rather than sex. ***Geneviève Anex***



*Geneviève Anex is an undergraduate STEM major at Macalester College in Saint Paul, Minnesota.*

## LWVDC Volunteers Prepare Absentee Ballots

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LWVDC volunteers to the rescue! In June, the Madison City Clerk's office contacted the Voter Service Committee asking for help. The clerk's office had 45,000 absentee ballots that needed to be prepared for mailing and they did not have enough staff to complete the task. They wondered if we had volunteers who could assist. As in the past when help has been needed, we sent out an email to our voter service volunteer list, and, to no one's surprise, many volunteers stepped forward to help. Because of the pandemic and the need for social distancing, the clerk's office arranged safe spaces at the City-County Building where volunteers could work. In addition, Bonnie Chang, an LWVDC member and staff person in the clerk's office, arranged curbside pickup of materials so volunteers could work at home. One of the volunteers who worked at home, Jean Espenshade, commended the Clerk's office for having "everything set up beautifully." Jean also reported that the work "is safe healthwise" and that she had a "positive experience." Our Voter Service Committee is extremely proud of our amazingly dedicated volunteers and the on-going partnership with our outstanding Madison city clerk!

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## We're Organizing a Speakers Bureau!

Joan Schwarz, [schwarzjoan111@gmail.com](mailto:schwarzjoan111@gmail.com)

We are in the process of beginning a Speakers Bureau for the League of Women Voters for Dane County. We hope to build a list of speakers who are available to speak to groups about topics of interest and provide life-long civics education for our community.

First, we believe it's important to tap into the knowledge, expertise, and experience of our members. We welcome any members that would be interested in presenting programs to non-profit organizations on timely topics such as civic engagement and the importance of voting, gerrymandering, climate change, and social issues like homelessness and health care. Important, too, would be programs on diversity and equity in today's society. If you like public speaking and have a special interest in any of the many areas on which the League has positions, this might be a great opportunity for you.

Second, we would like to know about any excellent speakers outside the League who would be willing to present programs to community groups on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Dane County.

**Be a part of this exciting, new activity this year. If either you or someone you know would like more information about the Speakers Bureau, contact Joan Schwarz at [schwarzjoan111@gmail.com](mailto:schwarzjoan111@gmail.com) or by phone at (608) 345-5973.**



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**Lois Sater**  
**Nancy Schultz**  
**Rose Sime**  
**Suzanne Smith**  
Lee Sorensen  
**Melissa Sosman**  
**Marilyn Stephen**  
**Edith Sullivan**  
**Carol Van Hulle, Ph.D**  
**Janet Van Vleck**  
**Tom & Sandi Vandervest**  
**Jane Voichick**  
**Patricia Watson**  
**Victoria Wattiaux**  
**Thelma Wells**  
**Dorothy Wheeler**  
**Phyllis Young**  
**Nan & Jim Youngerman**

## New Members

We welcome these new members who joined us from June through July. 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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Bronwen Masemann  
Susan Rosenbek  
Janet O'Neill  
Hank Kuehling  
Mary Laub  
Bonnie Arent  
Fern Murdoch  
Jennie Fischer  
Amanda Kruger  
Lynn Fotis  
Mary Ann Brow  
Lucy Keane

Janet Gogan  
Sharon Brainerd Whitney  
Marie Belliveau  
Noel Klapper  
Kim Stalker-Herron  
Steven Davidson  
Angela Beam  
Marsha Dymzarov  
Lynn Molis  
Carol Rushmore  
Sue Lutter  
Deborah Judy  
Kristina Walsh  
Lisa Parlato

Nancy Resnick  
Amber Rottier  
Bruce Kahn  
Bonnie Margulis  
Lew Friedland  
Celia Margolis  
Gail Martinelli  
Linda Fuller  
Tyler Petersen  
Toril Oien  
Terry Shelton  
Colette Sisco  
Sue Bartolutti

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## Upcoming Events

Sep. 9 Board Meeting, Virtual, 5:30 p.m.  
Sep. 22 Public Issues Forum, Virtual, 7 p.m.

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## 2020 Elections

Sept. 17	Clerks mail absentee ballots for the November 3 election to those who have requested them.
Sept. 17	<i>Candidates' Answers</i> voter guide publishes on our website and on <a href="http://Vote411.org">Vote411.org</a> .
Sept. 30 or Oct. 7	A print edition of <i>Candidates' Answers</i> will be available and will be delivered with the Wisconsin State Journal, date to be determined.
Nov 3	<b>Fall General Election</b>

