



# Bulletin

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## Wednesday, March 4, 2020

7 p.m.

### Who We Are, What Is Ours: Getting Out the Vote in Native America *Making Democracy Work Series*

**Denise (Dee) Sweet**, First Nations organizer,  
Professor Emerita at UW-Green Bay, Poet  
Laureate, environmental activist

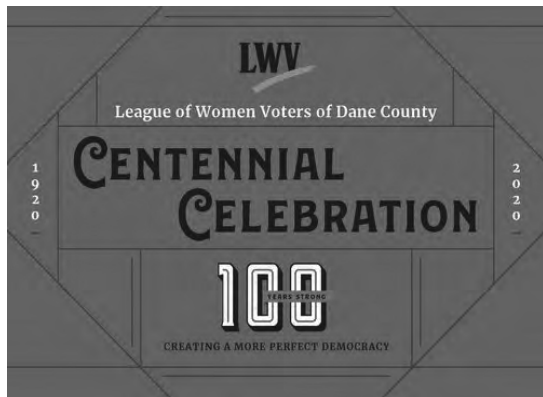
**Anjali Bhasin**, Civic Engagement Director at  
Wisconsin Conservation Voices

**Capitol Lakes Grand Hall**  
**333 West Main St., Madison**  
Free parking in the ramp across the street

A short list of suggested readings will be  
available at [www.lwvdanecounty.org](http://www.lwvdanecounty.org).

**Forums are free and open to the public.**





March 28 5:30 – 10 p.m.  
The Park Hotel Madison  
22 S. Carroll St.

Appetizers, music, dinner, cake,  
program, dancing!

**Fabu**  
**Dr. Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins**

**RSVP for the Centennial Gala**

**Sunday, April 5, 2020**

2 – 4 p.m.

**Revenge of the Marshes:  
Preserving the Wetlands That  
Protect Us**  
*Climate Crisis Series*

**Ralph Petersen**, former NASA and NOAA  
scientist

**Greg Armstrong**, director of land management  
and environmental education, Holy Wisdom  
Monastery

**Holy Wisdom Monastery**  
**4200 County Road M**  
**Middleton**

Forums are free and open to the public.

**Save the Date**

Wednesday, April 22, 2020, 6 – 8 p.m.  
American Family Insurance – DreamBank  
821 East Washington Ave., Madison

**Women's Rights in America and the Fight over the ERA**  
*Making Democracy Work Series*

LWV Dane County presents a Community Seminar to illustrate the Case Study method of teaching civics and history. David Olson, Social Studies chair at Memorial High School in Madison, will conduct a discussion of the long history of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) and the shifting alliances that drew its supporters and opponents. A second speaker will comment briefly on current prospects for the ERA. Individuals (including high school students) are invited to register beginning March 16 to receive a link to the study materials provided by Harvard University. Email [program@lwvdanecounty.org](mailto:program@lwvdanecounty.org) for more information.

**This event is free and open to the public.**  
**Pre-registration is required. Space is limited.**  
**Look for registration information in our weekly emails.**

## President's Message

Aileen Nettleton, [president@lwvdanecounty.org](mailto:president@lwvdanecounty.org)

We are celebrating our LWV Dane County 100th anniversary at our Centennial Celebration gala on March 28 at the Park Hotel! We honor our past, present and future as an active force for the voting rights of all residents in Dane County. We stand on the shoulders of women (and men) who have promoted civic engagement for 100 years. We celebrate the outstanding service of our current volunteers who reach out to the community every day, and we challenge new and future members to keep alive the work of the League.

My personal past reaches back to my great-grandmother, Mary Stubbs Painter, who wrote in her autobiography about attending meetings for the Women's Suffrage movement in 1871 with her mother and giving lectures at the local farming community's "Literary Society" about women's suffrage as a young woman. I honor my rich family tradition of advocating for women's rights.

The Dane County LWV formed on May 22, 1920. The National American Woman Suffrage Association became the League of Women Voters on February 14, 1920, and our local suffrage movement joined soon after. In the 1920s, our League members conducted "Citizenship Schools" to educate newly enfranchised women about how to vote and about issues in order to be "intelligent voters." In 1927 League members registered 2,000 voters at banks and PTA meetings! We honor these early League pioneers for their commitment to enabling women to become productive citizen-voters.

The 1940s found League members advocating for civil rights with the Madison Council on Human Rights and in the 1950s, *Candidates' Answers* fliers were produced "with production quota of 400 copies through the Voter Service Committee." Studying and advocating for fair housing followed in the 1960s and for equal representation in jury selection in the 1990s. We honor our predecessors for their commitment to inform voters and work for equal rights and justice.

We honor our present members –that's you!–for our nonpartisan work to make access to the voting booth a reality for all: whether we already have a valid Wisconsin Voter ID or need assistance obtaining one; whether we are students or elders; whether we speak English, Spanish or Hmong. We honor our members who continue our legacy of educating voters through *Candidates' Answers* and candidate forums, as well as through our outstanding public issues forums featuring our current series Making Democracy Work and the Climate Crisis.

We honor our future members and leaders as they accept new challenges such as "unlocking the vote" to expand voting rights to the formerly incarcerated. We challenge them to bring to life our League commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion as they engage more members of the community in the vital work of civic engagement.

*Cheers to the Past, Present and Future of the League of Women Voters of Dane County! Thank you for celebrating with us.*



Photos from our open house. Top: Cake  
Bottom: Brook Soltvedt, Mary Ellen Schmit, Aileen Nettleton, Marilyn Stephen, Jan Anderson. Photos provided by Mary Ellen Schmit.

## Why I Give – Helen Horn

Linda Dietrich

*“Why I Give” is an ongoing series of donor profiles developed by the League of Women Voters of Dane County’s Fundraising Committee, showcasing members who have chosen to fund projects that are meaningful to them. This month, we have featured an interview with Helen Horn. Helen joined LWVDC in 1966 and has served as League treasurer for multiple terms and League president in 1994-1995; she is also on the League board and is a long-term donor to the League.*

As a young mother, new to Madison, Helen Horn was looking for engaging conversations with other adults. A friend suggested she come to a League of Women Voters meeting. She’s been a member ever since.

“I have always been interested in politics, and the people and the topics were so compelling. Each meeting focused on a different topic, and we had in-depth discussions about what we heard. In those early years, we launched many different studies, research that helped us define positions on issues related to topics such as schools, transportation, and libraries.”

While some of the issues may have changed, some are still very much the same.

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*Candidates’ Answers*, Helen and  
another member gave generously,  
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would go on.**

“In 1970, we were involved in making sure redistricting and reapportionment was handled fairly. Every ten years, we’ve tried to get the Wisconsin Legislature—Democratic or Republican—to change the rules, to be non-partisan. We haven’t quite made it.”

Helen has long been a donor to the League of Women Voters of Dane County, but in the early 1990s, she increased her support for a very special purpose. That year, the newspaper that had printed the League’s *Candidates’ Answers* for free decided to drop the project. The League found a new publisher, but they charged for printing. Rather than see the end of *Candidates’ Answers*, Helen and another member gave generously, ensuring that *Candidates’ Answers* would go on.

“I believe in the League’s mission to get people involved in government, to have the knowledge to participate, and to be able to understand the way government works.”

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## ***Candidates’ Answers* and Vote411.org**

*Candidates’ Answers* for the April 7 election will be published online on our website and online at Vote411.org no later than Wednesday, March 4. The print edition will be in *Isthmus* on newsstands March 18. Absentee ballots will be mailed March 17 and must be received by your municipal clerk by April 7 to be counted. In-person absentee voting in the City of Madison begins at public libraries March 23.

[The schedule is here.](#) VOTE!

# Unlock the Vote

Karen Gunderson and Laura Gottlieb

Photos by Ingrid Rothe

Mary Anglim, Program Chair, introduced the League of Women Voters of Dane County (LWVDC) February 1, 2020, forum at the Madison College South campus. “Unlock the Vote” is a campaign to restore voting rights to formerly incarcerated people.

Mary summarized League positions on incarceration, and in particular, on voting rights for individuals who have been incarcerated. The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin (LWVWI) supports allowing felons who are no longer incarcerated to vote, including current bill AB477, which would restore voting rights to 68,000 people. Currently, felons in Wisconsin do not regain their right to vote until they have served their full sentence, including probation, parole, and extended supervision.

The LWVWI also supports Wisconsin AB400, which would have prisoners counted in their home county for census and redistricting purposes, rather than being counted where they are incarcerated; this is called prison gerrymandering. Where prisoners are counted makes a significant difference because federal funds are allocated to communities based on the census.

Our three speakers were men who have served prison terms. Frank Davis is a board member of EXPO (Ex-incarcerated People Organizing). Convicted of a felony at age 19, he spent the next 20 years in prison. While on probation, he was determined guilty of violating the rules of his probation and returned to prison for an additional two years. People on parole do not get the benefit of a trial; the parole officer has considerable leeway in determining if a parolee is sent back to prison.

He explained that voting rights for felons vary by state. Some allow felons to vote once they have served their prison term, some allow voting after prison and supervised release have been completed, and some do not allow convicted felons to ever regain their right to vote—these are mostly southern states with a high percentage of African Americans. Only Maine and Vermont do not restrict voting rights of felons.

Carl Fields is a community organizer for EXPO. He spent 20 years in prison and will be “on paper” (when one is on probation or parole) until 2023. He works with young people and would like to demonstrate the importance of voting and being able to vote on policies that will affect them in the future. His inability to vote keeps officials from listening to him and prevents him from serving on public groups like the Police Commission or the Public Works Board.

Jerome Dillard is the state director of EXPO; he was released from prison in 1996. He joined the Madison Urban Ministry in 2005 and worked inside a state prison, offering peer support to prisoners about to be

## Additional Resources related to the “Unlock the Vote” campaign

- [Video of our Unlock the Vote event](#)
- ['Your Body Being Used': Where Prisoners Who Can't Vote Fill Voting Districts](#)



Mary Anglim with speaker Frank Davis

released. Many people tell him that “my vote doesn’t matter.” But he points out that “If it doesn’t matter, they wouldn’t be working so hard to take it away from you.”

When Jerome got “off paper” (off probation/parole), he received a letter stating what civil rights were being restored to him, including his right to vote. Even though Wisconsin state statutes explicitly say that former felons need to be told when their right to vote has been restored, such communication is not happening these days, and many former felons do not know that they are eligible to vote. EXPO members have met with the governor and Department of Corrections officials to ask that the statute be enforced.

Jerome worked with EXPO in Florida to get the vote restored to felons. In November 2018, Florida passed Proposition 4 with 65% support to restore voting rights to felons who had completed their sentences, including probation and parole, restoring the right to vote to 1.4 million Florida residents.

There are several ways we can help with this effort. We can sign the “Unlock the Vote” petition, attend EXPO events to learn more, participate in the EXPO “Restore the Vote” campaign, talk to friends and family members about felon voter disenfranchisement and explain why it is detrimental to our communities, write to our legislators and encourage them to support legislation that will restore voting rights to incarcerated individuals, and prevent prison gerrymandering.

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## **Police Policy and Procedures Committee**

*Kathleen Fullin*

In January, the City of Madison Common Council accepted the report of the Madison Police Department Policy and Procedure Review Ad Hoc Committee. Although this was an “ad hoc” committee, the group worked for nearly four years to review police policies and make recommendations to enhance effectiveness and community confidence in the police.

The President’s Work Group on Police and Community Relations, a group of alders appointed by the Council President, met during 2016 and 2017 to focus on immediate priorities and made a number of recommendations that resulted in Council directives to the Madison Chief of Police.

League members Mary Anglim and Kathleen Fullin observed many of the meetings of these two groups and developed our League’s letters, emails, and statements to city committees and the Council supporting the work of both groups over the past four years.

Our lobbying was based on state league positions on Law Enforcement: “Support of law enforcement policy locally developed by cooperative efforts of citizens and law enforcement agencies using state guidelines, but reflecting local needs”; on Equal Rights: “Support for equal rights for all regardless of race, color... disability...”; and on national positions on Social Policy: “Secure equal rights and equal opportunity for all. Promote social and economic justice and the health and safety of all Americans.”

The City of Madison budget for 2020 includes funding for a police auditor, a central recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee. We anticipate that other Committee recommendations, some of which will require funding, will require individual approval from the Council during the coming months. The Council is considering whether an existing or new committee should be tasked with moving the process forward until the Auditor is hired and a final oversight committee is defined and appointed.

# Open House Photos

*Photos by Focal Flame Photography*

Thank you to all those who planned  
and attended our Feb. 14 Open House!



## Book Discussion: One Person, No Vote

Sally Gleason, [sgleason@wiscmail.wisc.edu](mailto:sgleason@wiscmail.wisc.edu)

Approximately a dozen LWVDC members gathered at the Fitchburg Public Library to discuss Carol Anderson's well-researched book *One Person, No Vote*, which deals with voter suppression. The author discusses methods used to reduce the number of minority voters at the polls. For example, after the passage of the 15th Amendment (1870) barring racial discrimination in voting, 67% of black adults were registered to vote. By 1955, that number had dropped to 4% because of intimidation, poll taxes, literacy tests and other forms of disenfranchisement.

The Voting Rights Act (or VRA, 1965) was an outcome of international attention after the March in Selma earlier that year. Section 4 of VRA required states with a history of voter discrimination to get federal approval for changes in voting statutes. In 2013, the Supreme Court weakened Section 4 of VRA because of claims that it punished southern states.

Black voter turnout fell by 7% in the 2016 presidential election, the first election in 50 years held without the full protection of the Voting Rights Act. Although some voters were

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disenchanted with the Democratic nominee, Hillary Clinton, Anderson suggests that the drop in black voters was due to minorities being systematically discouraged from voting.

Over the years, states passed a variety of laws to "bring integrity to the voting booth." The phantom menace of voter fraud—the basis for requiring government-issued photo identification—erected barriers for many voters. Anderson reports that voter roll purges, purportedly to maintain accurate lists of voters, inevitably remove a significant number of qualified voters from the rolls. Gerrymandering, with its effects on diluting minority votes, has also become widespread.

Anderson ends the book on a hopeful note by recognizing that 2018 had the highest voter turnout rate for a mid-term since 1914. She recognizes that grass-roots action by NAACP, ACLU, and LWV of various states have made a significant impact on helping people to vote and on mobilizing voter turnout. These groups have also helped remove burdensome regulations and have supported citizen-led ballot initiatives.

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## Life Member Nominees Sought

Sally Gleason, [sgleason@wiscmail.wisc.edu](mailto:sgleason@wiscmail.wisc.edu)

At our annual meeting in May, we honor anyone who has been a member of the League for 50 years. If you joined the League in 1970 or before and have not been recognized as a life member, please call the office (608-232-9447) or email [office@lwvdanecounty.org](mailto:office@lwvdanecounty.org) by March 15. All members are encouraged to contact the office if they know someone in our League who reaches their 50-year anniversary this year.

# You Can Help: 2020 Complete Census

Aileen Nettleton, [president@lwvdanecounty.org](mailto:president@lwvdanecounty.org)

The 2020 Census begins in March! The League of Women Voters of the US is a partner in the 2020 Census Complete Count for Making Democracy Work. Our LWV of Dane County held a public forum in October about the importance of the 2020 Census.

## What can you do to help?

- ★ Watch your US mail for a letter from the US Census Bureau which your household will receive mid-March. You will have the option of completing the Census questionnaire **online** or by **phone**.
- ★ Complete your Census questionnaire **online**, or you can call by **phone**. There should be ONE questionnaire completed for each household. The US Census Bureau will NOT contact you by phone.
- ★ Count all individuals living at your household on April 1. The short questionnaire will ask you to include basic information for every individual living in your household, such as name, age, sex, race, and whether the residence is rented or owned.
- ★ If you do not complete the Census questionnaire online or by phone, you will receive a paper copy by mail between April 8 and 16. Complete the paper questionnaire and mail it in promptly to be sure you and members of your household are counted. Census employees will come to nonresponding households starting in May.

## What can you do to reach “hard-to-count” populations?

- ★ One undercounted group is children under age five. Contact your family members and friends who have young children living in their residence to remind them to be sure to complete the Census and include all children living at that residence on April 1.
- ★ Contact any individuals you know who are in any traditionally undercounted groups to encourage them to complete the questionnaire or be sure they are included in the residence where they live: people with disabilities, low-income homes, communities of color, people without homes, and people who don't trust the government. Dane County and the City of Madison and Dane County have set up Complete Count Committees that include members of diverse groups and organizations which are reaching out to these groups, including the homeless.
- ★ Assure people that there is NOT a question about citizenship or immigration status on the Census questionnaire. All individuals living in the US on April 1 should be counted.
- ★ College students are counted at their April 1 residence. If they live in a campus-owned dormitory, they will need to fill out a form at their dorm. If they live in a private residence, one person should take responsibility to complete the questionnaire for all who live at that address.
- ★ Individuals in nursing care on April 1 should be counted by the administration of the nursing care facility.

- ★ Individuals living in a senior residence or assisted living who have individual mailboxes may receive a Census mailing. If you or a family member does not receive the mailing, contact the residence administrator to find out how the Census Count is being conducted in that facility.
- ★ You or someone you know can work for the US Census Bureau at a local level to assist in the paid follow-up door to door canvas and other paid Census jobs. You can apply online at [2020census.gov/jobs](https://2020census.gov/jobs) immediately for local openings. Pay starts at \$20/hour, with flexible hours.

### What can you do to encourage others to complete their Census surveys?

- ★ Assure people that the information provided is confidential.
- ★ Remind people that the information will bring funds to our community from the federal government for the next ten years, determine the number of US Representative Districts and draw local, county, and state districts, as well as provide basic demographic information for planning for schools, communities, and business development.

For more information, check the [City of Madison Census website](#) or the [official US Census Bureau website](#).

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## 2020 Suffrage Parades

*Sue Ann Larson, [parade@lwvdanecounty.org](mailto:parade@lwvdanecounty.org)*

In celebrating the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, we remember the women who fought for that right by being out on the streets! They not only organized; they also walked with signs and banners, urging onlookers to promote the cause of women's suffrage. It was dangerous work; some were beaten and others were imprisoned. Gloria Steinem, in her forward to "The Women's Suffrage Movement" by Sally Roesch Wagner, reminds readers that white and black women fought for over a century to gain an identity as free human beings and citizens.

"For most of those years, black women were legally owned as chattel, forced to work and to suffer the unique punishment of giving birth to children who were also enslaved. White women were not as restricted and endangered as the women or men brought as slaves from Africa. But as the daughters and wives of white men, they were also legal chattel, with no right to leave their homes, disobey orders, profit from their own work, speak in public, have custody of their children, own property without a guardian, or affect the patriarchal laws that governed their lives."

We must not forget the struggle waged for all women's right to full citizenship and autonomy.

This summer, from the May 17 Syttende Mai parade in Stoughton to the September 22 Family Days Parade in McFarland, League members and friends are invited to walk with or ride on a suffrage float in local parades. Wear a costume and a suffrage sash, bring the children and hand out fliers about the League and the importance of informed citizenship and getting out the vote! We honor those who went before us and encourage the next generation of voters to come! **To learn more and to participate in this project, contact Sue Ann Larson at [parade@lwvdanecounty.org](mailto:parade@lwvdanecounty.org).**

## Candidate Forum Moderators

Gloria Meyer, [gkmeyer68@gmail.com](mailto:gkmeyer68@gmail.com)

With several elections scheduled this year, the demand for League of Women Voters' forum moderators has begun. In the past, requests usually came from smaller communities around Madison, and that trend continues.

The first moderated candidate forum of the year, for the Marshall School Board, was conducted by Consuelo Lopez-Springfield on February 10. Additional candidate forums are scheduled for the Waunakee School Board and Village Board, the Monona School Board, and the Black Earth Village Board.

More than 25 League members have volunteered to be moderators. If you would like to become a candidate forum moderator, you can contact Gloria Meyer at [gkmeyer68@gmail.com](mailto:gkmeyer68@gmail.com).

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## UW-Madison Registration Update

Paul Lindquist, Voter Service Co-Chair, represented our League's Voter Service Team on the Badgers Vote–Big Ten Voting Challenge panel at the UW Morgridge Center in February. Our Voter Service team conducts the Bus Pass Distribution Voter Registration Drive on campus at the beginning of each semester at the Student Activity Center and Union South. Between the fall 2019 and winter 2020 "bus pass registration" events, **150 LWVDC volunteers registered 4,428 students!**

The League also sponsors two student interns who work through the UW Union Social Justice Hub to promote student registration, recruit students to be trained in voter registration, and to encourage student voting. **We are able to support these student internships thanks to the generous anonymous gifts of a few members and to our graduate student LWVDC member Sarah Gavac, who supervises their work.**

The Voter Service team also coordinated and staffed in-person absentee voting (IPAV, or early voting) in February on behalf of the Madison City Clerk at the Student Activity Center (SAC), Union South, Memorial Union and the Health Sciences Learning Center.

Marian Matthews and Paul Lindquist, Voter Service Co-chairs, provide additional training to all volunteers who assist with student registration to be sure they understand the intricacies of accurate Proof of Residence for registration and UW student ID requirements and how to get the correct student ID for voting.

We appreciate all the support from the UW Big Ten Voting Challenge, the Social Justice Hub, the Morgridge Center, and the staff at the SAC and Union South. Their support encourages successful voting engagement of UW-Madison students.

## LWV Dane County Candidate Forum Moderators at Work

Monona City Council Candidate  
Forum moderated by Joy Cardin  
from LWV Dane County in 2018

Monona Mayoral Candidate  
Forum moderated by Marian  
Matthews in 2017

## Informative Read

The Untold Story of American  
Non-Voters by the Knight  
Foundation

"This study surveyed 12,000 chronic non-voters nationally and in 10 swing states, soliciting their views, attitudes and behaviors on a wide range of topics."

# Janice Baldwin Memorial

*Kathleen Fullin*

Janice Baldwin, who became a 50-year/lifetime member in 2005, died on February 2, 2020. Janice was a very generous donor to the League of Women Voters of Dane County, and her family continued that tradition by suggesting that memorial donations in her honor be made to the League of Women Voters.

Janice was an extraordinarily accomplished woman. She worked as a mathematician for a Nobel prize winner, won a Fulbright Scholarship, and earned two Master's degrees. After her four children began school, she started law school on a part-time basis.

A highlight of her career as an attorney for the non-partisan Legislative Council was assisting in the drafting of Wisconsin's 1984 marital property law. Those of us who were privileged to know her remember her as incredibly smart and very kind.

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## Letter to County Board – Black Earth Creek Land Purchase

LWVDC sent the following letter to the Dane County Board of Supervisors on February 7, 2020, in support of the purchase of land in the Town of Middleton for the Black Earth Creek Natural Resource Area. We thank Wally Brinkman, a valuable member of the League's Observer Corps, for her ongoing work, which makes it possible for the League to register our support for policies in line with our positions.

Dear County Board Supervisors,

The League of Women Voters of Dane County supports efforts to maintain the environmental quality of both the urban and the rural parts of the county. Specifically, we support proposals to

“acquire and preserve wetlands and the adjacent uplands and shoreline along lakes, streams, creeks, their headwaters and springs, as well as woodland areas and areas of significant topography” and to

“conserve in permanent open space significant natural resources: wetlands, forests, wildlife, farmlands, both the quality and quantity of ground water, and which will reduce flooding problems”

We therefore support the purchase of approximately 79 acres in the Town of Middleton from Judith Hellenbrand and the Hellenbrand Trust. The property lies in the headwaters of the Black Earth Creek and to the west of county owned land. The acquisition of this land creates opportunities for the county to restore some of its properties to act as an infiltration area for runoff or flood waters and protect the water quality of Black Earth Creek as well as provide lands for public recreation.

The League of Women Voters of Dane County strongly supports a positive vote on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Aileen Nettleton

President, League of Women Voters of Dane County

# Committed to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Maria Spinozzi, [bulletin@lwvdanecounty.org](mailto: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 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.

## Read

Some students say colleges not doing enough to combat coronavirus-fueled racism

– NBC News

Neighborhood Organizing Celebrated Milestone

–Lussier Community Education Center

MUM's Linda Ketcham says listening, avoiding 'white fragility' important for nonprofit work

- Wisconsin State Journal

DEI Reading list by UMKC

-UMKC

## Listen & Watch

Why Search Engines Aren't Unbiased with Safiya Noble (1 hour) – Factually! With Adam Conover

Black History Month: Dr. Christy Clark-Pujara - Black Suffrage in Wisconsin

## Attend

**Now – Mar. 12**, Verona Library, Immigration: An American Story

**Now – Mar 15**, UW Nancy Nicholas Hall-Lynn Mecklenburg Textile Gallery, UNPACKED: Refugee Baggage, a collaboration between artist Mohamad Hafez and writer Ahmed Badr

**Now – Apr. 5**, UW Nancy Nicholas Hall-Ruth Davis Design Gallery, Harmony and Evolution: An Exhibition of the Chinese-American Art Faculty Association

**Mar. 6, 5 p.m., UW Elvehjem**, Haunted by History: Cuban Poets and Cuban Politics

**Mar. 26, 5 p.m., UW Elvehjem**, Moving Trans Politics: The Shapes of Activism in the Performances of Pó Rodil

**Mar. 27, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Lussier Community Education Center**, Community Dinner: Bingo and Games

**Mar. 31, 12 p.m., UW Ingraham Hall**, Indigenous Philosophies of Wellbeing: Allin Kawsay/Buen Vivir in Peru and Mauri Ora in Aotearoa New Zealand

**Apr. 24, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Lussier Community Education Center**, Gallery Night

## New Members

We welcome these new members who joined us in January. 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.

Ron Biendseil  
Alexandra Corten  
Holly Dowling  
Liz Freitick  
Jane Leahy  
Susan Levy

Katherine Odell  
Kathleen Orosz  
Irene Piersma  
Christina Powell  
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Nancy Scherr  
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Shirley Smith  
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## Contributions

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**Miriam Simmons**  
**Edith Sullivan**  
Nancy Tubesing  
**Sandi Vandervest**  
Karen Zweizg

### Memorials

**Susan Fadness**, Memorial for Ronald Holt  
**Sue Fulks**, Memorial for Susan Byrns  
Karen Justeson, Memorial for Ronald Holt  
Helen Dicks, Memorial for Ronald Holt

### Employer Matches

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## Thank You to Volunteers

Thank you to all of our members for the countless hours spent already in 2020 on voter registration, open house preparation, centennial gala planning, observing government meetings, planning public issues forums, and much more.

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## Unit Meetings Schedule

Pat Kippert, Unit Coordinator,  
[pkippert@yahoo.com](mailto:pkippert@yahoo.com)

### UW Campus

**Time:** 6:30 p.m., March 15 (third Sundays)

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

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

### Prairie Ridge

**Time:** 3:30 p.m., March 16 (third Mondays)

**Location:** Perennial Learning Center, Oakwood  
Village Prairie Ridge, 5565 Tancho Drive,  
Madison

**Leaders:** [Waltraud Brinkmann](#) (608-216-4201)  
and [Dorothy Wheeler](#) (608-630-5163)

### West / Middleton

**Time:** 6 p.m., March 16 (third Mondays)

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

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

March unit meetings will focus on The Promise of Ag Stewardship study materials related to the February 16 forum. These study materials will be posted at [www.lwvdanecounty.org](http://www.lwvdanecounty.org) during the first week of March.

### Oakwood West

**Time:** 12:45 p.m., March 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 to the  
Oak Leaf Room.

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

### Northeast Side

**Time:** 3:30 p.m., March 18 (third Wednesdays)

**Location:** Lakeview Public Library

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

### Downtown Dinner

**Time:** 5:15 p.m., March 18 (third Wednesdays)

**Location:** Capitol Lakes Retirement Center  
private dining room

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

## Upcoming Events

Mar. 4	Issues Forum, Capitol Lakes, 7 p.m.
Mar. 11	Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
Mar. 28	Centennial Gala, Park Hotel, 5:30 p.m.
Apr. 1	Census Day
Apr. 5	Issues Forum, Holy Wisdom, 2 p.m.
Apr. 22	Community Seminar, DreamBank, 6 p.m.
May 13	LWVDC Annual Meeting, Capitol Lakes, 5:30 p.m.
Jun. 12-13	LVWWI Annual Meeting in Appleton, WI
Jun. 25-28	LWVUS 2020 Convention in Washington, D.C.

## 2020 Elections

Apr. 7	Spring Election and Presidential Preference Primary
Aug. 11	Partisan Primary
Nov. 3	General Election

