

LWVDC Outstanding Voter Service Award

Award Recipients

[The LWVDC award for Outstanding Voter Service is given at LWVDC's January Lively Issues Luncheon and Public Forum. It was initiated in 2005, with the first awards given at the January 2006 LWVDC Lively Issues Luncheon and Public Forum. No awards were presented in 2010 or 2012].

Year of Award	Award Recipients	Service Recognized
March 2021	Julia Pooler	to honor her exemplary service to the community: by promoting enthusiasm for civic engagement among Girl Scout Junior Troop 1477 and Daisy Troop 1952, by organizing a voter outreach activity to inform 500 apartment residents about voter registration and early voting, and by producing a video about the project that informs and inspires others.
January 2020	David Olson	To honor his exemplary service to the community: for leadership and support with voter registration initiatives at James Madison Memorial High School, for promotion of student enthusiasm for active participation in the election process, and for participation in the Harvard Case Method Project and for sharing his expertise with the League members and the community.
January 2019	Beth Morgan	Exemplary service to the community by organizing communications to Epic employees about voter registration and voting that enabled them to register to vote online and find their polling places, in helping to organize on-site voter outreach events at Epic by the League of Women Voters that resulted in 188 voter registrations in 2018, and in graciously hosting volunteers by arranging for campus guides, free lunches, and attendance at an employee lecture program.
January 2018	Jack Eggert	For two years of organizing voter registration events at Middleton High School [H.S. student]
November 2016*	Betty Ptacek	To honor her exemplary service to the community in organizing nine different voter outreach events to register voters *2017 honoree -presented early as she was not available in January
January 2016	Michael Haas	Administrator, Elections Division, GAB, to honor his exemplary services to the citizens of Wisconsin in leading his division in its administration of Wisconsin's elections in a professional,non-partisan manner; by ensuring that the Elections Division staff provides timely, helpful, and accurate information to municipal and county clerks to assist them in conducting elections; in maintaining exceptional service to the state's voters throughout an extremely challenging period of multiple special elections and heightened scrutiny of all policy decisions

January 2015	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Chris Kane, Director of Client Services, accepted the award on behalf of St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, which was honored for allowing the League to conduct voter registration and voter education outreach to clients of the pantry.
January 2014	Marian Matthews	Exemplary service to the in writing a clear, usable pamphlet explaining complex new voter registration proof of residence requirements to help Dane County Special Registration Deputies register voters; in organizing voter registration drives for the Dane County League at events for under-represented populations, such as Triangle Ethnic Fest and Fresh Start; in producing an attractive, flexible sign for League and other volunteers to use when registering voters and doing outreach about the Affordable Care Act at the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry
January 2013	Maribeth Witzel-Behl	Dane County Clerk, voter-service leadership: assisting citizens of Dane County respond to changes in the Wisconsin voting law; creating documents explaining the changes in Wisconsin's voting law; offering Special Registration Deputy training sessions, accepted in many municipalities; initiating a Voter Education Ambassador program to station knowledgeable volunteers at food pantries and other local venues to answer questions and to assist with the voter registration of underrepresented citizens.
January 2011	Ellen Lund Keaton Walkowski Rebecca Parish	High school student, for work in voter service and civic affairs High school student, for work in voter service and civic affairs MATC faculty, registering voters and coordinating effort at MATC
January 2009	Jenni McIntosh Andrew Zganjar	Organizing and conducting a voter registration drive at MATC in September 2008, registering nearly 100 students [MATC student] Organizing and conducting a voter registration drive at MATC in September 2008, registering nearly 100 students [MATC student]
January 2008	Wesley Grunke Maggie Paulin	Active participation in the local political arena [Edgewood H.S. student] Active participation in the local political arena [Edgewood H.S. student]
January 2007	Mikk Lukk	MATC student, organizing and conducting a voter registration drive at MATC in the fall of 2006, registering over 250 students
January 2006	Matt Buechner Marcus Parton Adriana Rankin Amanda Rezutek	Middleton H.S. student, organizing and conducting the Village of Cross Plains Candidates' Forum Middleton H.S. student, organizing and conducting the Village of Cross Plains Candidates' Forum Middleton H.S. student, organizing and conducting the Village of Cross Plains Candidates' Forum Middleton H.S. student, organizing and conducting the Village of Cross Plains Candidates' Forum