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League of Women Voters - Whitewater Area

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## Calendar of Events

- June 23 Centennial Event  
Capitol, Madison
- July 4<sup>th</sup>, 10 am (lineup  
begins earlier) – 4<sup>th</sup> of  
July Parade
- July 20, 8 am to 2 pm  
League Garage Sale  
369 Lakeview Drive

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## League of Women Voters of Wisconsin Annual State Convention

As a quick reminder, please note the deadline is rapidly approaching if you wish to register to attend this event. Please make sure that you register no later than **May 23**. You can register to attend [here](#).

**Saturday, June 8, 2019**

Green Lake Conference Center  
W2511 State Road 23 - Green Lake  
Hosted by LWV Ripon Area

Members and friends of the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin are invited to attend the LWVWI's 2019 Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 8, at the scenic **Green Lake Conference Center**, in south central Wisconsin. The one-day event will be filled with intra-League discussion on membership expansion efforts and best strategies for candidate forums, statutory plenary sessions, **Meg McLane and Membership and Leadership Development (MLD)** award presentations, and a contextual lecture on Wisconsin Suffrage history - kicking off the League's Centennial celebrations leading into 2020.



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## Whitewater's Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

As our league is no newcomer to participating in this annual event, this year Kathy Brimmer leads the charge and is still looking for volunteers to participate in an entry titled "Our Heroes Wore White". If you would like to be one of the 19 suffragists to participate in this year's parade please contact Kathy at [kbrimmer315@gmail.com](mailto:kbrimmer315@gmail.com)



## Annual Garage Sale

Don't forget to be on the lookout around your home and storage areas for items that you would like to include in our primary fundraising activity – a biannual garage sale. This year, the Chandler family has generously offered us the use of their property located at 369 Lakeview Drive here in Whitewater on July 20<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 2 pm.

Please reach out to Susan Chandler at [smchandler1@mac.com](mailto:smchandler1@mac.com) if you would like to volunteer for the staffing, setup, or tear down of this event. It takes a small army to make this event successful. Susan has indicated that a few more volunteers are needed for the Friday setup and Saturday clean-up. Thank you in advance for all of your help in assisting with this fundraising event for our League. At the end of this newsletter you will find the garage sale flyer.

## 2019-2020 Program Survey

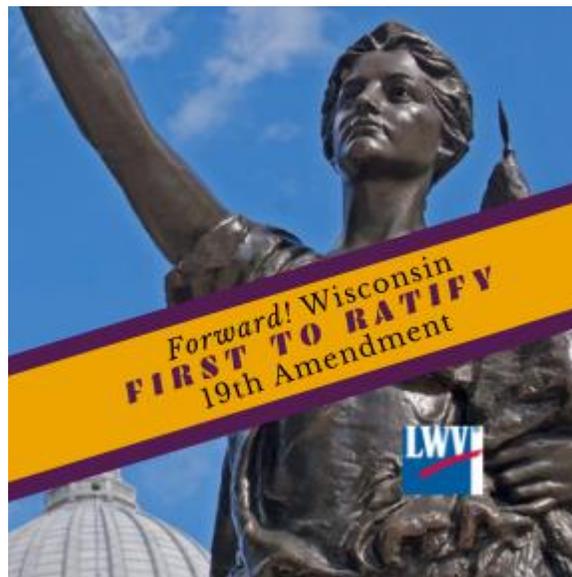
At the annual meeting this year we elected to survey the full membership for their insight on what is most timely for our League to pursue for programming in the 2019-2020 season. These survey results will be presented at the summer board planning session as the board undertakes the adventure to pull in speakers and participants for programming. The following is a summary of the 31 respondents to the survey:

Proposed Topic	Total Votes
Climate Change	17
2020 Census	16
Access to Healthcare	15
Money in Politics	14
Housing insecurity	14
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	12
Civic Education	12
Gun Safety	10
Immigration	9
Opioid Epidemic	2

### FACEBOOK

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“LIKING” the League’s FACEBOOK will automatically send posts to your feed. Then, we recommend that you not only “Like” the post but “Share Public” as well. This will help us get our message out to a much broader audience as well as keep our content visible in the long term in your newsfeed.



### **Forward! - FIRST TO RATIFY - 19th Amendment**

On Sunday, June 23, a march around Capitol Square in Madison will take place at noon, in cooperation with LWV Dane County, to raise awareness of the 100th anniversary of Wisconsin’s symbolic “first to

ratify” action. Marchers will gather by the *Forward* statue on the corner of Capitol Square facing State Street at noon, to hear speakers and engage in a variety of League and family friendly activities such as sash making.

The main speaker will address why the crowd is gathered and provide historical context for the day’s celebrations. To aid in this explanation, a short play will be performed, “[A First for Wisconsin](#),” highlighting suffragist Ada James’ insistence that her father, Senator David James, accept his appointment as Special Messenger and personally delivery Wisconsin’s ratification papers to Washington ahead of Illinois. Marchers will be led around the Capitol singing, “[The Wisconsin Slogan](#),” a rewrite of “On Wisconsin” by Theodora Winton Youmans for the 1914 convention of the Wisconsin Women’s Suffrage Association. League members will be available on the Capitol grounds to assist with voter registration. Inside the Capitol rotunda, visitors will have the opportunity to view a suffrage display, *The Woman’s Hour Has Struck*, mounted by the Wisconsin Historical Society.

### **Voter Education and Registration at the Market**

Once again, this summer a group of volunteers will be staffing a table on Tuesday afternoon at the Whitewater City Market to educate and offer assistance with voter education and registration. We thank this dedicated group of volunteers who braved sun, heat, and even rain last year in this endeavor. If you would like to participate please contact Kathy Brimmer at [kbrimmer315@gmail.com](mailto:kbrimmer315@gmail.com)

### **Wear Orange Family Bike Hike - June 8, 2019**

Local non-profit, non-partisan grassroots organization Moms Demand Action-Whitewater will be hosting a free family-friendly event in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin on Saturday, June 8 at 10 a.m. The Wear Orange Family Bike/Hike is an opportunity to bring together families and raise awareness about America’s gun violence epidemic. The event will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 8 at the Rotary Depot shelter along the Glacial River trail in Fort Atkinson, directly across from Family Video (303 S 3rd St W, Fort Atkinson). Trail maps and activity guides will be provided when families check in. Bike or hike at your own pace with your family, and enjoy the beauty of Fort Atkinson’s lovely Glacial River trail.

Participants are invited to wear orange clothing, snack on orange snacks and decorate their bikes with orange trimmings to honor of gun violence victims, including Hadiya Pendleton of Chicago, IL. After Hadiya was shot and killed in Chicago in 2013, just days after performing in President Obama’s second inaugural parade, her friends started the first National Gun Violence Awareness Day in June 2015. Hadiya’s favorite color was orange, so the event title became, simply,

WEAR ORANGE. To learn more about this nationwide event, now in its 5th year, visit [WearOrange.org](http://WearOrange.org), or join us on June 8 for the Wear Orange Family Bike/Hike!

Around the country, Moms Demand Action volunteers are hosting Wear Orange events on the weekend of June 7-9 in order to raise awareness about gun violence and gun violence prevention efforts. Moms Demand Action is a non-profit, non-partisan grassroots organization that works for gun violence prevention locally and nationally. We support common-sense legislation including requiring criminal background checks on all gun sales, red flag laws to keep guns out of the hands of those who are a danger to themselves or others and legislation such as the Violence Against Women Act, which includes important gun safety provisions that will protect women from gun violence and save lives. We are committed to promoting responsible gun ownership, and committed to supporting, connecting, and amplifying survivors of gun violence through the Everytown Survivor's Network.

Many local partners are joining in the effort to bring this Wear Orange event to our community, including Whitewater Unites Lives, League of Women Voters-Whitewater, and others. Together we can end gun violence. We hope you will join us! If you would also like to consider volunteering at this event please contact Jenny Rule at 815-541-7463

### **Centennial Resources**

While our programming will not resume until the fall, there is a wealth of information compiled by the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Historical Society that can be found on the LWV of Wisconsin's website. It even comes with recommended books!

Please join us in preparing to celebrate the centennial anniversary of Wisconsin's ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment in June and the centennial anniversary of the creation of the League of Women Voters in 2020 by diving into these compiled resources. [Link](#)