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League of Women Voters - Whitewater Area

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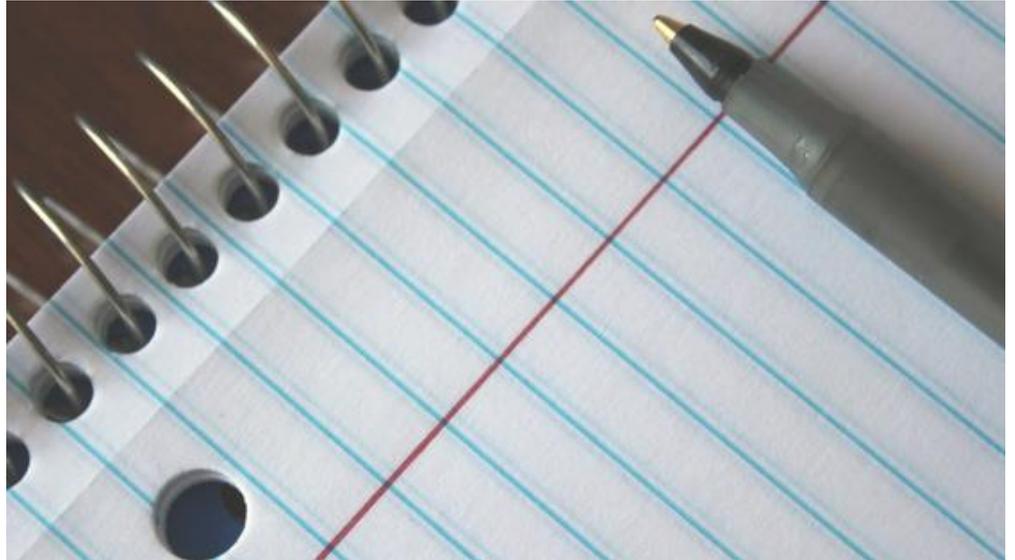
- October 18, 6:30 PM
Polling in the Midterm Elections

- October 22, 7:00 PM
Young Auditorium
Contemporary Lecture Series: A Janesville Story

- Nov 1' Making Democracy Work
Nominations Due

- November 6' General Election!!

- November 15' 6:30



It's That Time Again to Renew Your Membership to the LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS-WHITewater AREA
WHY??? [Because democracy is not a spectator sport and our League is doing great things!](#)

We provide quality public programs throughout the year on engaging local, state and national issues. Programs are broadcast on the Whitewater Community TV and available for replay.

We provide informative local Candidate Forums.

We provide Voter Registration Assistance on the UW-W campus, at Whitewater High School and at the Whitewater City Market as well as voter assistance training in support of the above efforts.

Our excellent newsletter, website and social media postings are current and informative.

And you will continue to receive local and state League publications and action alerts to increase your understanding of public policy issues so

PLEASE help us continue in these non-partisan efforts of

EMPOWERING VOTERS and DEFENDING DEMOCRACY.

RENEW your membership TODAY THANK YOU for your SUPPORT*

*Membership Renewal form is located at the end of this document

**PM Hunger in
Whitewater
- December 9
Holiday Dinner**

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October Programming -

As the election of 2016 reminds those who might have forgotten, polling is not an exact science. It does, however, have an influence over many aspects of campaigns and politics these days. The October program for the League will be **on Thursday the 18th at 6:30 PM** in the **Council Chambers** at City Hall in Whitewater. The speaker will be **Prof. Louis Fucilla** of the Department of Political Science at UW-Whitewater. The last few months before November elections tend to be busy times for political scientists, but he'll be slowing down long enough to give us the benefit of his insight into what polling can do. Please come along to listen less than three weeks before this year's November election.

During election seasons, voters see lots of polls. Often these polls show us results that seem to contradict one another. Take, for example, two recent polls in the race for the U.S. Senate in Arizona which were conducted at roughly the same time. One poll by a local ABC News station found that the Republican, Martha McSally, was up by 6 points while the other conducted by CBS News/YouGov found the Democrat, Kristen Sinema up by 3 points. How can two polls of voters from the same state conducted by trained pollsters find such different results? This talk will explore the science of polling and how concepts like sampling and probability influence the results we see reported in the news. Additionally, the talk will be aimed at giving voters easy tools to use to help them be savvy consumers of election polling. No math skills beyond simple addition and subtraction required!

November Programming

A panel discussion on Food Insecurity and Hunger in Whitewater will be sponsored by the League of Women Voters - Whitewater Area on Thursday, November 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. We'll first bust some common myths about hunger and review the different components of food security (economic security, access to affordable & healthy food, nutrition assistance programs, and emergency food assistance). Panelists representing the school district, the university and the city will then share how this issue is impacting our community and what we are doing about it. Please bring a

donation of non-perishable food to this meeting to help supply the food pantry and the little food pantries located in Whitewater. If you have questions, please contact one of the co-chairs for this event Mary Beth Byrne, Ginny Laurent, or Anne Hartwick.

FACEBOOK

Visit Our LWV – Whitewater Area Website and “LIKE” Us On Facebook!

“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 to get our message out to a much broader audience as well as keep our content visible in the long term in your Newsfeed.



National Voter Registration Day

This year a dedicated group of volunteers registered 25 new voters via myvote.wi.gov as part of the self-named “Elite Strike Force” group on UW-Whitewater campus. An estimated 100+ voters were assisted with the registration process between National Voter Registration Day on September 25 and October 4. Also, on National Voter Registration Day volunteers braved the weather at the Whitewater City Market and continue to do so weekly to answer questions and assist potential voters. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all these volunteers as well as all the volunteers who participated in the 4 voter registration training sessions with Julia Ross.

Voter Registration Frequently Asked Question

Question: The election is November 6th. Is it correct that I still have plenty of time to register to vote or to change my address?

Answer: YES, YES and NO. You are smart to be thinking ahead!

YES: If you fill out a paper registration form and along with proof of residency, walk it into the City Clerk’s Office at City Hall. The Clerk’s Office will accept these papers up to Friday November 2, 2018.

YES: If you remember it on Election Day. Wisconsin is one of the few states which allows Same Day Voter Registration. Just please be sure to bring with you acceptable proof of residency.

NO: If you want to register or change your address online with myvote.wi.gov (providing you have a State of Wisconsin Driver License or WI State ID). The deadline for online registration is Wednesday October 17, 2018. Only a few days away!

Election Commission Makes Change to Acceptable Proof of Residence

The Wisconsin Elections Commission has directed staff to issue updated guidance regarding the use of bank statements and credit card statements as proof of residence for voter registration purposes. At its September 25, 2018 meeting, the Commission clarified the following information about proof of residence:

The term “bank statement” in Wis. Stat. § 6.34(3)(a)9. includes any account statement from a bank or credit union, regardless of the type of account listed, including, but not limited to a checking, savings, mortgage loan or home equity line of credit.

A credit card statement qualifies as a “bank statement” under Wis. Stat. 6.34(3)(a)9. and may be used as a valid form of proof of residence when registering to vote.

These clarifications are effective immediately. Voters are now allowed to use the types of documents listed below to prove their address when registering to vote, provided the document meets all other standards for valid proof of residence. When reviewing a bank statement for proof of residence purposes the focus should be on the issuing institution, rather than the type of account listed on the statement. The document should be an account statement that lists specific account information including an account number and balance information.

What can be used?

A bank statement issued by a bank or credit union

A mortgage statement issued by a bank or credit union

A home equity credit line statement issued by a bank or credit union

A credit card statement issued by a bank or credit union

A retail store credit card statement (Kohl's, Menards, etc.)

What cannot be used?

Credit card offers

General correspondence from a bank or credit union that is not an account statement

General correspondence from a credit card company that is not an account statement

Closing documents for purchase of a home

The clarified definition of 'bank statements' and the use of credit card statements as proof of residence for voter registration represents a change from previous guidance on this issue. The Commission staff will be updating manuals, voter guides and other information on the Commission's website to reflect this clarification. Please contact us at elections@wi.gov or (608) 261-2028 with any questions that you may have.

Source: <https://elections.wi.gov/node/6132>

Mark your Calendars! November Issues Briefing

Every fall, the state office organizes an inspiring day of programming to bring members and interested non-members up-to-date on prominent issues. This year's **Issues Briefing** will be held on Saturday, November 10, 9AM-4PM, at Holy Wisdom Monastery in Middleton. Sessions are informational and stimulating. Topics to be covered include a post-election review of election security in Wisconsin, protecting the Great Lakes, united against hate and prejudice, art and activism, and the role of media in our democracy. The day includes a light breakfast, full lunch, and time to touch base and relax with your fellow Leaguers after a busy pre-election season. The registration deadline for Issues Briefing is October 25. [Learn more and register](#) for Issues Briefing by visiting the LWVWI website, lwvwi.org, click on Events Calendar.

Nominations Due for 8th Annual Making Democracy Work Award

Since 2010, our League has recognized and celebrated fellow Whitewater citizens who have demonstrated through their work or volunteerism, ways in which to improve our community, making it a safer and fairer place in which to live. Their contributions reflect the League's values of nonpartisanship, diversity, equity, inclusion, and informed civic engagement. In all cases, past winners such as Whitewater Banner creator Jim Stewart (2010), and last year's co-honorees, The SweetSpot owner and founding member of the Whitewater Grocery Co. Lacey Reichwald and UWW Professor James Hartwick, have effectively mobilized others to work with them to affect positive change. The work and accomplishments of all previous recipients of the League's Making Democracy Work award can be viewed on our website. (http://lwvwhitewater.org/making_democracy_work.html)

We're confident that you know of someone in the Whitewater community equally deserving of this award, which will be presented at the League's Holiday Dinner on Sunday, December 9. Nominations are due November 1st so please use the nomination form at the close of this newsletter to make your nominations!

Membership Form/Membership Renewal Form

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP-CODE: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Dues and Contributions: _____ Date of Application: _____

- Individual Membership \$60.00/year
- Household Membership \$100.00/year (for 2 or more people sharing the same address)
- Student Membership \$10.00/year
- Donation to support the work of the Whitewater-Area LWV.

Please make checks payable to *LWV Whitewater-Area*,
Mail to: LWV Treasurer, 701 E Clay St #B1, Whitewater, WI 53190

Membership dues and donations to the League of Women Voters Whitewater-Area are tax-deductible.

We welcome and encourage active involvement in our local league. Please indicate your areas of interest:

- Candidate Forums
- Voter Registration
- Policy Studies
- Membership Development
- LWV Website
- LWV Newsletter
- Program Development
- Fundraising Projects

Serve as a leader in the Whitewater Community! Help shape the issues that ensure its health, vibrancy, fairness, and strength.

**League of Women Voters - Whitewater Area
2018 *Making Democracy Work* Award
Nomination Form**

Name of Nominee _____
Address of Nominee _____

E-mail Address _____
Phone _____
Profession _____

The League's Making Democracy Work award celebrates community leaders; individuals who have envisioned a way to improve the community and have mobilized others to work with them to effect change that has benefited the broader community.

In one sentence, please explain why the individual you are nominating should be considered for the Making Democracy Work award:

Please describe what impact this individual has had on our community. What population, organization, and/or event has benefited from the nominee's leadership?

How does this individual stand out from other leaders in the community?

What is your name, contact information and relationship to the nominee?

**Please mail completed form by November 1, 2018 to:
Virginia Laurent, 1268 West Court Street, Whitewater, WI 53190**