



### **OVERVIEW**

- The Voter Registration Process
- Using MyVote
- Proof of Residence and Photo ID documents
- Helping voters with other issues
- Volunteer-led Voter Registration Assistance groups







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### **WELCOME**

- Melissa Kono, University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension Community Resource Development
- Educator for Clark & Trempealeau Counties
- Town Clerk for the Town of Burnside in Trempealeau County
- Train Election Workers across 5+ counties
- On the Wisconsin Elections Commission Training Committee
- Karen Voss & Carol Craig Chippewa Valley Votes (CVV) Leadership Team







### CHIPPEWA VALLEY VOTES

- Development of training curricula and slide shows, with specific targeting depending on the audience.
- Preparing and motivating volunteers to assist at voting booths
- Partnering with high schools encouraging School district policy adoption on VR; VR training for teachers; and in-classroom VR for high schools around the area.
- Partnerships with other groups
- Initiating and scheduling VR events senior living centers, Colleges, Food Banks and Meal Sites, Homeless Shelters, Coops, MLK Day, Juneteenth, Eau Claire Public Library, area High Schools.







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### SEVERAL WAYS TO REGISTER TO VOTE

- By mail or online, up to 20 days before the election
- In the clerk's office by 5pm the Friday before the Election
- At the polling place on a Election Day in Wisconsin!







### UNDERSTANDING THE CHALLENGES

- Online registration ends 20 days prior to each election (right when people are gearing up to vote)
- While there are many types of documents that can be used to REGISTER to vote, only a few can be used for Photo ID purposes.
- The Wisconsin Dept of Transportation will NOT issue both a drivers license AND the free Photo ID card
- DMV locations, particularly in rural areas, have limited days/hours (plus transportation barriers)
- Legislative changes have restricted voter registration assistance
- Laws and guidance change frequently







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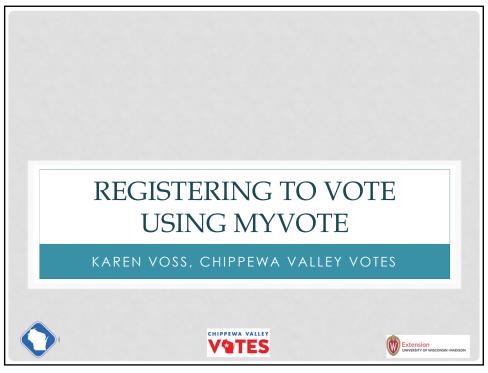
### WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE?

- A qualified elector is a United States citizen, 18 years of age or older, who has resided in the district in which he or she intends to vote for at least 10 consecutive days.
- A voter is certifying this on the voter registration form
- The County Clerk provides a list of ineligible voters to each municipal clerk prior to each election.

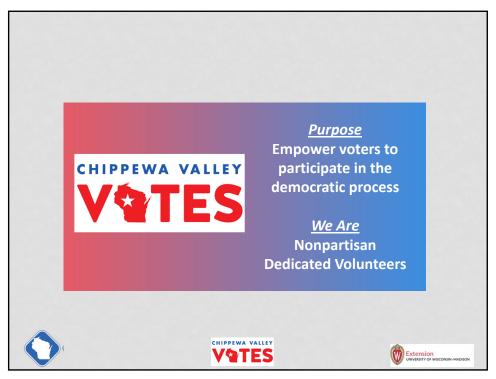


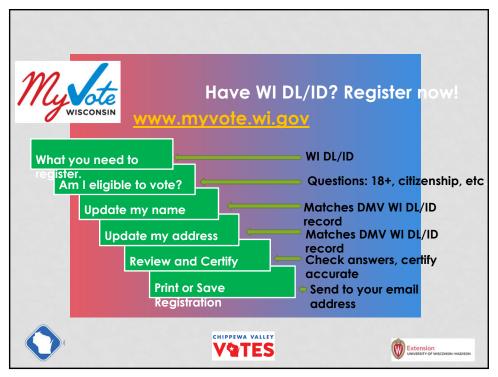


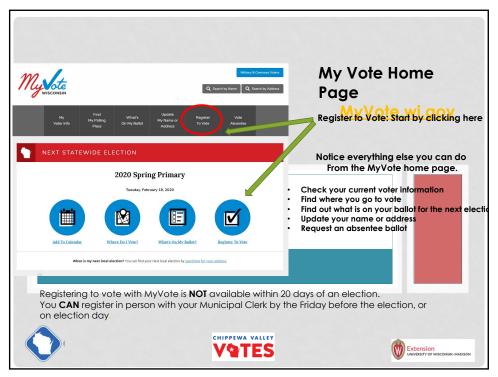


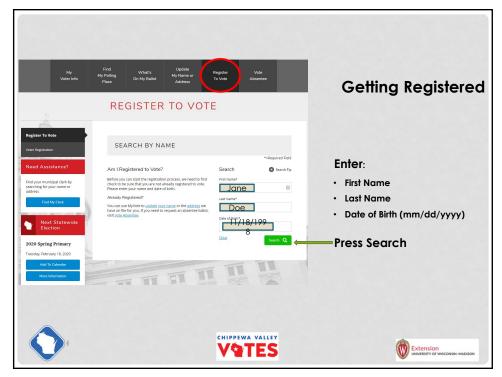


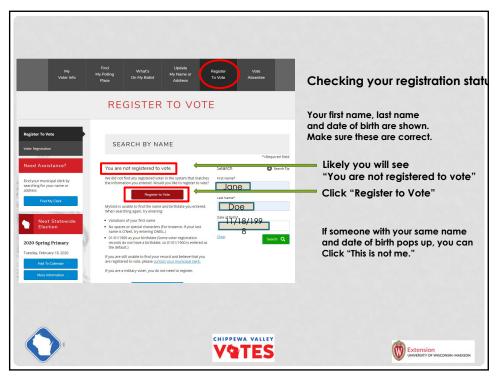


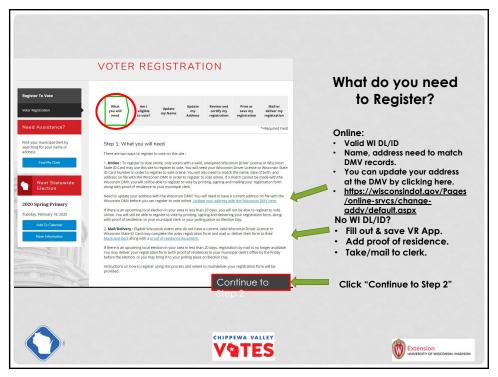


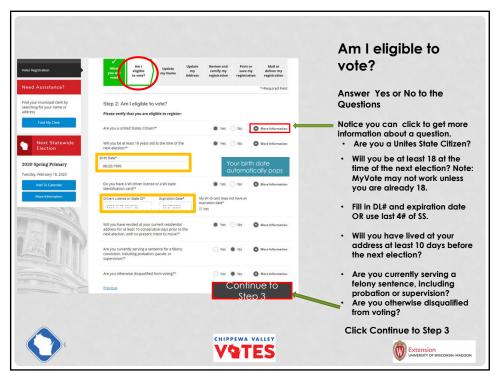


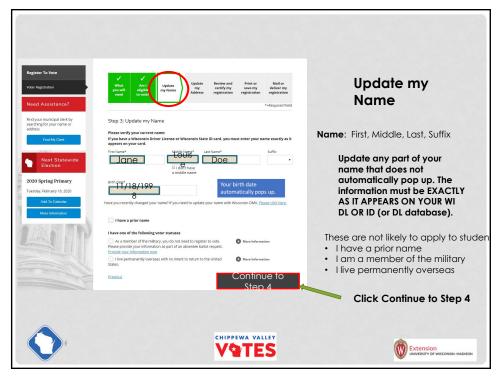


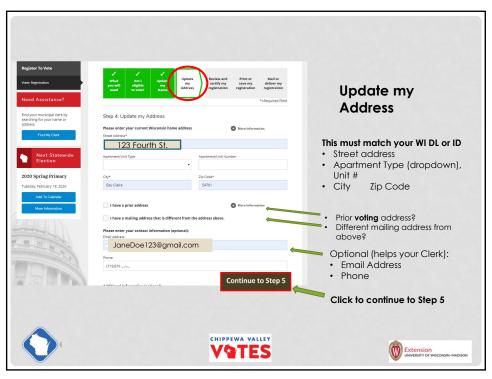


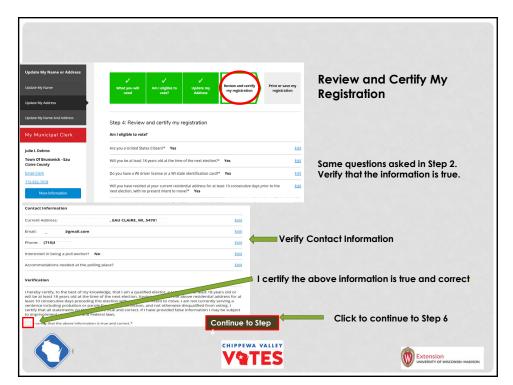


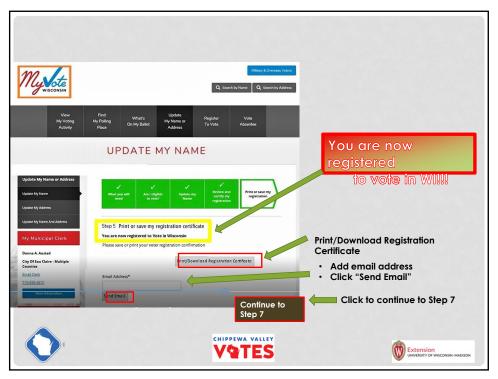


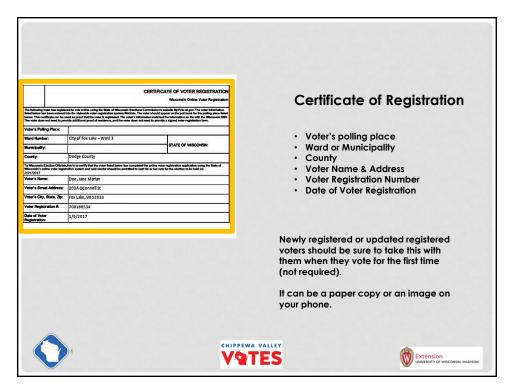


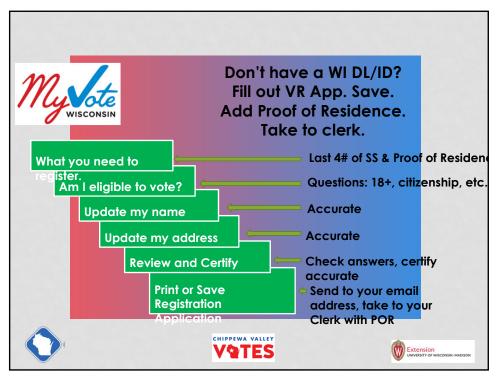


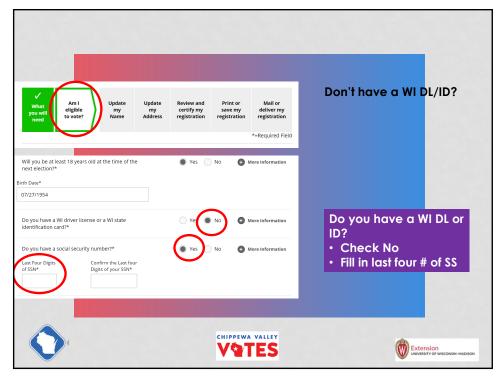


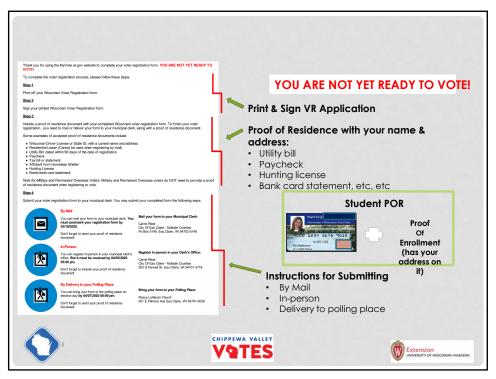


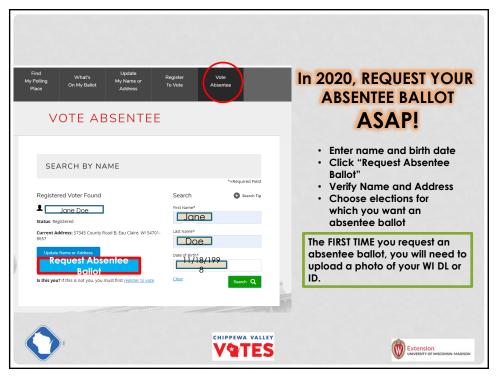


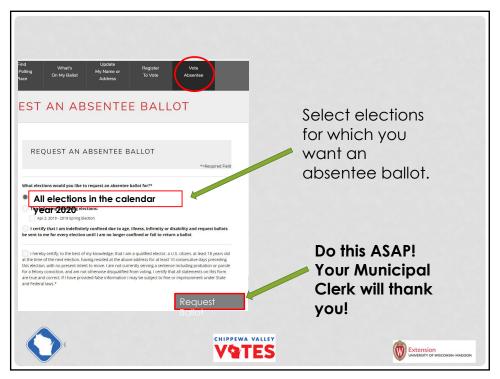


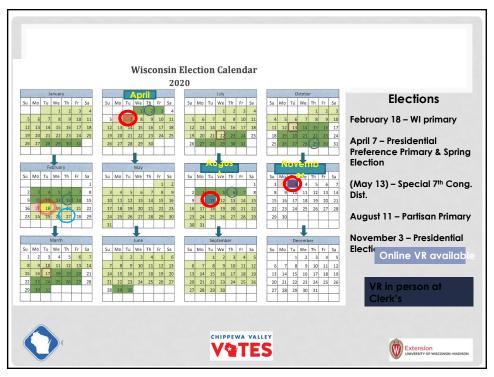




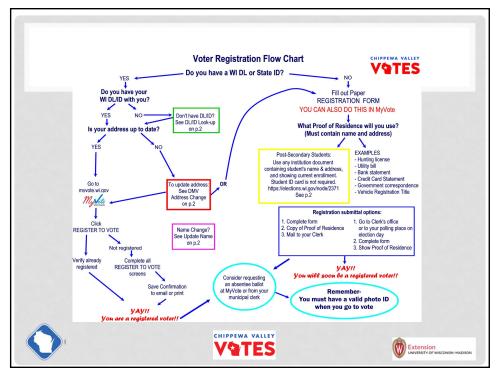


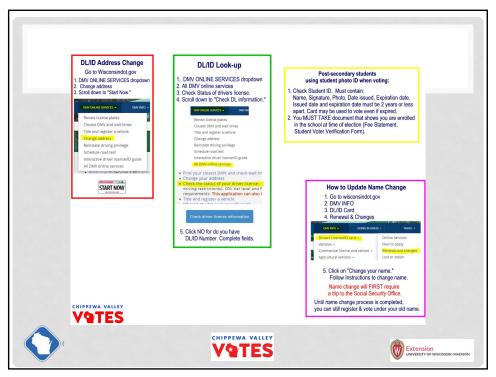


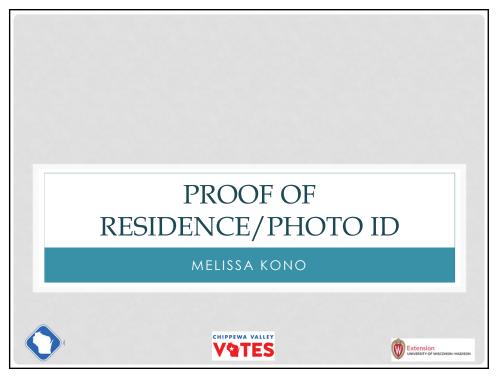












### PROOF OF RESIDENCE VS PHOTO ID

#### **Proof Residence**

- Doesn't need to have a picture
- Proves the voter is at the correct polling location
- Used for registering to vote

#### **Photo ID**

- Doesn't need to have a current address
- Proves who the voter is who they say they are
- Used for casting a ballot







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# Acceptable Proof of Residence

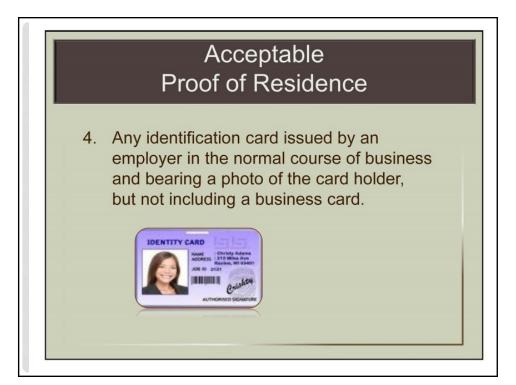
- 1. A current & valid Wisconsin driver license.
- 2. A current & valid Wisconsin ID card.

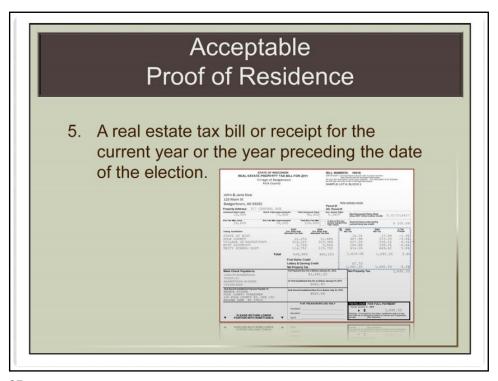


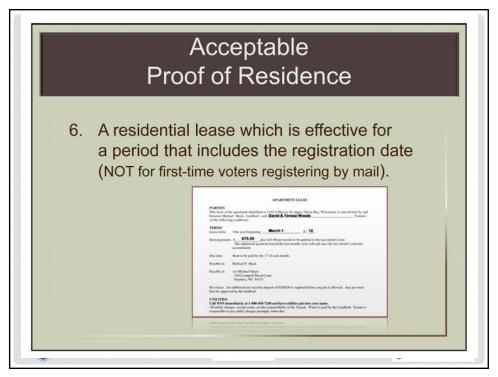


\* These acceptable forms of proof residence must be current & valid.











 A university, college or technical institute identification card (must include photo), ONLY valid if the voter provides a fee receipt dated within the last nine months.

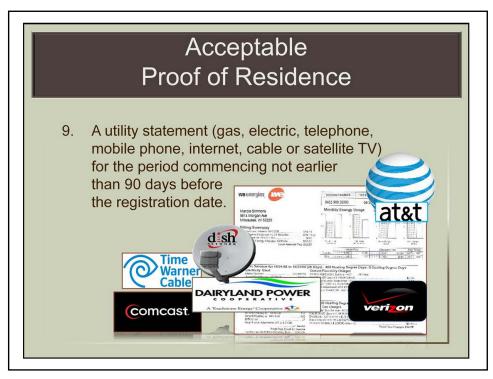


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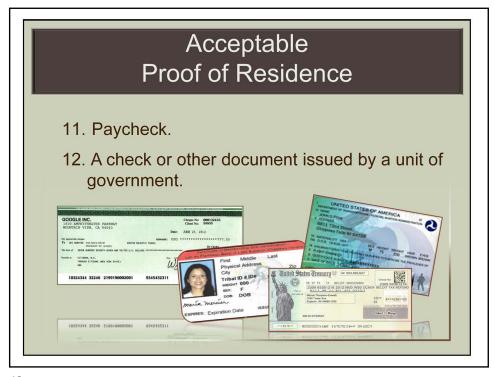
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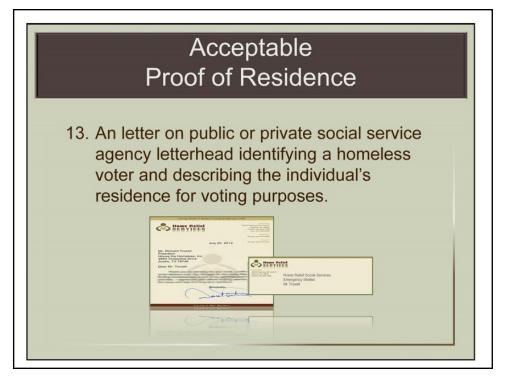
8. A university, college or technical institute identification card (must include photo), <a href="ONLY">ONLY</a> valid if the institution provides a certified housing list to the municipal clerk that indicates citizenship.



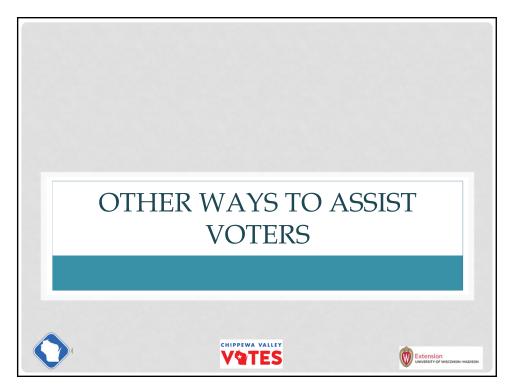












### ABSENTEE VOTING

- Any registered voter can request an absentee ballot, no reason is needed
- Must be registered to vote within that municipality
- May register to vote and then request an absentee ballot (must have valid Photo ID)
- Can request for one or all elections that year
- Track absentee ballot on MyVote







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### PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

- Provisional Ballots are for REGISTERED voters only (voter can register and then request a Provisional Ballot)
- A provisional ballot is a ballot that is marked by a voter but is not counted at the time it is cast. It is issued to a voter who is unable to provide the poll workers with documentation as required by Wisconsin and federal law.
- Provisional ballots are NOT given when a voter is at the wrong polling place. If a voter appears at the wrong polling place, he or she will be directed to the proper location.
- Provisional ballots are also NOT given when a person is attempting to register in-person at the polling place and does not provide the required proof of residence.
- A provisional ballot will not be counted unless the voter provides the required information to the poll workers by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day or the municipal clerk by 4:00 p.m. of the Friday following the election.







### TROUBLESHOOTING

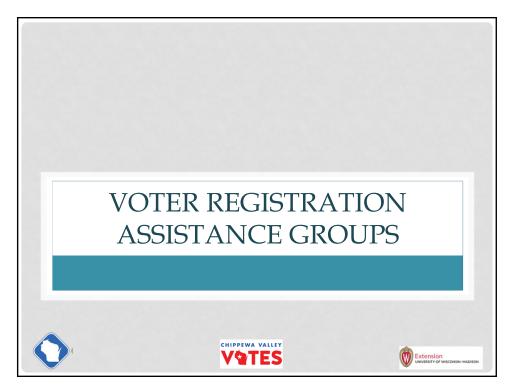
- A Photo ID is never required to REGISTER to vote
- The DMV receipt is acceptable for Photo ID
- Registered voters who are unable to provide a Photo ID are entitled to a Provisional Ballot
- A hunting or fishing license can be used to register to vote, as well as a vehicle registration, these are documents that are updated annually and people tend to have with them.







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### **VOTER REGISTRATION GROUPS**

- Since 2018 I've trained several volunteer-led voter registration groups: Chippewa Valley Votes, Barron County Votes, and the Wisconsin Farmers Union
- County and Municipal Clerks as well as entities such as the League of Women Voters, the Political Parties, and High School teachers are important partners
- Libraries, Music Festivals, Food Pantries, High Schools







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## CVV EXPERIENCE: KEYS TO A SUCCESSFUL GROUP

- Communication: Reach out to and stay in contact with members & public. (Facebook, Web page, Google Group email list, regular updates
- <u>Education</u>: Teaching and training materials for volunteers builds knowledge and confidence. Update regularly.
- <u>Resource materials</u>: How to problem solve VR issues, where to get help, tabletop materials for events, banner. Keep updated.
- <u>Outreach</u>: Anywhere your group can help events, libraries, senior living, homeless shelters, other groups' events
- <u>Initiate</u>: High School Senior VR program, National Voter Registration Day
- <u>Collaborate</u>: With other groups UW, CVTC, ACLU, LWV, NextGen, JONAH, etc.
- <u>Publicity</u>: Reach out to newspapers, TV stations with anything newsworthy.
- Camaraderie: Make it worthwhile and enjoyable for everyone!







### THANK YOU!

- Please complete the short evaluation to help with program planning and development:
- <a href="https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_9pJ924">https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_9pJ924</a> iswYc7Fhr
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