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Minnesota's Next Steps to a Clean Energy Economy

In observance of Earth Day, the League of Women Voters of Roseville Area will host a symposium celebrating steps Minnesota is taking toward energy efficiency, which affects air and water quality and our economy through lower costs and job creation. Featured speaker is climate and energy policy expert J. Drake Hamilton, Fresh Energy Science Policy Director. She will highlight how solar and geothermal usage can affect a typical home in our community.

Hamilton represents Fresh Energy at global climate summits and showcased Minnesota's nation-leading deep carbon reductions at the 2017 Bonn Climate Summit. She ranks among the top 12 climate communicators internationally. Minneapolis-St. Paul Magazine named her "one of Minnesota's 100 influential people who make things happen."

The Tuesday, April 17, meeting will be held from 6:30 - 8 p.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2561 N. Victoria, Roseville. The event is free and open to the public.

Included with the emailed copy of the Voter is a flyer for this meeting. Please consider making copies and distributing it to friends and family who may be interested.



J. Drake Hamilton

League members are encouraged to attend the event as there will be no Wednesday morning session showing a recording of the meeting in April. The meeting will be recorded and available on our website.

League's Environmental Position

By: Bonnie Koch

LWVUS' concern for natural resource conservation goes back almost 100 years to when it studied flood control, erosion, and the creation of the Tennessee Valley Authority. Since then, the environment has been in the forefront of advocacy with activists working to pass the Clean Water Act in the 1970s and the Clean Air Act in the 1980s. Its overall position advocates to, "Promote an environment beneficial to life through the protection and wise management of natural resources in the public interest." There are separate position statements for resource management, environmental protection and pollution control, air quality, energy, land use, water resources, waste management, and nuclear issues.

For more information on recent environmental action by LWVUS, go to www.lwv.org/other-issues/environment. Scroll down to "The Environment in Depth."

LWVMN has additional state-specific positions. For example, the position on the Great Lakes Ecosystem, "supports attainment and maintenance of high water quality standards throughout the Great Lakes Basin, with emphasis on water pollution prevention."

CMAL 2018 Annual Convention

Come and learn about an important chapter in Minnesota's League history! Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues of Women Voters (CMAL) invites all members of LWV of Roseville Area to attend the CMAL Annual Convention on April 21, 2018, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (coffee served at 9:30 a.m.), at St. Louis Park City Hall, 500 Minnetonka Blvd. Come for the presentation on the history project for CMAL (1962-2018), hear reminiscences from former CMAL delegates, and stay for lunch (provided by CMAL). Following lunch, the annual business meeting for CMAL delegates is at 12:30 p.m. which any League member may attend. Past CMAL delegates and committee members are especially welcome!

RSVP to Karen Schaffer by April 17 at schafferka@gmail.com, so that CMAL knows how many to plan for lunch.



Why I Run: Women Finding Their Political Voice

LWV of Roseville Area, Do Good Roseville, and the Roseville Area Schools are co-sponsoring an evening featuring local women from communities of color who will share their stories of campaigning, running, winning, and losing; what motivates their civic engagement; and how others can engage in the political landscape of the future.

The Tuesday, April 24, event will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Roseville Area High School cafeteria, 1240 W. County Rd. B2, Roseville. Speakers will share their unique stories followed by a question and answer period. From 8 to 8:30 p.m., attendees will have an opportunity to speak individually to panelists, think about their own direction in civic engagement and enjoy refreshments. The event is free and open to the public.

Included with the emailed copy of the Voter is a flyer for this meeting. Please consider making copies and distributing it to friends and family who may be interested.

LWV of Roseville Area Annual Meeting: May 1

The annual meeting of the LWV of Roseville Area is set for Tuesday, May 1, at Little Canada City Hall, 515 Little Canada Road E. A social hour will begin at 5 p.m, dinner at 6 p.m, and the business meeting at 7 p.m. Members will elect new officers, approve the budget, and set the local program for the 2018-2019 year.

This year, we are offering a full dinner featuring roast pork for \$25, with a vegetarian option also available for that price. Please send a check payable to "LWV Roseville Area" to Joyce Blomquist, 1980 Skillman Ave., Roseville, MN 55113 by April 18 and indicate if you prefer the vegetarian option. You may also register and pay online via PayPal at the following link (being sure to select which meal option and including the attendee name): lwvrosevillearea.org/content/annual-meeting-set-may-1

If you are unable to come to dinner, please still join us for the 7 p.m. meeting. Questions? Contact Ann Cleland at 651-900-1759 / anncleland@juno.com or Joyce Blomquist at 651-631-0688 / cjblomquist@comcast.net.

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Know Your Story...Then Move It Forward!

Recently I was listening to civil rights activist, Dr. Josie Johnson, stress to a large group of Sunday school students the importance of "knowing your story." Listening to her was a good reminder to me of how communities in general need to know the story of LWV.

The discovery at the University of Cambridge in England of the 100-year-old posters depicting the struggles of women fighting for the right to vote, not only remind us of the difficulties our foremothers faced, but can be an inspiration to the many social media groups, huddles, and community organizations springing up with goals related to voting and women's rights.

In 1913, when speaking of Emmeline Pankhurst, the New York Times wrote,

"The court seemed to be afraid of the prisoner, as, indeed, the Home Office seems to be afraid of the whole gang of female mischief-makers."

Fast forward to the 1950s in Falcon Heights, Maplewood, and Roseville, and we get glimpses of the many different Leagues in our area. This is another era of females who had the right to vote, however *pay equity, civil rights, city governments, juvenile justice, city parks, and trails* were some of the many issues these local League members tackled.

As we approach the 100-year anniversary of LWV, it would behoove all of us to get to know OUR story by revisiting the *Meddlers, Activists and Watchdogs* booklet found on our website at: www.lwvrosevillearea.org/sites/lwvrosevillearea.org/files/docs/LWV%20Meddlers%20final.pdf

"These women lived in a male-dominated world, but by joining the League, they found a voice, purpose and power." pg. 3

"A 1972 survey of all women who ran for office in Minnesota revealed that 80% were current or former League members." pg. 16

In planning an event with *Do Good Roseville* to encourage women to exercise their leadership skills by running for political office, it might help us to **Move Forward** by **Knowing Our Story!**



Rita Mills

LWVMN Will Consider an Amendment to Its Census Position

By: Bonnie Koch

LWV of Park Rapids is requesting consideration at the April 28 State Council to make an addition to the state position on apportionment to include a census-specific reference.

LWV of Park Rapids is requesting the following be added to the position: "The Census of all persons be accurate and complete without bias toward any person based on religion, country, sexual orientation, gender identity, immigration status or other potentially discriminatory factors, as recommended by Census Bureau officials. Achieving an accurate census also depends on it being adequately funded and led by qualified non-political officials."

This request is in response to concerns about the integrity of the 2020 Census reflected by proposed changes to federal standards. The proposed census inclusion has also been submitted to LWVUS for their consideration at the LWVUS National Convention this summer.

March Meeting: Redistricting, Democracy, and the Census

On March 20, League and the Roseville Public library co-sponsored a program at the library, “Redistricting, Democracy, and the Census.” Although the planned speaker from Common Cause Minnesota couldn’t attend, a Common Cause board member, Alberder Hampton-Gillespie, spoke in her place.



Alberder Hampton-Gillespie

Hampton-Gillespie spoke from personal experience as she has significant civic engagement experience. She also reviewed a presentation entitled, “Redistricting in Minnesota: What You Need to Know” and answered several questions from attendees. She spoke of the effect of the census on representation, how Minnesota district lines are created compared to other states, the harm of gerrymandering, and the problem that can arise in “safe districts.”

Hampton-Gillespie ended her presentation by providing steps citizens can take ranging from small to large: reaching out to candidates and representatives regarding their stance on redistricting, reading more about the subject, discussing redistricting with friends and family so everyone is more knowledgeable, writing op-eds for community publications, starting online petitions, and asking your representatives to pass a resolution in support of an independent redistricting commission.

Common Cause Minnesota passed along several resources regarding redistricting: a copy of the presentation from the meeting, a primer on redistricting for the community, information on the controversy surrounding redistricting, and more information about the organization. These resources are included on the League website: www.lwvrosevillearea.org/content/resources-about-redistricting-gerrymandering-and-census. A recording of the event will be posted to the League’s YouTube channel.



Attendees of the Redistricting event at the Roseville Public Library

Voter Services: Voter Registration at Mounds Park Academy

By: Karen Lake

Mounds Park Academy students asked the League’s Voter Services committee to offer a voter registration opportunity during their March 14th walk-out in support of the nation-wide student advocacy for school safety legislation in response to the recent Florida high school shooting. The Voter Services committee has conducted voter registrations at MPA in the past. Judy Stuthman, June Stewart, and Karen Lake registered 29 students, half of the class! Other activities for students were stations for emailing, phoning, and writing postcards to legislators. There was also a short program naming each victim of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School killings and encouraging students to be informed and to participate actively in democracy.

Several people shared their thoughts on, “Why I intend to Vote...”

- “I would like to vote so that I can play an active role in my community/society. I think it would be satisfying to have a voice in current issues, even if they do not directly affect me.” (student)
- “I intend to vote because we need change. The democratic process, i.e. the voters, can implement change. Here come the mid-terms!” (student)
- “I intend to vote because I believe that the only interests politicians should serve is the citizens — NOT corporations, the NRA, or any other than the citizens themselves.” (student)
- “Voting is an act of freedom.” (Voter Services committee member)

March for Our Lives Recap: A Tale of Two Cities

St. Paul, Minnesota

On a cold and windy morning on Harriet Island, LWV of Roseville Area's Judy Stuthman instructed LWVMN volunteers how to register new voters as they waited to begin the March for Our Lives on March 24. After the march arrived at the Capitol grounds, League volunteers again mingled in the crowd and in the Capitol Rotunda to assist people with registration. Several speakers thanked League for being there during their speeches and the crowd gave the League loud cheers for their dedication to voter registration.

If you want to take action, view the LWVUS site for steps you can take after the march: participate.lwv.org/c/10065/p/dia/action4/common/public/index.sjs?action_KEY=13314&okay=true

(Pictured: LWV of Roseville Area member Teresa Wernecke at the march)



Baltimore, Maryland

By: Gladys Jones



March for Our Lives Baltimore!

While visiting family in Baltimore, I was fortunate to participate in the Rally at City Hall on March 24! My niece Jennifer, her daughter Rose (age 6), and I made signs and were so inspired by the youth-led rally! Although many Baltimore students and adults bussed to the march in Washington, D.C., well over 1,000 rallied and marched in Baltimore. The theme of reducing gun violence in Baltimore and across the country was powerful in the speeches and signs! The stark reality of the recent gun assault in a Maryland school brought more urgency to the goals. Rose experienced her first rally and was struck by the atmosphere of unity and passion. These students will not give up!

(Pictured: LWV of Roseville Area member Gladys Jones and her great-niece Rose)

Spirited Debate on Metropolitan Council Governance

By: Karen Schaffer

Current issues surrounding governance of the Metropolitan Council were vigorously debated on February 24 by Steve Dornfeld (former public affairs newspaper reporter and Metro Council Public Affairs Director) and Chris Gerlach (former legislator and current Dakota County Commissioner). The Golden Valley event was co-sponsored by CMAL, LWV of Golden Valley, and LWV of Crystal/New Hope/East Plymouth. LWV of Roseville Area member Karen Schaffer moderated.

Dornfeld and Gerlach both served on the Citizens League 2015-2016 Metropolitan Council Task Force that examined metropolitan governance. Dornfeld gave historic perspective on accomplishments of the Met Council, agreeing that some adjustments to the structure enacted by the legislature in 1994 would be appropriate. Gerlach promoted substantial change to the current structure, arguing, in general, that excessive concentration of accountability to the governor has come at the expense of the ability of local officials, especially local officials in geographic areas not carried by the governor, to influence Met Council policy. Dornfeld and Gerlach answered audience questions ranging from whether or not local officials were truly boxed out from influence with the Met Council to whether Met Council members should be elected or the Met Council should be enlarged to include local elected officials.

Full text of the Citizens League report may be found at citizensleague.org. Dornfeld was part of the majority report; Gerlach authored the minority report.



Dornfeld, Gerlach, and Schaffer

LWV of Roseville Area Nominations Report:

June 1, 2018 - May 31 2019

This is a listing of the positions that will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on May 1, 2018. The dates behind the name indicate the terms. Terms are staggered to ensure continuity on the board.

- **President:** Sherry Hood – 2020
- **Vice President:** Barb Barany – 2020
- **Secretary:** Mary Peterson - 2019
- **Treasurer:** Joyce Briggs – 2019
- **Action Team Leaders:** Wayne Groff and Gladys Jones – 2019
- **Communications Team Leader:** Barb Anderson – 2020
- **Membership Team Leader:** Beth Reinhart - 2020
- **Program Team Leader:** Bonnie Koch - 2019
- **Voter Service Team Leader:** Karen Lake - 2019
- **At-large Board Members:** Stephanie DeBenedet, Rachel Geiser, Beth Salzl, Karen Schaffer

The following positions do not require membership approval, but are provided for your information (and your opportunity to volunteer yourself).

Communications

- **Archivist:** Dan Salzl
- **Email – Membership:** Barb Anderson
- **Google Drive:** Barb Anderson
- **PR:** Merrie Zakaras
- **Social Media:** Carrie Dickson
- **Video:** Jim DeBenedet, Rob Reinhart
- **Voter:** Rachel Geiser
- **Voter Distribution:** MaryJo Rourke
- **Webpage:** Barb Anderson

Finance, Budget and Examiners

- **Budget:** MaryAnn Palmer, Faith O’Neill
- **Examiners:** Faith O’Neill, MaryAnn Palmer
- **Finance (Fundraising):** Faith O’Neill, Joyce Briggs, Barb Anderson

Membership

- **Data Management:** *At this time, we have not been able to fill this position. Please contact the Nominations Committee if you are interested.*
- **Directory:** Judy Berglund
- **Nominations:** Shirley Bradway and June Stewart, co-chairs; Mary Duddleston, Beth Salzl

Program

- **Annual Meeting:** Joyce Blomquist, Ann Cleland
- **CMAL Representative:** Karen Schaffer, Huda Yusuf
- **Gavel Representative:** June Stewart
- **VIP/Conversations with Constituents:** Gladys Jones, Barb Leary

Voter Service

- **Candidate Forums:** Cecelia Warner
- **Voter Registration:** Judy Stuthman

LWV of Roseville Area 2018-2019 Proposed Budget

LWV Roseville Area 2018-2019 Proposed Budget			
	Budget 2017-18	YTD March 2017-18	Proposed Budget 2018-19
INCOME:			
Dues (120 pd members/\$70 dues)	7,700.00	8,331.00	8,400.00
Contributions (unrestricted)	2,110.00	3,685.00	2,500.00
Memorials	0.00	220.00	
Annual Meeting	1,100.00	998.97	1,100.00
Misc., Incl. Voter Service Grants			
Special Events	850.00	720.00	850.00
Reserves			780.00
In Kind			
TOTAL INCOME	11,760.00	13,954.97	13,630.00
EXPENSES:			
Program Division			
Program	250.00		250.00
Special Events	850.00	720.00	850.00
CMAL Meeting			
Voter Services			
Miscellaneous	250.00		150.00
Advocacy/Action			
		62.08	100.00
Communications			
Public Relations/Advertising	25.00	61.70	75.00
Publication Purchases	100.00		100.00
Voter Mailing		30.00	50.00
Archivist			
Printing	750.00	323.22	400.00
Website	500.00	292.23	250.00
Miscellaneous/facebook			
Membership	300.00	214.24	50.00
Board Expense			
			200.00
President/Vice President	25.00	24.30	25.00
Secretary	25.00		25.00
Finance Committee	150.00	167.28	175.00
Treasurer/fees	45.00		
Board Expense	100.00		100.00
Sunshine Fund		16.00	50.00
Facility Honorarium	200.00		200.00
Delegate, Travel, Affiliation			
Delegates, Convention, Workshop	1,000.00	310.00	2,500.00
Miscellaneous			
Memorials	100.00	200.00	
Other Club Dues (Gavel Club)	15.00		15.00
Dues (Regional Water Interleague)	25.00		25.00
Annual Meeting	1,100.00	1,183.51	1,100.00
Miscellaneous	150.00		
Youth Award		104.13	100.00
In Kind			
Per Member Payments			
PMP National (\$30.00/120 members)	3,300.00	3,056.00	3,600.00
PMP State (\$27.00/120 members)	2,500.00	2,268.12	3,240.00
CMAL Dues (\$1.00/120 members)	0.00		0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	11,760.00	9,032.81	13,630.00

Future League Events

LWV Roseville Area Events

Check the calendar carefully because not all evening meetings are on a Tuesday. League evening meetings will be recorded and available on our website: www.lwvrosevillearea.org.

- **May 1 – Annual Meeting.** See the full event description and RSVP information on [page 2](#). Little Canada City Hall, 515 Little Canada Rd. E., Little Canada.
- **June – Field Trip.** Tour to coordinate with housing study. More information will be available soon.

Find the LWV Roseville Area Calendar at lwvrosevillearea.org/content/calendar

Find the LWV Roseville Area Events page at lwvrosevillearea.org/tags/events

LWVMN Event

- **April 28 – LWV State Council.** A day filled with valuable trainings, technical assistance, networking, and social opportunities for all LWV members who attend. See the March 2018 Voter newsletter for information about League's special offer to assist with the cost of attending the state council. Further council details available at lwvmn.org/local-leagues/lwv-minnesota-council-2018; 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Courtyard by Marriott St. Cloud, 404 West St. Germain St., St. Cloud.

Find the LWVMN Events Calendar at www.lwvmn.org/media-and-events/events

LWVUS Event

- **June 28 - July 1 – LWV 53rd National Convention.** League members are invited to join hundreds of passionate and engaged leaders for the biennial national gathering to be held in Chicago. In addition to participating as a voting delegate during plenary session on official League business (e.g., budget, program, election of officers), there'll be formal and informal gatherings for leagues to share success stories and plan for the run-up to the League 100th anniversary, education and advocacy workshops on key program priorities, training modules to support critical strategic growth goals and initiatives, and networking celebrations at receptions, special events, and the awards banquet. The theme for the convention is "Creating a More Perfect Democracy." See the March 2018 Voter newsletter for information about League's special offer to assist with the cost of attending the convention. Further convention details available at forum.lwv.org/category/member-resources/council-and-convention/convention-2018; Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL.

April League events are detailed on [page 10](#).

League Interest-Related Events from Other Organizations

- **April 14 – March for Science 2018 Rally (March for Science Minnesota).** Speakers include Karen Diver, Former Advisor to Pres. Obama on Native American Affairs; Ticiea Fletcher, Community activist on lead safety; Kelli Ellickson, 2017 Minnesota Science Teacher of the Year; J. Drake Hamilton, Science Policy Director Fresh Energy; and Christopher Pennel, Geneticist. Meet with representatives of your favorite science organizations at noon. The rally begins at 1 p.m. If you plan to attend, please [RSVP on the March for Science Minnesota website](#), where you can also volunteer to assist at the rally. 12-2 p.m., St. Paul Capitol, 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, St. Paul.

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April League Events Calendar

- **April 17 – Minnesota’s Next Steps to Grow Renewable Energy.** Speaker: J. Drake Hamilton, Fresh Energy. See the full event description on [page 1](#); 6:30 p.m., Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2561 Victoria St., Roseville.
- **April 21 – CMAL 2018 Annual convention.** See the full event description and RSVP information on [page 2](#); 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., St. Louis Park City Hall, 500 Minnetonka Blvd., St. Louis Park.
- **April 24 – Why I Run: Women Finding Their Political Voice.** See the full event description on [page 2](#); 6:30-8 p.m., Roseville Area High School cafeteria, 1240 W. County Rd. B2, Roseville.



The full event calendars are on [page 9](#).

The Voter Article Submission Deadline

Submissions for the next issue of the Voter are due 10 days before the end of the month. If you have any questions about or information to submit for the newsletter, contact Rachel Geiser at rachelsoup@gmail.com.