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Third Annual Brews and Book Reviews

LWV of Roseville Area is once again hosting the highly popular Brews and Book Reviews event on Tuesday, July 24, at 7 p.m. at the Bent Brewstillery, 1744 Terrace Drive, Roseville (between Lincoln Dr. and Fairview Ave.). Attendees are encouraged to bring a book to recommend to others for summer reading (it's okay if you're unable to bring a physical copy of the book). Craft beers and non-alcoholic drinks are available for purchase.

The event is open to the public. Invite a friend and join us for a relaxing evening discovering what is on everyone's recommended book list. Consider posting the flyer attached to the emailed version of The Voter in an area that you visit.

Walk with the League in the Canadian Days Parade

Come stand up for our League and celebrate LWVMN's 100 years by marching in the Canadian Days parade in Little Canada on Sunday, August 4, with a parade start at noon. Some marchers plan to dress in outfits similar to the suffragettes. June Stewart gathered her suffragette outfit through trips to a secondhand store and the Target Dollar Spot. You can also order a costume online at candyapplecostumes.com/cc00713.html (the photo to the bottom-right shows this costume). The dress comes with the sash but not the hat, sign, or shoes. The cost including shipping and handling is \$40 with a window of 17 days if you need to return it. The sizes run small; an XL is equal to size 12-14.

When we walked in the Rosefest parade in June (see [page 9](#)), some of us wore the I Will Vote/Be a Voter t-shirts we had last year with the blue LWV caps. Contact Sherry Hood, as she has extra t-shirts available for a small donation. No outfit? No problem. Just wear something comfortable and come and have a great time being with other League members and proudly standing for voting rights for all!

Mary Peterson will know our line up number in August. We will likely line up at 11:30 a.m. Please email Mary (mary.peterson555@gmail.com), June Stewart (juneret@comcast.net), or Sherry Hood (sherryhood@icloud.com), to let them know that you'll be marching in the parade, or if you have any questions.



League members dressed as suffragettes at the 2019 Rosefest parade



Image: Candy Apple Costumes website

Legalizing Equality: Is the ERA Still Needed?



LWV of Roseville Area will host a presentation by Kathleen Murphy, founder of ERA Minnesota and daughter of LWV of Roseville Area member Joyce Briggs, on Tuesday, August 20, 6:30-8 p.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2561 Victoria St., Roseville.

The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) was first proposed in 1923 by suffragist Alice Paul and was finally approved by the House of Representatives in 1971 and the Senate the following year. It needed ratification by 38 state legislatures, but by the deadline in 1982 only 35 had done so. Since then, two more states have ratified it. ERA Minnesota is part of a movement to extend the deadline and convince one more state to back the amendment.

Ms. Murphy will show the documentary *Legalize Equality*, detailing the economic effects of the ERA, discuss what is happening legislatively in Minnesota, and update attendees on the efforts at the national level.

LWVUS overwhelmingly voted to support the ERA in 1972. Its position is: *Support ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment and efforts to bring laws into compliance with the goals of the ERA. Support equal rights for all under state and federal law regardless of race, color gender, religion, national origin, age, sexual orientation, or disabilities.*

LWVMN is one of ERA Minnesota's supporters. Attached to the emailed Voter is a flyer to give to friends or family members who may be interested. The public is invited.

Better Angels Workshop: September League Member Event

"We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection the mystic chords of memory...will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature." President Abraham Lincoln: *First Inaugural Address*

A special workshop for League members focused on improving understanding and fostering respectful discourse between people holding sharply differing views is set for September 17 from 6–9 p.m. at the Autumn Grove park building. Better Angels' mission is: *Better Angels is a citizens' organization uniting red and blue Americans in a working alliance to depolarize America.*

We have invited trained moderators from Better Angels in Minnesota to lead a workshop titled, "Depolarizing Within: Becoming a Better Angel in Our World." League members are invited to participate together with a goal to help us explore how the manner in which we speak either contributes to the divide or helps to overcome it. This workshop will allow members to form better connections within League and serve as good representatives of LWV while promoting civil discourse in our neighborhoods and broader community.

The Better Angels' goals are to:

- Try to understand the other side's point of view, even if we don't agree with it.
- Engage those we disagree with, looking for common ground and ways to work together.
- Support principles that bring us together rather than divide us.

Registration is free and **limited to 50 League members**. LWV of Roseville Area members have first priority for registration. **After August 15**, registration will open to other League chapters' members.

To register and find out more, go to eventbrite.com/e/lwv-roseville-area-better-angels-workshop-september-17-2019-tickets-64539084138. When asked, put in password: **League**.

Gloria: A Life — LWV of Roseville Area Social Event

Looking for a fun night out while brushing up on the history of the fight for gender equality? *Gloria: A Life* will be performed at the History Theater in St. Paul in September and October.

This new work by Tony Award-winning playwright Emily Mann celebrates the life of one of the most important figures of America's feminist movement! Nearly half a century later, Ms. Steinem's fight for gender equality is still a battle yet to be won. Her work continues in this powerful theatrical event with an all-female cast led by Charity Jones as Gloria Steinem and directed by Risa Brainin.

Join fellow League members (and invited friends) to attend on **Thursday, October 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the History Theater** in St. Paul. If we have enough commitments, we will get the **group discounted rate of \$30**. However, it is important for you to get your name (and any friends joining you) on the list. Information on paying for the ticket will be forthcoming. RSVP and send questions to lwvrosevillearea@lwvmn.org. If transportation is needed/desired, please indicate this on your RSVP.

Gloria Steinem is a visionary, an icon, a hero to millions of women and me. - Oprah Winfrey

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Michelle Witte, executive director of LWVMN, was graciously welcomed by the LWV of Roseville Area Board Members at our June 2019 Board meeting. This gave us a good opportunity to inquire about our League's needs regarding LWVMN. Karen Lake, committee co-chair of Voter Services, had several questions answered. LWVMN has recommended in-person training for candidate forums, specifically the person organizing these forums and the moderators. Nick Harper, who is a staff member at LWVMN and an attorney, has two job functions: Voter Services and Civic Engagement Director (for the Minnesota Legislature). He has 34 recommendations for Voter Services to address which, I assume, will be initially presented to the LWVMN Board Voter Services committee.



Sherry Hood

Another of our inquiries was about VOTE411, an LWVUS venture that has been purchased by LWVMN for two years. It is an electronic voter guide service from which the public can obtain information on local and national candidates running for office by entering their address. LWVMN is beta testing it for this first year. The LWV of Golden Valley has had success with it. LWVUS wants it to be a trusted source. It will have questions answered by the candidates plus other information. The Minnesota Secretary of State's office website has had the ballot for your area and a list of candidates and their websites, but VOTE411 will have more information. Michelle reminded us that early voting for the March 2020 primary begins in January. Our League will need a special subcommittee to work on the VOTE411 program. Your help will be important and so appreciated. Michelle said that six communities in Minnesota are asking to form a League and, if accepted, will also need to be on VOTE411.

Beth Reinhart, chair of the Membership committee, had her questions answered. The new "New Member Handbook" is online at the LWVMN website. Membership sign-up will still need to be initiated through local league chapters. This very important part of LWV is still being worked out in the LWV system.

To conclude, I ask for your help come late August with your boots on the ground, your money to support us, and your ideas to help us! We have been at this for 100 years! The LWV name and mission has very significant national recognition. Your energy, commitment, and ideas will help us to guide our five-city community and our nation to a better world! Needless to say, 2020 is a very critical year...the Census and elections!



LWV of Roseville Area Board Members Meeting with Michelle Witte

Pictured (l-r, front row): Barb Anderson, Priscilla Morton, Joyce Briggs, Jim DeBenedet, Stephanie DeBenedet, Beth Reinhart

(l-r, back row): Grace Gee, Mary Peterson, Michelle Witte, Barb Barany, Sherry Hood, Wayne Groff, Karen Lake (not pictured: Rachel Geiser)

Did you know? Census data is used for drawing school district boundaries, creating maps to speed emergency services to households in need of assistance, and planning urban land use.

Best or Worst?

By Florence Sprague

Do not compare their worst to your best. I do not recall where I first heard that statement; I only recall thinking that it belonged in a Windows and Mirrors piece. As I look forward to the Better Angels workshop in September (see the description on [page 2](#)), this seems an appropriate time to ponder it further.

On the surface this may not seem like a diversity topic. It is not about race, religion, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, ability/disability, health, citizenship status, or, well, anything in particular. Except that it is about all of them.

The column heading Windows and Mirrors for All is gratefully derived from a wonderful essay by Emily Style, "Curriculum as Window and Mirror." Style states that "education needs to enable the student to look through window frames in order to see the realities of others and into mirrors in order to see her/his own reality reflected." People of all ages need both windows and mirrors with which to view the world, but too often we only have mirrors.

As adults, we have no curriculum, no teacher to structure our vision of what we see and hear through windows. When we look through windows, or listen to stories wafting out those windows as we pass on the street, figuratively speaking, we may see and hear things that we disagree with, things that we are offended by, things we don't understand. We must make our own interpretations, structure our own responses.

This is when that opening statement can be useful: Do not compare their worst with your best. Returning to what Style said, we need "to see the realities of others." This does not happen with a quick glimpse, a soundbite of someone all hyped up at a rally, a headline, or a talk show rant. Wherever the starting point, we need to explore the why of what people say, not just the what. Certainly some of the most visible ranters are provocateurs, but millions of ordinary people sincerely hold widely divergent opinions on a multitude of topics. Why?

I once heard a speaker reflecting on implementing the Five Whys process he had learned from a Toyota executive in his home. This process says that when you have a problem you ask why five times, working back through multiple stages of causation.

Try asking why for five steps back when a position puzzles you, or a topic challenges you. It could be a useful tool. If you can't answer a why question, try narrowing the question or finding something on the topic to read. Reading is helpful even when you think that you know what you think about a topic. A recent article in *The Atlantic* about the country's immigration dilemma has raised perspectives and problems in this complex issue that I had not considered before. It never helps to stop listening (theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2019/04/david-frum-how-much-immigration-is-too-much/583252/).

We must also look closely in the mirror and seek to discern what someone else might see in our reflection. Too often I am troubled by the language used by partisans on both ends of the spectrum.

See you in September at the Better Angels workshop.

New Member Spotlight: Camille Johnson

By Beth Reinhart

One of our newest members sports some of our deepest ties with the League. Camille ("Cammy") Johnson was recently drawn to join us our local chapter by a friend, but her roots extend back to her great aunt, born in 1900, who was an early suffragette and LWV member. Her great aunt shared her personal recollections of declining marriage in deference to her ambitions to serve as a school teacher, because in the early 20th century, married women – at least those with children – were not generally allowed to be employed as teachers!

Cammy pursued her own career as an Operations and Maintenance Manager for the Metropolitan Council. Now retired, she enjoys a fascinating array of interests, including gardening (particularly helping to care for Como Park's Japanese Garden), promoting arts education, and supporting a variety of environmental and feminist issues. She and her husband have lived in Maplewood for a number of years, with their son attending Edgerton elementary school. One of their more intriguing experiences was as "frog and toad listeners" at the Maplewood Nature Center.

We're very pleased to welcome Cammy into our fold and look forward to her sharing her interests, talents, and energy with us!



Camille Johnson

Help Wanted

Review the following requests from League committee leaders to see where your help is needed.

Action/Advocacy Committee Volunteers Needed

Action/Advocacy team members are needed for fall, winter, and spring this program year. A main focus will continue to be attending our local government bodies' public meetings and reporting on the agenda items and actions needed for League positions. We need eyes and ears from the League to encourage accountability from our local councils, commissions, and school boards. We especially invite people to participate where **your** interests are strongest. An observer training will be held in early fall and will be announced separately. Contact Priscilla Morton (prismorton@comcast.net) or Wayne Groff (waynegroff@edinarealty.com) for more information. Make your voices heard in this valuable service to the League and to our communities!

Census Committee Volunteers Needed

This fall our census work will move from mainly planning mode to getting out census information to the public. We will need volunteers to reach people at schools, in libraries, and at other community gathering places, as well as where they live. If you can help—once, sometimes, or often—please contact Barb Barany at baran005@umn.edu. Starting in late summer to early fall, you will be notified of training opportunities to learn about the Census and offered opportunities to spread the word. Please let Barb know if you live in or have other access to multi-unit or senior housing.

Election Judges Needed

Serving as an election judge is a chance to learn more about elections and it is a great service to the community! Election judges are needed to staff not only the polling places on primary and general election dates, but also at early voting sites. Attending an approximately two-hour training session this summer is required to be an election judge.

If interested, contact your city or county election office or access an application on the Secretary of State's website: mnvotes.org. Further information may also be found on the Ramsey County's website: ramseycounty.us/residents/elections-voting/election-judges/election-judge-information.

Beginning of Resilient Roseville

By Donna Peterson

The LWV of Roseville Area Environmental Subcommittee first met in late 2018. When we talked about priorities, one subject was climate change. Quickly we recognized that the chance for us to make a difference would lie in partnership with others in the community. Almost concurrently, LWVUS announced that it is calling for prompt action to cut this country's greenhouse gas emissions and develop clean energy solutions.

The Alliance for Sustainability already had a network of supporters in Roseville and readily agreed to reach out to their network and set a date for a community meeting. Some who attended were public officials, some were employees or volunteers with other organizations, and several were LWV members. Sean Gosiewski, Executive Director of the Alliance, laid out a host of possible ways we could contribute to our local community, specifically focusing on the need to develop a Greenhouse Gas Action Plan, which is part of Roseville's 2040 Comprehensive Plan. A name was important and so we agreed upon "Resilient Roseville."

We continue to meet. While most live in Roseville, some bring experience from other places. Last month we agreed upon the following mission statement for our group: "Contribute to and promote climate action projects, environmental resilience and protection in Roseville." We have also identified some possible areas for our attention. Solar panels for Roseville Schools are of high interest following the installation of solar panels on several city buildings in Roseville. Other interest areas include promotion of building codes to require higher energy standards, renewable energy, and energy efficiency for businesses.

Developing more resilient cities is currently a big priority in Minnesota. On June 20, several Resilient Roseville members attended the Resilient Cities Workshop, organized by the Alliance for Sustainability and hosted at the Roseville Ice Center. Energy filled the room as we learned what cities are currently doing and what they can do. Not only were there attendees from metro area-cities, but also Northfield, Red Wing, and St. Cloud. There clearly is no shortage of areas for our work as part of Resilient Roseville.

While the focus right now is Roseville, with a little more history we may have some information useful to neighboring cities or welcome others to join us. If you want to learn more, or have suggestions, please contact Donna Peterson (peter080@umn.edu) or Priscilla Morton (prismorton@comcast.net).

League Program Updates

- **Housing** (by Mindy Greiling)

Thanks to the many League members who showed up at the June 3 meeting of the Roseville City Council. It made a huge difference. The Council passed rezoning for the 60-unit CommonBond affordable housing project for multi-family seniors by a vote of 3 to 2. Council members told us afterwards that having so many supporters in the room made the vote much easier.

As President Sherry Hood’s letter published in the Roseville Review stated, “The League of Women Voters has long-held positions in support of affordable housing that resulted from careful study. Recently we researched our local housing landscape and found there is a need for more affordable housing in our area. Many members of our League chapter participated in the public process as Roseville recently updated its comprehensive plan. We are pleased that the new plan incorporates many of our recommendations, including calling for ‘a broad and flexible range of housing choices within the community to provide sufficient alternatives to meet the changing needs of current and future residents throughout all stages of life.’”

- **Elder Care** (by Bonnie Koch)

Advocates for elder care protection at our March 2019 program saw recent success. At 10:30 p.m. the night before the close of the 2018-2019 legislative year, legislation was passed in the Minnesota Senate to correspond with the bill already passed in the Minnesota House requiring assisted living licensure (Minnesota was the last state in the nation to do so), providing consumer protection measures, and providing residents the right to have a camera in their living space. It also increased the number of state ombudsmen. The bill was signed into law on Wednesday, June 5 with advocates and industry and state agency people in attendance. The bill was backed by Elder Voice Family Advocates, AARP, and Elder Justice, who gave special recognition to Senator John Marty for his support.

- **Washington, D.C. Statehood** (by Bonnie Koch)

In September 2018 we heard a presentation from a member of the LWV of Washington, D.C., on the topic of statehood. LWVUS has long supported statehood for Washington, D.C., but there has been little actual movement on it until this legislative session. The League endorses HR 51, the *Washington DC Admission Act*, which would grant statehood to the D.C. A hearing on the bill is scheduled for the U.S. House on July 24, which will be the first hearing on legislation related to D.C. statehood in 25 years. HR 51 was introduced by Eleanor Holmes Norton representing D.C. as a non-voting delegate, and Minnesota Representatives McCollum, Omar, and Philips are co-sponsors. Parallel legislation has been introduced in the Senate, but has little chance of gaining momentum there. Minnesota Senators Klobuchar and Smith are both co-sponsors of that bill.

Making Census: The 2020 Census Goes Online

By Barb Barany

The 2020 Census will invite responses differently than in past years. As in the past, group living facilities will be tallied by residence administrators in January. This includes traditional facilities like college dormitories, nursing homes, and prisons. In a few months we should know which other residences will be included in the January count—assisted living, senior apartments, student cooperatives? However, those residents who aren’t tallied in January will be invited to respond according to the U.S. Census Bureau chart to the right. The big change is that the Census Bureau would prefer responses online (or by phone), and will only send out paper forms later. We don’t expect metro-area households to receive paper questionnaires until the mid-April reminder.

WHAT WE WILL SEND IN THE MAIL	
On or between	You'll receive:
March 12-20	An invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census. (Some households will also receive paper questionnaires.)
March 16-24	A reminder letter.
	If you haven't responded yet:
March 26-April 3	A reminder postcard.
April 8-16	A reminder letter and paper questionnaire.
April 20-27	A final reminder postcard before we follow up in person.

We understand you might miss our initial letter in the mail.

- Every household that hasn't already responded will receive reminders and will eventually receive a paper questionnaire.
- It doesn't matter which initial invitation you get or how you get it—we will follow up in person with all households that don't respond!



CMAL Annual Meeting and New Board Plans

By Karen Schaffer

Metropolitan Council Chair Nora Slawik (and member of LWV of Woodbury/Cottage Grove Area) gave the keynote at the 2019 Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues (CMAL) Annual Meeting on June 1. Slawik's remarks focused on the regional challenges of racial diversity, the need to connect people to opportunity, the need for long-range housing planning, and priorities in transit development. Her appearance at the CMAL Annual Meeting was her first public speaking event after the close of the 2019 legislative session. Slawik talked about the legislature's failure to permanently fund the Met Council's planned rapid bus lines (like the A Line on Snelling and the C Line in Brooklyn Center) – plans which she intends to promote in the future.



Karen Schaffer and Nora Slawik

An enthusiastic crowd of over 35 people attended the Annual Meeting with 17 of 19 metro-area Leagues present. There was an energetic discussion of the CMAL Program for 2019-2020. The delegates voted that

CMAL should establish a committee to evaluate the current CMAL Program for Action in light of the CMAL bylaws and LWVMN and LWVUS positions, as well as reviewing through the lens of diversity, equity and inclusion. Marcia Wattson (LWV of Bloomington) and Carol Barclay (LWV of Brooklyn Park, Osseo, Maple Grove) stepped up to chair this committee. The delegates also amended the CMAL bylaws and elected officers and directors.

The following were elected: Karen Schaffer as Chair (LWV of Roseville Area); Martha Micks as Secretary (LWV of Golden Valley); Holly Jenkins as Treasurer (LWV of Dakota County); Kate Redden as Director #2 (LWV of Minneapolis); Peg DuBord as Director #3 (LWV of South Tonka); Lynn Gitelis as Director #4 (LWV of Golden Valley). Vice Chair Ardyth Norem (LWV of Wayzata/Plymouth) and Director #1 Susan Anderson continues to serve pursuant to last year's election.

CMAL wants you! If you'd like to serve on the CMAL Program Evaluation Committee, work on developing a communications procedure/policy for the CMAL Board, **or** help with the CMAL history project (in time for the LWVMN Centennial), please contact Karen Schaffer (schafferka@gmail.com). These projects are relatively short-term and could be a fun way for LWV of Roseville Area members to become familiar with CMAL and metro-area issues.

Registering New Citizens to Vote

By Judy Stuthman

LWV has been a presence at 99% of the naturalization ceremonies in our state for about 20 years. It began when a teacher from the Literacy Council thought it would be good to have new citizens register to vote at their Naturalization Ceremonies. He approached LWVMN to see if our non-partisan organization would be willing to do this. Since all ceremonies were then held at Bethel College, the office contacted our Roseville Area League then known as "RoMaFH." We took on the job, but at that time, the late 1990s, we could only pass out the blank form to the new citizens as they were leaving the events. They took the form home and hopefully filled it out and mailed it in.

Within a few years, we were able to give instructions before the ceremonies began. Then the new local director of the USCIS objected, limiting us to a table in the hallway after the ceremony, when everyone was too excited to stand in line and fill out the form before they left to celebrate. Registering at the ceremonies became crazy during the months before the 2004 election. Many different partisan groups showed up trying to get registrants. This created chaos when some groups actually registered people as they got out of their parked cars and before they came in for the ceremony. Other groups continued to roam around and register new citizens during the ceremony.

Fearing this chaos and disruption could bring the registration program to an end, LWV talked to Judge Donovan Frank, the person in charge of the ceremonies. He gave League, and only League, permission to register the new citizens in whatever way was the most productive. So now we are "in"...only us. We are guests of the court and we have made the commitment to be present at all the ceremonies. Volunteers are now from all Leagues across the state. On the average, we register 90-95% of new citizens at each ceremony. This is a figure that has increased over the years, and someone from the court said it is because we have gained the trust of the registrants.

The ceremonies are always inspiring and it is not unusual to see League members shedding a few tears. There has been a surge across the country in new members to League. Locally, new members in metro-area Leagues are being encouraged to engage in this activity, so fortunately, we have a good volunteer turnout to not just help with the registration, but to also be a welcoming presence to these new citizens in our communities. If you're interested in volunteering with LWV at these ceremonies, email Judy Stuthman (jastuthman@aol.com) to get more information.

June Event Recap: Sustainability Field Trip

By Donna Peterson

On June 5, LWV of Roseville Area members took a field trip to Macalester College to see sustainability and its focus during their tour of Markim Hall. For half of us, our sustainability tour started by taking the A Line bus from the Rosedale Transit Center to the stop on Grand Ave. and then a very short walk to Markim Hall. Our tour number of 15 included two grandchildren getting a head start on sustainable thinking.

At Markim Hall, Dr. Suzanne Savanick Hansen, Macalester College Sustainability Manager, met us and enthusiastically shared some of the history of sustainability at Macalester and noted features in the lobby where the tour began. In 2009, Markim Hall achieved a Leadership in Energy and Environment Design (LEED) Platinum certification, which is the highest level possible from United States Green Building Council. This building was the first LEED Platinum building in higher education in Minnesota and only the third building in the state.

The design and construction centered around energy efficiency, natural lighting, and use of materials with recycled content (think cardboard, ceramic and glass mosaic tiles, hulls of sunflower seeds [see the picture to the right], with some of the manufacturers in Minnesota). The building includes water conservation both inside and outside of the building and all the wood is Forest Service Council (FSI) certified. Carpet squares also allow for individual squares to be replaced, cutting waste dramatically.

Heating and cooling is accomplished by use of special hydronic panels in ceilings that one might assume are just part of the lighting. One end result of the careful design is that it uses almost 50% less energy than is typical for similar campus buildings in Minnesota. Water use is 80% less than what is typical for other similar buildings. Rainwater from the roof goes underground in perforated pipes and so minimizes what needs to go into storm drains. Far more could be and has been written about the building's design features. Awesome is an apt descriptor.

We also learned about additional aspects of the campus' sustainability plan. We heard some phrases that are not so familiar like zero waste, real food, and carbon neutral. All are part of Macalester's climate action plan. Macalester has a goal of zero waste by 2020, meaning 90% of the waste must NOT go to a landfill or incinerator. A goal of being carbon neutral by 2025 means removing as much carbon dioxide from the air as Macalester emits. One avenue is to plant trees that can take up the carbon dioxide. As a start, Macalester is working with Tree Trust to plant trees in St. Paul, although many opportunities exist to work with organizations doing the same in other parts of the world. Another important goal is for 30% real food by 2020, meaning a focus on local, organic, humane, or fair trade as part of purchasing.

Energy efficiency, solar panels, and wind energy all play into the equation of cutting Macalester's carbon emissions. One building, the Olin-Science Building, has been able to save somewhere between \$50,000-\$75,000 annually after re-commissioning to improve its energy efficiency. There were many takeaways. First is that a focus on environmental design has many positives, including for the bottom line and for the people who work in the space. For buildings that already exist, remodeling with energy conservation and efficiency in mind can also bring huge cost savings. In the end, sustainability focuses on balancing costs and impact on the environment and people. Macalester continues to drive this forward by keeping all three in mind! Take time to learn more about Markim Hall at macalester.edu/sustainability/data-reports/reports/. For the whole campus, see: macalester.edu/sustainability/#/0.



At one of the tour stops: Cabinet doors made from sunflower seed hulls

New Ad-Hoc Committee: Centennial Committee

A new ad-hoc LWV of Roseville Area committee has been formed to work to recognize and celebrate a century of LWV activism. Local activities will augment those planned by LWVMN. Both levels will seek to recall our history through a lens of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Watch for future news about upcoming events, including an exciting dinner theater event in December.

Teresa Wernecke and Mindy Greiling have been appointed co-chairs. Committee members are: Shirley Bradway, Cathy Croghan, Carrie Dickson, Sherry Hood, Diana Menanteau, Rita Mills, Mary Peterson, Lisa Scribner, Marquita Stephens, and June Stewart. If you are interested in joining the committee, please let a committee member know.

Additionally, three long-time LWV of Roseville Area members are participating on an LWVMN team assisting the Minnesota Historical Society in selecting LWVMN items to use in a fall 2020 women's suffrage display. Those women are: Mindy Greiling, Karen Schaffer, and Judy Stuthman.

Future League Events

Meetings are usually recorded and posted on our website: lwvrosevillearea.org. If you need a ride to an event, contact Sherry Hood (sherryhood@icloud.com / 651-633-1434) or Bonnie Koch (toouray@aol.com / 651-683-2992).

July and August events are detailed on [page 1](#), [page 2](#), and [page 10](#).

- **September 17 – Depolarizing Within: Becoming a Better Angel in Your Own World.** See the full event description on [page 2](#); 7-8:30 p.m.; Autumn Grove Park Building, 1365 Lydia Ave. W., Roseville.
- **October 10 – Gloria: A Life.** Attend a play with League members about Gloria Steinem; See full event description on [page 2](#); 7:30 p.m.
- **October (Date TBD) – Program Regarding Mental Health and Isolation.** Further details forthcoming.
- **November 19 – Affordable Housing Panel** Speakers TBD; 6:30-8 p.m.; Centennial United Methodist Church, 1524 Cty. Rd. C2 W., Roseville.
- **December 12 – LWV Anniversary Dinner and Show.** Further details forthcoming.
- **January 16 – Conversation with Constituents.** Interact with office holders in our five cities; 6:30 p.m. refreshments, 7-8:30 p.m. program; Roseville City Hall, 2660 Civic Center Dr., Roseville.
- **February (Date TBD) – Electoral College/National Popular Vote Compact.** Further details forthcoming.
- **March (Date TBD) – Environmental Topic.** Further details forthcoming.
- **April 21 – LWV Anniversary Event.** Josie Johnson will talk about her League involvement and voting rights; Time and location forthcoming.
- **May (Date TBD) – LWV of Roseville Area Annual Meeting.** Further details forthcoming.
- **June (Date TBD) – Environmental Field Trip.** Further details forthcoming.

League Members in Rosefest Parade

By Rachel Geiser

Members of LWV of Roseville Area marched in the Rosefest parade on June 24. Marchers were met with many cheers and support from the crowd.

See the group marching in the CTV video of the parade around the 48:50 mark here: ctvnorthsuburbs.org/videos/roseville-rose-parade-2019/.

Volunteer to march in the Canadian Days parade in Little Canada on August. 4. See [page 1](#) for more details.

Right: League members marching in the Rosefest Parade



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LWV of Roseville Area: July-August Event Calendar

- **July 24 – Brews and Book Reviews.** See the full event description on [page 1](#); 7 p.m.
- **August 4 – League Members Marching in Canadian Days Parade.** See the full event description on [page 1](#); 12 p.m.
- **August 20 – Legalizing Equality: Is the ERA Still Needed?** See the full event description on [page 2](#); 6:30 p.m.



Citizenship School, 1929 — Source: LWV Media Library

Voter Article Submission Deadline

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