# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF ROSEVILLE AREA





















# 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting League of Women Voters of Roseville Area

(Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Little Canada, Maplewood, Roseville)

May 7, 2024 – 7:30 pm

Little Canada City Hall



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## LWV of Roseville Area: Organizational Structure



# **How Our League Works**

## Program

Member Meetings
Educational Events
Conversations with Constituents
Council of Metro Leagues
Local Studies

#### **Voter Services**

Candidate Forums Voter Registration Community Outreach Youth Engagement

#### Administrative

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Finance Committee

#### Action

Action Alerts Lobby Corps Observer Corps Advocacy

## Membership

Data Management Member Directory Nominations

#### Communication

Weekly eBlast, Monthly Voter, Website, Social Media, PR, Archivist

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## **Remembrance: Jackie Hays**

By Judy Berglund

Long-time League of Women Voters (LVM) member Jackie Hays died March 16. Our chapter lost a valued member, our children lost a strong advocate, and I lost a friend.

Jackie was my neighbor. She grew up in a small town in southern Kansas, I in a small town in southern Colorado. We hit it off immediately. After we retired, Jackie and I walked and talked around the Lake McCarron and Villa Park trails. Jackie had an insatiable curiosity, so our conversations were eclectic. "Look! What is the plant?" or "Did you see that deer? I think it is a yearling."



A licensed social worker, Jackie had worked on juvenile justice topics in a LVM chapter in Virginia before moving to the Twin Cities. Throughout her career and as a member of the Roseville Area League, she continued that advocacy for better approaches to juvenile justice. She was a member of the league's study team which published a report widely used by different organizations lobbying for better service for kids. The result was a new juvenile justice facility where kids were held in a safe place, where they could walk to court instead of being handcuffed and driven.

The Northeast Youth and Family Services (NYFS) was Jackie's passion; she was a charter board member. NYFS serves residents in northern Ramsey and southern Anoka County suburbs and the greater metropolitan area. It offers mental health counseling and youth services that reach about 4,000 people annually. It is a place where youth and families can develop skills in all areas of life to reach their full potential and achieve their goals.

In 2012, NYFS and the Shoreview Rotary Club honored Jackie with the *Paul Harris Award*, the highest award given by the Rotary Club. Other organizations for which Jackie worked include the Roseville Public Schools FOCUS Program, the Wilder Foundation and the Forest Lake Youth Service Bureau. While non-partisan in the league, Jackie was an active grassroots member of the DFL. Over the years she and I walked throughout our neighborhood distributing campaign literature.

Feminism was also a passion for her. Jackie believed that all women were equal to men; that females could lead as well as men; that females deserved pay equal to men; and that the world would be better if gender-bias faded away. The Urban Growler in St. Paul is the first micro-brewery wholly owned by females; Jackie was a founding investor in the brewery.

Lewy-Body Dementia is a debilitating disease. When Jackie was diagnosed with the disease, she was determined to continue her life as normally as possible. "At least it's not Alzheimer's," she remarked to me as we sat drinking iced tea after one of our walks. Ten years later, Lewy-Body took her life.

Her ashes will be interred at the family plot in Medicine Lodge, Kansas. Jackie's three children – Danna, Mark and Julie – are planning a memorial bench in Villa Park.

## Remembrance: Mary Jo Rourke

October 7, 1930 – April 11, 2024 By Julianne Johnston

There is no way to briefly describe the impact Mary Jo Rourke had in her lifetime, but here are some stories she liked to tell. Since she was a child, she wanted to be a nurse that worked with moms and babies. After high school she became a registered nurse and began working in a maternity ward which fulfilled her childhood dream. Then she heard about a federal program that was looking for a nurse to serve in the state of Mississippi that had the worst maternal child/health statistics in the United States. She volunteered and soon found herself living in a trailer



house and providing care to poor Black mothers and their babies who were receiving minimal care in "maternity wards" located in a warehouse type setting with inadequate resources. She was determined to change that by bringing them into hospital wards where white moms and babies were receiving proper care and services. When she allowed two professional black health educators to rest in her trailer after a full day of teaching and before an evening presentation, some white folks threatened to burn her trailer to the ground. Mary Jo, undaunted, allowed the educators into her home and continued to provide for all the moms and babies in the community she served. The fire threat never materialized. Black mothers learned to trust her, and in time, because of Mary Joe's advocacy, were allowed care in the hospitals. The maternal/child health statistics statewide improved significantly from then on.

Sometime after that success, she went to New York to train to become a nurse midwife. She returned to Minnesota and became the first midwife serving a major health care system. She was its first midwife and today there are 36 midwives in its system, all following the standards Mary Jo established. After retirement, she became a citizen lobbyist for nursing and health issues in Minnesota, frequently going to the capital on a daily basis. She also earned a certificate of completion sponsored by the Ramsey County Sheriff's Citizen Academy. She learned about police defensive tactics, traffic enforcement, crime prevention programs such as DARE, Neighborhood Watch, and MADD. She then went on a four-hour ride-along with a police officer and actually experienced a crime in progress.

Anyone who met Mary Jo will remember her cheerful smile and her determination that **all** people should be treated with respect. She was a firm believer that the right to vote was essential for equal rights. She wrote articles in a newsletter about underserved populations. She believed in democracy and in her early 90's helped to send out hundreds of postcards reminding people to vote in the last election. Mary Jo was a long-term member in the Roseville Area League of Women Voters.

She leaves behind many hundreds of people who have received help from her actions and many hundreds more who never met her but who have had their lives improved because of her work and advocacy. Mary Jo died in April at the age of 93 following a brief illness. She was dearly loved and will long be remembered by her family and her friends.

## **Remembrance: Jeanne Thompson Walz**

by Florence Sprague

Last fall the LWV Roseville Area lost a valued member, Jeanne Thompson Walz, who died suddenly while on a dream trip to Italy. We all lost a lovely person too soon.

As I look back, it was a few years into my involvement with the League when Jeanne became president. We had children the same age and soon became friends. She made it look easy to do many things at once.

She was always deeply involved in community and with family and friends. Her low-key manner made it easy to discuss a wide variety of things, and then you would realize that she had just talked you into working on a project. She did so much; of course, you could, too.



The League was just one avenue by which Jeanne sought to make life better for individuals and communities. She lived her commitment to community and youth in her professional life, too, at Northwest Youth and Family Services, now Northeast, and later at a similar organization in Forest Lake.

When Jeanne married Bob Walz and moved to North Branch, we lost a valued member and our friend was further way. At that time, Chisago County did not have a local LWV, so Jeanne began working to bring LWV to North Branch. At first, she planned forums for school board and county commissioners in League-like fashion, bringing in a moderator from LWV Roseville Area while guiding her friends and co-workers until she established a local chapter.

She was a great friend, a loving wife, mother to Kelly and Chris, stepmother and a grandmother, too. She will be greatly missed.

## **Current LWV of Roseville Area Lifetime Members**

These seven distinguished members of the LWV of Roseville Area are lifetime members who have served LWV for 50-plus years.

Joyce Blomquist Georgeann Hall Donna Peterson Judy Stuthman

Carolyn Cushing Mary Ann Palmer Lila Recksiedler

# Presidents of LWV of Roseville Area, 1954 – 2024

| 2023 – Present | Rachel Geiser                        | 1993 – 1994 | Jeanne Thompson and Faith O'Neill      |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|--|
| 2022           | Barbara Anderson                     | 1991 - 1995 | Lila Recksiedler                       |
| 2020 – 2022    | Barbara Barany                       | 1989 - 1991 | Kathy Ciemia                           |
| 2018 – 2020    | Sharon Hood                          | 1987 - 1989 | Ginny Gibson and Norma<br>Signorelli   |
| 2016 – 2018    | Rita Mills                           | 1985 – 1987 | Nancy Irsfeld                          |
| 2012 – 2016    | June Stewart                         | 1983 – 1985 | Mindy Greiling                         |
| 2010 – 2012    | Ann Cleland and Karen<br>Schaffer    | 1981 – 1983 | Sally Simundson                        |
| 2009 – 2010    | Ann Cleland and Barb Yates           | 1979 – 1981 | Suzanne Jenkins and Gloria<br>Froelich |
| 2008 – 2009    | Teri McNabb and Ann Cleland          | 1977 – 1979 | Virgina Sykes                          |
| 2006 – 2008    | Teri McNabb and Barb Yates           | 1975 – 1977 | Joyce Blomquist                        |
| 2005 – 2006    | Teri McNabb and Barb Lehn            | 1972 – 1975 | Georgeann Hall                         |
| 2003 – 2005    | Sandy Lutz and Barb Lehn             | 1969 – 1972 | Carolyn Cushing                        |
| 2001 – 2003    | Ann Berry and Shirley Bradway        | 1967 – 1969 | Lorraine Fredrickson                   |
| 2000 – 2001    | Laurie Boche and Judy Stuthman       | 1965 – 1967 | Alice Scheel                           |
| 1998 – 2000    | Mary Ann Palmer and Judy<br>Stuthman | 1963 – 1965 | Nancy Rozycki                          |
| 1997 – 1998    | Florence Sprague                     | 1958 – 1961 | Marge Johnson                          |
| 1996 – 1997    | Le Matts and Florence Sprague        | 1956 – 1958 | Mrs. Robert Swan                       |
| 1995 – 1996    | Le Matts                             | 1956 – 1958 | Mrs. Paul Boyer                        |
| 1994 – 1995    | Jeanne Thompson                      | 1954 - 1956 | Mrs. L. Hocraffer                      |
|                |                                      |             |  |

## LWV of Roseville Area Positions

LWV of Roseville Area has adopted positions regarding several issues of local importance. These issues are below, but can also be found on our website at <a href="https://www.ncg/actions.com/www.ncg/actions

#### **GOVERNMENT**

- Support ADA compliant opportunities for resident participation in city government, including early public participation in the decision-making process, and open appointment for advisory committees. (1988, 2021, 2022)
- Support City Manager form of government for Maplewood and Roseville (Plan B). (1960s)
- Recommend community police departments improve data collection of police activity to ensure ac-countability for avoiding racial profiling and track that officers dispatched to domestic violence and mental health crisis situations have appropriate training. (2016)
- Recommend that all cities periodically evaluate police cost-analysis and service delivery. (2016)
- Support the Memphis Model, or a substantial equivalent Crisis Intervention Training (CIT), for police officers dealing with mental health crises. (2016)
- Support the St. Paul Blueprint for Safety, or a substantial equivalent training, for police officers dealing with domestic violence. (2016)
- Support diversity training for all police officers. (2016)
- LWV of Roseville Area recommends that, over time, our Cities' boards and commissions broadly reflect the diversity of their population, including race, ethnicity, gender, income, age, and other aspects of diversity. (2022)
- Support city government compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements in administrative policy and access to and use of city owned and leased buildings, voting precincts, and recreational locations and facilities. (2022)
- Support compliance by city governments with ADA requirements for identification of an ADA Coordinator and grievance process and ease of access to these on city websites. (2022)

#### **SOCIAL POLICY**

- Support emergency medical services in Roseville with user fees. (1978, 1981, 2003)
- Support volunteer fire fighters with appropriate wages and benefits; oppose fees for fire department services. (2003)
- Support transportation options that serve the needs of the area. (1983)
- Support ADA compliant safe non-motorized pathways with costs assessed areawide. (1983, 2022)
- Support equal opportunity for all students in public schools with use of unbiased educational materials free of gender stereotypes. (1984-88, 2000)
- Support electing School Board members at-large for Districts 621, 622, 623. (1985, updated 1988)

#### NATURAL RESOURCES/ENVIRONMENT

- Support organized refuse collection contracted with haulers by the city. (1985, 2010)
- Support action to remove yard waste, newspaper, glass, metal munity composting. (1982)

#### **LOCAL STUDY ITEM**

The Board does not recommend a new study to begin for 2024-2025.

## **Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues (CMAL) Annual Report**

- 1. Newsletters. CMAL published Volume 60. Issue #1 (August 2023) highlighted CMAL's Watershed Study, Gretchen Sabel's Keynote Address on the Upper Mississippi River Region ILO at the 2023 Annual Meeting, and the Legislature's establishment of the Metropolitan Council Governance Task Force. Issue #2 (December 2023) promoted the January 13 Watershed Study Rollout, recapped developments at the Metropolitan Council Governance Task Force, and summarized 2023 legislative developments affecting the Metropolitan Council presented by Met Council Vice Chair Reva Chamblis on October 14. Issue #3 (February 2024) included an update on the Watershed Study and summarized the results of the Metropolitan Council Governance Task Force. It also included information about CMAL Board decision to become an affiliate of LWVMN.
- 2. CMAL Quarterly Meetings.
  - October 14, 2023 via Zoom Reva Chamblis' update on the 2023 Legislative Session
  - January 13, 2024 via Zoom –Roll out of Materials and plans for the Watershed Study
  - March 16, 2024 via Zoom LWVMN Election and Redistricting Policy Coordinator Paul Huffman's
    presentation on legislative proposals for redistricting at the county and city level in Minnesota, plus a
    "volunteer-fest" where metro area local LWVs stepped up to study the 33 metro area watershed
    organizations.
- 3. Testimony. On January 10, 2024, CMAL testified at the Metropolitan Council Governance Task Force. The testimony was based upon CMAL's 2018 study and 2019 consensus process and its resulting position on governance. CMAL's testimony was cited by Edina Mayor and Task Force Member James Hovland in his final remarks to the Task Force.
- 4. CMAL Annual Meeting: Saturday May 11, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. Keynote address (plus Q & A) by newly-appointed Metropolitan Council Regional Administrator, Ryan O'Connor. All LWV members are welcome. The business meeting for voting delegates will follow. Key agenda items will be the 2024-2025 budget, adoption of new bylaws making CMAL an affiliate of LWVMN, election of new officers and directors, and a status report on the Watershed Study.

If you'd like to attend the Zoom meeting, the link is: <a href="https://lwvmn-org.zoom.us/j/85256518789?pwd=4BFnmYi88yahGLSMoH6Eorx5SiMWLi.1">https://lwvmn-org.zoom.us/j/85256518789?pwd=4BFnmYi88yahGLSMoH6Eorx5SiMWLi.1</a>

Meeting ID: 852 5651 8789

Passcode: 517369

If you have questions about CMAL or would like to work on CMAL issues, contact Karen Schaffer (schafferka@gmail.com) or Lisa Scribner (scribbie59@earthlink.net)

LWV of Roseville Area Representatives: Karen Schaffer or Lisa Scribner

## **Annual Meeting Agenda**

## 71st Annual Business Meeting Agenda

League of Women Voters of Roseville Area Tuesday, May 7, 2024, 7:30 pm Little Canada City Hall

- 1. Call to Order / Adoption of Order of Business
- 2. Additions/Changes to Agenda
- 3. Appointment of Parliamentarian
- 4. Declaration of Quorum
- 5. Introduction of the Board
- 6. Reports
  - President's Report
  - Secretary's Report
  - Treasurer's Report
  - Committee Reports: Voter Services, Program, Membership, Communications, Action/Advocacy, Student Scholarship

#### 7. Action Items

- Presentation and approval of the 2024-2025 budget
- Adoption of the local Program for Action
- Consideration of a local study
- Approval of amendment to the LWV of Roseville Area Policies and Procedures
- Presentation and approval of Nominating Committee Report
- 8. Rose Awards
- 9. Directions to the Board
- 10. Announcements
- 11. Adjournment



## **President's Report**

Another year brings more opportunities to be inspired by the amazing work of our League members and what we can accomplish together. Though not even considered one of our busy election years, the work of our committees was tireless and a joy to behold as we continued the fight to support our work and established positions.

- The Voter Services Team, led by Marcia Cheney, Nancy Simpson, and Teresa Wernecke, continued their great work to ramp up to this big 2024 election year. They led multiple voter registration events with increasing impact and organized multiple well-attended candidate forums. They tirelessly gathered candidate responses for Vote411 and continued making important inroads with the students in the area high schools sharing the importance of voting and local elections.
- · The Program Committee, led by Rita Mills with assistance from Carol Marchel, put together another full roster of impactful events, with a return to gathering in-person but figuring out how to be flexible with hybrid and closed captioning. The topics drew attention from around our communities and helped us continue our work of advocating for our positions across our cities.
- The Communications Team, led by Mary Peterson, continued to keep us all informed of Roseville Area events, events across the Leagues, and others within our communities. The extra news and community information that was shared was a great way to keep in touch with what was happening in our communities.
- The Action and Advocacy Team, led by Sherry Hood, kept us informed on government work and brought forth a concurrence to the Leagues across the state to help protect our local media. The Environmental Subcommittee, led by Alana Howey, continued to remind us all of what we can do to support our fragile world and provided wonderful tips and programming to keep us inspired.
- The Membership Committee led by Ann Thonet, the Nominations Committee led by Barb Barany, and the Budget and Development Committee led by Bonnie Koch and Mary Ann Palmer, continued that important supportive work to make our League strong and healthy for the coming year. The Student Scholarship Committee, led by Karen Lake, ensured that we continue that support to the next generation as we look towards the future.

This powerful committee work is listed in even more detail in their individual reports. Please read them, congratulate them for their accomplishments, and see if you can find where you can contribute to the teams for this coming year. Thank you for all that you do and for the passion you show as we move mountains together to support our communities and protect the people within it. I cannot wait to see what we can accomplish together in the coming year.

President: Rachel Geiser

## **Secretary's Report: 70th Annual Meeting Minutes**

Approved by LWVRA Board 9/27/2023
70th Annual Business Meeting
League of Women Voters of Roseville Area
Tuesday, May 23, 2023, 7 pm
Autumn Grove Park Building, Roseville

#### 1. Call to Order / Adoption of Order of Business

President Rachel Geiser called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Rachel recognized the members of the Annual Meeting committee and thanked them for their work. She asked if there were any changes to the order of business and hearing none, it was adopted as printed.

#### 2. Additions/Changes to Agenda

Rachel Geiser asked whether there were any changes to the agenda as listed on page 10 of the 70th annual meeting booklet. Hearing none, the agenda was adopted by consent as printed subject to emergency changes.

#### 3. Appointment of Parliamentarian

Rachel Geiser appointed Mindy Greiling as parliamentarian.

#### 4. Declaration of Quorum

As more than 10% of the membership was present, Rachel Geiser declared a quorum.

#### 5. Introduction of the Board

Board members and subcommittee chairs stood and were recognized. Life members were listed and those in the room were recognized. A new lifetime member, Donna Peterson, was added this year.

#### 6. Reports

#### • President's Report

Page 11 of the annual report. Rachel Geiser shared her unending thanks with the members for their support. Rachel encouraged members to reach out to peers so others can join the work of the LWVRA. The LWVRA chapter is one of the larger local groups in Minnesota. A special acknowledgement was made for Barb Anderson, who passed away this year and was unable to complete her term. Rachel thanked the LWVRA Board and members for their support and offers of help to keep the leadership moving forward.

#### Secretary's Report

Page 12 of the Annual Report. Rachel Geiser called for a motion to authorize the Board to approve the Minutes of this annual meeting at the first regularly scheduled Board meeting following this Annual Meeting. Moved by Megan Dahlberg, second by Mary Ann Palmer, motion carried.

#### • Treasurer's Report

Page 14 of the annual report. There were no questions. The Treasurer's Report will be filed for review and audit.

#### • Committee Reports:

Rachel Geiser asked the membership if there were any questions for the committee chairs. There were none. Rachel encouraged members to contact committee chairs if they are interested in the work. The reports for Voter Services, Program, Membership, Communications, Action/Advocacy and Student Scholarship can be found on pp. 15-21 of the Annual Report. Rachel thanked the team leaders for the great work.

(Minutes continue on next page.)

## Secretary's Report: 70th Annual Meeting Minutes (cont.)

#### 7. Action Items

A. Presentation and approval of the 2023-2024 budget (pp. 22-23 Annual Report). Mary Ann Palmer moved, Florence Sprague second. The floor was open for discussion. Scholarship increases noted by Rachel Geiser. *Question* on the scholarships: was the increase in inflation considered? Was it enough of an increase? *Response*: The amount was determined because it would limit restrictions placed on the money in terms of reporting and targeting (\$500 cap). The budget was balanced this year by using reserves, which were higher this year. Increasing the scholarship budget helped address the surplus. Rachel encouraged members to join a committee so surplus funding could be utilized. The budget was adopted unanimously. Motion carried.

B. Adoption of the Local Program for Action: Current positions are listed on page 8 of the annual report. Motion to accept LWVRA recommendation: Moved by Kathy Macomber, second by Rita Mills. No changes were proposed this year to the Program for Action. The motion was approved unanimously. Motion carried.

C. Consideration of a local study: The LWVRA Board does not recommend a study to begin in 2023/2024. Rachel Geiser asked if there was a motion for a local study to be considered. There was no response. Rachel noted there was a lot of work to do this year based on Legislative action.

D. Approval of amendments to the LWVRA Policies and Procedures: Proposed change in fee structure so younger members / students / lower income can access membership and its benefits (page 24 of Annual Report) Motion Sherry Hood, Donna Peterson second. Question: What is the age cutoff from reduced dues to regular dues? Response: student rate would be based on student status (high school, college, graduate school). Discussion: suggested age range of 16 to 25 years old with no charge for membership in exchange for participation. Potential budget impact: national dues are 32 dollars per member and state dues are 27. Guidelines – no longer a student but under 25. Question: is the state league using 16 years old as a starting point for membership? Response: The national convention determined membership could start at 16 years of age. Discussion: pre voter registration changes in MN law are 16- and 17-years-olds. This is an LWVRA opportunity to increase membership numbers by targeting this age along with voter participation efforts. Question: Is age a requirement for anyone older than 25 with student status who wishes to join the league? Response: Scholarship awardees can have a complimentary registration.

An amendment to the motion was offered: a student member is defined as a person who is between the ages of 16 to 25 years old OR a person with official student status who is older than 25. Motion Megan Dahlberg, Sherry Hood second. Discussion: The state and national Leagues require dues from local chapters for members that are 21 years or older. The local league would need to budget for this. Individuals are eligible for membership at 16 years old. Rachel Geiser asked the group if there was additional discussion related to the amendment to the motion. There was none. The amendment to the motion was unanimously approved. The overall motion as amended was put to vote. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Presentation and approval of Nominating Committee Report: Rachel read the nominations aloud. Rachel Geiser asked 4 times if there were additional nominations from the floor. Having no nominations from the floor, the Chair declared the nominations closed. Karen Lake moved to nominate the slate as presented in the report. Lisa Scribner, second. Motion carried and nominees will take office effective June 1, 2023.

(Minutes continue on next page.)

## Secretary's Report: 70th Annual Meeting Minutes (cont.)

#### 8. Rose Awards

- Donna Peterson: New Lifetime Member, leadership on Environmental subcommittee
- Florence Sprague: Program Committee leadership and monthly column in The Voter
- Gladys Jones: Constituent Events
- Bonnie Koch: Contribution to budget and helping league run smoothly
- Mary Ann Palmer: Contribution to the budget and helping the League run smoothly
- Marcia Cheney: Voter Services Team and Youth Engagement
- Rita Mills: Membership Chair and taking on new responsibilities of Program Chair.
- Rachel Geiser: Deep appreciation and gratitude for taking on President responsibilities upon the passing of prior President, Barb Anderon

# 9. Directions to the Board: Requests for suggestions from the membership: ideas and suggestions for commune year.

- Increase co-sponsoring events with other chapters: (West Metro League's word with housing and mental health). Leverage opportunities to expand LWVRA reach and extension of our housing study.
- Continue working to re-engage members (in person and Zoom).
- Consider investing excess funds as interest rates start to come up.
- Continue to consider which potential members and members qualify for reduction/ no requirement for dues and impact on budget.
- Consider strategies to increase membership and participation: child care for events; timing of events; weekday
  and weekend; consideration of transportation barriers that impact attendance; provide food; build on
  partnerships with organizations that support DEI (such as Rabata)
- Programming: Under DEI work, consider including perspectives of transgender people and pursue opportunities to bring in guest speakers such as Ellie Krug, School Board Member Carver County.
- Consider leveraging legislative wins to improve engagement of current and new members: what volunteer
  opportunities will arise from legislative wins; advocacy into action
- LWVRA land acknowledgement: state league has one, but is more policy vs meeting focused. Continue LWVRA
  work on developing language and use guidelines.

#### 10. Announcements

- Review communication info and save dates for upcoming LWVRA events
- White Bear Lake League approached re DEI events
- Falcon Heights City Council elections this year; Roseville Area Schools District year; request for questions
- Youth programming: Roseville students help with creating the Roseville Area Schools candidate forum, questions, and run the event at the high school
- Ongoing DOT transportation study of 36 from 61 to Hwy 35. A lot of bridge replacement will be needed over the next 10 years. Surveys and in person/virtual events are being offered. State is seeking input from all demographics.

#### 11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned: 8:20 pm attendance 28 members (based on sign in sheet)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jen Peterson, Secretary, LWVRA

# **Treasurer's Report**

This is the Summary of Accounts for the LWV of Roseville Area.

| FISCAL YEAR APRIL 1, 2023 – MARCH 31, 2024 |                |                   |                 |
|--|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| UNRESERVED CASH BALANCE                    | APRIL 1, 2023  |                   | \$<br>28,261.72 |
| INCOME                                     |                | \$<br>11,130.33   |                 |
| EXPENSES                                   |                | \$<br>(11,962.60) |                 |
| OUTSTANDING CHECKS                         |                | \$<br>4,021.95    |                 |
| TOTAL UNRESERVED                           | MARCH 31, 2024 | \$<br>3,189.68    | \$<br>31,451.40 |
| RESERVED CASH BALANCE                      | APRIL 1, 2023  |                   | \$<br>1,438.00  |
| RESERVED FOR ARCHIVIST GRANT               |                | \$<br>1,438.00    |                 |
| INCOME                                     |                |                   |                 |
| EXPENSES                                   |                | \$<br>(96.31)     |                 |
| RESERVED BALANCE                           | MARCH 31, 2024 | \$<br>1,341.69    | \$<br>1,341.69  |
| TOTAL CASH BALANCE                         | MARCH 31, 2024 |                   | \$<br>32,793.09 |

Treasurer: Kathy Macomber

## **Voter Services Committee Report**

The following is a summary of major Voter Services Committee activities.

#### **Voter Registrations**

- On May 25<sup>th, 2023</sup>, league members met with a couple of hundred Tartan High School seniors as they
  picked up their cap & gown. Volunteers include Marcia Cheney, Nancy Simpson, Sharon Oswald, Karen
  Lake, and Becki Pedersen
- Events featuring voter registrations/information: Earth Day (2024) partnering with the Environmental Committee; Juneteenth Community Festival; Lauderdale Days; Falcon Heights Ice Cream Social; Roseville Area Volunteer Fair; House of Hope National Night Out and Eaglecrest Senior Housing in Roseville.
- Voter Information Table at our League Program Committee presentations for the months of November, January, February, March and April.
- LWVRA participants at one or more of these voter registration events include Margo Bock, Marcia Cheney, Karen Lake, Rita Mills, Suzanne Sancilio, Nancy Simpson, Ann Thonet, Mary Kay VonDeLinde, Teresa Wernecke
- Some of these events were in conjunction with Do Good Roseville and others.

#### Candidate Forums (CF) in 2023 (2)

- Falcon Heights Mayor & two City Council seats held a Town Hall format because they were uncontested. ISD 623 had 7 competitors competing for 3 positions. Only 3 competitors participated in the Candidate Forum.
- The moderators were Linda McLoon and Florence Sprague.
- League helpers for one or more of the CF were Marcia Cheney, Rachel Geiser, Carol Marchel, Rita Mills, Sharon Oswald, Ann Thonet, Cecilia Warner, Teresa Wernecke
- LWVRA Communication Team members Mary Peterson & Gladys Jones

#### Other

- Distributed 10 posters to laundromats, a coffee shop, 3 senior housing places, 2 exercise places and a church. Posters "Make Your Voice Heard" by attending Feb. caucuses and Mar 5<sup>th</sup> Presidential Primary.
- Kitty Gogins made a presentation to MDA on 10/26/23.

#### **Youth Engagement**

Spring 2023 RAHS students hosted an Arts & Civics Mashup. Guest artist, A Drew Hammond, donated
his collage about voting to the high school. A student painting about voting was also donated. Both are
displayed in the Media Center. Led by Marcia Cheney and student League member Velvet Yang and
Victoria Yang.

(Report continued on next page.)

## **Voter Services Committee Report (cont.)**

- Students at RAHS enjoyed working on two major projects promoting civic awareness and voting: Chalk
  It Up and a sticker contest. Students at FAHS participated in Chalk It Up. Led by Marcia Cheney and
  Heidi Myers.
- Presentations to Senior Government Classes have continued. The presentation team included Marcia Cheney, Rachel Geiser, Heidi Myers, Rachelle Peleska, and Teresa Wernecke. The PowerPoint we use has been shared with LWVMN and branded.
- Two voter information/registration tables were held in the cafeteria at RAHS, one was for National Voter Registration Day. At the second event, the winning stickers were distributed to students and can be seen in the April LWVMN newsletter. League members participating include Marcia Cheney, Alana Howey, Rita Mills, Sharon Oswald, and Teresa Wernecke. School board member Curtis Johnson assisted with the event.
- For the Century College Winter Formal, LWVRA partnered with the White Bear League to host a voter information/registration table. LWVRA was able to provide the DJ whose services were won at the 2023 Juneteenth event sponsored by Do Good Roseville. Marcia Cheney and Kathy Ramundt attended the event.
- In April 2024, Marcia Cheney, Heidi Myers and Jackie Reis (LWVWBLA) made a presentation about youth engagement activities to the Northeast Metro Golden K Kiwanis. League member Julianne Johnston facilitated the invitation to speak.

**Voter Service Team Co-Leaders:** Marcia Cheney (Youth Engagement), Nancy Simpson (Voter Registrations), Teresa Wernecke (Candidate Forums)

**Team:** Kayla Flynn, Karen Lake, Kathy Macomber, Rita Mills, Kate O'Connell, Sharon Oswald, and Suzanne Sancilio

Youth Engagement: Marcia Cheney, Rachel Geiser, Heidi Myers, Rachelle Peleska

Moderators: Rachel Geiser, Kitty Gogins, Susan Johnson, Linda McLoon, Kathy Macomber, Florence Sprague

## **Program Committee Report**

In March, 2020, organizations including LWV needed to suddenly explore and implement online programming. During this past 2023 – 2024, League morphed back to in-person programming, with some caveats:

- Hybrid programs: Both Leaguers and community members liked convenience of clicking on a link to join programs. Yet, many others felt the importance of face-to-face connections.
- American Sign Language (ASL) services: A community member's request for American Sign Language services required programming to research, offer and provide ASL services.
- Sunday programs: We experimented with meeting on Sunday afternoons at RCPL Roseville branch with good attendance.
- Co-sponsors: All events were planned as co-sponsored events primarily with *Do Good Roseville* and RCPL.
- Technology learning curve: With limited staffing at RCPL, Leaguers needed to use a local Zoom account and provide "expertise" for hybrid programming, including closed captioning.

#### 2023 – 2024 programs:

- June, 2023: Tree Care and More: Field trip to Urban Forestry Outreach & Research nursery@ University of Minnesota St. Paul Campus.
- July, 2023: Brews & Book Reviews @ Crooked Pint & Ale House, Maplewood.
- September, 2023: Artificial Intelligence: Empowering Our Communities, a panel including Carrie Dickson, Kathleen Coate, Marcus Kubichek, Bill Ekblad @ RCPL – Roseville.
   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= 4AHIzPvDkA
- October, 2023: Conversations with Constituents, including local Mayors, County Commissioners, Legislators @ Roseville City Hall.
- November, 2023: Navigating Fair & Secure Elections, with Bill Ekblad, Office of MN SOS @ RCPL Roseville. https://ninenorth.org/videos/fair-and-secure-elections/
- December, 2023: Everymeal <a href="https://www.everymeal.org">https://www.everymeal.org</a> Service Project, followed by lunch at Crooked Pint & Ale House, Maplewood.
- January, 2024: **ERA, pt. 1**: *Equal Means Equal*, film and discussion @ RCPL Roseville.
- February, 2024: **ERA, pt. 2**: Equal Rights Amendment MN presentation by Pat Reisenger (ERA MN) and discussion @ RCPL Roseville.
- March, 2024: Minnesota Strong: Indigenous Organizations Making a Difference with presenter, Kelly Miller and Florence Sprague @ RCPL – Roseville.
- April, 2024: The Climate Action Handbook written and presented by Heidi Roop @ RCPL Roseville.
- May, 2024: Annual meeting featuring speaker, Debbie Montgomery @ Little Canada City Hall.

Programming team leaders: Rita Mills, Carol Marchel

Team members: Carrie Dickson, Megan Dahlberg, Georgia Heisserer, Patti Hoffman, Kathy Macomber, Lisa Scribner, Karen Schaffer, Florence Sprague; *Conversations with Constituents*: Margo Bock, Kris Olsen

A very special thank you to: Kathy Ramundt & *Do Good Roseville*, Ramsey County Library (Jason Lyons, Jennifer Dietrich), Rachel Geiser & her technical skills.

## **Membership Committee Report**

The League of Women Voters of the Roseville Area totals 129 members as of April 25, 2024.

| Year End Data         | 5/2024 | 5/2023 | 5/2022 | 5/2021 | 5/2020 |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total Membership      | 129    | 125    | 141    | 135    | 132    |
| Number of New Members | 20     | 2      | 15     | 5      | 12     |

- Twenty new members joined LWVRA last year using our League website. Mary Kay VonDeLinde sends handwritten welcome notes along with other LWVRA, LWVMN and LWVUS information to new members. The "How Our League Works" brochure has been crucial for communicating with new members.
- A new member "Get-Together" was held on October 17, 2023, at the home of Wayne Groff and Jim Dryer. Eight new members attended this lively event. Social Hour (welcoming guests and offering food and beverages) began at 5:00 p.m. Then introductions were made, and leadership presented information about our league and their particular area of responsibility. This event was very enjoyable and successful.
- We continue to communicate with individuals through emails and the U.S. mail service. Monthly member-written "Spotlight" articles and photos are featured in The Voter. These articles are a way of getting to know other members a bit better.
- LWVRA pictorial Directory was updated and emailed to membership in June of 2023 and January of 2024. Updated versions can be emailed individually upon request.
- We are in our fifth year of using thedatabank.gbc, the database managed by LWVMN. Joining and renewal processes now involve Beth Reinhart using thedatabank.gbc, Kathy Macomber, Treasurer, and Mary Peterson using the website and Google mail. We align data in thedatabank.gbc, LWVUS database, Google mail, and our Directory prior to updating our Directory on a bi-yearly basis (December and May). Checks and balances are in place to maintain the integrity of all systems on an ongoing basis.
- The renewal procedures are listed in the League's "Policies and Procedures": April 1 is the renewal date for members who have joined prior to 2019. At present there are 75 members that fall into this category. Renewal dates for members who have joined in 2019 and later are based on the member's *Join Date* (rolling membership). At present there are 43 members that fall into this category. We continue to allow a two-month grace period to renew, after which a member becomes "inactive".
- Membership Team Leader attends bi-monthly LWVMN Membership Call where we ask questions and share information and ideas with other Membership Chairs from around Minnesota. Membership Team Lead writes and submits a report for LWVRA Board Meetings. In addition, membership printed materials and banner(s) are displayed at monthly programs and other events.
- LWVUS is in the process of instituting a new system called Chapter Spot, which will they use to manage new
  memberships, membership renewals and donations. As a result, PMP's (Per Member Payments) will no longer
  be in use after January 2025. Chapter Spot will be launched in February of 2025.

**GOING FORWARD:** The goals of the Membership Team for the coming year are;

- 1) To activate new members through New Member Get-Togethers, invitations to programs, meetings and events, and monthly contact for the first 6 months of their membership with calls, notes and emails,
- 2) To provide new members with the most recent update of the Directory,
- 3) To communicate the volunteer interests of new members to the appropriate chairperson.

Membership Team Leader: Ann Thonet

Membership Team: Mary Kay VonDeLinde, Data/Roster Manager: Beth Reinhart, Kathy Macomber (Treasurer)

## **Communications Committee Report**

The Communications Team continues to use social media to communicate with members and the general public. We encourage members to follow us on social media, especially Facebook, (facebook.com/lwvRosevilleArea). We share to our page posts from LWVMN, LWVUS, other local Leagues and other organizations to keep our members informed. We also post on Instagram.

Each issue of *The Voter* newsletter contains a President's report, information on our programs by promoting the events and recapping after the events, CMAL news, a Member Spotlight, Board and Annual meeting dates, occasional articles from members of our committees, League calendar, and the Windows and Mirrors for All article, celebrating its 20th year. (Thank you, Florence Sprague!)

We continue to send out weekly email blasts with information and reminders about upcoming League and Inter-League Organization events and meetings, and events and information sponsored by other local Leagues and organizations that may be of interest to our members.

The League website, (Iwvrosevillearea.org) continues to be the place to find articles about sponsored events, issues of *The Voter*, voting resources, advocacy issues, including studies conducted, and League history. There you will find links to our Facebook, Instagram and YouTube accounts.

Information on our events is sent to our local city offices, and they publish information about our meetings and events that they believe will serve their residents. While this does not include every event LWV of Roseville Area holds, it does broaden our ability to get our message out to the general public.

All of our Board meetings this past year have been conducted using our Zoom platform. Ramsey County Library (RCL) had been hosting all of our programs virtually, providing us with a recording link. Due to budget and staffing shortages, RCL is no longer able to record our programs for us. Carrie Dickson and Rachel Geiser met with RCL Roseville staff and documented the procedure that allows us to conduct hybrid LWVRA program meetings (in-person and online) at the Ramsey County Library, Roseville.

If you have suggestions or ideas on how we can improve in any way, we welcome input.

Chair: Mary Peterson

Team: Gladys Jones, Barb Luck, Merrie Zakaras

The Voter Subcommittee: Editor: Barb Luck, Proofreading: Rachel Geiser, Print: Barb Barany, Distribute copies:

Jo Waldron

## **Action/Advocacy Committee Report**

Up until March 2024, updates of local government meetings and their highlights of issues pertaining to LWV were posted in our weekly Eblasts. That was changed, beginning in March, to links to our 5-city government weekly meetings that members can access on their own.

We submitted a proposal for MN state leagues' Concurrence of supporting the LWV State of Washington study - "The Decline of Local News and Its Impact On Democracy." Our LWVRA Board voted unanimously to support this resolution and the LWVMN Board also voted unanimously in agreement. It will be presented at the LWVMN State Council on April 27th for approval by all local Leagues.

Environmental Subcommittee: Our April 2023 program focused on trees, especially in our local communities, and how they impact all of us. We had a corresponding field trip in June to the U of M Forestry Center. We learned about the research the U is doing with trees, varieties that grow well in our communities, the basics of pruning, and, under a canopy of trees during lunch, someone from the state talked about equity in tree planting.

We have Earth Tips in The Voter frequently. Carol Marchel has written a letter to the editor of the StarTribune in regard to urban tree canopy, which hasn't been submitted yet, as we are waiting for a pertinent news item to reference.

We are advocating for an e-waste bill at the Earth Day event. We are also assisting CMAL on data gathering for their Watershed study.

Chair: Sherry Hood

#### **Committee Members:**

- Action/Advocacy: Mindy Greiling, Wayne Groff
- Observer Corps: Ann Cleland, Sherry Hood, Carol Marchel
- Environmental Subcommittee: Alana Howey (Chair), Rebecca Bormann, Ann Haugan, Sherry Hood, Carol Marchel, Tammy McGehee, Kris Olsen, Becky Pederson, Donna Peterson

## **Student Scholarship Committee Report**

In 2021 a Student Scholarship Committee was formed at the direction of the LWV of Roseville Area Board to identify area high school contact people for proposed student scholarships, to determine an amount to grant, and to develop the criteria for award recipients. The overall goal of providing the scholarships is to increase League visibility with young people, especially those from underrepresented communities. In the first two years, a \$500 scholarship, together with an optional complimentary student membership to our Chapter, was offered to a graduating student at each of Roseville Area High School, Fairview Alternative High School and Tartan High School—all schools in our local five cities. They have worked with us in the past to offer student voter registrations. Each school's Scholarship Committee, using our guidance criteria, selected the winner at their school.

Upon the recommendation of this committee, the board approved funding to enable LWVRA to award two \$500 scholarships at each of the above-named schools for the 2023-24 school year.

#### Guidance for selection of the student

Required criteria are:

- 1. Member of the current graduating class or equivalent.
- 2. Has post-high school education or training plans.
- 3. Presents personal qualities that make him/her/them a role model to others.

One or more of the following criteria are desired:

- 1. Has set and achieved a personal goal.
- 2. Has life experiences that demonstrate self-determination and/or the overcoming challenges.
- 3. Assists non-English speaking family, friends and/or community members in participating within their community.
- 4. Participates in a school, religious or community group to promote cultural, environmental, educational and/or political engagement.

Chair: Karen Lake

**Committee Members:** Barb Barany, Anne Haugen, Suzanne Sancilio, June Stewart

## **Finance Committee and Budget Report**

The Annual Budget for 2024-25 was created based on actual revenue and expenses in the 2023-24 year, plus adjustments for Voter Services and Board priorities.

For the most part, income and expenses were in keeping with the budget as approved by the membership at the May 2023 Annual Meeting. Variations from the 23-24 included:

Programs - Expenses include the purchase of Climate Action books, which will be offset by the \$500 of income from book sales in April (which falls in our next fiscal year).

Note that expenses exceeded revenues by only \$837, and \$500 of that figure will be offset by the book sales. Only \$337 was drawn from reserves.

In creation of the FY 2024-25 budget, dues projections are based on current and previous years' membership. Voter Services expenses will increase due to this being an election year, with candidate forums, voter registration events, and increased engagement.

There was no in-person audit or examination of the financial records. However, all individual transactions were reviewed at year-end by the Budget Committee and financial transactions are reviewed monthly by the Board and are consistent with the budget/Board actions.

(See the 2024-2025 proposed budget on the following page.)

Chair: Bonnie Koch

**Committee members**: Bonnie Koch, Mary Ann Palmer, Merrie Zakaras, and Kathy Macomber (See the 2024-2025 proposed budget on the following page).

## Finance Committee and Budget Report (cont.)

LWV Roseville Area 2024-25 Proposed Budget Proposed Budget 24-25 Budget 23-24 YTD Actual as of 3-31-2024 INCOME: 8,330.00 Dues (119) pd members @ \$70 8,050.00 \$ 7,455.00 \$ \$ Contributions (unrestricted) S 3,500.00 3,500.00 \$ 3,520.00 \$ Memorials \$ 100.00 \$ Annual Meeting S 500.00 \$ 90.00 100.00 \$ Miscellaneous S 200.00 \$ 149.10 200.00 \$ Reserves S 6,380.00 6,561.00 Martin-Brown Grant \$ Paypal Fees s (200.00)\$ (183.77)\$ (200.00)\$ 18,491.00 TOTAL INCOME 18,430.00 \$ 11,130.33 EXPENSES: Program Division Program \$ 750.00 \$ \$ 750.00 1,049.00 \$ Honorariums \$ 300.00 300.00 \$ 400.00 \$ Special Events \$ 1,000.00 1,000.00 \$ \$ 2,000.00 Voter Service 1,725.00 1,451.00 \$ \$ 100.00 100.00 Advocacy Action Communications Public Relations/Advertising \$ 100.00 \$ \$ 100.00 \$ Voter mailing \$ Archivist \$ 100.00 750.00 650.00 \$ 750.00 Printing \$ 300.00 Website/Facebook/Zoom S 300.00 \$ 235.00 \$ Miscellaneous \$ Membership \$ 300.00 \$ 409.00 500.00 Board Expense \$ President/Vice President \$ Secretary Development Committee \$ 200.00 \$ 100.00 \$ 75.00 17.00 \$ 75.00 Treasurer/fees \$ Board Expense \$ 50.00 \$ 38.00 \$ 50.00 Delegate, Travel, Affiliation \$ 2,000.00 Delegates, Convention, Workshop 2,000.00 \$ 190.00 Miscellaneous \$ Memorials \$ Dues (Regional Water Interleague) \$ 25.00 \$ 25.00 25.00 \$ \$ 500.00 Annual Meeting 500.00 215.00 \$ 20.00 Miscellaneous \$ 3,000.00 1,000.00 3,000.00 Youth Award/Scholarships \$ Per Member Payments \$ PMP National (119 members@\$32) 3,680.00 3,488.00 3,808.00 \$ PMP State (119 members @ \$27) \$ 3,105.00 \$ 2,795.85 3,213.00 \$ CMAL dues (119 members @ \$1) \$ 18,491.00 TOTAL EXPENSES 18,160.00 11,962.85

## **Amendment to LWV of Roseville Area Bylaws**

The following amendment was incorporated into the LWVRA Bylaws, as required by LWVMN, to conform to the LWVMN Bylaws. This amendment addresses to the need to explicitly state that meeting by electronic means is allowed, as required by state statute for nonprofit organizations. A vote of membership is not required.

#### **ARTICLE VIII: ELECTRONIC MEETINGS**

Regular meetings of the board, special meetings of the board, Convention, Council, and committees are authorized to meet by electronic means so long as all members can simultaneously hear each other and participate during the meeting. An anonymous vote conducted through a designated Internet meeting service shall be deemed a ballot vote, fulfilling any requirement in the bylaws or rules that a vote be conducted by ballot.

This amendment supersedes the following (from Article IV. Meetings of Local Members):

<u>SECTION 3. MEMBER MEETINGS HELD SOLELY BY MEANS OF REMOTE COMMUNICATION.</u> An annual or special meeting of members may be held solely by one or more means of remote communication, if notice of the meeting is given to every member entitled to vote, and if the number of members with voting rights participating in the meeting is sufficient to constitute a quorum at a meeting. Participation by a member by that means constitutes presence at the meeting in person.

## Amendment To LWV of Roseville Area Policies and Procedures

The following is a proposed amendment to LWV of Roseville Area policies and procedures.

Amended by the Board on January 24, 2024

<u>Budget.</u> A budget for the ensuing year shall be submitted by the Board to the Annual Meeting for adoption. The budget shall include support for the work of the League as a whole.

Budget and Development Committee. A The Budget and Development Committee shall be appointed by the Board at least sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Meeting to prepare a budget for the ensuing year. nominated and approved at the Annual Meeting. At least 60 days prior to the next Annual Meeting, it shall assist the Treasurer to prepare a budget for the ensuing year. The proposed budget shall be sent to all members thirty (30) days before the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer is a member of, but is shall not be eligible to chair the Budget and Development Committee.

(Article V. Board, Section 1. General Powers, Financial Administration)

Note: The Policies and Procedures were also edited with organizational and formatting changes, to be consistent with the Bylaws. In particular, amendments made to the Policies and Procedures in recent years have been removed from the end of the document and placed within the article corresponding to the relevant article of the Bylaws that it clarifies. The updated Policies and Procedures can be found on the League website: <a href="https://lwvrosevillearea.org/content/policies-procedures">https://lwvrosevillearea.org/content/policies-procedures</a>

# **Nominations Committee Report**

By Nominating Committee:

Barb Barany, Chair, and committee members Karen Lake, Beth Reinhart and Lisa Scribner

\*President: Teresa Wernecke

\*Vice President: Pat Libra (start Fall 2024)

\*Secretary: Karalynn Marr
\*Treasurer: Priscilla Morton

\*Members-at-Large: Wayne Groff, Sherry Hood, Jen Peterson, Lisa Scribner, Florence Sprague

**CMAL:** Karen Schaffer, Lisa Scribner \*Action Team Leader: Alana Howey

o Team: Wayne Groff, Sherry Hood

Environmental Subcommittee: Chair: Alana Howey; Team: Rebecca Bormann, Ann Haugan, Sherry Hood,
 Carol Marchel, Tammy McGehee, Kris Olsen, Becky Pederson, Donna Peterson

\*Budget & Development Co-Leaders: Bonnie Koch, Kathy Macomber

\*Team: Merrie Zakaras, treasurer Priscilla Morton

\*Communications Team Leader: Mary Peterson

Team: Barb Barany, Gladys Jones, Teresa Miller, Merrie Zakaras
 Voter Subcommittee: Editor: Teresa Miller, Proof: Rachel Geiser

\*Membership Team Leader: Ann Thonet

Team: Mary Kay VonDeLinde; treasurer Priscilla Morton; Data: Beth Reinhart

\*Nominating Committee Chair: Rachel Geiser

Team (appointed by Board): Sherry Hood, Gladys Jones, Beth Reinhart

\*Program Team Leaders: Carrie Dickson, Carol Marchel, Rita Mills

**Team:** Barb Leary, Kathy Macomber, Kathy Ramundt; *CMAL*: Lisa Scribner, Karen Schaffer; *Environment*: Environmental Subcommittee; *Conversations with Constituents*: Margo Bock, Kris Olsen; *Annual Meeting*: Mary Kay VonDeLinde

\*Voter Service Team Co-Leaders: Margo Bock, Marcia Cheney, Teresa Wernecke

**Team:** Karen Lake, Kathy Macomber; *Forum/Registration/Youth Engagement Assistance*: Terry Bailey, Margo Bock, Olivia Gault, Rachel Geiser, Brenda Himrich, Alana Howey, Mary Johnson, Susan Johnson, Gladys Jones, Norma Jorgeson, Rita Mills, Kris Olsen, Sharon Oswald, Becki Pederson, Rachelle Peleska, Kathy Ramundt, Florence Sprague, Holly Swiglo, Mary Kay VonDeLinde

o Candidate Forums: Megan Dahlberg, Teresa Wernecke

Moderators: Rachel Geiser, Kitty Gogins, Linda McLoon, Kathy Macomber, Florence Sprague;

*Training*: Susan Johnson

o Youth Engagement: Marcia Cheney, Heidi Myers

#### **Ad Hoc Committees**

o Archives: Barb Barany, George Barany, Shirley Bradway

 Student Scholarship Committee: Chair: Karen Lake; Team: Barb Barany, Anne Haugen, Suzanne Sancilio, June Stewart

Members may join most teams throughout the year.

<sup>\*</sup>Elected position

## Thank You to 2023-2024 Contributors!

The LWV of Roseville Area thanks the following members for their generous fund drive contributions during the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Contributions totaled \$3,500 with a \$100 additional donation in the memory of Barb Anderson and Leola Rempel for a total of \$3,600.

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Barb and George Barany

Shirley Bradway Mary Ann Palmer

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Mindy Greiling Karen Schaffer

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Carol Marchel Teresa Wernecke

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