

# The Voter

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## How Are Our Cities Addressing Environmental Issues?

LWV of Roseville Area has invited the mayors of each of our cities (Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Little Canada, Maplewood, and Roseville) to participate in a forum on environmental challenges and successes in their community. Anne Hunt, Director of the Office of Enterprise Sustainability for the State of Minnesota, will serve as the moderator.

- Date and time: Tuesday, March 24, 2020; 6:30-8 p.m.
- Location: Roseville Public Library (co-sponsor of the event); 2180 Hamline Ave. N.

Mayors will be asked to identify actions that have reduced their city's carbon footprint, steps in moving forward on their 2040 Comprehensive Plan, where and how do environmental issues get addressed at the city, and are there ways our League can help. There will also be an opportunity for questions from the audience.

## Civic Literacy 101 — Part III: The Judiciary

The US is renowned for having one of the most sophisticated judicial systems in the world. Every day thousands of people, including law enforcement officers, lawyers, judges, parole officers, and other government officials, take part in this system hoping to settle disputes and work for justice.

Come learn more about it in the third part of our series Civic Literacy 101. This session covers the basic structure of the various judicial systems in our country. Join us to learn about the basics and how to give power to our individual voice and enrich our democracy.

We are honored to have as our speaker Second Judicial District Chief Judge John Guthman. Judge Guthman has been a judge in the Second Judicial District since 2018 and chief judge since 2016.

- Date and time: Tuesday, March 10, 2020; 6:30-8 p.m.
- Location: Roseville Public Library; 2180 Hamline Ave. N.

Co-sponsored by: LWV of Roseville Area, Do Good Roseville, and Ramsey County Library - Roseville

## Volunteer Opportunity: Women's Expo

Review the President's Letter on [page 3](#), for more information about volunteering for a shift at the LWV of Roseville Area table during the Women's Expo at the Rosedale Mall March 28-29.

## Member Renewal Information

*Attention all members!*

We have a new and more efficient process for renewing your League membership. You'll receive an emailed notice of "Time to Renew" (members prior to 2019 will get the email on March 1). In the email, click a button to access the renewal site. From there you can pay dues by PayPal or by printing off the form and mailing it with payment to our new Treasurer. We appreciate your prompt response more than you can know!



# Day at the Capitol

Please join us for the Annual Day at the Capitol on Monday, March 16, 2020. This year we will be focusing on the Fair Maps campaign, climate change, and affordable housing.

We will meet at the Capitol (see below), attend hearings and meetings, meet with our individual representatives, and gather for lunch in a nearby restaurant afterward. This is a great opportunity to meet other League members, lobby our own legislators, and learn about the legislative process.

**Please contact Priscilla Morton ([prismorton@comcast.net](mailto:prismorton@comcast.net)) BEFORE MARCH 12 if you plan to attend.** We will coordinate carpooling as desired. We will also set up meetings with our House and Senate representatives if we know who is coming.

Please register on the LWVMN website: [lwvmn.org/league-calendar](http://lwvmn.org/league-calendar)

**REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE END OF BUSINESS DAY THURSDAY, MARCH 12.**

## Day at the Capitol - Agenda

- **9:30 a.m.** Check-in at Capitol Room 316, coffee and light refreshments
- **10 a.m.** Legislative advocacy presentation by Nick Harper, Civic Engagement Director
- **10:30 a.m.** Members attend hearings or meetings with individual legislators or can watch the Senate Floor Session at 11 a.m.
- **11:30 a.m.** Check out (please remove all belongings from Capital Room 316)
- **12 p.m.** (or soon after) Those who wish to meet for lunch, walk to El Bravo restaurant at 538 Rice Street. Others may choose to enjoy:
  - Free tours of the Capitol by the Minnesota Historical Society at 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., and 4 p.m.
  - Watch the House Floor Session at 3:30 p.m.
  - Watch the Senate Committee Hearings through 4:30 p.m.

Join us for this exciting inside look at the Legislature and make your voice heard on these important issues.

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## Coming Soon—A Century of Civic Engagement: The League of Women Voters Minnesota

Come visit this vibrant exhibit that features Minnesota's suffrage story and LWV of Roseville Area history highlighting the women who made it happen and those who continue to lead through the League to make democracy work for all.

A 13-panel exhibit will be displayed at the Roseville and Maplewood libraries on the following dates.

- April 4-21: Roseville library (this timeframe allows the exhibit to be at the library during the April League event)
- April 22-29: Maplewood library

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## Save the Date: April Earth Day Events

Among the many area events being planned in honor of the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, we've been tracking two large events open to the public.

Both will be held at the State Capitol--one on April 22, actual Earth Day, and the other on Saturday, April 25. A third event sponsored by the City of Roseville will be on April 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harriet Alexander Nature Center.

More details will be shared in the April issue of the Voter.



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### LWV of Roseville Area Board Members

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An interesting event is occurring March 28-29 at the Rosedale Shopping Center. It is the Rock What You Got Women's Expo, exhibiting throughout the mall. The Expo is billed as a unique, fun, and interesting adventure exhibiting the interests, businesses, and talents of metro-area women. The mall will turn the vacant Herberger's department store (mainly the second floor) into a place of entertainment, demonstrations, speakers, and a curated marketplace for food, clothing, and art. There is an entrance fee for the Expo.

In the hallways and open areas of the mall, there will be other exhibits, booths, and tables. One of those will be our own LWV of Roseville Area table, the only LWV exhibit there. This will be a tremendous opportunity to tell the attendees who we are, what we can provide, where we have been, and what we stand for. I would like to see a table where we provide voter registration, information on the 2020 Census, promotion of the Fair Maps Campaign, and promotion of League. It will be for two days, Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday, March 29, from 11 a.m.-6 p.m..

Rosedale sees over 140,000 people walk through its doors every Saturday and Sunday. According to statistics, it is the busiest mall in Minnesota and one of the busiest in the country!

The opportunity is ours! Let's grab it, but we need your help! We are asking for three League members at the table for each two-hour shift. Saturday will have four shifts, Sunday will have three full and one half shift. Please email to volunteer: Karen Lake ([karen.r.lake@comcast.net](mailto:karen.r.lake@comcast.net)) or Sherry Hood ([sherryhood@icloud.com](mailto:sherryhood@icloud.com)).

**Now is the time to begin making an impact in this important year! Please help us!**



**Sherry Hood**

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## LWVMN State Council Meeting RSVP

On Saturday, April 25, the LWVMN state council meeting will be held in Golden Valley. The cost is \$75, which includes breakfast, lunch, and snacks. The meeting contains an abundance of information to help our local chapter and its committees and interests. Find more information and register at [lwvmn.org/council-2020](http://lwvmn.org/council-2020). Email Sherry Hood ([sherryhood@icloud.com](mailto:sherryhood@icloud.com)) if you plan on attending.

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## US Census Arrives in March

All mailing addresses will receive invitations to respond to the 2020 US Census, scheduled to arrive between March 12 and March 20. The US Census will send invitations by US mail. Options to respond include:

- **Online at home:** Invitation letters will include an ID code, which, if entered, will automatically populate your online form with address information.
- **Online at a Questionnaire Assistance Center:** All Ramsey County libraries, as well as other locations, have days and times for completing the census online, with assistance as requested.
- **On paper:** Most won't receive a paper form with the initial invitation or first two reminders. If you do not respond online, a paper form will be mailed beginning April 8.

In May, census workers will begin knocking on the doors of residences for which no response has been received. Encourage friends, family, and neighbors to respond to the US Census. Our representation at all levels of government, as well as funding for federal programs depend on it!

### Did you know?

Census information is used for the development of rural areas, developing adult education programs, and understanding consumer needs.

### Seek Joy

By Florence Sprague

*“I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy.”*

*Rabindranath Tagore-Bengali poet, philosopher, polymath 1913 Nobel Laureate in Literature*

Service. Such an ambiguous concept in today’s parlance. Being *in* service in the past meant not just paid employment to serve, but also a class categorization. Being *in the* service has a military connotation. More generally, even in respected jobs, there is an overtone of being subject to the demands of others—not always a pleasant position. A willingness to serve requires or reflects an attitude often not respected in today’s ME culture. Public service? Too often scorned and denigrated, or distorted. Is service a contribution or a subordination?

And yet, Tagore links service directly to joy. An acquaintance used this quote in a speech I heard and it resonated with me, but I have no deep knowledge of Tagore’s canon to place these words in the larger context of his *oeuvre*.

In his sermon, “The Drum Major,” the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., noted that service is open to all. “Everybody can be great...because everybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love” ([kinginstitute.stanford.edu/king-papers/documents/drum-major-instinct-sermon-delivered-ebenezer-baptist-church](http://kinginstitute.stanford.edu/king-papers/documents/drum-major-instinct-sermon-delivered-ebenezer-baptist-church)). Service need not look big or flashy. Indeed, it usually does not.

Two men from different sides of the world, writing roughly a half century apart; one Christian, one from the Hindu tradition, but both see the positive return for service.

When service is tied to acting on one’s principles, to contributing to the welfare of the community, it offers meaning and purpose. Seeing beyond oneself is a reason to get up and go out. To do. Of course, one must seek to choose one’s purpose with care, but there are many worthy options from the very personal to the societal.

At a recent memorial for a man whose life held much public service, a mentee of his told a story of service. At a moment when she despaired for the state of the world, she asked him how to go on. He replied that when you despair you must not give up, but get up and go to work to make the world better for as many people as you can. Service.

What do you value? Who do you value? No one has to save the whole world, but we can each be a building block. And just as it takes a lot of Legos to build a skyscraper, it takes a lot of service to build a community, but each brick and each person has a function and a value to the whole structure.

I wish you joy.

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## New Member Spotlight: Nancy Olson

By Beth Reinhart

Nancy Olson is our newest member. Her interest in League is long-standing, as her mother-in-law was active, but between full-time work and wondering if she had enough background knowledge of politics, she waited until now to join.

Nancy’s career featured work as a psych nurse for Fairview Riverside. She and her husband raised three boys, all of whom live in the area and have become teachers.

Having retired three years ago, Nancy initially spent time supporting her in-laws through transitions. She now shares time with her 92-year old father. She has pursued a variety of activities, including two book clubs and work with a small but active Unitarian church in Arden Hills. She enjoys walking adventures with friends, which keep her out appreciating nature, and she also finds time to support and explore a variety of causes. We are delighted she has chosen to invest time with League. Our guess is she has plenty of background awareness of public affairs.



### Did you know?

Census information is used for spotting trends in the economic well-being of the nation and planning health and educational services for people with disabilities.

# Recap: Voter Services Community Engagement

By Karen Lake

On January 29, Voter Services Committee members, Rita Mills and Karen Lake, were among about 100 youthful, diverse, and energetic participants who attended a Civic Engagement Network Alliance Meeting, hosted by Minnesota Voice which runs WE VOTE MN ([wevotemn.org](http://wevotemn.org)). Nick Harper of LWVMN was also present. Minnesota Voice is a member-based coalition of non-profit and non-partisan organizations working toward permanent change in racial, social, and economic justice by increasing civic engagement and voter participation across the state of Minnesota, especially in underrepresented communities in the metro area and greater Minnesota. Their intent is to insure that every Minnesotan's voice is heard and that coalition partners will inform, engage, and invite participation of everyday people in democracy. The coalition will meet quarterly, and networking communication will continue through e-mail and other social media. Both Rita and Karen were very impressed with the organization and groups in the coalition and the work being done. Lots of energy and excitement!



One of the components of LWV of Roseville Area Voter Services is community outreach. At the request of Carol Torgerson, Life Enrichment Activities Director of RosePointe Senior Independent Living Complex in Roseville, Karen Lake and Rita Mills presented a program there on February 12. An overview and handouts on the presidential primary were offered along with information on caucuses, the August primary, the general election in November, and the upcoming 2020 US Census. Questions about any voting/election-related issues were addressed. Residents were also provided the opportunity to register or re-register to vote and to submit applications for absentee ballots for both the presidential primary and the general election. About 30 tenants of RosePointe were in attendance.

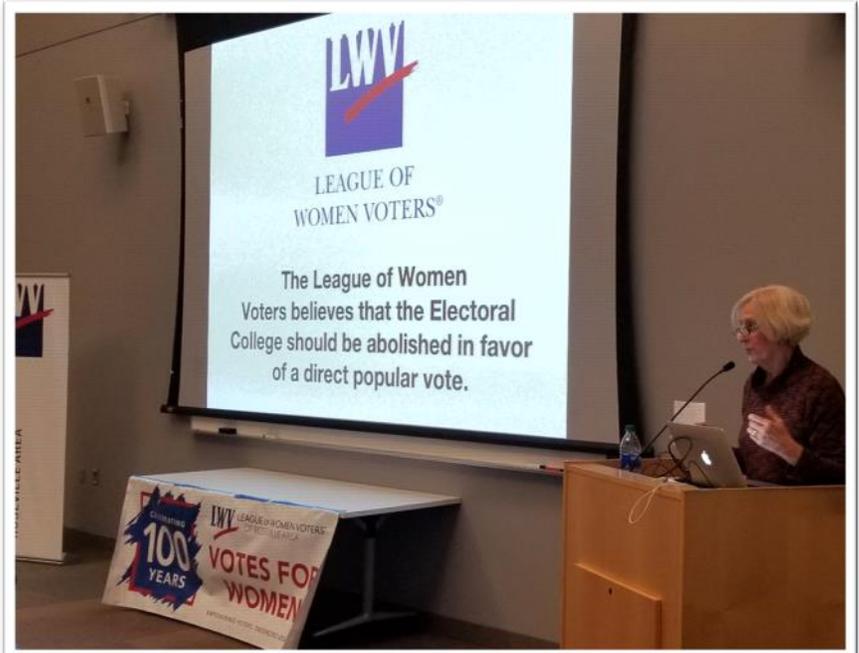
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# Recap: Electoral College Program

By Karen Schaffer

The LWV of Roseville Area's February event on the electoral college drew a large crowd. More than 60 members of the public and LWV members attended the February 18 program on whether we should keep or abolish the Electoral College. The program was co-hosted by LWV of Roseville Area and the Ramsey County Library. Many attendees were very knowledgeable about the subject, though some had little background and wanted to get started on learning about it.

The presentation, by LWV of Roseville Area member Karen Schaffer, addressed the history and origins of the Electoral College, constitutionally amending the Electoral College, the proposed National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, and switching to proportional allocation of electors under the current system. Pros and cons for each were noted. A lively dialogue between the presenter and the audience ensued.



One conclusion from the event: the issue of keeping or abolishing the Electoral College is complicated.

The LWVUS proposed resolution to abolish the electoral college can be read here: [lwvrosevillearea.org/sites/lwvrosevillearea.org/files/docs/Electoral\\_College\\_Resolution%202018.pdf](http://lwvrosevillearea.org/sites/lwvrosevillearea.org/files/docs/Electoral_College_Resolution%202018.pdf)

A brochure with reasons why the electoral college should be abolished can be found here: [lwvrosevillearea.org/sites/lwvrosevillearea.org/files/docs/BrochureElectoralCollege.pdf](http://lwvrosevillearea.org/sites/lwvrosevillearea.org/files/docs/BrochureElectoralCollege.pdf)

A copy of the presentation given in February can be found here: [lwvrosevillearea.org/content/electoral-college-there-another-option-february-18-2020](http://lwvrosevillearea.org/content/electoral-college-there-another-option-february-18-2020)

# CMAL Launches Study of Metro-Area Counties

*By Karen Schaffer*

At its January 11 meeting, delegates to the Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues of Women Voters (CMAL), following a prioritization process, supported as its first priority a CMAL study on county government in the metro area. CMAL last studied county government (and adopted its current position) in 1975. The study will enable review of the current position.

The CMAL Board set in motion a one-year study that will (in general) include the following elements:

- Comparison of county functions and methods
- Comparison of county governance (transparency, accountability, advisory bodies, etc.)
- Description of county interface with metropolitan government (Met Council, etc.)

The study will include an opportunity for all League members (not just CMAL delegates) in the metro area to interview county officials with a survey instrument provided for that purpose. League members who interviewed city officials during CMAL's 2019 Metro Council governance study were very enthusiastic about that interview process.

The study will launch on May 9 at the CMAL annual meeting. Any metro-area League members may participate on the study committee and/or conduct interviews. If you are interested in participating, contact Karen Schaffer (schafferka@gmail.com).

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## Did You Know?

*By Barbara Luck*

Minnesota is a leader in solar energy with more community solar gardens than any other state. We have much more solar potential than we're using with only 2.19% of our total electricity generated from solar. As more solar energy storage is developed, we will be able to rely on solar and other renewables to reduce peak demand on the electrical grid.

What can we do? First, consider an energy audit to make sure your home is energy efficient. Then, learn about how you can use solar energy. Find more information regarding solar energy here: [mn.gov/commerce/consumers/your-home/energy-info/solar/](https://mn.gov/commerce/consumers/your-home/energy-info/solar/)



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## LWV of Roseville Area 2020-2021 Nominations Committee Report

*By Florence Sprague, Mindy Greiling, Karen Lake, and Lisa Scribner*

The positions below are the officers and board members who will be voted on at the annual meeting in May. There is still room for you! **We still need someone to arrange the 2021 annual meeting.** We can always use people with technological skills to support our communications group. If you have an idea for a great program, we can build on your ideas for a great session with your help. Also, be on the watch in the Voter and e-blasts for ad hoc committees that may develop during the year—one I know that is coming is a local subgroup to present the state study on firearms. Most of all, come to as many events and activities as you can and bring a friend! We'll be seeing you!

- **President:** Barb Barany — 2 years
- **Vice President:** Barb Anderson — 2 years
- **Secretary:** Jim DeBenedet, with Mindy Greiling as backup
- **Treasurer:** Jessica Holz
- **Action Team Leaders:** Wayne Groff and Priscilla Morton, vice chair Sherry Hood
- **Communications Team Leader:** Barb Anderson, transitioning to Mary Peterson
- **Membership Team Leader:** Rita Mills
- **Program Team Leader:** Florence Sprague, vice chair Carol Marchel
- **Voter Service Team Leader:** Karen Lake
- **At-Large Board Members:** Stephanie DeBenedet, Rachel Geiser, Karen Schaffer
- **Finance, Budget, Examiner Team Leader:** Barb Anderson

*(report continued on next page)*

# LWV of Roseville Area 2020-2021 Nominations Committee Report (cont.)

The following positions and committees are members who have agreed to work on the programs, activities, and services for LWV of Roseville Area and don't need to be voted on at the Annual Meeting in May.

- **Action and Advocacy**
  - Members: Deb Alexander, Kerry Fine, Georgeann Hall, Elizabeth Hansel, Carol Marchel, Beth Salzl, Warren Wolfe
- **Environment Interest Group**
  - Chair: Donna Peterson
  - Members: Anne Haugan, Sherry Hood, Alana Howey, Barbara Luck, Tammy McGehee, Priscilla Morton
- **Communications**
  - Archive: Dan Salzl, working with Mindy Greiling, Bonnie Koch and Shirley Bradway to transfer to MHC
  - Nextdoor: Barbara Luck
  - PR: Merrie Zakaras
  - Social Media: Carrie Dickson
  - Video: Jim DeBenedet, Rob Reinhart
  - Voter: Rachel Geiser
  - Voter Distribution: Jo Waldron
  - Webpage: Barb Anderson
- **Finance, Budget, and Examiner**
  - Purpose: To divide up tasks of fundraising drive, budget and review of books
  - Members: Joyce Briggs, Bonnie Koch, Mary Ann Palmer, Faith O'Neill
- **Membership**
  - Members: Beth Reinhart, helping with transition, and Stephanie DeBenedet
  - Directory: Rita Mills
  - Data: Ann Thonet
- **Nominations**
  - Chair: Florence Sprague
  - Members: Mindy Greiling, Sherry Hood and Lisa Scribner
- **Program**
  - Committee: Shirley Bradway, Mindy Greiling, Sherry Hood, Carol Marchel, Connie Marty, Sharon McCord, Rita Mills, Lisa Scribner, and Val Swenson
  - Annual Meeting:
  - Conversations with Constituents: Gladys Jones, Lisa Scribner, help from Rita Mills and Barbara Leary
  - CMAL: Karen Schaffer
  - Gavel: June Stewart, in a limited capacity
  - Holiday event: Sherry Hood
- **Voter Services**
  - Committee: Barb Barany, Marcia Cheney, Emma Duren, Sue Gehrz, Elizabeth Hansel, Sherry Hood, Alana Howey, Sheryl Malfeld, Rita Mills, Sharon Oswald, Suzanne Sancilio, Nancy Simpson, Florence Sprague, and June Stewart
  - Candidate forums: Teresa Wernecke, Cecelia Warner, and Grace Gee
  - New citizen registration: Judy Stuthman
  - On call to help with voter registrations: Lois Cunningham, Deb Heuwinkel, Brenda Himrich, Rita Lafferty, Diana Menanteau, Judy Marukami, Nancy Olson, Mary Peterson

# Recap: LWV of Edina and CMAL Affordable Housing Panel

By Karen Schaffer

LWV of Roseville Area member Mindy Greiling was a panelist at the LWV of Edina/CMAL affordable housing panel on February 13.

LWV of Edina and CMAL sponsored an affordable housing panel at Edina City Hall. Panelists were Tara Beard from the Metropolitan Council, Stephanie Hawkinson from the City of Edina, and Greiling. Beard presented on the Metropolitan Council affordable housing policies. Hawkinson presented on Edina's robust affordable housing program. Greiling highlighted our recent LWV of Roseville Area affordable housing study, its methods and recommendations, and provided insight on community and political issues that arise regarding affordable housing proposals.

A video of the event is available at [lwvedina.org/](http://lwvedina.org/).

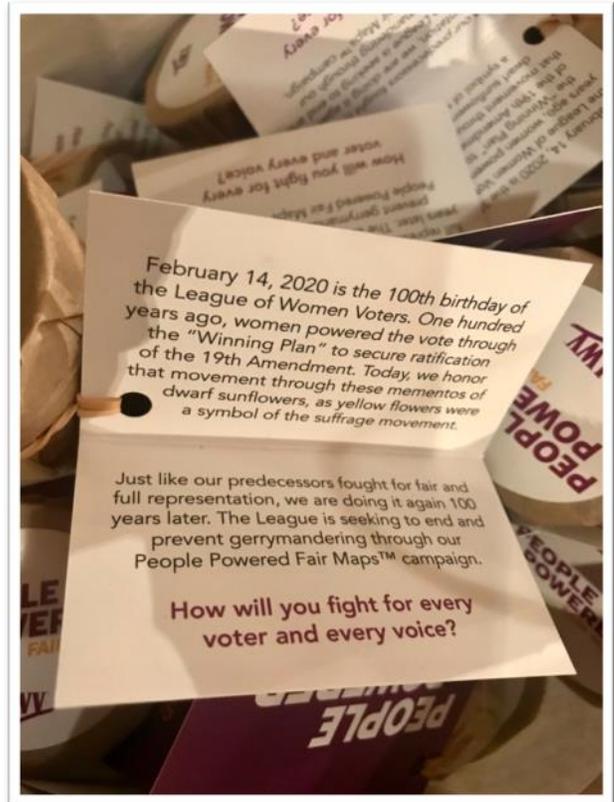
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# Recap: LWVMN Day of Action

By Sherry Hood

On February 14, the 100th anniversary of the founding of LWV, six members of our League joined other Leagues from throughout Minnesota at the Minnesota Capitol to attend the LWVMN Day of Action. The focus of the event was to get an overview of the LWVUS push for the 2020 People Powered Fair Maps campaign. (See [lwvmn.org](http://lwvmn.org) for more information on this campaign.) Among the speakers at the event were Paul Huffman, LWVMN Census and Redistricting Coordinator; Jessica Jones Capparell, Policy and Legislative Affairs Senior Manager at LWVUS; and Nick Harper, LWVMN Civic Engagement Director.

After the program, League members delivered small pots of yellow dwarf sunflowers (yellow flowers are a symbol of the suffragists) to the staff offices of state legislators. We also had an opportunity to write and send People Powered Fair Maps postcards to state senators and representatives.



**Above/Right:** Day of Action deliverables with LWV note (Photo by Gladys Jones)

**Below:** LWV of Roseville Area members attending LWVMN Day of Action (l-r) — Gladys Jones, Rita Mills, Sherry Hood, Deb Alexander, Lisa Scribner, and Barb Barany



## Future League Events

**Rides to events:** If you would like to attend League events but need transportation, contact Sherry Hood at sherryhood@icloud.com or 651-633-1434. She will find someone in your area to provide a ride.

**Event recording:** Many of our events are recorded. If you would like to watch a recording of an event at home, go to our website, [lwwrosevillearea.org](http://lwwrosevillearea.org). Click on the YouTube icon on the righthand side and choose from recorded events.

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

- **April – A Century of Civic Engagement: The League of Women Voters Minnesota.** A 13-panel exhibit will be displayed at the Roseville and Maplewood libraries. See [page 2](#) and the April Voter issue for more information.
- **April 21 – League Involvement and Voting Rights Through the Decades.** Josie Johnson, author and longtime member of LWV of Minneapolis and one of her co-authors, Carolyn Holbrook (co-sponsored with Roseville Public Library); 6:30-8 p.m.; Roseville Public Library Community Room, 2180 N. Hamline Ave. N, Roseville.
- **April 22 and 25 – 50th Anniversary of Earth Day.** See information on [page 2](#). More information coming in the April Voter issue.
- **April 25 – LWVMN State Council Meeting.** See the RSVP information on [page 3](#).
- **May 5 – LWV of Roseville Area Annual Meeting.** 5 p.m. social hour, 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. meeting; Little Canada City Hall, 515 Little Canada Rd. E., Little Canada.
- **June (Date TBD) – Sustainability Field Trip.** Meet at the Little Canada Ramsey County Watershed headquarters to learn about the program and tour the facilities; 2665 Noel Dr., Little Canada.

### Celebrating Susan B. Anthony's 200th Birthday

By Donna Peterson

To celebrate Susan B. Anthony's birthday, the play, *The Cabinet Meeting*, was performed on February 15 at the Hennepin History Museum. The play depicts Susan B. Anthony as the US President. LWV of Roseville Area members Mindy Greiling and Donna Peterson were part of the cast.

**Right:** Cast of the play  
(Photo by Dick Peterson)



### What Are You Thinking? Future Studies and Meeting Ideas

At the Annual Meeting in May, members will adopt a new study for the 2020-2021 year. Do you have an area of interest for our five cities that you would like to work on with other League members? Suggestions can be a new topic that we haven't looked at before or an update of something we have studied in the past. Send your ideas to Program Chair, Bonnie Koch ([touray@aol.com](mailto:touray@aol.com)).

Recent studies:

- 2015-2016: One-year policing study
- 2016-2018: Two-year affordable housing study
- 2018-2019: CMAL study and position update on the Metropolitan Council
- 2019-2020: Study was not undertaken in lieu of emphasis on and participation in the 2020 US Census

Already suggested possibilities:

- Study on how our cities are implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Study on the process for equitably filling representative positions on commissions in local government

Shortly after the Annual Meeting, the 2020-2021 Program Committee will meet to identify topics for monthly meetings. An ongoing list of future possibilities is kept throughout the year. If you already have an idea for a meeting that would be of interest to members from all of our five cities, please send it to Bonnie Koch, and it will be added to the list.

## LWV of Roseville Area: March Event Calendar

- **March 10 – Civic Literacy 101 Part III: The Judiciary.** See the event details on [page 1](#); 6:30 p.m.
- **March 16 – Day at the Capitol.** See the event details on [page 2](#); 9:30 a.m.
- **March 24 – How Are Our Cities Addressing Environmental Issues?** See the event details on [page 1](#); 6:30-8 p.m.
- **March 26 – Not For Sale Group** outing to Minnesota History Theatre play, RSVP and payment were due in February; 7:30 p.m.
- **March 28-29 – Women’s Expo.** See the volunteer details in the President’s article on [page 3](#).



**Get Out the Vote — 1928**  
Source: LWV Media Library

### *Voter Article Submission Deadline*

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