

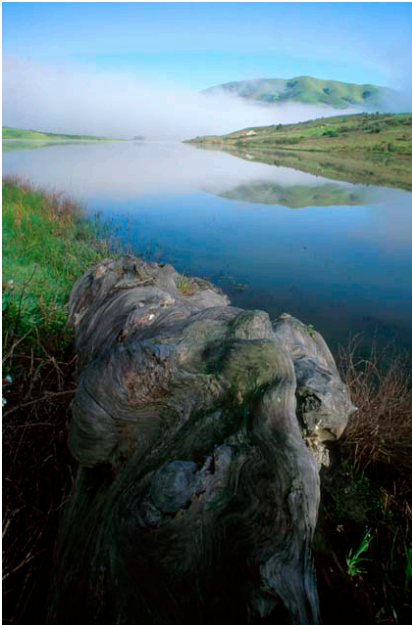


the Bear Facts

the League of Women Voters of the
White Bear Lake Area

LEAVING PARIS: HOW FEDERAL CLIMATE CHANGE DECISIONS AFFECT (OR DON'T) MINNESOTA

There was much disappointment throughout the U.S. following President Trump's decision to take the U.S. out of the Paris Climate Agreement. After all, we are already observing changing weather patterns as a result of climate change, and the U.S. is now one of only three countries that has chosen not to participate in the Paris Agreement. Minnesota has been one of the more ambitious states in developing renewable sources, yet 44% of our electricity still comes from coal burning power plants. Solar and wind energy are ever-growing sectors, and combined with energy efficiency these clean energy industries employ over 50,000 people in Minnesota. But what does our state's energy future look like, and how does federal policy interact with state goals? This meeting will address these questions, as well as just what Minnesota's current goals are and what is the role of citizen engagement in defining those goals. Julie Drennon



September Units

Sept 8, 10:00 AM - ST. Croix Valley Unit, Boutwell's Landing, 5600 Norwich Dr., Oak Park Heights
Sept 11, 7:00 PM - Mahtomedi Unit, UUC Church, 328 Maple Street, Mahtomedi
Sept 13, 12:30 PM - North Oaks Unit, Incarnation Lutheran Church, 4880 Hodgson Rd, North Oaks
Sept 14, 7:00 PM - WBL Unit, White Bear Lake City Hall, 2nd FL., 4701 Hwy #61, WBL

From the President: Backstage

I've never worked in the theater, but I took a backstage tour of the Guthrie once, and I marveled at all of the people and the hours of time it took to put on one performance that lasted maybe 3-4 weeks. All of that work may sound tedious to some, but when you see how it all comes together, it's exciting and fulfilling. When you work backstage on League activities, you see how everything comes together and you get to be a part of something bigger that benefits our community. We have lots of good work to be a part of, and it's prime time to get involved. Learn more about it in this issue of the Bear Facts, then sign up and be a part of something bigger!

Liz Lauder

New Member Brunch: Recap

In the past year or so the White Bear Lake Area LWV has been very fortunate to have a number of outstanding individuals join our League. In order to welcome our new members, the Membership Committee put on a New Member Brunch at the home of Mary Hauser on June 3rd. We had a very delightful get together in which we had a great opportunity to get to know each other better while at the same time we enjoyed a very delicious brunch made by the entire Membership Committee. Best of all, we had a gorgeous, sunny summer day to celebrate together.

We started out with everyone introducing themselves by giving a few details about their lives. We then had a brief history of LWV, an explanation about how the League is organized, and finally a description of the many different types of programs we study. We were then ready to just socialize with each other and enjoy our time together.

We are very pleased to welcome all of our new members to our entire league as well as to our individual units. Our latest new members who attended the brunch are Ellen Fahey, Diane Blank, Heidi Boyd, Sarah Sevcik, Jacque Zbaracki,, Jessica Ellison, Matt Ellison, Kathleen Thalhuber, and Sarah Amundson,. Other new members who were unable to attend the brunch, but were definitely missed are Marian Johnson, Mary Ryan, Kathleen Pratt, Julie Drennan, and Geri Carley.

Many Thanks to our gracious hostess, Mary Hauser, and to our Membership Committee---Ruth Jones, this past year's Membership Chair, Liz Lauder, our new WBL Area LWV President, Lori Soukup, Mary Santi, and Carolyn Folke.

Mary Johnston, New Membership Chair

Looking Forward to Units



Coming Up In
October.....

Topic: No Wheels? Getting
around the NE Metro.

Going to the store, to the airport?
There are affordable and reliable
alternatives to driving our own
vehicles. Learn about local and
regional transportation options
for those without wheels, such as

seniors, the disabled, and those who just do not want to be tied to
their automobiles.

Plan to attend your unit with timely information and discussion on
this topic.

Discussion materials provided by Mary Santi and Sarah Sevcik



Coming Up in
November.....

Topic: Affordable Housing
Plan to attend your units in
November.

*Discussion materials provided
by Liz Lauder and Julie Drennen*



Please see the flyer on the following page with information about an
upcoming forum on Affordable Housing from CMAL (Council of
Metropolitan Area Leagues).



**COUNCIL OF
METROPOLITAN
AREA LEAGUES OF
WOMEN VOTERS
PRESENTS:**



A place for us?

AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA

Panelists:

- Chip Halbach, Long-time Executive Director of the Minnesota Housing Partnership
- Gail Dorfman, Metropolitan Council Representative and Executive Director, St. Stephen's Human Services
- Cathy Bennett, Housing Initiative, Urban Land Institute

Saturday, October 21, 2017

10:00 A.M. Refreshments

10:30 A.M. – Noon: Program

Centennial United Methodist Church

**1524 W. Co. Rd C-2 (corner of C-2 and Snelling)
Roseville**

Free and Open to the Public

**Co-sponsored with the League of Women Voters® Roseville Area
and Centennial United Methodist Church**

If you are interested in attending this forum, please contact Liz Lauder.



LWVWBLA Picnic and Program Information at Katherine Abbott Park August 17, 2017

Over 40 people gathered at Katherine Abbott Park for a delicious dinner of pulled pork, salads and desserts prepared by members of the Mahtomedi Unit. The dinner was followed by an introduction to the activities planned for the 2017-2018 program.

The program committee with co-leaders, Mary Santi and Gladys Ritter, presented a plethora of topics which will provide us all with stimulating information and discussions during the year. They also pointed out the many opportunities for each member to become an enthusiastic participant on any number of committees.

Mary Johnston reviewed the success of the new members' brunch at Mary Hauser's home this June and introduced the new members at the dinner. (See her article in this BF.)

Voter's service will continue to be an important part of our efforts with candidates' forums and voter registration dates already on the calendar. Molly Anthony and her committee will certainly be looking for members who are interested in volunteering to take part in these election services.

Judy Duffy and Liz Lauder outlined some of the plans for the 100th birthday of LWV Minnesota. They are asking each local League to share a history of their beginnings and highlights of their accomplishments.

In addition to all of the information given to the members at the picnic, there were calendars for the year and membership rosters available. All updated versions are at the end of this newsletter.

NOTES AND POSTS.....

There are many ways to receive more information about us, other Leagues around us and the LWVMN. Facebook is one of them. (see below)



We have a Facebook page!

You will find it if you search on Google for LWB White Bear Lake area. It is set up as an organization page. That means we don't know who has liked it unless they post something.

If you are on Facebook, check out our page, "like" it and post something on it at least once a month. We are looking for a lot of traffic. Mary Santi.

Dakota County Leagues, have posted on Facebook a video of a very interesting forum on on Health Care which took place on June 1. You can find it by going to: <https://www.facebook.com/LWVDakotaCty/> Scroll down to July 19 until you see the photo containing Senator Marty.

From LWVUS: We are [excited to share the second video in our two-part series](#) describing the League's journey to strengthen our role in creating a more perfect democracy.



Pictures from LWVWBLA Fall Picnic



Many members gathering at the picnic.

Gladys Ritter talking about upcoming program.



Gladys explaining program to members.



Judy Duffy sharing news of the plans for the LWV Centennial.



SEPTEMBER - 2017							TOPIC: MN's energy future after leaving Paris
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OCTOBER - 2017							TOPIC: No Wheels? Getting around NE Metro
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NOVEMBER - 2017							TOPIC: Affordable Housing
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DECEMBER - 2017							All Unit Holiday Party hosted by WB Lake Unit
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JANUARY - 2018							TOPIC: Ari Berman's book Give Us The Ballot
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FEBRUARY - 2018							TOPIC: Local Police Study
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MARCH - 2018							TOPIC: Take Action on Redistricting
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APRIL - 2018							TOPIC: Civics Education
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							19 Annual Meeting-N Oaks

MAY - 2018							TOPIC: Interview City Manager or Mayor
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MEETING LOCATIONS:

Mahtomedi Unit: WBL Unitarian Universalist Church
328 Maple St., Mahtomedi, MN 55115

North Oaks Unit: Incarnation Lutheran Church
4880 Hodgson Rd, North Oaks, MN 55126

White Bear Lake Unit: White Bear Lake City Hall, 2nd floor
4701 Hwy 61 N, White Bear Lake, MN

St. Croix Valley Unit: Boutwell's Landing, Steamboat Lounge,
5600 Norwich Pkwy, Oak Park Heights, MN 55082

Board Meeting Location:

White Bear Library
2150 2nd Street
White Bear Lake, MN 55110

COLOR KEY:

- Unit Meetings
- Board Meetings
- All Unit Events
- Public Meetings
- Bear Facts Deadlines

The Board meets the 2nd
Wednesday of the month
at 6:30 PM

Bear Facts Deadlines: 3rd Wednesday of the month

Sept. Issue: August 16	April Issue: March 21
Oct. Issue: September 20	May Issue: April 18
Nov. Issue: October 18	June Issue: May 16
December: No Bear Facts	July & August - no Bear Facts
Jan. Issue: December 20	
Feb. Issue: January 17	Newsletters are sent on
March Issue: February 14	the 4th Tuesday of the month

**League of Women Voters White Bear Lake Area
Program Calendar 2017-2018**

Month	Units/General	Lead	Title	Detail
AUG	17 Kickoff Picnic	Mahtomedi Unit	Kickoff Picnic	5 pm to 7 pm at Katherine Abbott Park, 1000 Lincolntown Ave., Mahtomedi Picnic supper of pulled pork, salads, desserts. \$8 donation. Introduce 2017-18 program calendar. RSVP to Anne Johnson.
SEPT	8 SCV Unit 11 Mahtomedi Unit 13 North Oaks Unit 14 WB Lake Unit 26 National Voter Registration Day	Julie Drennen	Leaving Paris: How Federal Climate Change Decisions Affect (or don't) Minnesota	What does our state's energy future look like after leaving the Paris Agreement, and how does federal policy interact with state goals? This meeting will address these questions, as well as just what Minnesota's current goals are and the role of citizen engagement when addressing those goals.
OCT	9 Mahtomedi Unit 11 North Oaks Unit 12 WB Lake Unit 13 SCV Unit ?? Healthcare Public Forum	Mary Santi and Sarah Sevcik Gladys Ritter/Miriam Simmons	No Wheels? Getting Around the Northeast Suburbs Single Payer – Or No? (tentative)	Going to the store, to the airport? There are affordable and reliable alternatives to driving our own vehicles. Learn about local and regional transportation options for those without wheels, such as seniors, the disabled, and those who just do not want to be tied to their automobile. Co-sponsored with St. Croix Valley Women's Alliance
NOV	8 North Oaks Unit 9 WB Lake Unit 10 SCV Unit 13 Mahtomedi Unit ?? Healthcare Public Forum 21 Panel	Liz Lauder and Julie Drennen Gladys Ritter/Miriam Simmons	Affordable Housing Single Payer – Or No? (tentative) Affordable Housing	 Co-sponsored with St. Croix Valley Women's Alliance Co-sponsored LWV Roseville
DEC	10 Holiday Party No unit meetings	WB Lake Unit		
JAN	8 Mahtomedi Unit 10 North Oaks Unit 11 WB Lake Unit 12 SCV Unit	Gladys Ritter	Review and discussion of <u>Give Us the Ballot: The Modern Struggle for Voting Rights in America</u> by Ari Berman.	What happened after the passage of the Voting Rights Act in 1965? What turbulent forces did it unleash? Berman charts both the transformation of American democracy under the VRA and forces that have sought to limit it from the moment the act was signed into law. <u>Give Us the Ballot</u> provides new insight into one of the most vital political and civil rights issues of our time. Program Committee will order

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Month	Units/General	Lead	Title	Detail
JAN (Cont)				copies for those interested in purchasing. Paperback approx. \$8.
	27 Policy and Pasta	Program Committee	Donatelli's, 2692 Co. Rd. E	All unit's lively discussion of what topics we would like to study and discuss for the 2018-19 program year. Recommend program topics to LWVUS.
FEB	8 WB Lake Unit 9 SCV Unit 12 Mahtomedi Unit 14 North Oaks Unit ?? Redistricting Public Forum 20 Legislative Session Begins	Local Study Committee Kathy Tomsich and Liz Lauder	Local Police Study Public Forum co-sponsored with Common Cause	Two-year local study to examine the training of the police forces of Ramsey and Washington counties and the cities of White Bear Lake and Stillwater as it involves racial bias, domestic violence, and engaging with the mentally ill. Possibly with the assistance of the Theater of Public Policy
MAR	8 WB Lake Unit 9 SCV Unit 12 Mahtomedi Unit 14 North Oaks Unit	Gladys Ritter	Redistricting Action	Using resources from the LWVMN Redistricting Tool Kit
APR	9 Mahtomedi Unit 11 North Oaks Unit 12 WB Lake Unit 13 SCV Unit 19 Annual Meeting	Mary Santi North Oaks Unit	Where are We With Civics Education?	How do we prepare our youth to be active participants in our system of democratic self-government? What do our local school districts provide in their curriculum? Nation's "Report Card." International Civic Education Survey.
MAY	9 North Oaks Unit 10 WB Lake Unit 11 SCV Unit 14 Mahtomedi Unit	Unit Leaders	What Is It Like to Run a City?	Invite a city manager or mayor from your area to your unit meeting for an informal conversation. Program Committee will provide guided interview questions.
UNIT LEADERS: Mahtomedi Unit: Anne Johnson 651-429-6420 johns745@umn.edu North Oaks Unit: Carolyn Folke 612-414-9503 cbwf40@gmail.com White Bear Lake Unit: Judy Ottman 651-426-0159 dick.ottman@usfamily.net St. Croix Valley Unit: Lori Soukup 651-491-4735 soukup524@gmail.com			MEETING LOCATIONS: Mahtomedi Unit: WBL Unitarian Universalist Church 328 Maple St., Mahtomedi, MN 55115 North Oaks Unit: Incarnation Lutheran Church 4880 Hodgson Rd, North Oaks, MN 55126 White Bear Lake Unit: White Bear Lake City Hall, 2nd floor 4701 Hwy 61 N, White Bear Lake, MN St. Croix Valley Unit: Boutwell's Landing, Steamboat Lounge, 5600 Norwich Pkwy, Oak Park Heights, MN 55082	

Treasurer's Report

August 9, 2017

Elizabeth Nordling, Treasurer

		Current	YTD
Income:	Dues	\$185.00	\$1820.00
	Donations	\$315.00	\$427.00
	Meetings (socials)		\$392.00
	Service		
	In-kind donation		
	Voters Service	\$150.00	\$150.00
	Calendars		
	Bank interest	\$0.14	\$0.14
	Total:	\$650.14	\$2789.14
Expenses:	Meetings (socials)	\$100.00	\$630.72
	2016 National convention	\$100.00	\$100.00
	LWVMN PMP	\$1587.50	\$1587.50
	LWVUS PMP		
	Meeting site		
	Voters Service	\$334.57	\$334.57
	Program (includes publicity)		\$124.13
	Bear Facts copying/printing		
	Calendars		
	Membership		\$32.13
	(communication, recruiting & recognition)		
	Total:	\$2122.07	\$2809.05

Opening balance from April 1, 2017:	\$6018.85
Income	+ \$650.14
Expenses:	- \$2122.07

Current balance: **\$4546.92**

Ed fund CD: **\$5031.40**

2017-18 Paid Members: 24 @ \$60
5 @ \$75

Total: 37 (including our 3 lifetime members)