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Potluck Supper & Lively Issues (program planning)

December 9 at Andover City Hall

6:00 Potluck

Bring a favorite dish to share along with any needed serving utensils.

Arrive a little early to allow time for food set-up. Yum!

6:30 Program

Thanks to over 20 members who reviewed our state and national positions, made comments, and gave suggestions through the Program Planning Survey. This input will be used to open this evening's discussion of priorities and programs. We look forward to your participation and lively discussion! In addition, Geri Nelson will tell us about a proposed national position on voting systems and take us through the concurrence process. And we have several programs and projects in the works needing member input as well as volunteers. Your input is needed!



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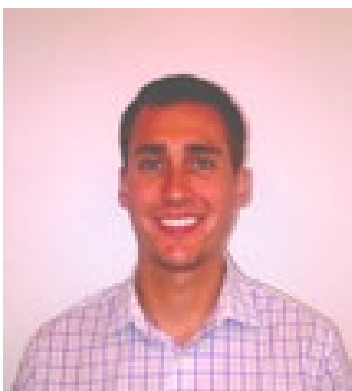


LWV ABC shakes up this Winter's Calendar

Many members said they'd like having daytime meetings in the winter. Our program planners have answered with a whole new schedule!

The December Board meeting has moved from December 23rd to the 16th. We won't have our regular monthly meetings in January and February. Instead we'll host a series of special events and three Legislative Interviews. Read on for details . . .

A Primer on the Presidential Primary, a two-part series from LWV ABC



Paul Linnell, Anoka County Election Operations Administrator, will tell how the upcoming Presidential Primary is going to work. Since voters will need to disclose their party preference when they get their ballot, it's sure to be controversial.

Part One: Tuesday, December 10, 10 am, at QCTV studios at 12254 Ensign Ave N, Champlin, MN 55316. Studio audience members needed for this filming!

Part Two: Saturday, January 4 – 1:30 - Discussion at Northtown Library, 711 County Hwy 10 Frontage Rd, Minneapolis, MN 55434.

The public is welcome to this less formal discussion with Paul.

Legislative Interviews

League of Women Voters ABC is again sponsoring legislative interviews (community conversations) for LWV members and the public to meet our local legislators in an informal question and answer format.

This year we hope to schedule them in January, before February 11, the first day of the 2020 legislative session.

- Districts 41, 41A, and 41B will be held in the Fridley/Columbia Heights area, chaired by Bruce Pomeranz and Lora Oberle.
- Districts 31, 31A, 31B, 37, 37A, and 37B will be held in Blaine, chaired by Karen Varian, Susan Witt, and Belinda Lawrence.
- Districts 35, 35A, 35B, 36, 36A, and 36B will be held at Ramsey City Hall (we think), chaired by Paul Sitz and Leslie Waterhouse.

Chairs will need help with spreading the word, registration, food, and serving as table captains and recorders at the event. Plan to sign up at the December 9th meeting or contact the appropriate chair.

Hope you can come! It's a great way to establish or strengthen your relationship with your legislators, hear their priorities and their response to issues of concern to voters in a friendly, respectful environment.

Upcoming Elections

Special General Election - Anoka County District 6

Election Day is February 11

Early voting starts December 27

Information on Anoka County Elections [website](#)

Presidential Nomination Primary

Election Day is March 3

Early voting starts January 17

Information on Secretary of State's [website](#)





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Precinct Caucuses to be held February 25, 2020

Going to a caucus is a great way to show support for a candidate, raise an issue that's important to you, influence who the part will endorse for many offices, and meet people in your community.

Read more on caucuses on the Secretary of State's [website](#).

Election Judges – Applications are Due on December 6

The City of Fridley and other Cities in Anoka County are hiring for Election Judges for the upcoming 2020 elections. Earn extra money, learn more about the electronics process and serve your community! If you or someone you know are interested in applying, download an application on this website at FridleyMN.gov/ElectionJudge

Applications due December 6. Check with other City websites, too. Students who are at least 16 years of age may serve as Student Judges.

Voter Registration – There's more work to do!

Our local libraries continue to be a great source for civic engagement resources and activities. Our board is encouraging members to set-up a voter registration table at their local library. We will have a list of libraries and all the materials you'll need at the December 16 board meeting. Simply select a library from the list, and coordinate a time and date that's convenient to you and compatible with your local library.

LWV MN Historical Displays at our local libraries

– From LWV MN

[LWV MN Historical displays](#) are coming to our local libraries this winter: January 14-28 at the Northtown Library, and February 1-15 at the Rum River Library.



We are going to kick off each of these events with an opening ceremony, so mark your calendars now! Here's the plan: January 13 at 6:30 pm – Northtown; February 1 at 11 am – Rum River.

Many thanks to Leaguer's Sandy Connor and Susan Anderson for taking the helm on planning these events! They will need help along the way, so stay tuned.

January 13 at 6:30 pm – Northtown; February 1 at 11 am – Rum River
Girl Scout flag ceremony
Welcome speech (short)
Choir singing patriotic songs
Take a picture with a Suffragist
LWV ABC table with voter registration and info on voting process, Presidential Primary and importance of Census
Treats (possibly census cookies)
Special event at Northtown: Talk by Sandy Connor on History of LWV and how the world has changed since women got the vote in 1919
Special event at Rum River: Community visioning exercise and sharing of memories of significant voting events

– From LWV ABC

View our [Celebrating 100 exhibit, the history of LWV in Anoka County, open through December 31](#) at Anoka County History Center, 2135 Third Avenue North, Anoka. Hours: Tues 10--8, Wed/Thur/Fri 10--5, Sat 10-4. Click to get a sneak [preview](#)

Recap of Our November 11 Program

We had a great turnout for an engaging program with speakers and exhibits on “Climate Change – *Is there anything I can do in my life to make a difference?*” If you missed this event, you can catch the speakers and interviews with the exhibitors via video on our website: <http://reflect-qctv.cablecast.tv/vod/10080-LWV-Climate-Change-You-Can-Make-A-Difference-High-v1.mp4>

- *In the photo below (left) our President, Gretchen Sabel, welcomed Peggy Kvam from LWV (Minnetonka, Eden Prairie, Hopkins) who shared information about her “better than net zero” home that’s winning national recognition. Following presentations by Gretchen and Peggy, attendees enjoyed visiting exhibitors on various topics.*



And Meet QCTV’s Producer...



Our Partnership with QCTV:

We’re very grateful to QCTV community television for their interest in our programs and their willingness to record and share our programs with the communities they serve. *Above, our president, Gretchen Sabel introduces Winter Kucharski, QCTV producer, to our November program.*

Highlights of LWV ABC Board Meeting, November 25, 2019

By Arlene Gillett, Secretary

–The Membership Committee has been working on ideas to enlarge our league's community exposure, both for membership recruitment, to do voter registration, and to provide information on upcoming elections. They suggested that we could work towards having tables at local libraries and apartment complexes, and perhaps ask to put a paragraph into local church bulletins. We would love to have more of our members volunteering to do this!

–We discussed upcoming program ideas: The **December 9th membership meeting** will be based on the results of a member survey about league's position on issues: how league arrives at a position, what "concurrence" means, and looking at a new way to adopt a local position.

–**On January 13th**, our regular meeting date, we will instead be at the Northtown Library for the grand opening of the LWV History Display. So the scheduling of our speaker on the upcoming Presidential Primary will move to a yet -to-be-determined date and time, possibly a daytime meeting on a weekend in January, or in December with a question-and-answer format.

–The Membership Committee reported that the transition to our **new website**, MyLO is still being worked on, with issues regarding member access, and Pay Pal use. They are also working on the development of our new brochure.

Other Event of Interest...

December 10, Noon – Medicare for All: Medical Bills and Middle Class Struggles

Seminar at Humphrey School of Public Affairs, 301 19th Ave South, Minneapolis.

Noam Levey, a national healthcare policy journalist, will discuss healthcare access and affordability in a conversation moderated by Professor Larry Jacobs.

This Seminar is Free. Registration and more info at:

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Save the Dates:

NOTE: Monday, December 16, 11 am – **LWV ABC Board meeting** at Davanni’s in Coon Rapids (Hwy. 10 frontage road just south of Round Lake Blvd exit). Order food at 11 am, meeting commences at 11:30 am. This is a good opportunity to learn more about what LWV ABC is up to!

Saturday, January 4, 1:30 pm – **Discussion on “A Primer on the Presidential Primary”** with Paul Linnell at Northtown Library, 711 County Hwy 10 Frontage Rd, Blaine, MN 55434. Public welcome!

Monday, January 13, 6:30 pm – **Grand Opening of the LWV History Exhibit** at Northtown Library, 711 County Hwy 10 Frontage Rd, Blaine, MN 55434. Public event!

Monday, January 27, 11 am – **LWV ABC Board meeting** at Davanni’s in Coon Rapids (Hwy. 10 frontage road just south of Round Lake Blvd exit). Order food at 11 am, meeting commences at 11:30 am. This is a good opportunity to learn more about what LWV ABC is up to!

Saturday, February 1, 11:00 – **Grand Opening of the LWV History Exhibit** at the Rum River Library, 4201 6th Ave, Anoka, MN 55303. Public event!

NOTE: Monday, February 10 – **No regular monthly meeting**; Enjoy the winter weather from home!

Do you have Information to share with LWV ABC? Four ways to stay in touch with LWV ABC

Visit our public website: www.lwvabcmn.org. If you need a refresher on accessing the “Members Only” section of the website, send an email to lwvabc@gmail.com. We will reply with the link for you to bookmark.

We’re on Facebook: Just search for “LWV ABC Facebook”.

Our monthly newsletter, *The Voter*: Members and other interested persons receive our newsletter by email in the early part of each month. Issues are also available on our LWV ABC website, www.lwvabcmn.org.

Not a member of LWV ABC?

Membership is open to people of all genders, age 16 or older.

Join LWV ABC using [PayPal](#) or by using the [Membership Form](#).

Help us Make Democracy Work!