

## POTLUCK POLICY PARTY (and book swap)

Our December 11 Program –  
Public Policy, Holiday Potluck, and a Book Swap

Join us at Andover City Hall’s Senior Center, 1685 Crosstown Blvd NW. Enter the city hall parking lot from Crosstown and proceed to the end of the building. Potluck supper at 6:00; program at 6:30.

- What’s your passion in the arena of public policy Check out the LWV US summary of public policy positions\* at <http://forum.lwv.org/member-resources/book/summary-public-policy-positions>. Then participate in a lively discussion of positions that should be an active focus for LWV ABC as well as any considerations for LWV US national convention in June.



- Got a favorite book to pass along to someone else? We’ll be having a book swap – bring a book, pick a book, pay a buck – clear your shelf and bag some good new reading.

- Bring a potluck item for a sumptuous supper – classic tater tot hotdish, your grandma’s favorite tabouleh, festive Julekage, traditional Minnesota lutefisk or whatever works for you. (If your food is gluten-free, vegan or otherwise specified, please label it so. Dishes not labeled will be assumed to include gluten or non-vegan ingredients.) Beverages provided.



\*Want to know more about these positions? Read more at <http://forum.lwv.org/member-resources/book/impact-issues-2016-2018-online-edition>

**Drafts and Discourse – December 13 @ 6pm**

LWV is a principled organization. We study issues and develop positions by consensus from all levels of our organization. This month we'll start out with looking at LWV advocacy positions on topics that of our choosing.

Join the discussion on **December 13 at Alloy Brewing** in Coon Rapids. This new brewery will welcome LWV ABC members at 6pm. Buy a pint at the bar and join in the discussion.

Alloy Brewing is at 2700 Coon Rapids Blvd in Coon Rapids. Alloy doesn't have a sign but it's on the frontage road south of the Arby's at Crooked Lake and Coon Rapids Boulevards, in the old Enterprise Rental Car shop. See you at the brewery! Bring a friend!



**Successful Screening of “Equal Means Equal”**

A great mix of about 70 students, community members and LWV members were on hand at Anoka-Ramsey Community College's Legacy Room for our screening of the documentary film, Equal Means Equal, on the evening of November 13. The event was co-sponsored by LWV ABC and Anoka Ramsey Community College. The film explores gender inequality in the United States using real life stories, precedent setting legal cases, interviews, news footage, facts, figures, and even occasional humor. It makes a case for why men and women should be fighting to get the Equal Rights Amendment passed. The small group discussions that followed the film provided great sharing of reactions by both men and women.

**There are no more excuses.**

**EQUAL  
 MEANS  
 EQUAL**

**THE DEFINITIVE DOCUMENTARY FILM  
 ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN AMERICA**

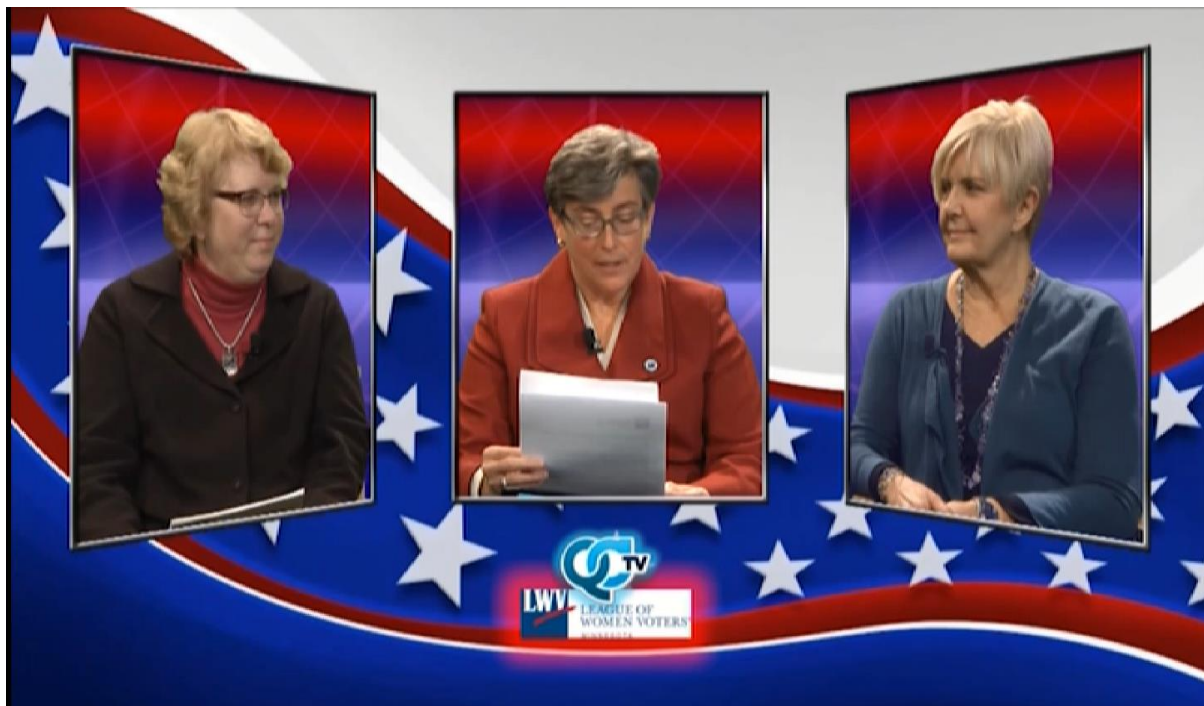
Missed the screening or want to share the film with others? You can find it on Amazon Prime, or let President Jeorgette Knoll know of your interest in borrowing the copy that LWV ABC purchased.

## Voter Service Update

Gerri Nelson & Arlene Gillett, Voter Service Co-Chairs

Plan to attend Caucus night on February 6th where we select party leadership and get ready to endorse **candidates for office**. **QCTV's website has the program LWV ABC did for the last caucuses in 2016** that explains the similarities and differences between the Republican and DFL caucuses. [Check it out here!](#)

Voter Service will start gearing up for the 2018 election season in February. We will be registering voters in the high schools in April/May and planning candidate forums for the Primary and General Elections. This is a place where all hands are on deck to ensure success of our programs. LWV Minnesota will be offering moderator and event planning workshops in the spring—a great way to make a difference for voters! We need more moderators in LWV ABC as we offer so many forums throughout our area and beyond.



LWV ABC member Kathy Tinglestad, former LWV MN Executive Director Susan Sheridan Tucker, and Vicky Wright explain the Minnesota caucus process in the [QCTV program](#).

### **LWV Member Zilla Way Honored by Anoka County Library**

At the November 28 meeting of the Anoka County Board, Zilla Way was recognized for her support of Anoka County's libraries in a range of capacities and for her leadership in the Friends of Anoka County Library organization.

Zilla recently retired from the Friends board, but her impact is still felt, according to Friends organization secretary Janet Eaton. "Her wisdom and ability to identify 'core concerns' has proven helpful during critical decision-making times, and the next [generation of] leaders hopes to continue in that mold," commented Eaton.

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Zilla by Maggie Snow, Anoka County's library director (left) and Jacquie Kramer, assistant library director (right).



### **Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Of League of Women Voters**

Work has begun on planning for the Anoka County recognition of LWV's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. If you'd like to be part of this effort, send a note to Sandra Connor to let her know you'll help: [sjconnor01@yahoo.com](mailto:sjconnor01@yahoo.com).

Sandra is one of our newer members and would welcome your knowledge and ideas to highlight the history of LWV ABC. She's already done some groundwork for a possible display at

the Anoka County History Center and has been working with Kathy Tinglestad and Zilla Way to identify and review our historical records and begin identifying people and projects that could be highlighted.

At the national level, an Anniversary committee has been formed to highlight the impact of League of Women Voters over the past century and showcase our current role as leaders in democracy. They'll develop tools for state and local Leagues to participate in the celebration. More info here: <http://forum.lwv.org/document/lwv-100th-anniversary-committee>. Please join Sandra in connecting our local League to this national effort.



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ANOKA, BLAINE, COON RAPIDS AREA

**THE VOTER**  
**DECEMBER 2017**

### **Save the Dates:**

Monday, December 11 – LWV ABC Monthly meeting, 6pm at Andover Senior Center. Policy Potluck Party and Book Swap. This meeting we will be having a potluck – **so bring your favorite ‘depth of winter’ dish!**

Wednesday, December 13, 6pm – **Drafts and Discourse** at Alloy Brewing

Monday, December 25 – No Board meeting in December!

### **Staying in Touch with LWV ABC**

**Visit our public website:** [www.lwvabcmn.org](http://www.lwvabcmn.org). If you need a refresher on accessing the Members Only section of the website, send an email to [lwvabc@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.lwvabcmn.org).

#### **Have Information to share with LWV ABC?**

Email your information to [lwvabc@gmail.com](mailto:lwvabc@gmail.com) for inclusion  
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