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TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 8

Anoka County Commissioner Candidate Forum

Everyone is encouraged to attend our LWV *Candidate Forum* for the special primary election regarding the Open Seat for Anoka County Commissioner, District 6.

- **Tuesday, October 8, 6:30-8:00 p.m.**
- **Lino Lakes City Hall, 600 Town Center Pkwy, Lino Lakes, MN 55014**

The District 6 special primary election will be held Tuesday, November 5. Candidate and election information: <https://www.anokacounty.us/3746/Anoka-County-Commissioner-District-6-Spe>

The November LWV newsletter will report on the October candidate forums—for Anoka-Hennepin School Board, for Ramsey City Council Ward 3, and for the above forum.

Celebrating our first 100 years at the LWV MN Gala!

October 26 – Union Depot, St. Paul

Join LWV members from across Minnesota for this fun evening, including a live auction and many history-making guests. Tickets available for \$125, which is a \$50 discount. Email lwwabc@gmail.com by October 14 to let us know how many tickets you want. It's a significant fundraiser for LWV MN, and a good way to show our support for our mother organization. For info on program and more: <https://www.lwvmn.org/gala>



Transformative Circle – Reaching across Race, Culture and Class

MONDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 14

Our Monthly Program Presented by

Lori Anderson, Founder and Chairperson of Transformative Circle



At the October 14th meeting, attendees will learn about the formation of Transformative Circle in Coon Rapids. This grass-roots organization brings together people of diverse backgrounds and cultures to build community relationships. Attendees will hear about transformations accomplished through partnerships, education, inclusion and outreach, and learn how residents can be involved in the activities of this organization.

Where: Andover City Hall’s Senior Center at the north end of City Hall for supper; followed by program next door in City Council Chambers. The address is 1685 Crosstown Blvd NW, Andover.

When: 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 14. All are invited to socialize and eat a light dinner prepared by LWV ABC volunteers.

6:30 p.m. Announcements, Friend of League award, and program in Andover City Hall’s Council chambers.

Note: QCTV will videotape the forum for cablecast and on-demand viewing on their website, www.QCTV.org

Welcome to our 2019 new members!

Dianne Austgen, Blaine
Erin Heers-McArdle, Anoka
Marie McCarthy, Blaine
Mandy Meisner, Fridley
Lora Oberle, Fridley

Connie Shackle, Columbia Heights
Judy Storrick, Coon Rapids
Dan Truchon, Blaine
Cynthia Wetzell, Columbia Heights

Please complete LWV ABC Program Survey

Our program committee is considering some new meeting options and needs to know what would work best for you. Please answer their 9-question survey by October 21. [CLICK HERE](#) to complete the survey, or paste this URL into your browser: <https://forms.gle/4crHtJNxtFuRMLXG6>
Available in printed form upon request – will be distributed on paper at our October 13 meeting.

Census 2020 “Complete” Count in Coon Rapids Important to MN State Results

Our September meeting

The September LWV ABC meeting featured a panel presentation about the importance of the 2020 U.S. Census in Coon Rapids. In fact, the projected “under-count” of nearly 10,000 people in Coon Rapids alone, could negatively affect the entire Census count for the State of Minnesota—as the determination of either 7 or 8 Congressional districts is “on the line,” based on this (once every 10 years) population count. That’s why it will be important to reach those thousands of people who may not immediately complete their 2020 Census forms—scheduled to be received in home mail boxes just prior to April 1, 2020.



The importance of privacy and confidentiality of the Census data was also discussed.



In an effort to promote the Census date of “4-1-20,” Gretchen Sabel’s home-made “Census-themed gingerbread cookies” were a hit at this event...Meanwhile, many professional resources about the 2020 Census are available online at: www.census.gov

The important community outreach effort of the Census was featured by the pictured panelists (right to left): Matt Brown, Coon Rapids City Planner; Kathy Tingelstad, former State Legislator and Census Enumerator; Andrew Virdin, Director of Census Operations from the MN State Demographer’s Office; ABC League President Gretchen Sabel, the well-prepared and engaging Moderator; and Amir Malik, Community Attorney.

Our League Participated in National Voter Registration Day

National Voter Registration Day is sponsored by the National Association of Secretaries of State, as well as other national election groups. The goal was to call attention to the need to register to vote—by reaching out to a variety of organizations and providing training and materials to encourage them to register as many people as possible on one date in September.

Our League participated in that effort this year, and set a goal of registering 50 voters. ABC League members went to four different sites during that week in September—including high schools, libraries, and adult basic education sites, and registered 16 voters. We are continuing our efforts at voter registration; our volunteers have gone to many Anoka County high schools and community events.

LWV Traveling Exhibit Coming to Our Area

Help plan the grand opening event!

The LWV MN traveling history exhibit will be at Northtown from January 13 – 29, 2020 and the Rum River Library from January 30 - February 14, 2020. According to LWV ABC Member Sandy Connor, “We will have a display about LWV ABC at Northtown during January 2020 and at the Rum River Library during February 2020. LWV ABC is planning an opening event about January 13, and possibly a second one at the Rum River Library when the exhibit opens there.” What kind of an event will it be? Sandy added, “It will be a big splash!” Anyone interested in being part of the team that plans this event, should email lwvabc@gmail.com today.



Here's a link to info about the LWV MN Historical Display:
<https://www.lwvmn.org/traveling-exhibit>

Highlights of LWV ABC Board Meeting, September 23, 2019

Arlene Gillett, Secretary

- President Gretchen Sabel brought up some ideas to help make Board activities more transparent to members. She suggested that we post our agenda a week ahead of our meetings on our website, along with a copy of our meeting notes from the last meeting. Members will then be more informed about the Board's actions and plans for the future, and perhaps have comments or suggestions.
- The Membership Committee reported that we have begun sending out a survey to new members, which asks about their interests, their reasons for joining League, and if League has met their expectations. How can we improve things? What would you like to see on our website? What activities have you participated in?
- We discussed ideas for topics for upcoming membership meetings, covering a wide range of issues. The history of our local League for our 100th anniversary, election security in the upcoming Presidential election, and gun control issues are some of the areas we will be working on.

LWV ABC Action News – Sign the Petition for DC Statehood

Gretchen Sabel, Action Chair

LWV ABC now has an Action Committee, working at three levels of government to bring you opportunities to advance LWV policies and priorities through contacting your elected representatives.

In a recent Action Alert, LWV US asks us to sign a petition for statehood for Washington DC. The petition will be forwarded to the US Congress. [Click here](#) to sign.

For information on this issue: <https://www.lwvdc.org/dc-statehood-resolution>



Get the Skinny on Social Security

Nancy Altman, President of Social Security Works, presents *"Social Security: Count on It!"*

Saturday, October 19, 2019, 10:00-11:30 am

Teamsters' Hall 120, 9422 Ulysses Street NE, Blaine, MN 55434

Ms. Altman has worked with Social Security and private pensions for forty years. She has served on the bipartisan federal government agency advising the President, Congress and the Commissioner of Social Security. She has written extensively and taught at Harvard University.

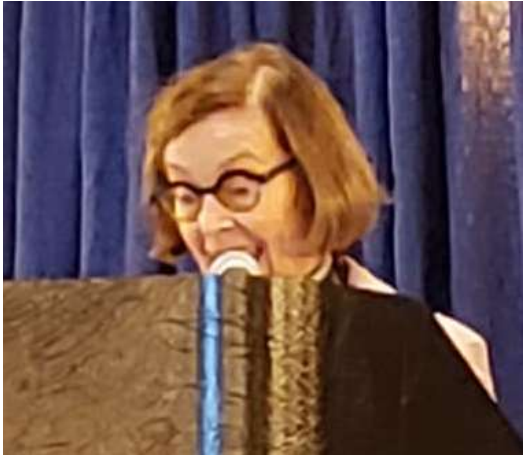
For an idea of her presentation go to https://www.dancepastsunset.com/nancy_altman/

Report on Women’s Suffrage Day – September 8, 2019



Women’s Suffrage Day was a meaningful and patriotic event – here’s the proof!

Right, Minnesota women elected to public office, past and present. LWV ABC members here include Mary Jo Truchon, Kathy Tingelstad, LuAnn Koskinen and Julie Trude. Mandy Meisner joined LWV ABC after this event. Andover Representative Peggy Scott is also in the photo. Former Secretary of State Joan Grove is third from the left in the front row. State Auditor Julie Blaha, also from Anoka County is fifth from the left in the front row.



Closeup of former Secretary of State Joan Grove, first woman elected to the statewide office in Minnesota, and a long-time loyal LWV member. Many honored guests spoke at the rally in the rotunda, before the group headed outside to the Women’s Suffrage Memorial, accompanied by a rousing fanfare from the University of Minnesota Marching Band.



Girl Scouts lead the flag ceremony at the Women’s Suffrage Memorial event.

Many attendees dressed the part! We could do something like this for the opening of the LWV ABC history display at at our public libraries this winter!





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Save the Dates:

Tuesday, October 8, 6:30 pm – **Candidate Forum for Anoka County Commissioner, District 6.** Lino Lakes City Hall, 7497 Lake Drive. **LWV ABC members are urged to attend!**

Monday, October 14, 5pm – **LWV ABC Meeting on Transformative Circle.** gather at 6:00 at Andover City Hall for a light meal, then migrate to City Council chambers at 6:30 for the program.

Monday, October 28 - **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, meeting commences at 11:30. This is a good opportunity to learn more about what LWV ABC is up to!

Monday, November 11 – **LWV ABC Monthly Meeting** – gather at 6:00 at Andover City Hall for a light meal, Program to be announced

Monday, November 25 - **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, meeting commences at 11:30. This is a good opportunity to learn more about what LWV ABC is up to!

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.

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