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LWV ABC Program Planning February 8

What issue areas should LWV US tackle? Come to our Feb 8 meeting and share your views! This is one of the important ways through which the League focuses its grassroots work to align each part of the organization with the others and with the League's mission. We will also plan our local action at this meeting, to be approved at our annual meeting in April.



Bring your ideas for program and help LWV ABC plan another year of lively local meetings. Join us before the meeting for social time/refreshments at 6pm in the Andover Senior Center!

(January Recap - Campaign Finance. On January 11, our guest speaker, Gary Goldsmith, from the Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board, explained how political campaigns are funded in Minnesota. This program was taped by QCTV and can be viewed online here. On January 18, Kathie Whelchel led our League in discussion of our views on the draft LWV US Money in Politics consensus. You can read the LWV materials on the LWV US website. If you

would like a copy of our response to the draft concensus, emaillwvabc@gmail.com (reply to this email) and request a copy.

Help needed for voter service activities for 2016.

Voter registration will be a key focus for LWV ABC in 2016. Training for registering voters will be held at Davanni's, US Hwy 10 & Round Lake Blvd in Coon Rapids, on Monday, February 29, 2016, from 6:30-8:00 for League of Women Voters members in Minnesota, other organizations, and members of the community who would like to help others get registered to vote. Pizza will be provided. RSVP to lwvabc@gmail.com by replying to this email. Help will also be needed when we put packets together for senior living personnel to help new residents get registered to vote when they move in and/or when election time nears. Watch this space for more calls for help, and thanks!

LWV ABC partners to film programs on explaining our political

process. LWV ABC, LWV Minnesota and Quad Cities Television (QCTV) are planning two programs for statewide distribution. The first will be filmed February 10th and will present information on Precinct Caucuses in Minnesota, moderated by LWV MN Executive Director, Susan Sheridan Tucker, with representatives from the Republican and DFL parties. The second will give information on registering to vote, no excuse & permanent absentee ballots, and election judging and will be filmed in June.

New newsletter format: This new newsletter format is easier to read and comes in a monthly, nice short email. It does not allow for as much detail, however. So, tell us what you think by responding to this <u>short, 3-guestion survey</u>.







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