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🦊 ACHS Remembers 🏄



To those members, volunteers, friends, and neighbors who are no longer with us -you will be missed.



DEE ANN CHRISTENSEN, ACHS BOARD MEMBER

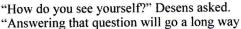
"Our mom, Dee Ann Christensen, left this world with grace and beauty. If you knew our mom, she had a zest for life. She was an activist, feminist and equal rights opportunist. A one-of-kind political big wig in the state of Minnesota. Our mom sat on several boards of directors locally. Helped to raise funds and drive many political campaigns. Recently she had a strong passion to do her part in reversing climate change. She was the gutsiest, dog heartest, most energetic, lively, enthusiastic, supportive and loving person. Her quick wit, sense of humor and playfulness touched the lives of so many. That same Grace that she brought to everyone's life is the same way she left. She fought to the bitter end with grace, humor and kindness. We are

honored to call this amazing warrior our mother. The one lesson we must take from this excruciatingly painful event is to continue her legacy in the same way she did. Live large! Play a big game! Be a Dee!" - Dee Ann's Daughter

ACHS receives partnership award

The League of Women Voters ABC chapter presented ACHS with a Friend of the League Award on Nov. 14 at the Andover City Hall (left). After the presentation by LWV-ABC President Gretchen Sabel, ACHS Director Rebecca Ebnet-Desens spoke on the "Power of Personal History."

"How do you see yourself?" Desens asked.





toward what you will save, as well as where and with whom you will save it. Your legacy is in your hands-quite literally. But it's also in your head. And your house.' The Board of Directors champion the idea of personal storytelling. They welcome the donation of oral recordings, written memoirs, or pictorial collections to the archives of ACHS.

We truly the mourn the passing of DeeAnn. As a board member, she demonstrated her ferocious opinions and loyalty to progressive thought. Her last act for ACHS was to moderate the LWV-ABC meeting where we received the award. She will be missed.