



# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®

August 14, 2014

## **Welcome to the LWV ABC Newsletter – the LINK!**

What do you have to contribute for the next issue of this newsletter? Consider sharing events, follow-up on past meetings, info on member accomplishments, etc! Please direct your ideas and comments to Gretchen Sabel at [gsabel@yahoo.com](mailto:gsabel@yahoo.com). Deadline for submittal of material is noon on September 19. Thanks!

Also, - remember to check our Facebook page for meeting information, too!

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/League-of-Women-Voters-ABC-Minnesota/423643367725301>

## **CALENDAR**

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **LWV ABC Events**

September 8 – Kickoff; John VonDeLinde  
October – no membership meeting (see forums)

#### **Forum Schedule (All forums start at 6:30pm)**

September 23 or 24 – Judicial District 10  
September 22 – Anoka County General Election

#### **Forum and Election Schedule (continued)**

September 29 – Coon Rapids General Election Forum and House 36B & 37A  
October 2 – Champlin City and House 36A  
October 6 – Andover City + House 31B and 35B  
October 9 – Anoka City + House 35A Forum  
October 13 – Ramsey General Election Forum  
November 4 – General Election

**Help is needed for conducting the forums. If you have not already volunteered, consider doing so! To volunteer, contact your city chair, Arlene Gillett or Geri Nelson. If you have questions/comments/concerns about the forum schedule, contact Geri Nelson at [geri.nelson454@msn.com](mailto:geri.nelson454@msn.com) or 763 421 7334.**

### **September Meeting – Anoka County Parks:**

September 8 - John VonDeLinde, Director of Anoka County Parks, will join us to talk about Anoka County Parks' future direction and challenges. 6pm at Andover Senior Center. **It's our season kick-off meeting - bring a friend or two!** We will also be giving our Friend of League Award at this meeting. Here's a link to the Parks website: <https://www.anokacounty.us/372/Parks-Recreation> - we look forward to a lively conversation with John!



### **10<sup>th</sup> District Judicial Forum Added; No October Membership Meeting:**



A forum for the 10<sup>th</sup> District Judicial race will be held at QCTV Studios on September 24; it would be great if we could have many LWV ABC members as well as members of the public in the audience for this event. QCTV is located at **12254 Ensign Avenue North, Champlin, MN 55316**, just north of the Champlin Ice Arena. **There will be no membership meeting in October – we will all be busy with forums.** Please volunteer to help – it takes everyone working together to provide the high-quality events that voters expect from League!

**August Meeting Recap:**



Thanks to Geri and Darby Nelson for sharing their home and gardens for our annual picnic. We had a lovely tour of the new native plantings being installed by Doug Owens-Pike from EnergyScapes sustainable landscaping firm before our potluck dinner. Thanks to all for their contributions to our repast!



After dinner, Stacy Doepner-Hove and Susan Sheridan-Tucker from the state LWV office talked about the benefits that will accrue from the money raised in the BE campaign. A matching grant of up to \$90,000 is available for all donations that come in by the end of 2014. Geri urged members to stretch to give as generously as possible because these funds are critical to the future success of the League. If you did not get a BE campaign, we will bring more to the September kick-off so you can BE part of the conversation as well.

Thanks to Kathy Aanerud for taking photos at this event. More photos on our Facebook page!

Top: David Owens-Pike discusses the landscaping concepts and practices with LWV ABC president Susan Anderson

Middle: Stacy Dopener-Hove and Susan Sheridan Tucker talk with LWV ABC members

Bottom: Kathie Whelchel welcomes Stacy Doepner-Hove, president of LWV Minnesota, Susan Sheridan Tucker, executive director of LWV Minnesota and Carol Frish, member of the BE Campaign Cabinet, former LWVMN president and development chair, to our August picnic





**Welcome New Member:**  
Welcome our new member! Sue Kraak lives in Coon Rapids; welcome Sue!

**Pollinator Update:**

The City of Shorewood has passed a pollinator protection resolution (see our Facebook page for more info on this); our League's pollinator committee will be gearing up to work with our local cities to see what we can do here to protect pollinators and enhance pollinator habitat. We are also working with



QCTV to develop a series of short videos on what's being done in our area, both by government and privately, in this regard. Our November meeting will focus again on pollinators.



**Members and Friends in the News:**

**Karrie Schaaf** was recently honored by the Minnesota Women of Today with a Women Who Impact Award for her service to the homeless youth and families in the Anoka-Hennepin school district. Here’s a story about our friend, Karrie Schaaf, receiving this award: <http://abcnewspapers.com/2014/04/08/schaaf-receives-women-who-impact-award/>  
 Congratulations , Karrie!



**Upcoming Meeting Topics and Hostess List:**

Date	Hostess	Hostess	Topic	Meeting Planner
Sept 8	Kathy Aanerud	Jane Arndt	John VonDeLinde – vision and challenge for Anoka County Parks	Mary Jo Truchon
Oct 13	No Meeting		<b>Forums – please volunteer to help!</b>	
Nov 10	Mary Jo Truchon	Arlene Gillett	Are our cities pollinator-friendly? (ordinances, grants, etc.)	Gretchen Sabel
Dec 15	Potluck	No hostesses	BE part of the conversation, potluck and Lively Issues - state issues	Lois Ballinger
Jan 12	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Homeless and Sex Trafficking – Follow up	Jeorgette Knoll
Feb 9	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Groundwater update and review of LWW ABC position on water	Mary Jo, Gretchen, Kathy Tinglestadt

If you are able to hostess, especially in November, please contact Gretchen Sabel at [gpsabel@yahoo.com](mailto:gpsabel@yahoo.com) . You will be asked to coordinate with your hostess partner on what foods to bring so a light supper is provided; League provides beverages, plates and serving ware.

**City of Coon Rapids Designated a Green Step City:**

Coon Rapids has been recognized as a Minnesota GreenStep City and received an award for advancing to become a Step 1 City. This designation recognizes the City’s accomplishments in the direction of energy and resource sustainability.

Minnesota GreenStep Cities is a voluntary challenge, assistance and recognition program to help cities achieve their sustainability and quality-of-life goals. As one of 67 participating cities, the City of Coon Rapids is helping to lead the way in sustainability across the state of Minnesota. The City received the GreenStep City designation and award at the League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference on June 20. Recycling Assistant Amanda Bednar and Recycling Coordinator Colleen Sinclair accepted the award.



**LWV ABC Candidate Forums 2014 Election**  
**All forums begin at 6:30 pm**

<b>SEPTEMBER 2014</b>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
21	22 Anoka Co Courthouse  <b>Anoka Co. Commissioners</b>	23 <i>Possible reschedule date for District 10 Judicial forum</i>	24 QCTV Studios  <b>District 10 Judicial Forum</b>	25	24	25
28	29 CR City Hall  <b>Coon Rapids City House 36B &amp; 37A</b>	30				
<b>OCTOBER 2014</b>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday			1	2 Champlin City Hall  <b>Champlin City House 36A</b>	3	4
5	6 Andover City Hall  <b>Andover City House 31B &amp; 35B</b>	7	8	9 Anoka City Hall  <b>Anoka City House 35A</b>	10	11
12	13 Ramsey City Hall  <b>Ramsey City</b>	14	15	16	17 <b>General Election November 4th</b>	18