



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

**This is a special issue of the Link with information on a new request from the State League. In the future, the Link will come out in fourth week of the month, after the fourth-Monday Board meeting (11:30 am at Davanni's in Coon Rapids).**

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 [gpsabel@yahoo.com](mailto:gpsabel@yahoo.com). Deadline for submittal of material is noon on October 27. 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 of Upcoming Events**

**LWV ABC Events**

October – no membership meeting (see forums)

November 10 – Pollinator Protection in LWVABC Cities (panel of local officials)

**CMAL Event**

October 18 – Woodbury City Hall – Met Council's Thrive MSP 2040 Plan – 10:30 am (details follow)

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

September 29 – Coon Rapids General Election Forum and House 36B & 37A Forum

October 2 – Champlin City and House 36A Forum

October 6 – Andover City + House 35B Forum

October 9 – Anoka City + House 35A Forum

October 13 – Ramsey General Election Forum

**November 4 – General Election**

**SPECIAL REQUEST FROM LWVMN! It is critical that we report our volunteer hours – thanks to Jeorgette Knoll for preparing this story and getting things started!**

*League Counts!*

League of Women Voters is entering a new era of applying data-gathering methods to our activities in order to track our work and progress in voter service, civic engagement, and democracy reform.

*This is the future.* Measuring our impact is important. It allows us to show LWV's value. It allows all of us to compare the time and energy we put into our work to the results obtained. It is necessary because foundations and funders increasingly require this type of data from grant applicants to ensure that the programs they fund are having the intended impact.

What does this mean to you as an individual member of LWV ABC?

Beginning September 2014, we need members to record the time they volunteer on behalf of LWV ABC.

- Did you attend a meeting? That counts.
- Register voters? That counts.
- Write an article for the newsletter? That counts.
- Help plan an event? That counts, too.

There is an easy to use form for recording hours that will be sent electronically to all LWV ABC members. Save the form to your computer. Simply complete the form on the computer each month (you can type directly into the form), save and attach the form to an email and send the email to the membership chair. You don't even need to print the form. The board will compile the information and send it on to the LWVMN.

If you would rather – it can also be printed and handed to or mailed to the membership chair. Members will also be sent a PDF version of the form that can be printed to complete. Members without email will be sent a printed copy of the materials.

Activities to record:

- League monthly meetings
- Board meetings
- Committee meetings
- Writing newsletter
- Writing press release or article for newspaper
- Calling members
- Attending candidate's forums
- Planning forums
- Registering voters
- Hostess prep time
- Nominating committee
- Preparing printed materials for meetings (handouts, brochures, etc.)
- Etc. Etc.

**This is what the form looks like – it will be sent to all members with this newsletter as a Word document that can be completed on your computer, then emailed back to Kathie Whelchel at [kathiew7contacts@gmail.com](mailto:kathiew7contacts@gmail.com). Members will also be sent the form in PDF form that can be printed and then filled in by hand and mailed by US Post to Kathie Whelchel at the address on the form.**



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### Volunteer Time Sheet

Month, Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Local LWV: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a Board Member? \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Hours (for example, 1.5)	Tasks, Accomplishments	Did this activity involve public action, e.g., conducting a legislative interview; meeting with a lawmaker or other government official; attending a public meeting; attending a town hall meeting or rally; door-knocking or phone-banking; or writing a letter to the editor? (indicate activity)
TOTAL MONTHLY HOURS			

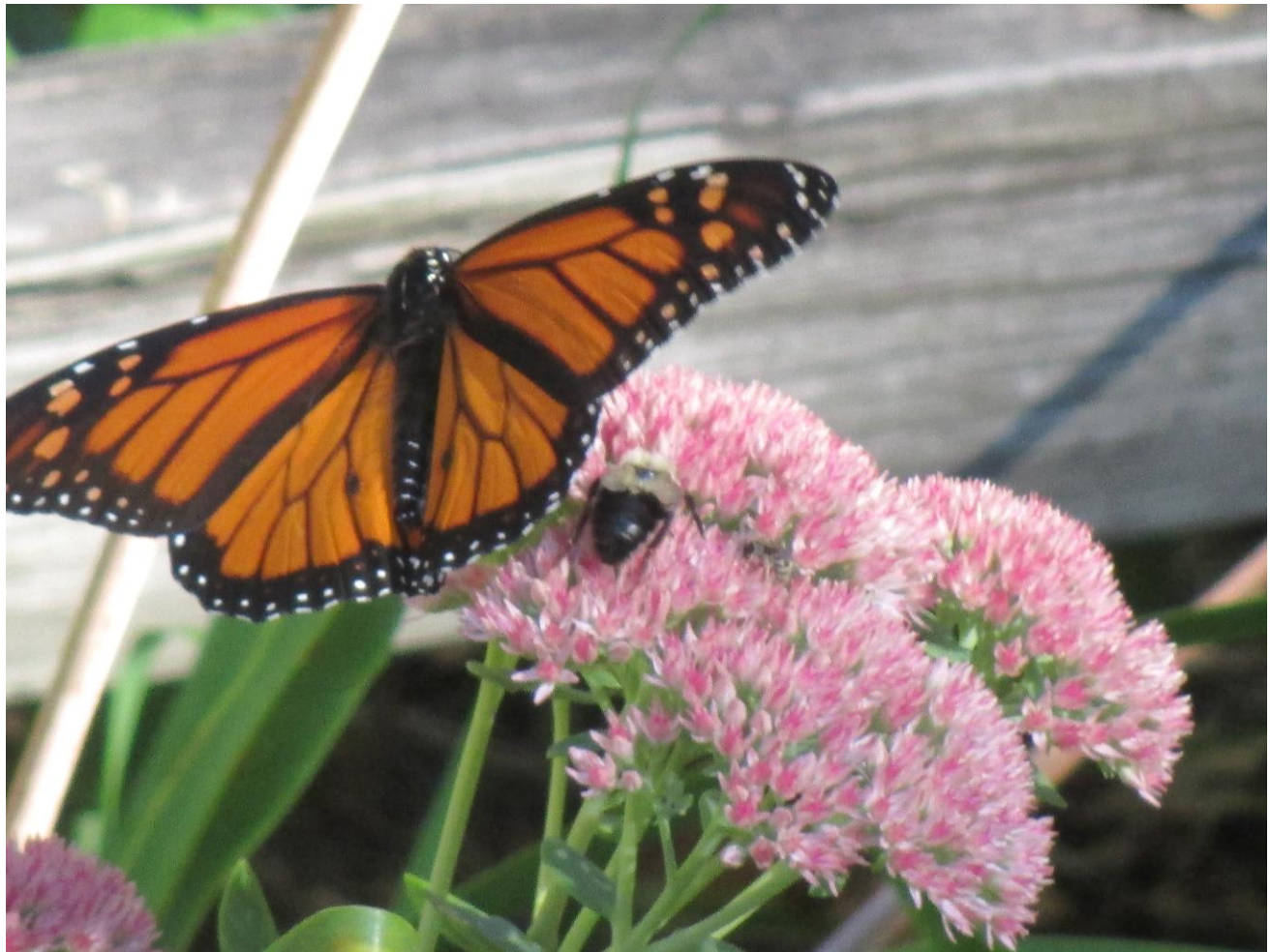


**Remember - No October Membership Meeting:**

There will be no membership meeting in October – we will all be busy with forums. Please attend as many as possible, and bring a friend – it takes everyone working together to provide the high-quality events that voters expect from League!

**November 10 Meeting – Pollinators**

We will be beginning our advocacy with the cities in our area; this meeting will focus on this advocacy. The Pollinator Committee is meeting in the next couple weeks to scope out the work and plan the November meeting – if you would like to participate in this planning meeting, please contact Gretchen Sabel at [gpsabel@yahoo.com](mailto:gpsabel@yahoo.com) . Thanks!



*(Photo credit to Kathy Aanerud, who caught this pollinator duo on a sedum in her yard.)*

**CMAL Meeting: Metropolitan Council's Thrive MSP 2040 Plan**

The Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues invites you to their quarterly meeting on October 18 at



10:30am in Woodbury City Hall, 8301 Valley Creek Rd, Woodbury MN. The guest speaker will be Wendy Wulff, who represents Met Council District 16 and currently serves on the Environment Committee (Vice Chair) and the Community Development Committee. Wendy was appointed to Met Council in 2009 by Governor Tim Pawlenty and again in 2011 by Governor Mark Dayton. She was on Lakeville's City Council for seven years and on Lakeville's Planning Commission for seven years, and has served on many other board and committees dedicated to local government.

**Agenda:**

10am – check-in, coffee, refreshments

10:30-11:30 – Speaker presentation and follow-up discussion

11:30-11:45 – CMAL delegates meet

**LWV ABC Board Meeting – Upcoming Meeting Date and Meeting Notes**

LWV ABC's Board will meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of most months at Davanni's over lunch from 11:30am to 1pm. The next meeting will be October 27. All members are invited to attend! Draft notes from the September 22 meeting follow.

**LWV ABC Board Meeting**

September 22, 2014

Davanni's, Coon Rapids

Present: Jeorgette Knoll, Kathy Aanerud, Kathie Whelchel, Carol Bradley, Susan Anderson, Gretchen Sabel. Zilla Way arrived at 12:40.

The meeting was called to order at noon. Minutes from the August 27 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Susan read a thank you letter from John VonDeLinde – this will be shared with all members in an upcoming newsletter.

Treasurer report – all members with outstanding dues for 2014 have paid. One new member has joined.

Upcoming Board Meetings – will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at lunch time, 11:30 to 1:00, at Davanni's in Coon Rapids. The next one will be on October 27.

Candidate forums – First one is tonight, seems like things are in order. Kathie Whelchel is looking for someone from a different League to take her place as moderator for the Andover forum because Julie Trude is running for Mayor and it would be hard for someone from our League to maintain impartiality.

New activities – Jeorgette is now the Communications Director for the State League, this is a Board position. Congratulations to Jeorgette! The State League is looking at how to reconnect with local Leagues. They are developing a plan that starts from the basics and builds up. Lots needs to be done to improve communication and build strong links between local Leagues and with the State League. Kathie Aanerud is also on the State Communication Committee. It is good that we will have this link to help us understand what is happening.

Drop box, Toolkit, etc. – We need to track our volunteer hours; this will help League in getting grant funds. An email came from the state on this on September 11. Our goal will be to capture what we can of volunteer hours for September and October because these are very busy months for us. Jeorgette will write up a little piece for the newsletter to get this rolling. Gretchen did a demo on her computer of the new Dropbox account that we will be using for storing our documents. We will share the user name and password with members in future meetings.

Coordination with Anoka Ramsey Student Senate – Kathie is organizing this for our March meeting. A panel discussion is being prepared that will showcase the work the Student Senate is doing at the state level to lobby for specific positions. They are also registering voters.

GROW model – This is an MLD initiative. The GROW model starts with Goal – our current goal is to attract younger members. Reality is the second component – what can we actually accomplish? O is for Options, and W is for WE – all of us working together. This model is the road forward that LWV will use.

LWV ABC Email – What is the purpose of this email account? After discussion, the group decided that this account will just be used for official communications from the Board. Further information will be provided on the policy here.

Nucleus Clinic – Becky Fink is looking for support from LWV ABC in promoting the Chlamydia workshop that is being held in November. This is not financial support, rather she would like us to allow Nucleus to use the LWV ABC logo to promote the event. Jeorgette sent out a short survey to the Board, asking whether the Board was in favor of this; the result was 7-2 in favor of supporting this event.

**Motion Sabel to allow Nucleus Clinic to use LWV ABC Logo in promotion, second Knoll. Motion passed.** Alina Health is also allowing use of their logo here. Jeorgette will prepare a simple letter to convey this information to Nucleus, Susan will sign and send.

Other and more - LWV ABC needs to get rolling on deciding on possible change to 501c3 organization. The committee needs to get rolling on this. Leagues around Minnesota are taking different approaches here, it will be important for us to deal with this soon.

Susan Anderson provided a recap of the discussion at the recent President's conference call.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Gretchen Sabel.