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**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 [gpsabel@yahoo.com](mailto:gpsabel@yahoo.com). Deadline for submittal of material is noon on May 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>

**Our Next Meeting – May 11 – Pollinator Work**

Our members who are leading and participating in the city Bee Teams will report on their work, and we will sign up for walking in parades, visiting with people at Farmer’s Markets and working with others in cities. This is a great opportunity to build your leadership skills and work with others in your city and the broader LWV community. May 11 at the Andover Senior Center. Social time at 6pm, meeting starts at 6:30. HOSTESSES NEEDED! Please contact Gretchen Sabel at [gpsabel@yahoo.com](mailto:gpsabel@yahoo.com) if you would like to bring something for our light supper.



There’s lots going on in our pollinator advocacy! This is exciting work! Now is the time to get involved!



Volunteers are needed – we will have a booth at the upcoming Green Expo at the National Sports Center in Blaine on April 25, and are planning to also have people ‘pollinating’ ideas of pollinator protection at local farmers markets and other events. We will also look into participating in area parades this summer. Think about what you could do to help here. You will be provided with materials and talking points, and maybe even a costume! (Have you been in a parade? It’s a lot of fun! We need to know that we’ll have folks to participate in the parades before we look for spots. )



Parade schedule:

- June 12 – Champlin (Father Hennepin Days)
- June 27 – Blaine Festival
- July 4 – Coon Rapids 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade
- July 11 – Andover Family Fun Fest Parade

**Our Last Meeting – March 9 – ARCC Student Senate guest speakers**

March 9 meeting – Anoka Ramsey Community College student leaders Kevin Parker and Thomas Berg shared their powerful conviction to student government, and their passion for the legislative issues that affect community colleges and the students who go there, was inspirational.

Subsequent to the meeting, Kevin Parker was elected President of the Minnesota State College Student Association. He has pledged to work with LWV – this will be a great team!





**LWV ABC Annual Meeting – April 18, 2015**

Notes from the Annual Meeting will come out soon – it was a good meeting. A new slate of officers was elected and a new local study approved, on transparency in local governments. Several items were left behind when people left the meeting – please contact Gretchen Sabel if you need these before our May 11 meeting!



**Upcoming LWV ABC meetings – help needed in planning, and hosting**

Here’s our plans for upcoming meetings.

2015 Calendar						
<b>January 2015</b>	<b>February 2015</b>	<b>March 2015</b>	<b>April 2015</b>	<b>May 2015</b>	<b>June 2015</b>	<b>July 2015</b>
<b>August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015</b>	<b>October 2015</b>	<b>November 2015</b>	<b>December 2015</b>		

- **May** – Pollinator Work – getting ready for summer’s advocacy (parades, farmer markets, more) **HOSTESSES NEEDED** – please contact Gretchen Sabel if you can help – [gpsabel@yahoo.com](mailto:gpsabel@yahoo.com)
- **June** – Planned topic, not yet confirmed Pesticides and their impact on pollinators **HOSTESSES NEEDED** – please contact Gretchen Sabel if you can help – [gpsabel@yahoo.com](mailto:gpsabel@yahoo.com)
- **July** – Styrofoam and other recycling (Field trip to Coon Rapids Recycling Center) – Field trip, no supper)
- **August** – Picnic at Geri’s home?? – (Potluck)
- **September** – Kickoff (Kathie and one more hostess)
- **October** – open (Mary Jo and one more hostesses)
- **November** – open (Geri and Arlene, hostesses)
- **December** – Lively Issues/potluck

**LWV ABC Board Meetings:** ABC Board meeting will be held on April 27 in the meeting room at Davanni’s Coon Rapids (next to Applebee’s at Round Lake and Hwy 10). All interested members are welcome. Starts at 11am. Board meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of most months, same time and place.





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**Other Events of interest**

**Thursday, April 23; 5pm to 8pm  
Nucleus Clinic Wine, Salad and Chocolate  
Fundraiser**

Nucleus Clinic is hosting their spring Wine, Salad and Chocolate Open House fundraiser on Thursday, April 23 from 5 to 8 pm. At 6:15, Anoka County Sherriff James Stuart will speak on the topic of Trafficking and Sexual Violence in Anoka County. All are welcome to hear Sherriff Stuart and share in the gala. Becky Fink, thanks for sharing this invitation! Nucleus Clinic is at 1323 Coon Rapids Blvd, near Lilliput Golf and Crossroads School.



**Tuesday, April 28, 2015 7:30 pm  
Rare Plants of the Anoka Sand Plain**

Jason Husveth – Principal Ecologist & President of Critical Connections Environmental Services, Inc. will speak about natural communities and native landscapes for a diverse array of plants and other organisms. This could connect with interests of pollinator advocates. Most of the LWW ABC cities are in the Anoka Sand Plain.



**Adventure Photo:**

**LWV ABC Member Kay McCulley after her first skydiving experience!**



From: Kay McCulley <kmcculley@usa.net>  
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2015 5:24 PM  
Subject: My excuse for my absence!

This is why I am not at LWV tonight....my first skydive in Eloy, AZ! Yes, I was the oldest in my group on the plane. I have to admit I am rather proud of myself :)

sent from my iPad  
Kay McCulley