

Welcome to the LWV ABC Newsletter – now called the VOTER, your LINK to LWV ABC!

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. Deadline for submittal of material for the November issue is noon, November 23. Thanks!

Also, - remember to check our Facebook page for meeting information and follow-up items on past meetings, too! <https://www.facebook.com/pages/League-of-Women-Voters-ABC-Minnesota/42364336725301>

NOVEMBER LWV ABC MEETING:

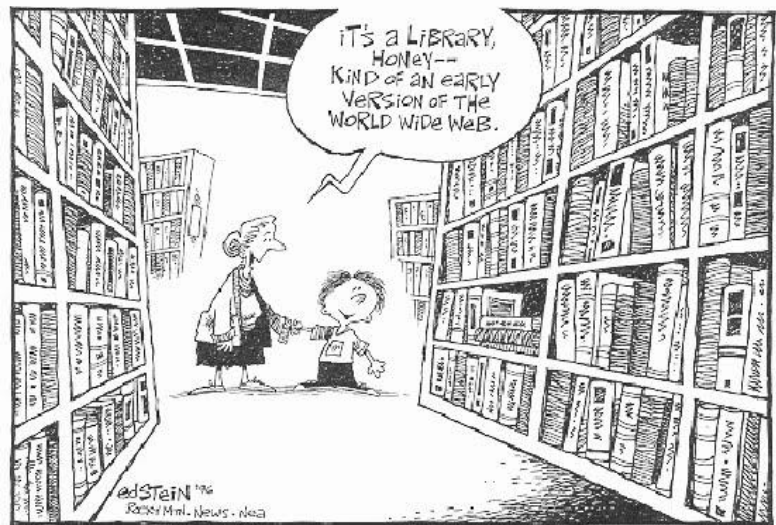
Take a trip into the future... with a discussion about the future of Public Libraries, featuring Ruth Hemingson, Branch Manager of the Northtown Public Library.



providing information in person. (Think phonograph records, 8 mm films, and telephone reference service.) How has the pace of change in technology affected the various media available at the library, the new skills needed by librarians, and the information and recreational needs of the public? Gather at Andover Senior Center at 6pm for a light supper; discussion begins at 6:30. Bruce Pomerantz of LWV ABC will be our moderator.



Since the mid-20th century, libraries have been much more than just books and



Successful Forum for District 11 School Board

Thank you to Geri Nelson and Arlene Gillett, our Voter Services co-chairs, for organizing a successful forum for Anoka-Hennepin District 11 School Board candidates. The event was held on October 6 at the Sandburg Education Center in Anoka. Our partner, QCTV, was on hand to tape the event for replay on local cable stations. **Watch the forum on QCTV's website: <http://www.qctv.org/community/>**

- There are three Anoka Hennepin school board seats **on the ballot on November 3**.
In District 1, which represents Anoka and parts of Ramsey, Coon Rapids and Andover, incumbent Tom Heidemann of Anoka is running unopposed.
- In District 2, which represents Blaine and a portion of Coon Rapids, incumbent Marci Anderson of Blaine is running unopposed.
- In District 5, which represents Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, Fridley and a portion of Coon Rapids, incumbent Nicole Hayes of Brooklyn Park and Scott Simmons, also of Brooklyn Park, have filed for candidacy.

To determine your individual district and your polling place, contact the Anoka or Hennepin County election offices or the Minnesota Secretary of State office at 651-215-1440 or <http://mnvotesinfo.sos.state.mn.us/>



Above: Geri Nelson (LWV ABC) and Katherine Lenaburg (QCTV) consult with moderator Arlene Gillett; Kathie Whelchel and Jane Arndt talk with Geri Nelson; and Jane Arndt amazes Arlene Gillett while Katherine Lenaburg looks on.

On October 12, Minnesota Secretary of State gave a wonderful talk: The Importance of Staying Restless about Democracy - Many thanks to [Secretary of State Steve Simon](#) for a stimulating discussion, thanks to Betsy O'Berry for inviting him, and thanks to the City of Andover and Mayor Julie Trude for hosting our meeting! Here is a link to the video of this event on YouTube - thanks to QCTV for recording and posting it! <https://youtu.be/rdyjrAgGU2E>



Above, left to right: Betsy O'Berry, Geri Nelson, Steve Simon, Julie Trude, Jeorgette Knoll and Mary Jo Truchon.

Below and on following page: Secretary of State Simon on stage, LWV ABC President Jeorgette Knoll moderating, Secretary of State Simon and Andover Mayor Julie Trude, LWV ABC members Geri Nelson and Bruce Pomerantz with LWV MN Executive Director Susan Sheridan Tucker, and LWV ABC members Representative Jerry Newton, Representative Kathy Tinglestad and Mayor Julie Trude.. Thanks to Kathleen Aanerud for her photos!!!!





Friend of League Award Presented at October Kickoff Meeting



This year's Friend of League award was presented to Katherine Lenaburg, operations manager for QCTV, by President Jeorgette Knoll. The original artwork by Mary Jo Truchon expresses appreciation for the leadership of Katherine and QCTV for positive impact on the civic life of our communities.

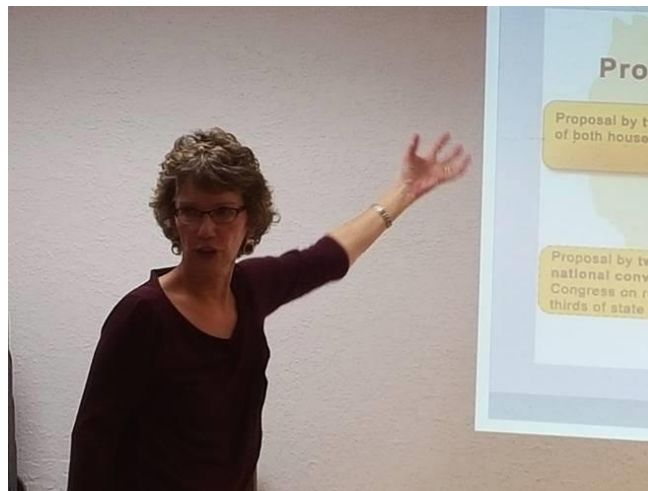
On a watercolor background of a meadow garden, complete with pollinators, the tribute cites Katherine's initiative and leadership in educating citizens about elections, candidates and important public policy issues. The recognition includes being on-site as well as providing studio facilities for events that inform and engage citizens and for visualizing and producing creative public service announcements for League of Women Voters.

In accepting the award, Katherine acknowledged the commitment of QCTV and its staff that make these accomplishment possible. *Above, Katherine Lenaburg and Jeorgette Knoll.*



The Friend of League Award presented to Katherine Lenaburg on October 9.

October 19 – special meeting for consensus on LWV MN study of the process for amending the Minnesota Constitution. Thanks to JoEllen Ambrose for leading a lively discussion and helping us to answer the LWV US Consensus questions! Constitutional Amendment Study is Done! Thank you study committee for making it all make sense. Now, will it be Constitutional Convention or no Constitutional Convention? The consensus questions, and LWV ABC's responses, will be attached in the email that transmits this newsletter.



I'm Old Enough to VOTE! Campaign

The 2015 I'm Old Enough to VOTE! Campaign was highly successful in our high schools this fall—in an election year with very few races. LWV ABC visited seven high schools: Andover, Anoka, Anoka Technical HS (formerly Crossroads West), Blaine, Champlin Park, Coon Rapids, and, for the first time, St. Francis.

Many thanks to JoEllen Ambrose, Arlene Gillett, Pat Hagerty, Sue Kraack, Geri Nelson, Marj Perry, Mary Jo Truchon, Julie Trude, Kathie Whelchel and Zilla Way who registered a total of 98 students. We look forward to revisiting the schools next spring when all the seniors will be 18 and eligible to vote. Wouldn't it be lovely if the legislature passed the preregistration of 16 and 17 year olds bill so we wouldn't have to turn away eager citizens?

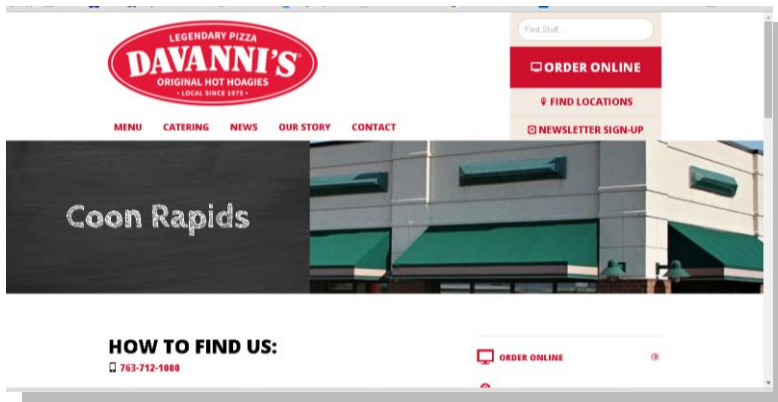
Below left - Julie Trude and Mary Jo Truchon register voters at Blaine High School. This is the first time LWV has been invited into Blaine to register voters!



Above right, JoEllen Ambrose registers voters at Coon Rapids HS. Not shown here, Kathie Whelchel also at Coon Rapids, behind the camera.

Many thanks to Davanni's in Coon Rapids! The LWV ABC Board meets at the Coon Rapids Davanni's every month on the 4th Monday (except December).

Davanni's is located at 3430 129th Ave NW, Coon Rapids, next to Warner-Stellian's on the Hwy 10 Frontage Road northeast of the intersection of Hwy 10 and Round Lake Blvd.



All LWV ABC members are welcome to come to Board meetings – we gather at 11 to order our lunches then meet until about 1:30. Even if you don't come to a Board meeting, you should consider stopping by Davanni's for a good pizza, salad or hoagy. And be sure to thank them for continuing to host LWV ABC's Board meetings on the 4th Monday of each month. Thanks!