

The Voter

The LWV ABC Monthly Newsletter

November 2022



November Program Meeting

We will welcome **Rebecca Ebnet-Desens, Executive Director of Anoka County Historical Society** as our special guest and program presenter. Enjoy some behind-the-scenes looks at the work of this organization in gathering, preserving and sharing the stories of the people and communities that are part of Anoka County. Rebecca will engage us with her program on the value of passing on your own family stories and not just antiques and grandma's silverware. You'll leave with a different picture of your legacy story--one to be shared for the future.

You'll see why this organization made an excellent partner to celebrate the history of women's suffrage and honor the accomplishments of Anoka County women – and why we will be honoring **Rebecca and the staff of the Anoka County Historical Society as our Friend of League for 2022**. Members who attend in person at Andover City Hall will also leave with a copy of LWV ABC's Hundred Year History booklet!

Where: Andover City Hall Council Chambers: 1685 Crosstown Boulevard NW, Andover. Follow the signs to the new parking lot which is now on the north side of City Hall.

Attending virtually: Watch for an email the day before the event with the Zoom link. QCTV will be on hand to stream our program and video record it for later viewing. We are grateful for their services.

Agenda for the evening:

6:30 - online and in person socializing

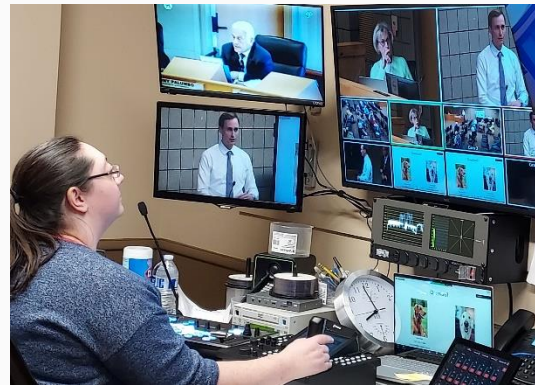
6:45 - Zoom participants will have the opportunity to test their knowledge in our Native American Heritage Month online trivia quiz

7:00 - program begins

All LWV ABC members will be emailed the Zoom link. Non-members wishing to attend by Zoom should send an email to LWV ABC.

Email LWV ABC for Zoom Link

See Calendar for More Upcoming Events



October Program Meeting

Last Month's Program on October 12 – Election Security

This timely and informative program was presented by

- Paul Linnell in his new position of Deputy Elections Director for the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State and
- Tom Hunt, Anoka County's Elections Manager, who succeeds Paul Linnell in this county position

Their review of the technology, tools and processes that protect the integrity of voting at the state and county levels – and their participation in a robust Q & A following the program – provided an educational evening.

Missed the program, or want to review it or share it? QCTV was on hand to record the program. Watch the video and find links to related articles on our LWV ABC website in the Spotlight on Issues section: <https://my.lwv.org/minnesota/anoka-blaine-coon-rapids-area/lwv-abcs-spotlight->

issues You'll find the October program under the *Elections and Voting* heading.

Zoom participants tested their knowledge with our Hispanic American Heritage Month Quiz. Take the quiz and test your knowledge!

[Watch Program Video](#)

[Hispanic American Heritage Month Quiz](#)



Jane Dunn, Bruce Pomerantz, Linda Rodgers and Arlene Gillette at the Ham Lake area forums.

Candidate Forums

Check out all 50 of the LWV ABC forums on [our webpage](#) or our [YouTube channel](#). Thanks to all who worked so hard getting this work done for our League! These forums are a vital way for voters to see their candidates sharing their views, we all should be proud to be part of it!

Scroll to the bottom of our webpage for links to other sources for candidate information.

An informed voter is a powerful voter.

[Meet the Candidates Webpage](#)

[YouTube Candidate Forum Playlist](#)

Fall Out from Dobbs vs. Jackson Supreme Court Decision

LWV St Cloud Area is hosting a program on the Roe V Wade Supreme Court Decision. If you're interested in attending via Zoom, email LWV ABC at lwwwabc@gmail.com know so we can arrange to get the link to you.



Fall Out From Roe V. Wade Reversal Dobbs vs. Jackson Supreme Court Decision

**Wednesday, November 9, 2022
1:00pm, Bremer Room, St. Cloud Library or Via Zoom***

This presentation will address implications of the June 24, 2022, Supreme Court decision in Dobbs vs. Jackson and Women's Health Organization, the Supreme Court decision that reversed Roe vs. Wade from a variety of viewpoints. Kim Tjaden-Nguyen, M.D., M.P. H., will explain the medical fallout from the Dobbs vs. Jackson decision. Julie Joplin will explore the legislative and social impacts at the state and national level. Stacie Kuefler will provide an update based on the November 8 election results.

Welcome New Members

Welcome back to Becky Fink of Coon Rapids!



Mille Lacs Museum and Trading Post

National Native American Heritage Month

In November, take some time to celebrate National Native American Heritage Month by learning more about Native Americans:

- [Native American Heritage Month](#)
- [Smithsonian National Museum of American Indians online exhibits](#)
- [Virtual exhibit of Dakota and Ojibwe treaties](#)
- [Fort Snelling Native American online exhibit](#)
- [MSHS Our Home Native Minnesota videos](#)



October Board Meeting

By Arlene Gillette, LWV ABC Secretary

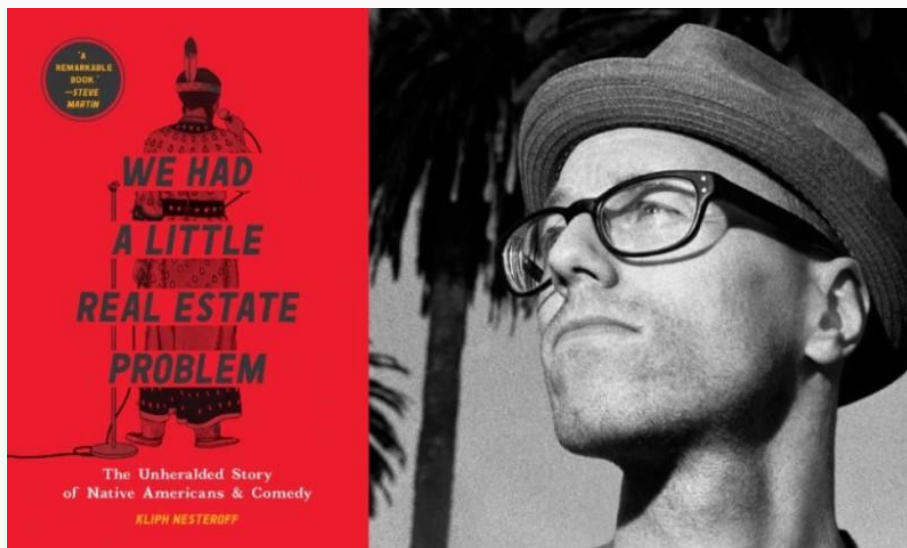
A resident of East Bethel asked us to consider hosting a Candidate Forum for them, perhaps in the week after Halloween. It would be for the Mayor and City Council seats. After some discussion, the Board decided that we do not have the capacity to hold a forum at this late date for them. We suggested that we could talk to them about planning for a forum earlier next time.

Vice President Julie Trude reported that she has tried to contact all local candidate non-responders to LWV Minnesota's Vote411 questionnaire. Vote 411 can link to a lot of voting information, and right now only 25% of candidates statewide have filled it out. The state League has interns working on it as well.

The Program Committee reported on the possible topics for our upcoming membership meetings, perhaps to include one on How Counties Work?, and What does a County Attorney Do?

Voter Service reported that we held 14 evening forums, covering 43 individual races. The last forum was October 6th. Thirty-two volunteers worked on the forums. Quite an accomplishment, with many people to thank for their hard work and dedication.

The complete, adopted Board Minutes are available online in the Members Only section of our website



November Book Club

Join us on Zoom at 7:00 on Wednesday November 16 to discuss ***We Had a Little Real Estate Problem - The Unheralded Story of Native Americans & Comedy*** by Kliph Nesteroff.

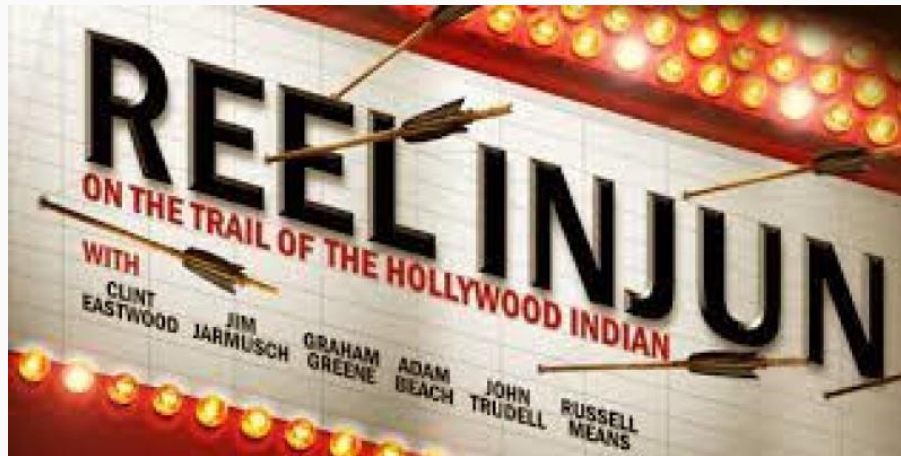
In *We Had a Little Real Estate Problem*, comedy historian Kliph Nesteroff focuses on how Native Americans have influenced and advanced the art form - from the wild west shows of the 1880's to Will Rogers to contemporary comedians.

The American narrative dictates that Indians are supposed to be sad...Laughter and joy is very much a part of Native culture.

- Ryan Red Corn, comedian

[Book Club Zoom Link](#)

[Upcoming Books](#)



November Film Discussion

Join us at 7:00 on Wednesday November 2 to discuss the film *Reel Injun: On the Trail of the Hollywood Indian* (2009).

In *Reel Injun*, Cree filmmaker Neil Diamond takes a look at the Hollywood Indian, exploring the portrayal of North American Natives through a century of cinema. Diamond looks at how the myth of “the Injun” has influenced the world’s understanding — and misunderstanding — of Natives.

Watch the film on a DVD from Hennepin library or watch with free streaming on:

- [TubiTV](#)
- [Amazon Prime](#) (with a subscription)

[Film Discussion Zoom Link](#)



Register New Citizens

Join League members from throughout the Twin Cities area to help new citizens get registered to vote at the River Centre in St. Paul.

Upcoming Citizenship Ceremonies:

- Tuesday, November 29
- Tuesday, December 13

If you are able to volunteer for a morning shift (8:30 to 11:30 AM) or an afternoon shift (11:30 AM - 2:30 PM) or both please send an email to [LWVMN Citizen Ceremonies](#) with the date and shift(s) you are available to help.

[Email LWVMN Citizenship Ceremonies](#)

A Special Shout-Out to LWV ABC in this Event!

When League of Women Voters Minnesota presented an important Zoom event with Minnesota Elections Director David Maeda and Deputy Director Paul Linnell on October 4, our local League viewers were delighted with Paul Linnell's self-introduction. In describing his background as the former Elections Manager for Anoka County, he proudly mentioned that "*our office was honored as Friend of League by League of Women Voters Anoka, Blaine, Coon Rapids Area*" -- and he included this photo on his introductory Power Point slide.

Watch the full event [at this link](#). These election officials discuss "how counties are working to provide accessible, fair, and accurate elections. Learn about the many safeguards in place, resources that are available to help establish fact from fiction surrounding election misinformation, and how you can play an active role in your local communities to be a witness to our election process, and to educate and empower voters." LWV MN programs are a good opportunity to learn more - and can be surprising!

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Paul Linnell, Deputy Director of Elections

- Deputy director of elections since August 2022
- With Anoka County Elections for 6+ years; elections manager from 2019-22
- International election observation with The Carter Center from 2009-13
- Master's in public policy from Humphrey School of Public Affairs



The League of Women voters is a non-partisan civic organization which promotes good government and active, informed participation in local, state and federal government.

The League is committed to diversity, equity and inclusion in principal and practice.

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