



**LEAGUE OF  
WOMEN VOTERS®**  
ANOKA, BLAINE, COON RAPIDS AREA

**THE VOTER**  
**NOVEMBER 2017**

**Special Event – November 13 at 7pm**  
**Anoka Ramsey Community College**  
**Movie Screening of “Equal Means Equal”**

**There are no more excuses.**

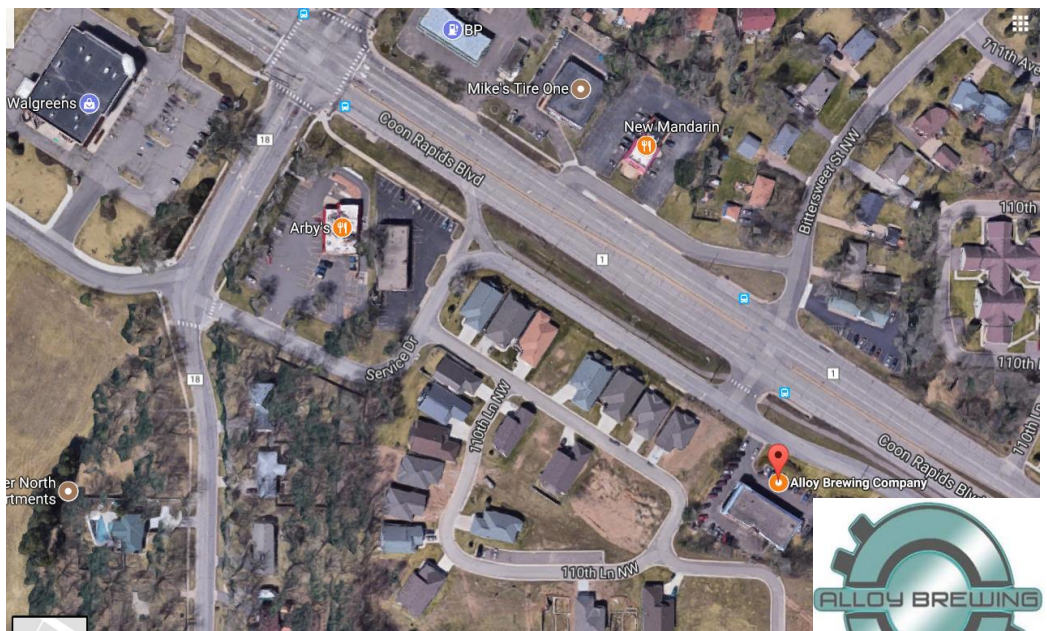
**EQUAL  
MEANS  
EQUAL**

**THE DEFINITIVE DOCUMENTARY FILM  
ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN AMERICA**

Save the Date! *(Note Change of Venue for our November 13 monthly Program)*  
The November 13, 2017 meeting of LWV ABC will be co-sponsored with Anoka Ramsey Community College and will be held in the Legacy Room at the college. We will view the powerful and timely documentary film *Equal Means Equal* and follow it with a discussion of the disparate treatment of women, and the renewed interest in the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Drafts and Discourse  
–November 8 at 6pm

The first one – the great experiment – will take place on November 8 at Alloy Brewing in Coon Rapids. This new brewery will welcome LWV ABC members at 6pm. Buy a pint at the bar and join in the discussion. Alloy Brewing is at 2700 Coon Rapids Blvd in Coon Rapids. **It doesn't have a sign but it's on the frontage road south of the Arby's at Crooked Lake and Coon Rapids Boulevards, in the old Enterprise Rental Car shop. See you at the brewery!**



## October 9 – Equity and Inclusion



Shelley Colvin, chair of the LWV Minnesota Equity and Inclusion Committee spoke at the October program meeting of LWV ABC on Equity and Inclusion. It was a great discussion! Many thanks to Shelley for coming out to Andover!

Shelley and her committee will be a resource to Leagues as we examine issues such as the recent report *Black and White Inequality in All 50 States* by Mike Sauter of 24/7 Wall Street that puts Minnesota second from the bottom of states in terms of inequality, and the findings in the new survey, *The Lives and Voices of Black America on the Intersections of Politics, Race and Public Policy* released by the Perry Udem Research and Communication Firm. These two resources are found here <http://247wallst.com/special-report/2017/08/18/black-and-white-inequality-in-all-50-states-2/> and here [https://view.publitas.com/perryudem-research-communication/black-american-survey-report\\_final/page/1](https://view.publitas.com/perryudem-research-communication/black-american-survey-report_final/page/1) respectively.

### **Newsletter Notes from LWV ABC Board Meeting, Oct. 23, 2017**

(submitted by LWV ABC Secretary, Arlene Gillett)

LWV ABC's Board meets on the fourth Monday of almost every month in the back room at Davanni's in Coon Rapids (Riverdale). All are invited – we order lunch at 11 and then work through our agenda from 11:30 to 1. Stop in and get involved!

At our last meeting, we discussed what criteria should we use in selecting future programs for our membership meetings. What issues are our members passionate about? How can League address these issues, how do we pursue it? What are National League's positions on issues?

Gerri Nelson gave a Voter Services report. She said that we registered 153 voters this fall at 7 local high schools. We helped in the OCTV production on the Anoka-Hennepin School District's referendum coming up for a vote on Nov. 7th, and we held two school board candidate forums (see photos at the end of the newsletter). Lots of volunteers make this possible – thanks!

**Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Of League of Women Voters**

Have an interest in history? Want to help research and learn about the people and projects that were part of our local league's early history? **Send a note to Sandra Connor to let her know you'll help: [sjconnor01@yahoo.com](mailto:sjconnor01@yahoo.com).**

Sandra is one of our newer members and would welcome your knowledge and ideas to highlight the history of LWV ABC . She's already done some groundwork for a possible display at the Anoka County History Center and has been working with Kathy Tinglestad and Zilla Way to identify and review our historical records and begin identifying people and projects that could be highlighted.

At the national level, an Anniversary committee has been formed to highlight the impact of League of Women Voters over the past century and showcase our current role as leaders in democracy. They'll develop tools for



state and local Leagues to participate in the celebration. More info here: <http://forum.lwv.org/document/lwv-100th-anniversary-committee>. Please join Sandra in connecting our local League to this national effort.



**HELP NEEDED!**

LWV ABC is adding a PayPal link to our website so we can pay our dues (and get donations!) online. If you have experience with this, or would be willing to help us figure it out, please email us at [lwvabc@lwvmn.org](mailto:lwvabc@lwvmn.org) . Thanks!

**School Board Forum Photos / Anoka Hennepin and Spring Lake Park**

**Anoka-Hennepin forum – October 10**



**Spring Lake Park forum – October 11**





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## Save the Dates:

Wednesday, November 8, 6pm – Drafts and Discourse at Alloy Brewing

Monday, November 13 – screening of the movie “Equal Means Equal” at Anoka Ramsey Community College – more details will be forthcoming in the November LWV ABC Newsletter!

Monday, November 27 – LWV ABC Board meeting at Davanni’s, 11am

Monday, December 11 – LWV ABC Monthly meeting, 6pm at Andover Senior Center. This meeting we will be having a potluck – **so bring your favorite ‘depth of winter’ dish!**

Monday, December 25 – No Board meeting in December!

## Staying in Touch with LWV ABC

**Visit our public website:** [www.lwvabcmn.org](http://www.lwvabcmn.org). If you need a refresher on accessing the Members Only section of the website, send an email to [lwvabc@gmail.com](mailto:lwvabc@gmail.com). We will reply with the link for you to bookmark.

**We’re on Facebook:** Just search for “LWV ABC Facebook”.

**Our monthly newsletter, *The Voter*:** Members and other interested persons receive our newsletter by email in the early part of each month. Issues are also available on our LWV ABC website, [www.lwvabcmn.org](http://www.lwvabcmn.org).

### Have Information to share with LWV ABC?

Email your information to [lwvabc@gmail.com](mailto:lwvabc@gmail.com) for inclusion  
In one or more of the above