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CANDIDATE FORUMS REVIEW IS THE TOPIC FOR NOVEMBER 14
MEMBERSHIP MEETING

LWV ABC sponsored two primary and nine general election candidate forums in its function to encourage the informed and active participation of citizens in government. Hear how we did and discuss improvements or enhancements for the next elections. LWV Minnesota board president, Terry Kalil will attend and share statewide experiences. Ms. Kalil also serves as the LWVMN Voter Service Chair.

All are invited for light supper at 6:00 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Andover City Hall's Senior Center, 1685 Crosstown Boulevard NW, Andover.

SPEAKING OF CANDIDATE FORUMS...

...The candidate forum in Fridley on October 4, 2016 attracted Fridley Latino resident immigrants who are participating in leadership development provided by [ISAIAH](#), a faith-based organization. They were especially interested in House District 41A and Senate District 41 candidates' positions on driver licenses for undocumented immigrants and use of the privately owned prison in Appleton, which is unoccupied.



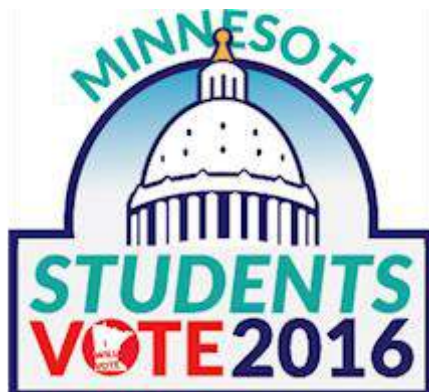
Fridley Latino residents in an ISAIAH leadership program in attendance at October 4 Candidate Forum at Fridley Community Center.



Eight LWV ABC members answered the call for election judges for the November 8, 2016, balloting. They are: JoEllen Ambrose, Veronica Johnson, Lonni McCauley, Kay McCulley, Roger McCulley, Geri Nelson, Bruce Pomerantz, and Gretchen Sabel.

Please thank them for what for many of them will probably be a 16-hour or longer day.

HIGH SCHOOL PRESIDENTIAL MOCK ELECTION 2016



The Minnesota Secretary of State for the first time has promoted a [state-wide presidential mock election](#) for high school students (grades nine through twelve). The activity gives high school students hands-on experience with the electoral process in which they will soon actually participate. Like the actual November 8 ballot, the student ballot will provide the nine presidential and vice presidential candidates and allow for write-in candidates. The tally will account for spoiled ballots.

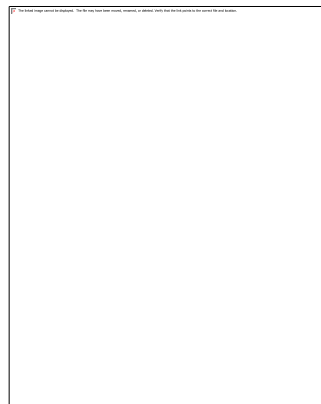
Voting will conclude October 26. The results will be released before the general election to give students the opportunity to impact the election by example.

The Secretary of State's office reports that 282 high schools will participate. Participating Anoka County public high schools are: Andover, Anoka, Anoka-Hennepin Regional, Anoka-Hennepin Technical, Blaine, and Coon Rapids. Several charter and private schools are also participating.

A REPORT FROM LWV ABC MEMBER KATHERINE WHELCHER*: NETWORKING WITH MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

I presented a networking workshop October 22, 2016, at the Minnesota State College Student Association (MSCA) fall conference. As part of their networking beyond the college into their respective communities, I invited them to network with LWVMN and its local chapters. I suggested they contact local Leagues to give presentations on their involvement in public policy issues.

Visit the [MSCSA website](#) to see the extent of their training and advocacy activities.



MSCSA has 1000 student senator members from all the Minnesota community and technical colleges. They focus on issues related to higher education, for which LWVMN currently has no position. They are also concerned with inclusion, equity, environmental issues, homelessness, and other economic issues.

Right now they are engaged with voter registration and getting out the vote. They are currently competing for the most pledge to vote cards. My college (Anoka-Ramsey Community College*) has collected over 1,000 pledges.

The Anoka-Ramsey Student Senate has already partnered with us on hosting a candidate forum and assisting at two Coon Rapids high school voter registrations and one at Fridley High School. They will be marching in the City of Anoka Halloween Parade in support of Get Out The Vote. They have invited LWV ABC to help organize a Meet Your Representatives event sometime after the election. This will include both legislators and city officials.

Mike Dean is the state Student Senate Advisor and is happy to work with us on mutual actions and education events.

I encourage other members to get to know these highly motivated active millenials!



The Anoka-Ramsey Community College student senators who attended the MSCSA conference

**In addition to being an LWV ABC member, Katherine teaches a biomedical course each fall at Anoka-Ramsey Community College.*

HOLD THESE DATES

Access the events [Calendar on the LWV ABC website](#) for details as they become available.

Date	Meeting Topic
December 12, 2016	LWVMN Strategic Plan Overview – LWV ABC 's role
January 9, 2017	Observer Corps – Anoka County update and next steps
February 13, 2017	Geologic Survey
March 13, 2017	Behavioral Health Update (Tentative Topic)
April 10, 2017	Annual Meeting/Pollinator Programs
April 28, 2017	LWVMN Legacy Luncheon (Tentative Date)
April 29, 2017	LWVMN State Convention, Normandale College
May 8, 2017	Inclusion and Diversity (Tentative Topic)
June 12, 2017	Energy (Tentative Topic)
July 10, 2017	Health Care Update (Tentative Topic)
August 4, 2017	Summer Get-Together and fundraiser

REMINDERS

LWV ABC and LWV Minnesota needs a record of your volunteer hours. This information is used in obtaining grants and used for other purposes. [Record your hours here](#). This site is also provided at the LWV ABC members-only website.

Update changes in your data on the LWVMN site and inform a LWV ABC board member so that we can change data on the national site. Especially please provide your birthdate or at minimum your birth year. Grant applications typically want information on membership and the people we serve. Simply adding your birth year will not do any harm and will help LWVMN tremendously!

Join [The Voter - Virtual Edition Facebook](#) page to see what is happening in other local Leagues.

Interested in helping as a meeting host? The hosts set up the room at the

Andover Senior Center and prepare a light supper. There are several slots still available. Contact Gretchen Sabel to sign up.

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