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Citizens In Action 2013: "Celebrate Your Voice!"

Saturday, January 26, 2013

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

United Methodist Church - The Coppertop

Free and open to the public

Pre-registration required

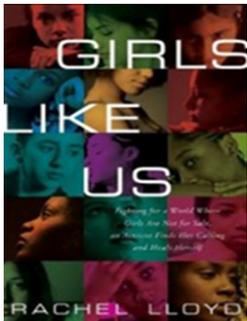
The 15th Annual Workshop will include:

- Steps For Citizen Involvement
- How to Run a Successful Candidate Campaign and Lessons Learned
- How to Run a Successful Issue Campaign and Lessons Learned
- Opportunity to Meet Elected Officials

See yellow flyer in Voter! Go to LWV Duluth website!

Mark Your Calendars!

Trafficking Awareness Month Events throughout January



LWV Duluth and several other organizations are sponsoring events including a press conference and proclamation on January 9; LWV Book Club discussion on Community Book Read, "Girls Like Us," on January 10; Sex and Money Documentary showing on January 24; and panel and community discussion on January 29.

See page 3 for more information.

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Our Mission

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

LWV-Duluth Members 2013-2015 Program Planning



LWV MEMBERS WANTED For YOUR Opinions!!!

Come join us in February for coffee AND to discuss, debate, and agree upon a program platform for LWV Minnesota. Help keep our organization grass roots as we determine the policy issues that our members most support and believe in.



**For more information - call Zandy at 728-9411
and keep an eye on the February VOTER**

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Calendar

January

- 1/8 Press Conference
- 1/10 LWV Duluth Book Club
- 1/24 Sex and Money Documentary
- 1/26 Citizens in Action
- 1/29 "Girls are Not for Sale" Discussion

February

- Black History Month
- TBD Program Planning

In Memory



LWV Duluth lost several current and former members recently. We lost Liz Gomer, Prudy Camerson, Phyllis France, Debbie Louisell, Martha Alworth, and Joan Logan. Liz Gomer and Prudy Cameron were both presidents of the board.

The strength and reputation of today's League reflects the contribution of all these women.

Presidents' Column

Happy New Year!! Although it is a time to think about where we might want to go from here, we would like to share some thoughts on where we have been. This election year brought us great success. We defeated an attempt to change the Minnesota Constitution that would have restricted the ability of many citizens to exercise their right to vote. Denying citizens' ability to vote strikes at the heart of LWV's foundation and constant message. This was amazing as the polls initially indicated over 80 percent of the population thought Photo ID was necessary. By Nov. 6th it was struck down. LWV was the leader in this action from the beginning to end. We should be proud.

In November, a group of LWV members attended a dinner and auction sponsored by AAUW. This was a celebration of some of the artists in Duluth. Rosemary Guttormsson was one of the honored guests and speakers. As I looked around the room, I was aware of how many different organizations were represented and the work they are doing. These are strong women who have been active in creating a vibrant Duluth community. These are women with great gifts. Also, in November, Joyce Benson and Gail Schoenfelder were honored by PAVSA with their Ally Award. This was for their untiring work around the issue of sex trafficking. Also, in November, Jodi Broadwell, was honored as an emerging leader by the YWCA at their Women of Distinction Luncheon.

We lost a pioneer in Liz Gomer who was a past president and was acknowledged by the community as a woman with great determination and energy. We also lost Martha Alworth, Joan Logan, Phyllis France, Debbie Louisell, and Prudy Cameron –women who believed in the goals of LWV and worked to make Duluth a more vibrant community.

We were instrumental in providing informative forums and registering hundreds of voters. (according to our members who were election judges, we need a lot more work in that area as there were long, long lines of same day registrants) We participated in registering more than 50 new citizens at the citizen ceremony in the Federal Building. This is work LWV members are doing all over the country. It is a testimony to the work "ordinary" people accomplish. They worked hard to keep Democracy important and to improve on the process.

On a last note, we now have 20 women out of 100 in the US Senate and 81 women out of 435 in the House of Representatives. EQUALITY, no, but as Eleanor Roosevelt said when asked about equality "we will have equality when we have just as many stupid women in Congress as we have stupid men!"

We thank all of you who gave of your time and gifts to strengthen our Community!!!!

Your Co-Presidents
Elizabeth Olson and Gay Trachsel

League of Women Voters Web Sites



LWV Duluth
www.lwvduluth.org

LWVMN
www.lwvmn.org

LWVUS
www.lwv.org

Resources:

UMD Women's Studies Department
www.d.umn.edu/ws

UMD Multi-Cultural Center Calendar of Events
<<http://www.d.umn.edu/mlrc/ocd/calendar/>><http://www.d.umn.edu/mlrc/ocd/calendar/>

JOIN US! Trafficking Awareness Month Events

January 9: Press Conference and proclamation from Mayor. Announcement of January Trafficking Awareness Events followed by healing ceremony in honor of survivors. City Hall Rotunda, noon-12:45 PM.

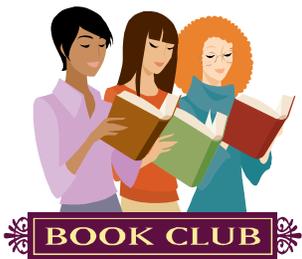
January 10: Community Book Read, *Girls Like Us* by Rachel Lloyd. League of Women Voters Duluth Book Club discussion, Chester Creek Café, 5:30 PM.

January 24: Sex and Money Documentary featuring six photojournalists who travel the U.S. seeking to understand how sexual exploitation of underage girls has become the nation’s fastest growing problem and what can be done to stop it. Teatro Zuccone, 6:30 PM.

January 29: *Girls are Not for Sale: Speaking out on Trafficking in the Northland*, Local Panel and Community Discussion, Harbor City International School, 6:30 PM.

Sponsors: Duluth Trafficking Task Force, PAVSA, League of Women Voters Duluth, Duluth Public Library, St. Louis County Attorney’s Office, UMD Women’s Resource and Action Center, Domestic Abuse Intervention Program (DAIP), Lutheran Social Service, Alworth Center for the Study of Peace and Justice at CSS

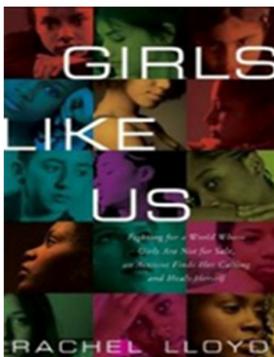
Submitted by Gail Schoenfelder



LWV Duluth
The Sisters Book Club

Book: “Girls Like Us: fighting for a world where girls are not for sale” by Rachel Lloyd

Nicholas Kristof, New York Times writer, says, “Extraordinarily inspiring.. a reminder that homegrown American girls are also trafficked, and they deserve sympathy and social services – not handcuffs.”



Books available for purchase at Bookstore at Fitger’s & Barnes & Noble
Duluth Public Library owns 4 copies
Also available for download on Kindle and Nook

**Come join us and
bring a friend**

When: Thursday, January 10
5:30 p.m. dinner
6:15 p.m. Book discussion
Discussion leader Shunu Shrestha,
Duluth Trafficking Task Force Coordinator
Chester Creek Café, lower level



Local author, Linda Grover, (second from right sitting down) joined LWV book club in November to discuss her book, "The Dance Boots."

**LWV Duluth Legislative Roundtable
Dec. 9, 2012 from 1:00 to 3:00 at the Munger Inn**

Here is the letter that was sent to the Legislators that participated in the Roundtable.



Legislative interviews give League of Women Voters members an opportunity to get acquainted with legislators and to learn their opinions on a few issues. We hope this will help local Leagues build a strong working relationship with their senators and representatives.

LWV Minnesota's advocacy work: Over many years LWV Minnesota members have developed positions on a variety of issues through an intensive process of study and consensus. LWV Minnesota members advocate for those positions at the Legislature and other levels of government. Positions are available at <http://www.lwvmn.org/Page.aspx?pid=590>. This year LWV Minnesota Action Committee members are following a number of issues, including election law, state finance, education, health care, the environment, immigration, firearms and judicial selection.

2013 Legislative Session: In our conversation, we hope to learn more about your hopes and expectations for the upcoming legislative session. In particular, LWV-MN would like to talk about:

- Eric: What inspired you to run for the Legislature? What do you hope to accomplish?
- Tom, Mary, Roger: What will be your top three priorities for the 2013 legislative session?
- Elections and voting rights:
 - a. What steps do you think should be taken to improve the election system in Minnesota? (For instance, early voting or on-line voter registration)
 - b. Do you believe that someone who has completed a jail or prison term and is living in the community should have their right to vote restored?
 - c. Do you believe that the method of judicial selection in MN should be modified? Why or why not?
- State Budget: What measures do you support to address the projected general fund deficit for the 2014-15 biennium? What should be MN's spending priorities in a time of deficit?

We would also like to talk specifically about the issues that are of particular concern to members of LWV Duluth:

- Will there be anything done to improve background checks for gun buyers, such as the gun show loophole?
- What are your opinions on the EPA delaying regulating decisions for MN taconite plants that would reduce air pollution? Why are state regulators less strict than the EPA?
- How can MN make a tax system that is both fair and simple but avoid the charges of "tax and spend"?
- Many people believe that poverty is the root cause of many of our social problems. Is it time to look at raising the minimum wage?
- It is well documented that MN has high rates of racial disparities in child welfare, education, employment and incarceration. What should MN do to address these disparities?

Thank you for your time! LWV Minnesota has been active in Minnesota for over 90 years. Our members bring not just a dedication to good government and citizen participation, but local leagues also have a wealth of information and contacts with Rep. Murphy in their membership. Whether or not we agree or disagree on a particular issue, we hope that you will see us as a resource for you in your job as legislator and as a source for informed, civil dialogue.

Members that would like a copy of the discussion could ask for one from Jane Gilley or Gay Trachsel.

Area Youth Harmed By Racism:

Incidences fueled by racism this year have spotlighted adult behaviors that prevent a peaceful existence within the Duluth community. People watching and reading our news may think racist attitudes and actions are singular events and not part of a larger problem that promotes daily inequalities and even violence in our community. However, adults serving our area youth of color through many of the organizations listed below know that the negative effects of racism permeate the lives of youth in our community.

Following are a sample of sentiments these adults have heard expressed by our area youth who feel the impact of racism in the Duluth area:

1. Many children feel uncomfortable or unsafe at school and in the community due to racial tensions and violence. They feel labeled and stereotyped by others and afraid to hang out with peers from a different race.
2. Our community's youth of color feel that many white adults expect less of them because of their race. Youth frequently say that it is hard when they can see that adults are nervous or afraid around them.
3. It is common to hear youth of color say they don't feel attractive or valued here. They also feel frustrated when adults don't understand anything about their culture or experiences. They talk about how uncomfortable it is to deal with ignorance about food, hair and beauty, religion, communication styles, and experiences with racism in general on a daily basis.
4. Conversations about who hires people of color in the Duluth area are common for youth looking for a job. They generate a similar and short list of businesses. Additionally, many youth of color talk about how difficult it is for their parents to find work that pays enough money. Future prospects for work generate some of the greatest anxiety for teens. Teens of color also say they wish it was more common to see people who look like them in positions of power locally.
5. The effigy of President Obama had many of our youth of color wondering if they are welcome in Duluth—or ever will be. To the point, they do not feel safe in the community they call home. They bring up that Duluth has a history of lynching people of color and seeing that effigy made them wonder if violence could happen to them.

The voices of young people help us understand that we need to end racism in order to raise a next generation of Duluth area residents who feel safe and welcomed in making positive contributions to their community. This week one 10 year old stated, "It's what's on the inside that matters. We have to allow our beauty on the inside to change the ugliness of racism that occurs on the outside." For those of us who will not tolerate an environment where children feel unwanted, unsafe, and unsupported, we have a lot of work to do. We might start by asking ourselves some basic questions:

1. What would a community free from racism look like?
2. What do we have to do in our community so children know they are safe, loved, and supported regardless of the color of their skin?
3. How can we build a community where first-time visitors know this is a place that welcomes and values diversity?
4. How can we build a community that supports college students of color and encourages them to stay in our community after they graduate?

Answers to these questions challenge us to look deeper into our own attitudes and actions, as well as the makeup of our institutions and community that either prevent or promote racial equity.

Over the past year, the Un-Fair Campaign has been working to end racism in the Duluth area. It takes a community-wide effort to end the racism that harms it. Please, visit the Un-Fair Campaign website at www.unfaircampaign.org. Learn about racism and how to be an ally in the "our perspective" section of the website.

Written in solidarity with the following Un-Fair Campaign Partners:

Men As Peacemakers
Lutheran Social Services – Duluth Services
YWCA
Community Action Duluth
Domestic Abuse Intervention Project

CHUM (Churches United In Ministry)
Clayton, Jackson, McGhie Memorial Inc.
Peace Church UCC
League of Women Voters
City of Duluth Human Rights Commission

How To Go From Being Non-Racist To Anti-Racist

This was sent to me on an UFC listserv and I thought it was worth sharing. I think the distinction between being a "Non-Racist" (maybe someone who tries to do no harm) and being "Anti-Racist" (being an ally to people of color in the struggle for racial justice) is important but not necessarily obvious. This is a great list of personal perceptions and "to do's" for those who want to work towards being a more effective ally.

1. Stay with discomfort
- 2 Monitor defenses: being humble and keep mouth shut until you no longer feel defensive
3. Allow guilt and transform it into motivation
4. Think of racism as personal/interpersonal but be clear that these interpersonal interactions happen within systems and institutions- that the systems depend on people to reinforce them and that people can also reinforce systems of racism and oppression
5. Keep a both/and attitude (as opposed to either/or). For example, many white people have worked hard to get what they have AND they had a lot of help from the benefits of white privilege
6. Be vigilantly mindful: at any given moment consider how whiteness and privilege are playing out or have played out in this moment.
7. Take active responsibility for the personal behavior AND the systematic arrangements in your community. Do not enact the privilege of being able to live seemingly unaffected by these issues- the privilege of non-action
8. Consider the costs of white supremacy/privilege for the dominant (white) group.
9. Do your best to make racism and whiteness visible by naming it when you see it- out loud, even if it may damage personal bonds with other white people
- 10 Get comfortable with resistance and defensiveness- don't let your ego be bothered by people's responses to your concerns.
- 11 Stop believing that addressing issues like this is an extracurricular activity called "activism"- this is an issue of human and communal suffering, not politics

This is the address of the original blog post: <<http://whitepriv.blogspot.com/2012/04/how-to-go-from-being-non-racist-to-anti.html>>

Submitted by Jane Gilley

Renew Your Membership Today!!!

For those of you who have not renewed yet, **it is not too late**. We need your renewed membership now to ensure that we accomplish our ambitious schedule of activities in the coming year.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the League of Women Voters. We are counting on you to **renew by January 20** in order to meet our deadline to update our roster with LWVUS. If your renewal is not received by Jan. 20, we will need to remove your membership from our roster to avoid being billed for your per member payment (PMP).

Please fill out the membership form on the back of this newsletter and return with your check to the address on the form. Thank you!!

Many thanks to all of our members who have renewed their memberships for 2012-2013. It is because of your support that we can continue to have the impact you've come to expect from our League!

Submitted by Gail Schoenfelder



Membership Committee hard at work strategizing a plan to implement best practices for membership and leadership development.

Welcome New LWV Duluth Members!



Mary Pat Renaud
Liz Taylor
Mary Jane Peterson
Julie McDonnell
Deb Isabell Nelson

HAVEN'T WE HAD IT ALREADY WITH CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS?

LWV DULUTH SAYS NO! 50 PEOPLE ATTEND LOCAL FORUM TO HEAR WHY!



Duluth citizens filled a public forum November 12 at the Copper Top Church informing the public about the need to consider a constitutional amendment to protect our fair and impartial judiciary. There is an urgency to get this done before partisan influences in judicial elections can compromise citizen trust in the impartiality of our courts. Other states have allowed partisan campaigns to take over elections with money influence, a probability that has become all too real in Wisconsin. The League was joined by co-sponsors: CHUM, MN Coalition for Impartial Justice, Northeast MN Chapter of Women Lawyers, Duluth YWCA, and the 11th District Bar Association.

LWV MN ACTION is underway statewide to build support for a constitutional amendment to change the way Minnesota selects and retains our judges. In this amendment the LWVMN has established a position of opposition in response to U.S. Supreme Court rulings to permit judicial candidates to solicit campaign funds, declare views on issues that may come before the courts, and speak to political groups to gain endorsement. LWVMN members do not want our judges to be subjected to fund raising and special influences. There is wide support for this position from major corporations, the MN Chamber of Commerce, Citizens League and many civic and service groups, law firms, religious, labor, Native groups, the state Bar and a long list of our most respected leaders and judges.

If you are interested in being a part of the action to make this happen this session, to write letters, make calls or hold coffee parties with friends, informing ourselves and others about the stakes, you can make a difference. Action is starting now. Call 724-3465 or e-mail, nbratrud20@gmail.com.

Submitted by Nancy Bratrud



Fifty people attended the November 12 impartial judiciary forum. They heard from a panel on "Keeping Minnesota Judicial Elections Impartial." Discussion and audience questions followed the panel presentation.



Gay Trachsel, LWV Duluth co-president introduces the panel: Gary Borgendale, MN Coalition for Impartial Justice, Brian Rusche, MN. Coalition for Impartial Justice, Sherri Knuth, LWVMN Public Policy Manager, Retired Supreme Court Justice, Esther Tomljanovich

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS SUPPORTS MERIT SELECTION/RETENTION ELECTION FOR SELECTING MINNESOTA JUDGES

Statement of Position

adopted by 34 LWVMN chapters across the state met, reviewed the study committee report and voted overwhelmingly (99%) in favor of merit selection/retention method for selecting Minnesota's judges. For full report go to www.lwvmn.org



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LWV Minnesota to Consider Concurrence Vote on Great Lakes Ecosystem Position

The LWV Minnesota has been contacted by the Lake Michigan Inter-League Organization (LMILO) regarding a policy position on the Great Lakes. The LMILO consists of Leagues which border Lake Michigan, and whose members are directly impacted by governmental policy decisions related to the Great Lakes. The LMILO has asked LWV Minnesota to adopt by concurrence at our 2013 state convention, the current LMILO *Great Lakes Ecosystem Position*. In response, the LWV Minnesota State Board has recommended that local leagues be educated on the issue so they may be prepared in the event that such a motion is presented at convention. Following is an example of the concurrence motion that may be presented at convention in May.

Additional questions can be directed to the following:

Questions on Concurrence Process

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Program Chair

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Questions on GL Ecosystem Position

Julie O’Leary—LWV Duluth

Environment Committee Chair

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League of Women Voters Minnesota: Great Lakes Ecosystem

Proposed concurrence with League of Women Voters of Michigan position

The League of Women Voters Minnesota supports preserving and enhancing the environmental integrity and quality of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Ecosystem. We support the attainment and maintenance of high water quality standards throughout the Great Lakes Basin, with emphasis on water pollution prevention. Water conservation should be a high priority of all governments in the Basin.

Details

Protective Measures - Support

- Limit uses of "fragile," historical, cultural and scenic shoreline areas.
- Preserve wild and pristine areas within the watershed, with no new development in these habitats without adherence to federal, state, or local criteria.
- Provide for appropriate recreational opportunities in and public access to sensitive areas without destruction or harm to the ecosystem.
- Protect the quality of the air and waters of the ecosystem by strict adherence to zoning regulations that prohibit the introduction of polluting discharges or detrimental land use techniques.
- Protect the remaining dune formations. Enforce strict regulations of sand dune mining or development on the dunes.
- Strengthen upstream land management to eliminate sources of siltation and pollution.
- Control the invasion and spread of non-native aquatic and terrestrial nuisance species.

LWV Minnesota to Consider Concurrence Vote on Great Lakes Ecosystem Position (Continued)

Threats to the Ecosystem - Oppose

- Inefficient or excessive water uses. Proposals for new or increased withdrawals within the Basin should be carefully evaluated before being permitted. Withdrawals should be regularly monitored for potential or actual damage to the ecosystem.
- Destruction of marshes and other wetlands throughout the watershed. Mitigation should be accepted only as a last resort. Mitigation proposals should be rigorously evaluated and projects should be strictly monitored to assure no net loss to the ecosystem.
- New or increased diversions or transfers by any means of Great Lakes waters and adjacent ground waters to a place outside the Basin. Projects already in place should be carefully monitored and restricted if there is evidence of damage to the ecosystem.
- Dredging and filling of river inlets, harbors, lakes or wetlands except for tightly-controlled, non-degrading and non-repetitive activities.
- Discharge to air or water of toxic pollutants and other material from industrial, agricultural, residential or commercial operations that may damage the ecosystem in violation of laws and ordinances.

Public Participation - Support

- Informed and responsible action on behalf of the preservation of the Great Lakes Ecosystem.
- Relevant information should be readily available to the public.
- Opportunities for public input should be timely, accessible, convenient and well-advertised.

Role of Government - Support

- Coordination of functions among various governmental agencies charged with protecting the Great Lakes and elimination of unnecessary overlap.
- Use of area-wide coordinated management plans and techniques in the solving of Great Lakes Ecosystem problems.
- Participation by all affected governments in the Basin in review and decision-making on Great Lakes agreements and projects, facilitated in open meetings and hearings.
- Strengthening existing mechanisms for intergovernmental discussions and decision making.
- Separation of responsibility for submitting recommendations for governmental projects from issuing permits for such projects.
- Monitoring and enforcement of treaties, ordinances, laws and master plans.

Research Priorities

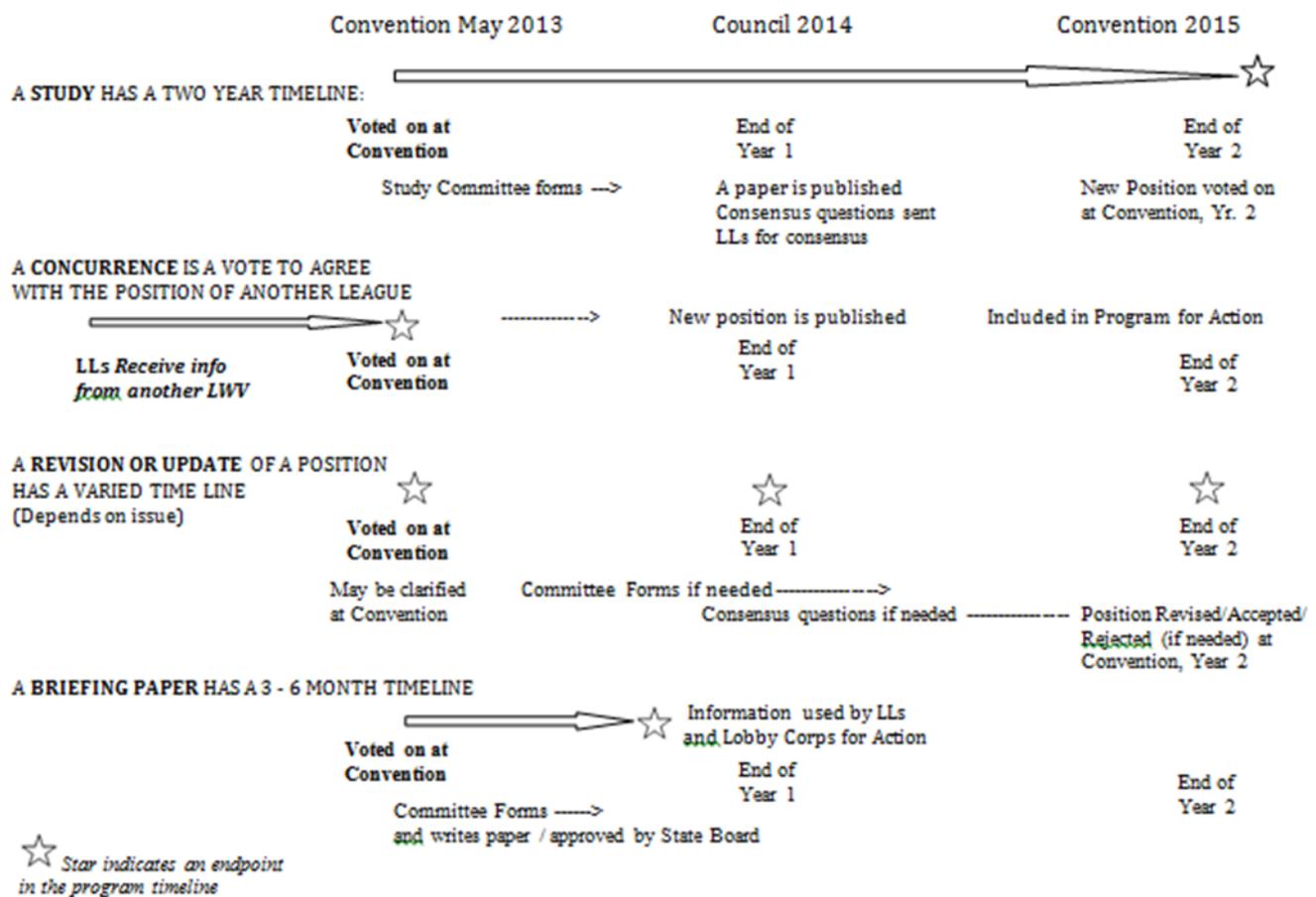
- Effective, non-toxic control and removal of invasive aquatic and terrestrial species.
- Restoration of health to the overall resource.
- Survival of native aquatic and terrestrial species and their nutrient sources.
- Continual testing of Great Lakes water quality for impact from the following: pesticides and fertilizers, resistant bacteria, persistent pharmaceuticals and other chemicals.
- Evaluation of water accountability systems, groundwater monitoring and water use planning and conservation efforts throughout the Basin.

Annual Program Review Process Begins Again: February in Duluth

December through February, on an annual basis, league members come together to discuss, debate, and agree upon a program platform that represents who we are, and those issues that LWV members support and believe in. Duluth will be hosting our Program Lively Issues Gathering in February this year. Current program positions are reviewed and recommended for retention, update, or removal. New policy areas are also evaluated and at times deemed appropriate for initiating a traditional League study. There are three ways in which LWV Program, governed by our bylaws, can be established or changed on the national, state, or local level: Consensus, Concurrence, and Update. These actions require varied degrees of investigation, research and timelines for completion. Below is figure which summarizes briefly these Program actions.

The LWV Minnesota, at convention in 2009, voted to introduce a new form of research summary, the briefing paper, into our state Program process. The briefing paper format was designed to be short (3 to 5 pages), researched, documented, and objective; and provide more substance, addressing in a timely manner issues already covered under existing LWV Minnesota Program positions. A review of the LWV Minnesota's state policy platform, summarized in the Program for Action (available to members online at <http://www.lwvmn.org/document.doc?id=266>), shows that a significant number of state policy positions already exist. This allows Leagues to take a stance or implement action on most policy issues that might come up on state or local level. The intent of the briefing paper was to provide more timely information on current issues so the reader might feel comfortable speaking to the issues with elected officials or groups of citizens.

LWVMN Program - Relative Timelines for Research Actions 2013-2015



When LWV Duluth gathers this February, we will again review our current policy positions, and discuss any need for research or investigation of these or any other potential state policy actions. This is a great opportunity for all members new and old to gather together and discuss just what it is that we as a League are committed to and believe in. Those interested in participating in the process can prepare by going to the LWV Minnesota website and downloading the Program Planning Packet under Member Resources / Convention Forms. The packet includes a Program Planning Discussion Guide, 2013-2015 evaluation form, glossary of League Program lingo, and several other useful items to help you through the process. Members may also want to read Tom Berg's new book, *Minnesota's Miracle: Learning from the Government that Worked*. This book has been noted as an "inspiration in how to figure out ways to avoid the gridlock we've been plagued with...(the past few years)...and a positive way to enact legislation."

Submitted by Zandy Zwiebel

LWV Duluth Holiday Social

On December 4th, members and guests met at the home of Printha Markert to celebrate the Holiday Season. It was a beautiful brisk night, but no snow, so we all left our shovels home.

Sixty five to seventy people filled Printha's house with conversation and laughter. We had an abundance of wine and food due to the creative endeavors of our members (we have enough wine left to use at our next event).

We also filled a basket of items for the CHUM food shelf. Meg, a LWV member and Food Shelf director, expressed gratitude that we remembered them in our celebration.

This was a wonderful way to get together with members and not discuss "business" but share the other parts of our lives. Thanks again to Printha for hosting the delightful night.

The following items were left at Printha's: red charger plate, bowl with Santas, silco stainless spoon, and a carrying bag from Barnes and Noble with red handles.

If these belong to you,
please contact Gay Trachsel at 728-5478

Health Care Presentation



In October, our members and guests had the opportunity to hear a presentation by Dr. Patrick Schoenfelder on his perspective of the Affordable Care Act, Medicare and Health Care Reform. ACA is a 900 page bill and Dr. Schoenfelder was able to condense and explain the impact this will have on the uninsured, the insured, seniors and businesses. Many questions followed. Our thanks to Dr Schoenfelder for sharing his expertise on this subject.



LWV Duluth members celebrate at YWCA "Women of Distinction" luncheon to honor new member Jodi Broadwell (center) for her 2012 Emerging Leader Award.

Congratulations, Jodi!!!



Joyce Benson and Gail Schoenfelder were honored at the PAVSA art auction.

They were given their Ally Award for their continued efforts on informing the public about sex trafficking in and around Duluth

Congratulations, Joyce and Gail!!

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Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

_____ \$100 Sustaining Membership to honor Susan B. Anthony, founder of National Suffrage Woman Association in 1869.

_____ \$25 Student Membership to honor Alice Paul, early 20th Century chief strategist of Suffrage Movement's militant wing.

_____ \$75 Household Membership to honor Elizabeth Cady Stanton who launched Suffrage Movement by organizing Seneca Falls Convention in 1848.

_____ \$10 Limited Income to honor Lucy Burns, co-founder of Congressional Union with Alice Paul.

_____ \$50 Individual Membership to honor Carrie Chapman Catt, founder League of Women Voters 1920.

_____ \$10-\$250 Additional Donation to honor Sojourner Truth, abolitionist, suffragist, author of "Ain't I a Woman" 1851.

Make checks payable to LWV Duluth and mail to:
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