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

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LWV MEPH Jan 14 Program: Minnesota 2017 Legislative Session Preview

Presented by 48A Rep. **Laurie Pryor** and 48A Former Rep. **Yvonne Selcer**

9:30AM - 11:00AM, Saturday, January 14, 2017

Glen Lake Activity Center, 14350 Excelsior Blvd, Minnetonka, MN 55345 (at Woodhill Rd & Exc Blvd)



Our former and newly elected Minnetonka/Eden Prairie Representatives from House District 48 A will present our January program. They will give a look ahead at the upcoming legislative session, and talk about experiences with various forms of lobbying and the most effective ways citizens can impact their state representative. Bring your questions for a lively dialogue!

Note we are at Glen Lake Activity Center for this event!

Join the LWV Minnesota Action and Advocacy Team!

Dear LWV MEPH Members,

I am hoping that you can help with advocacy on voter rights, \$ in politics and redistricting. Since LWV MN does not have a public policy person, we have to rely entirely on local league members to make phone calls, write letters, attend town hall meetings or visit the state Capitol to urge their legislators to support our positions. **LWV MEPH is looking for a person to take charge of Action and who would be able to do this! Please contact Kathy Tomsich to learn more, and become our Action leader.** Kathy would contact this person whenever we have a bill scheduled for a hearing that we support/oppose, especially if your local legislator is a member of the committee that will be hearing the bill.

We also looking for volunteers interested in \$ in Politics, Redistricting and Voter Rights who would be willing to serve on a Legislative Task Force that will track these issues in the state legislature. As you know, we are facing 4 years of a state Senate election committee chaired by Mary Kiffmeyer. We all know that she would like to eliminate election day registration, as we know it, especially vouching. Plus, we expect that she will be trying to introduce Voter ID, probably after Gov. Dayton's term ends.

The LWVMN legislative priorities for the 2017-18 Session are the following:

- Voting Rights (protect access to the ballot box for all eligible voters – basically we want to protect the features that we now have, election day registration as we know it, etc, and prevent implementation of provisional ballots and voter ID plus other ways to make it more difficult to vote.)
- Restore the Vote – allow citizens who are living in the community under supervised release due to a felony conviction to vote.
- Early Voting – two weeks prior to election day, voters should be given the option of to vote in the same manner as on election day with no special forms or envelopes.
- Campaign Finance Reform (close the loophole in Minnesota Campaign Finance laws that allows independent groups to avoid disclosure regulations)
- Redistricting should be determined by a non-partisan commission.

I look forward to learning about your local league Action person since this person will play a crucial role in helping your members to take Action. Thanks for your help.

Kathy Tomsich 651-490-1809
State Action Committee, LWV MN

CMAL - No January Meeting

The LWV Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues (CMAL) will not hold a program in January. They are planning the next meeting for March 18, 2017, on the topic "Emergency Preparedness Planning" focusing on public health emergencies. Janice Maine from the MN Dept. of Health has been invited to speak, with plans for another speaker as well. The location has not been announced. See the March Voter or www.lwvmeph.org for more information as it becomes available.

LWV MEPH February 11 Program: Meet the Hopkins Police Department

Be sure to reserve this Saturday morning for a detailed look at the Hopkins Police Department. Meet Chief Brent Johnson in this mini-Police Citizen's Academy. A tour of the Police Station is included. We will meet in Hopkins. Watch for more information in the February Voter and online at www.lwvmeph.org.

Pantsuit Nation Minnesota

For those of you who engage in social media, Facebook specifically, please check out the group "Pantsuit Nation Minnesota" and Pantsuit Nation. I encourage you to join. It is a group of (primarily) women who have been supporting and empowering each other through this 2016 election and the aftermath. Here is the link to Pantsuit Nation MN <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1602780133358237/>

- Deb Calvert

Alice "Sally" Haxby Duncan Obituary



LWV MEPH lost a former member recently, Sally Duncan. Those who were members in the 1960's will remember her, as she was president of LWV Minnetonka then. Our member Florence Bogle shares this memory:

I heard a talk by Sally, probably in 1961, at St. David's Church which served as a common community gathering place before city hall was built. I cannot remember the subject (could have been one man-one vote?) but it inspired me to join which finally I did a year or so later after my daughter was born. Incidentally Sally's husband Dick was the instigator of the Open Circle Adult Day Care in Hopkins.

Below is the obituary printed in the Minneapolis Star Tribune

Duncan, Alice "Sally" Haxby age 92 of Minneapolis, MN, died Tuesday, 11/15/16. Preceded in death by parents Robert Van Loan and Alice Evelyn Ozias and brothers Jim and Bob. Survived by husband Dick Duncan; children Jim (Linda), Nancy, Tom, Chuck (Laura); grandchildren Eric Ferenchak (Kim), Anika Fajardo (Dave Dieken), Sarah, Alisa Lucas (Bob), Jeannine Lotos (Eric), Leah Gross, and great grandchildren. Sally served in the WAVES with the Naval Weather Service during World War II in Corpus Christi, TX. After the war, she married Dick Duncan and together they started a family. She was an avid recreational athlete who bicycled, ran, golfed, played tennis, and won cross-country skiing competitions well into her late 70's. She took annual trips with Dick through the BWCA and Quetico National Park and played fiercely competitive ping pong games with her kids. She traveled extensively with Dick, climbing to the top of the Great Pyramid of Giza (under cover of darkness) in her 50's, biking across parts of England in her 60's, and even touring Japan in her 80's. Sally became an expert in cooking on a wood cookstove over many years vacationing in a tiny cabin in the woods of Northern Minnesota. She loved dancing, big band music, and festive social gatherings. Her warm and generous heart was clearly evident in her deep, rewarding smiles even as hearing loss and mobility problems made many of the things she loved difficult for her. She had a wicked sense of humor, was a voracious reader of murder mysteries, and she loved her family unconditionally. She will be deeply missed. A gathering to celebrate Sally's life will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2016, 3 PM at Becketwood Chapel, 4300 W River Pkwy, Minneapolis, MN 55406. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Will Steger's Climate Generation or Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness.

Looking Ahead (*Details subject to change. See www.lwvmeph.org for the latest info.*)

Th 1/5 3:00 PM	LWV MEPH Board Meeting, host Janet Kramer, 10511 Cedar Lake Rd #201, Minnetonka 55305
Sa 1/14 9:30AM	LWV MEPH: Legislative Preview, Glen Lake Activity Center, 14350 Excelsior Blvd, Mtka 55345
Th 2/2 3:00 PM	LWV MEPH Board Meeting, host Peggy Kvam, Hopkins Library Meeting Rm, 22 11th Ave N, Hopkins
Sa 2/11 9:00AM	LWV MEPH: Meet the Hopkins Police Department - Presentation and Tour, Hopkins MN 55343
Sa 3/4 or 3/25	LWV W. Metro, Community Policing
Sa 3/18 10AM	CMAL Emergency Preparedness Planning, tbd location



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