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LWV MEPH April 14: Sex Trafficking 101 and Community Advocacy

9:30-11:00 AM, Saturday, April 14, 2018

St. Alban's Mill Room, 1st Floor, Minnetonka Community Center
 14600 Minnetonka Blvd, Minnetonka, MN 55345

**Introduction by Jessican Melnik, Girls United MN
 Presented by Breaking Free**



Jessica Melnik, a Hopkins High School student, founded Girls United MN in seventh grade, as a book club to learn about gender inequality. The group has evolved into a nonprofit focused on empowering young women through legislation and monthly programs and speakers. This year they took on the topic of Sex Trafficking, and hosted a public discussion in Hopkins in February, right after the Super Bowl.

Breaking Free is a non-profit agency helping women and girls escape sexual exploitation through advocacy, direct services, housing and education. Breaking Free will present an introduction to the services and programs for victims and survivors of sex trafficking and sexual exploitation, an overview of sex trafficking in Minnesota, and ways to help. We will learn more about community advocacy and how we can be involved in prevention and intervention of sex trafficking.

Free and open to the public. Hosted by LWV Minnetonka, Eden Prairie, Hopkins.

LWV MEPH Call to Annual Meeting, Saturday May 5, 2018
Program: Affordable Housing, presented by Alisha Gray
LWVMEPH Annual Business Meeting, Board Election, Dues
Buffet Lunch: Sandwich Tray, Sides, Desserts \$6

9:30AM – 11AM Program, 11AM- 12:30 PM Meeting & Lunch, Saturday, May 5, 2018

Third Floor Classroom, **Hopkins Fire Station**

101 17th Ave. S., Hopkins, MN 55343

(Just north of Excelsior Blvd at 17th Ave. Parking is available at Public Works, south of the fire station.)

Minnetonka is in the midst of preparing its 2040 Housing Plan, to support anticipated population expansion of our city and metro region. A dilemma for all communities is the increased cost of housing, making it unaffordable to many of our city’s workers, including retail workers, teachers, police, fireman, nurses and service providers, as well as our retirees.

Some stats:

- Our regional population will increase 30% from 2010, adding 824,000 people and 550,000 new jobs
- 1 in 9 were age 65+ in 2010; that changes to 1 in 5 in 2040
- 40% of the population will be people of color
- Minnetonka’s population is expected to increase from 49,734 in 2010 to 61,500 in 2040
- Minnetonka will add almost 20,000 new jobs between 2010 and 2040

Alisha Gray, Economic Development and Housing Manager, City of Minnetonka, will present the City’s 2040 Housing Plan for this program. This program is free and open to the public.

Following the public program, LWV MEPH members will hold our annual business meeting and board election. Although several board members are interested in continuing, we have many openings. Being an LWV local league board member is a great way to get more involved in our community. Please contact Peggy Kvam, lwvmeph@lwvmn.org, if you are interested in serving. The term is 1 year. So far the slate is as follows:

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| President | Peggy Kvam |
| Treasurer | Barb Link (open to retiring) |
| Secretary | Sharon Borine (starting in April) |
| Voter Service | Nancy Gooch (Voter Registrations) & _____ (Candidate Forums) |
| Membership | Sandy Brandt and Janet Kramer |
| Programs | Arlene Nystuen and _____ |
| W. Metro Rep | Sheila Goldstein |
| Action | _____ |
| Hospitality | _____ |
| Newsletter | _____ |
| CMAL Rep | _____ (Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues) |
| UMRR ILO Rep | _____ (Upper Mississippi River Region Inter-League Organization) |

All are invited to renew their membership dues at the meeting. We have added a new membership level, Household, for \$100, so encourage your spouse to join! New members who joined since January 2018 are credited as 2018/19 paid, and do not need to renew until May 2019.

A buffet lunch including sandwich tray, chips, fruit and dessert will be served after the business meeting, during which we will discuss your ideas for next year’s programming for our Centennial Year. Please RSVP for lunch to Arlene Nystuen, 952-934-2133 or janystuen@usfamily.net. The cost will be \$6, payable on May 5th.

LWV MEPH Membership Renewal for 2018 - 2019 Fiscal Year

We encourage you to renew your membership in LWV Minnetonka, Eden Prairie, Hopkins and support our work for the 2018 - 2019 Fiscal Year.

Dues will be collected at the annual meeting or may be sent anytime. You may mail in the form below or use the PayPal button on the LWV MEPH website, at www.lwvmeph.org/join.

Individual membership - \$65 / Household - \$100 / Student - \$35
(Scholarships available to members who need assistance with dues)

Membership dues help fund LWV MEPH, LWV Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues, LWV Minnesota and the National LWV organization.

LWV MEPH offers a full year of programming built around issues that concern our communities, state, and nation. LWV is a great source of objective, non partisan information that is the basis for effective citizenship.

LWV is where hands-on work helps safeguard democracy and leads to civic improvement. We will have a full schedule of voter registration events and candidate forums this fall as we approach a very busy election year. We need your presence, and the energy you can bring to our league. Purposeful work with league friends is important and fun.

Please send this form with your check for \$65.00 (\$100-household/\$35-student) made out to LWV MEPH LLC

Name _____ **Phone** _____

Address _____

Email _____

Preferred contact: _____ **Email** _____ **Phone** _____ **Mail**

Send to: Barbara Link, 8505 Flying Cloud Dr #303, Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Dues are tax deductible as LWV MEPH, LLC is a 501(c)3 organization

Circle your interests in activities where you would like to participate:

Candidate Forums Voter Registration Legislative Action Membership

Newsletter Hospitality Programming Website

Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues of Women Voters (CMAL) 2018 Annual Convention “Celebrating CMAL and Planning for the Future”

When? Saturday, April 21, 2108 10:00am – 2:00 pm (sign in and coffee starts at 9:30)

Where? St. Louis Park City Hall, 5005 Minnetonka Blvd, St. Louis Park MN 55416

Who’s invited?

- Current CMAL delegates
- Past CMAL delegates
- LWVMN
- LWV presidents
- LWV members

Program 10:00am – 11:30 am

- Presentation of our special CMAL History Project 1962-2018
- Recognition of current and past CMAL delegates, sharing of recollections



Lunch 11:30am-12:30pm (provided by CMAL)

All LWV members and CMAL delegates who RSVP are invited to attend the lunch.

RSVP by April 17 to Karen Schaffer schafferka@gmail.com or 651.636.7359 so we know how many to plan for!

Annual Business Meeting 12:30pm – 2:00 pm

All current delegates should attend this meeting to vote on the issues (bylaw amendments, treasurer’s report, election of leadership team, adopt 2018-2019 program, etc.). Non-delegates are welcome to attend and participate.

Questions? contact Cheryl Felix cherylafelix@hotmail.com or Lynne Markus 651.731.8114.

LWV MEPH Spring Voter Service

Although most of our Voter Service projects are in the fall, LWV MEPH is having a busy spring, too! We hosted a successful Candidate Forum on March 20th for the Minnetonka Ward 3 City Council Special Election (April 10 election). We have Voter Registration drives scheduled over the lunch hour at all three of our local High Schools: Minnetonka HS on April 12, Eden Prairie HS on April 17 and Hopkins HS on April 25. Contact Nancy Gooch at nancy.gooch@gmail.com to help.



Remembering Margaret Nelson

Our beloved friend and dedicated Leaguer, Margaret Nelson, passed away peacefully on March 11, 2018 surrounded by family. During her life Margaret was active with the League of Women Voters, Minnesota DFL, Tonka Tale Tellers, The Minnetonka Senior Center, The Hopkins-Minnetonka Park Board and countless other pursuits too numerous to mention.

Margaret’s work as LWV MEPH Board secretary was highly respected, with her detailed board minute reports, as well as her monthly program reports published here. Thank you, Margaret; with love from LWV Minnetonka, Eden Prairie, Hopkins.



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