



League of Women Voters ROSEVILLE AREA

Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Little Canada, Maplewood, Roseville

lwvrosevillearea.org



65th Annual Meeting

League of Women Voters of Roseville Area

May 1, 2018 — 7 p.m.

Little Canada City Hall, Little Canada, Minnesota



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President's Report: "No! No! No!...Well, maybe..."



Rita Mills

Leadership positions often feel intimidating; I can personally attest to that. As the end of my two-year term approaches, I cannot help but think back to a snowy, February evening in 2016, when I thought I was going to the Cushing home to meet with life-time member, Carolyn, and Mindy Greiling for some work on our local League positions. But, at some point during the evening, the topic of my possibly serving as president of our local chapter came up, not so subtly! I quickly responded, "No!" with an arsenal of excuses, all quite legitimate in my mind.

However, they, being good League members, were **persistent!** As a relatively new member, I felt my knowledge of the workings of this near 100-year-old organization was inadequate. Following in the footsteps of past presidents of our local League was truly intimidating! Yet, as my perfectly good excuses were dissected and dismissed by Carolyn and Mindy, I took a deep breath, and replied, "Well, maybe." And the rest is history! In retrospect I sincerely thank those of you dedicated Leaguers who persuaded me to take on a *leadership* role and then patiently mentored me. And, I am most grateful to **ALL** of you who have given of your time so generously to take on leadership roles and working so hard to make **democracy** in our communities work for all!

"They don't want to just protest and advocate; they want to vote."

We have all seen recent coverage of the many young people stepping up to **lead** their peers in advocating and protesting. And....the next step? I was especially inspired by a *Mother Jones* article, "There's a Growing Movement to Let 16-Year-Olds Vote. It Would Change Everything." <https://www.motherjones.com/politics/2018/04/theres-a-growing-movement-to-let-16-year-olds-vote-it-would-change-everything/>. One passage in particular resonated with me:

"... a high school senior from Sacramento, California, who has been working to lower the voting age for local school board elections...more of her peers are getting interested. 'They don't want to just protest and advocate; they want to vote,' ... 'They see it as another step to accomplish what they want to see in the government.'"

Leaders in the making! An inspiration for all of us to step up!

Here's a summary a few highlights from this past year:

- Focusing on advocacy in year two of the Affordable Housing Study with presentations to the city councils of our five cities.
- Expanding membership events, "Getting to Know League," to larger venues.
- Resurrecting the League Observer Corps, beginning with school boards and city councils.
- Posting monthly programs on our local YouTube channel.
- Expanding our webpage to further communications.
- Partnering with community groups and organizations in a consistent and strategic manner.
- Expanding programming events to the Maplewood area.
- Migrating to a December service project from a holiday party.
- Restructuring the annual and monthly budget process.
- Communicating action items and weekly League news in a consistent manner.
- Registering thousands of new voters!

And most important, a hearty thank you to **ALL** who have volunteered countless hours and days to further the League mantra of "Making Democracy Work for All!"

LWV of Roseville Area: Organizational Structure

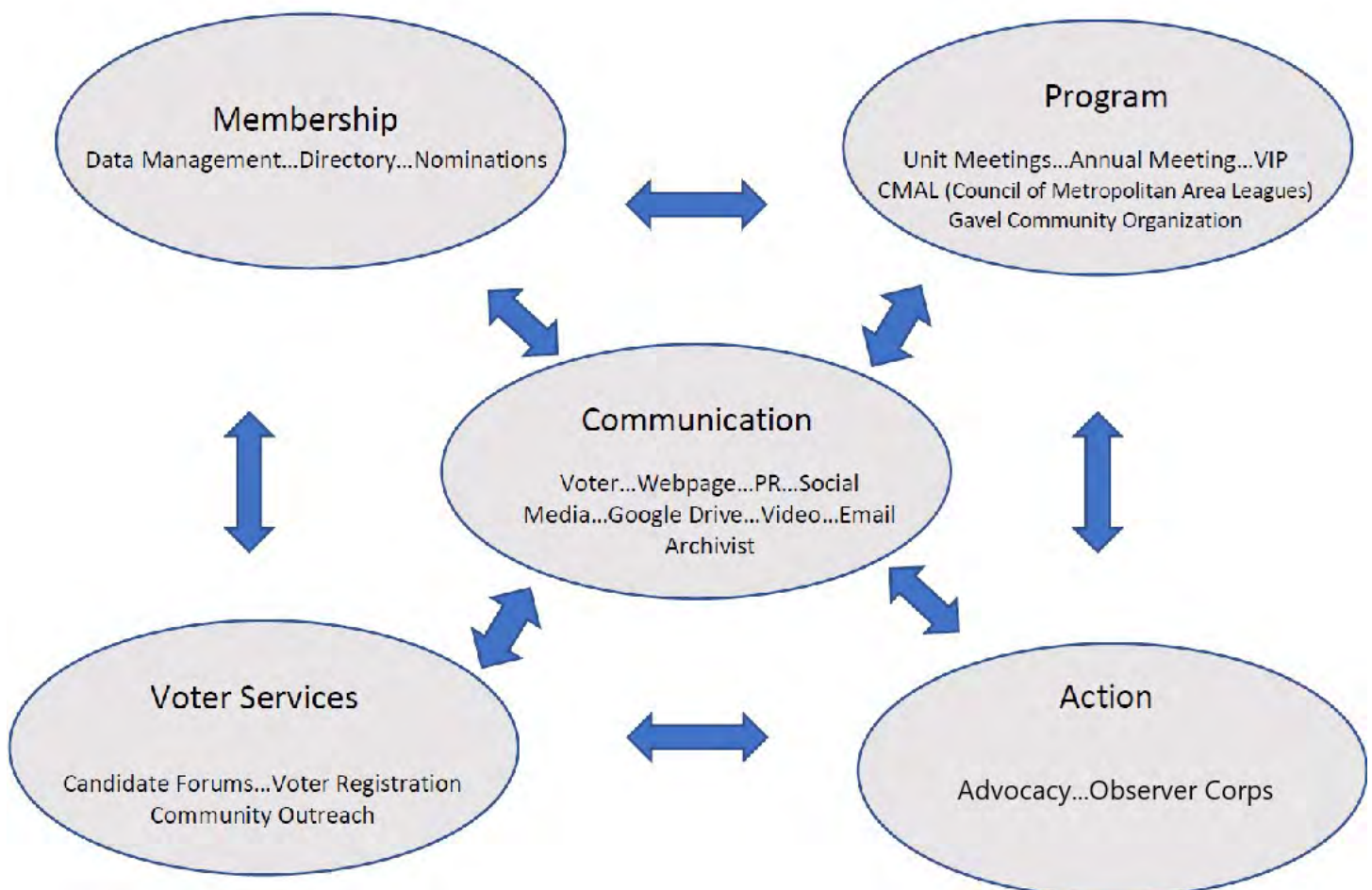


HOW LWV Roseville Area WORKS

ADMINISTRATIVE



- Finance Committee
- Budget
- Examiner



New Lifetime Membership Awards

Mary Ann Palmer: Where Has the Time Gone?

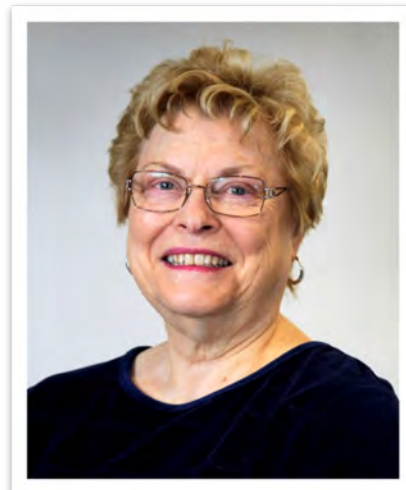
When Mary Ann Palmer was asked for some memories we could share about her 50 years of service with LWV, she answered quickly and passionately about her experience.

Our little family moved to Roseville on June 5, 1968, the day Robert Kennedy was killed. The temp was 93 degrees and I was pregnant with daughter number 2. Later that fall, while strolling with our girls around the neighborhood, a neighbor came out to chat and asked me to join LWV. Of course that was a no-brainer because I had always wanted to be a member since I had attended Girls State when I was a junior in high school. I jumped in with both feet, immediately becoming a unit leader. I started attending board meetings where, fortunately, there was babysitting. Barb sometimes played under the table and Ann would stay in her baby carrier. (Fun days!) Carolyn Cushing was president then.

I have served in every office and committee except Program (I left that for Georgeann Hall) over the years. I shared the presidency with Judy Stuthman and I still help with the budget.

In the early years, League was my lifeline to adult conversation and satisfying activity. It has continued to be stimulating, a great learning resource, and a passion. Some of the issues that have inspired me have been women's equality (we are still fighting for equal pay for equal work), an open and transparent government both locally and nationally, and a clean and safe environment to pass on to our grandchildren. Most importantly, the outstanding League women (and some men) that have become my friends sustain me and are a strategic part of my life.

Congratulations to Mary Ann Palmer for her recognition and thank you for your service to LWV!



Lila Recksiedler: 50 Years of Service

By: Carolyn Cushing

People who have met Lila will remember her big smile and her friendly, interested manner. Those who know her well will think of her wide interests and her big voice. She served in many positions in the LWV of Roseville Area chapter, including as President. She filled out an information sheet for the Voter that year as follows:



Position: *President*

What you expect to do this year: *Work on more community recognition of LWV and continue work on housing, health and abating violence.*

Born: *St. Paul, MN*

Educated: *U of M*

Family: *1 husband, 5 daughters, 3 sons, 2 old spoiled dogs*

Occupation - Past or Present: *Executive secretary (advertising, engineering), real estate management*

Interests/pastimes: *Furniture refinishing, history, crime-spy fiction, Barbara Streisand music*

Favorite Food: *Anything that doesn't move fast enough*

Tell us something we don't know about you: *(1) I bet I know every street in this town and St. Paul and (2) I try not to miss any episode of "Murder She Wrote" and "Northern Exposure."*

We welcome her to the Long- time members club!

Lifetime Memberships and Remembrance

Current Lifetime Members

Mary Ann Palmer and Lila Recksiedler join a distinguished list this year of 8 other LWV of Roseville Area members who are lifetime LWV members, those who have served LWV for 50 years. Those who have already achieved lifetime memberships in LWV of Roseville Area are:

- Joyce Blomquist
- Carolyn Cushing
- Mary Duddleston
- Lorraine Fischer
- Georgeann Hall
- Lynette Kimble
- Jackie Hays
- Georgiana Sobola

Thanks to all lifetime members for their dedication to the principles of LWV.

League Member Judy Rosenblatt Remembered

Longtime LWV member Judy Rosenblatt passed away in December 2017. She was a longtime writer and editor for the LWV of Roseville Area and LWVMN chapters. In her dedication to the League, Judy was recognized with the Hope Washburn Award, the highest and most revered state League award.

One of the best ways to remember Judy's dedication to the League is to recall her own words about her experience. She was interviewed by fellow League member Mindy Greiling in 2013. She spoke of being very proud of a booklet of questions and answers she put together for LWVMN about arms treaties after hearing many speeches and researching the topic. After LWVMN was tasked with administering a survey by the national League, she presented the results to Senator Wendell Anderson who put the information into the Congressional Record, with her name in the record. She also spoke of being proud of her work on the LWV of Roseville Area's 25th anniversary publication. Here are some additional remembrances she had of the League.



On why LWV was important to women when she joined:

It gave women something to do that wasn't just changing diapers. They were using their brains. Today it is still the same. Women may not be escaping from diapers, but they are still using their brains. The League is about learning about things in a civil way, not taking sides until after you've studied both—or all six—sides of an issue and then and only then you decide where you stand. Then—if you have enough agreement—you can take action.

On thinking back on her work with the League:

Aside from teaching, I believe the best thing I've ever done was my work in the League of Women Voters. I frequently think: I got to travel, I saw things in Washington, D.C.,....It helped to make things more real. It was a pretty impressive thing the League did. I thought of the League as an impressive organization before I went and was even more impressed after I went there. All of us at the national meetings were treated with great respect as Leaguers. It was neat.

...I wouldn't have worked at the state league, become knowledgeable about newsletters and the like. The good friends. League gave me a chance to be proud of the things I've work on. First I worked my behind off and then was proud of it.

Presidents of the Local League, 1954 – 2018

2016 – Present	Rita Mills
2012 – 2016	June Stewart
2010 – 2012	Ann Cleland and Karen Schaffer
2009 – 2010	Ann Cleland and Barb Yates
2008 – 2009	Teri MacNabb and Ann Cleland
2006 – 2008	Teri MacNabb and Barb Yates
2005 – 2006	Teri McNabb and Barb Lehn
2003 – 2005	Sandi Lutz and Barb Lehn
2001 – 2003	Ann Berry and Shirley Bradway
2000 – 2001	Laurie Boche and Judy Stuthman
1998 – 2000	Mary Ann Palmer and Judy Stuthman
1997 – 1998	Florence Sprague
1996 – 1997	Le Matts and Florence Sprague
1995 – 1996	Le Matts
1994 – 1995	Jeanne Thompson
1993 – 1994	Jeanne Thompson and Faith O'Neill
1991 – 1993	Lila Recksiedler
1989 – 1991	Kathy Ciernia
1987 – 1989	Ginny Gibson and Norma Signorelli
1985 – 1987	Nancy Irsfeld
1983 – 1985	Mindy Greiling
1981 – 1983	Sally Simundson
1979 – 1981	Suzanne Jenkins and Gloria Froelich
1977 – 1979	Virginia Sykes
1975 – 1977	Joyce Blomquist
1972 – 1975	Georgeann Hall
1969 – 1972	Carolyn Cushing
1967 – 1969	Lorraine Fredrickson
1965 – 1967	Alice Scheel
1963 – 1965	Nancy Rozycki
1961 – 1963	Marge Johnson
1958 – 1961	Mrs. Robert Swan
1956 – 1958	Mrs. Paul Boyer
1954 – 1956	Mrs. L. Hocraffer

Voter Services Committee Report

Candidate Forums – Organized by Cecilia Warner

A Candidate Forum was provided for the only contested election in 2017 in the areas served by LWV of Roseville Area.

September 2017: Falcon Heights City Council elections candidate forum held at the Falcon Heights city offices

- The moderator was Florence Sprague .
- All seven candidates for two city council positions participated.
- About 100 people attended.
- The forum was recorded and broadcast on cable TV.



Cecilia Warner

Candidate Forums are offered for the contested elections in the areas served by LWV of Roseville Area.

Voter Registrations At New Citizenship Ceremonies – Managed by Judy Stuthman

Many League volunteers assisted this year. There will be 85 citizenship ceremonies in 2018.

- 2017: 6,767 registered
- 2018 to date: 1,139 registered



Judy Stuthman

High School Voter Registrations – Led by Karen Lake

- September 2017: Roseville Area High School had 1 registered, 7 forms taken to be completed.
- October 2017:
 - Fairview Alternative High School had 6 registered and 1 form taken to be completed.
 - Hill Murray High School had 7 registered and 6 forms taken to be completed.
 - Academy for Science and Agriculture had 1 registered and 3 forms taken to be completed.
- March 2018: Mounds Park Academy had 29 registered.
- April 2018: Academy for Science and Agriculture had 2 registered and 6 forms taken to be completed.
- May 2018: Voter registration is scheduled at Roseville Area High School.



Karen Lake

All high schools in the LWV of Roseville Area cities have been contacted and offered on-site voter registrations.

Community Engagement

- June 2017: Sherry Hood, Judy Stuthman, and Karen Lake attended a workshop entitled Civic Engagement 101, dealing with how government works at all levels.
- August 2017: Offered voter registration at Roseville Library the night of the showing of the film, “The 13th.”
- October 2017: Offered voter registration at Do Good Roseville Community Volunteer Fair at Fairview Community Center.
- March 2018: Offered voter registration, in cooperation with other LWV chapters, at The March For Our Lives.
- April 2018: Offered voter registration at the Do Good Roseville/Roseville School District/LWVRA program, “Why I Run: Women Finding Their Political Voice.”

Voter registration was offered at LWV of Roseville Area programs throughout the year.

Other Committee Members: Sherry Hood, Alana Howey, Emma Duren, June Stewart, Guyda Darnell, Beth Salzl, Lois Cunningham, Curtis Johnson, Donna Peterson, Teresa Wernecke, Florence Sprague, Linda McLoon

Program Committee Report

Housing and Involvement in Today's Issues

- July** "Brews & Books Reviews": Members shared recommended books for summer reading and beverages at Brent Brewstillery.
- August** "13th": Viewed and discussed a documentary exploring race in the criminal justice system. Co-sponsored with the Roseville Library and Do Good Roseville.
- September** "Is There A Place for Me?": Housing and homelessness advocates State Representative Peter Fischer, Director at Avenues for Homeless Youth and Elaine Carnahan, Counselor at Women Achieving New Directions, shared their expertise.
- October** "Affordable Housing in the Metropolitan Area": In conjunction with CMAL, local and regional Leaguers heard presentations from Chip Halbach, long-time Minnesota Housing Partnership Executive Director, and Gail Dorfman, Metropolitan Council Representative.
- November** "Immigrants - Participating in Minnesota's Economic Future": Matthew Schmit, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, presented findings from a U. of M. study. Co-sponsored with the Roseville Library.
- December** Service project packing boxes of food at Second Harvest Heartland.
- January** "Conversations with Constituents": Opportunity at the Maplewood City Hall to interact with city mayors, Ramsey County commissioners and state legislators.
- February** "Five Cities Housing Goals": Representatives from Lauderdale, Little Canada, Maplewood and Roseville gave updates on the status of affordable housing in their developing comprehensive plans.
- March** "Redistricting, Democracy and Census": Alberder Hampton-Gillespie, Common Cause Board Member. Co-sponsored with the Roseville Library.
- April** "Minnesota's Next Steps to a Clean Energy Economy": J. Drake Hamilton, Science Policy Director, Fresh Energy.

"Why I am Running: Women Finding Their Political Voices": Co-sponsored with Do Good Roseville and the Roseville Area Schools, a panel of women from communities of color shared their civic engagement experiences.
- May** Annual meeting and dinner at Little Canada City Hall
- June** Tour of Prior Crossing, BEACON Interfaith Housing Collaborative, apartments for homeless youth.



Bonnie Koch

Chair: Bonnie Koch

Committee Members: Barb Anderson, Rachel Geiser, Mindy Greiling, Anne Haugan, Sherry Hood, Gladys Jones, Karen Lake

Action Committee Report: Reconstituted This Year!

- June:** Rachel Geiser, Cathy Ciernia, Rita Mills, and Bonnie Koch presented housing committee recommendations to our city councils.
- In partnership with Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing (MICAHA), we sent letters to local churches inviting them to join our affordable housing advocacy. Mindy presented housing information to a local church networking group.
- July:** Mindy and Gladys sent letters/emails to city mayors and council members advocating for a police community mental health officer on their police forces. None budgeted for one.
- September:** June Stewart sent a letter to the Roseville Review, on behalf of League, advocating for washing dishes in lieu of using Styrofoam trays.
- October:** Mindy testified in favor of amending Roseville's crime-free ordinance to prevent it from negatively impacting people who live in apartments who call police for domestic abuse or mental health crises. After the study, the item was brought back and so amended.
- November:** Mindy and MICAHA presented housing information to a local church networking group.
- Year round:** Gladys organized Capitol rallies and sent out many state and national Action Alerts.
- League members attended meetings on League positions, e.g., city comprehensive plans, police data.
- March:** Mindy and Rob Reinhardt represented League on a Roseville group seeking a 28th Constitutional Amendment undoing the Citizens United Supreme Court decision.



Mindy Greiling



Gladys Jones

Observer Program

Wayne Groff, Elizabeth Hansel, Mindy, and Gladys led a well-attended training session in September. The main purposes of observing are to shed a light on public meetings to ensure they are conducted in an open-to-the-public, friendly way and to ascertain if any issues under discussion are relevant to any League positions or programs and if League should take any action.

The Action Committee compiled a list of priority League positions to monitor and developed a reporting form. Our goal was to observe, or view on cable TV, city council meetings in our five cities and our three school districts. Nancy Bruggeman observed every Roseville Area Schools school board meeting and testified on behalf of American Indian Education.

Co-chairs: Mindy Greiling and Gladys Jones

Committee members: Kerry Fine, Wayne Groff, Elizabeth Hansel, Kathleen Juenemann, Bonnie Koch, Georgeann Hall, Molli Slade, Marquita Stephens

Membership Committee Report

Highlights and Activities

We ended the year with 124 members, an increase of 11, and 7 members added since January 1, 2018.

- We have 8 lifetime members, members who have committed to League for over 50 years. We are about to add 2 new members to that list: Mary Ann Palmer and Lila Recksiedler (see page 5).
- The Youth Award program continues, with 2 very strong recipients this year. The award will be presented at the annual Gavel Club dinner.
- The plan we initiated last year to respond to and follow up on inquiries received through our website has proven to be very successful.
- The Membership Committee tries to have a presence and brochures at all League functions.
- A program of orientation to League was undertaken in the fall at the Maplewood Public Library, to encourage greater visibility and membership interest in that area.
- We updated the picture directory in September. Special thanks to Judy Bergland.
- Membership can now be initiated through the website and Pay Pal as well as through completion of the traditional hard copy form.
- This year, we revised the new member packet and took steps to assure that this packet is sent promptly to all new members.
- The steps we initiated last year to enhance the flow of new member data have proven to work quite smoothly. As a result, the Treasurer receives the information and passes it on to both Membership and Data Management (for sharing with state and national organizations).
- To further facilitate efficient data sharing with the state League, we have begun to investigate the option of having new member applications submitted directly to and processed initially by the state organization. A pilot program is being contemplated.
- We have promoted membership renewals by means of an email prompt and attached form. To date, we've achieved approximately 70 renewals. We will follow up in June with those from whom we have not yet heard.
- Our focus and challenge for the immediate future is promoting the involvement of new members to assure their transition to active participation.



Beth Reinhart

Chair: Beth Reinhart

Communications Committee Report

The Communications Team spent time streamlining and enhancing communication with other League teams. We improved our event checklist for events to help event planners coordinate their efforts for maximum publicity.

We standardized emails so that you will receive fewer, but easier to read communications. We try to limit emails to one each week, on Fridays, except for Action Alerts and other special announcements. They all follow a similar format to make them easier to identify and to read.

We added the ability to use PayPal for payment of the Annual Meeting dinner. We will do that for other paying events that we sponsor.

The biggest changes were in *The Voter*. This year we transitioned from long-time editor Judy Berglund to our new editor, Rachel Geiser. It was a learning experience both for Rachel and for the board. Judy Berglund was generous with her time in the transition and we were able to establish guidelines for what items are included in *The Voter*, article lengths, and publication dates. We are looking forward to our new monthly article that will highlight newer members so we can get to know each other better and also to a help-wanted section, where we will post opportunities for our members to volunteer for local League events.

We plan to continue to monitor and improve our communications with members. If you have suggestions for improvement, please contact us.

Chair: Barb Anderson

- **Barb Anderson:** Website, email
- **Gwen Willems:** PR (2017-18)
- **Merrie Zakaras:** PR (2018-present)
- **Carrie Dickson:** Social media
- **Jim DeBenedet:** Video
- **Judy Berglund:** Voter (2017)
- **Rachel Geiser:** Voter (2018-present)
- **Mary Jo Rourke:** Voter distribution
- **Dan Salzl:** Archivist
- **Beth Salzl**



Barb Anderson

Annual Meeting Agenda

League of Women Voters – Roseville Area

Agenda for Annual Meeting

May 1, 2018

Little Canada City Hall

7:00 p.m. Meeting

Call to order / Adoption of Order of Business

Additions/changes to agenda

Appointment of parliamentarian

Reports

President report

Secretary report

Treasurer report

Committee Reports

Voter Services

Program

Study Report (Affordable Housing)

Membership

Communications

Action/Advocacy

Action Items:

Presentation and approval of the 2018 – 2019 budget

Adoption of the local *Program for Action*, a continuation

Local study

Presentation and approval of Nominating Committee Report

Membership (paid) drawing

Rose Awards

Directions to the Board

Announcements

Adjournment

64th Annual Meeting: Minutes

**Minutes of the 64th Annual Meeting of the LWV Roseville Area
Tuesday May 2, 2017 Little Canada City Hall**

Call to Order: The 64th Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters Roseville Area was called to order by President Rita Mills at 7:00 p.m.

Declaration of a Quorum: According to the bylaws, the presence of ten percent of our members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the members. President Rita Mills declared a quorum was present.

Adoption of Order of Business: The Order of Business (Agenda) as printed on page 13 of the 64th Annual Meeting booklet was adopted by consent as printed, subject to emergency changes.

Appointments: After no objection, the Chair appointed as parliamentarian, Julianne Johnston.

President's Report:

Introductions: President Rita Mills introduced the current Board members, lifetime members, and thanked the host committee.

Mindy Greiling honored Georgeann Hall for 50 years of league service. A Certificate of Recognition was presented to Georgeann by President Rita Mills.

Secretary Report: The secretary's report is printed on pages 14 and 15 of the Annual Meeting booklet. It is customary that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting be approved by the Board at the first scheduled Board meeting following this Annual Meeting. Last years' minutes were so approved at the June 22, 2016 Board meeting.

The chair accepted a motion by Cecilia Warner that the Minutes of the 64th Annual Meeting of the LWV Roseville Area, May 2, 2017, be approved by the Board at the June 28, 2017 Board meeting. This motion was seconded by Sherry Hood, and the motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Report: The Treasurer's Report for 2016-2017 is on page 16 of the Annual Meeting booklet. In the absence of the Treasurer, President Rita Mills asked for questions regarding the report. There were no questions. The Treasurer's Report will be filed for examination. Joyce Briggs motioned for approval of the Treasurer's Report and the motion was seconded by Beth Salzl. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports: Committee chairs were introduced and each committee chair gave a short summary of past year activities and challenges. Cecilia Warner represented Voter Services; Mindy Greiling represented Programs; Bonnie Koch represented the Affordable Housing Study Report; Beth Reinhart represented Membership; Barb Anderson represented Communications; and President Rita Mills substituted for Gladys Jones in representing Advocacy.

Action Items:

Presentation and Approval of the 2017-2018 Budget:

In the absence of the Budget chair, Mary Ann Palmer, President Rita Mills read relevant emailed comments from Treasurer Teri MacNabb. Mills reported that the LWV of Roseville Area 2017-2018 Proposed Budget, on page 17 of the 64th Annual Meeting booklet, was prepared by the Budget committee. Barb Anderson motioned to approve the LWV of Roseville Area 2017-2018 Proposed Budget. Shirley Bradway seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Bylaws Revision:

Article III Types of Membership: *Persons at least 16 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of local LWVs, state Leagues and of the LWVUS.* June Stewart motioned that the Bylaws Revision be approved. Nancy Irsfeld seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



Mary Peterson

64th Annual Meeting: Minutes

Action Items:

Approval of Affordable Housing Report and Recommendations:

Georgeann Hall motioned that the Affordable Housing Study Report and Recommendations be approved. This motion was seconded by Joyce Briggs. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Second Year of Affordable Housing Study with Focus on Advocacy:

Karen Lake motioned to approve the second year of the Affordable Housing Study with a focus on advocacy. This motion was seconded by Jim DeBenedet. The motion carried unanimously.

Adoption of Local Program for Action.

Program chair, Mindy Greiling presented the *Positions of the League of Women Voters – Roseville Area* on pages 18 and 19 of the 64th Annual Meeting booklet. A new Local Study Item, to continue the Affordable Housing Study with a focus on advocacy, was the only change. Mindy Greiling motioned to adopt the continuing local program positions, including the new Local Study Item, as added to the Program for Action. Carolyn Cushing seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation and Approval of Nominating Committee Report:

The slate of proposed nominees for the 2017-2018 League year, as listed on page 20 of the 64th Annual Meeting booklet, was read aloud and each nominee was asked to stand before the membership. President Rita Mills asked the membership three times per parliamentary rules, however, there were no further nominations and nominations were closed. Mary Jo McGuire motioned approval of the election of all officers and directors nominated. Susan Gehrz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

New terms of office begin June 1, 2017. A joint Board meeting will be scheduled before the next board meeting.

Membership Drawings: A drawing was held for current paid membership. Winners Rebecca Bormann, Shirley Bradway, Joyce Briggs, Kitty Gogins, and Mary Ann Palmer each received an LWV magnetic patch.

Rose Awards: Individual members are acknowledged for their contributions that go well beyond what the public and membership perceive. Traditionally, these have been referred to as the Rose Awards. This year the recipients were honored with a paper rose, and in keeping with the goal of getting the League brand out there, a LWV magnetic patch.

The recipients are:

Mindy Greiling, Bonnie Koch and Rebecca Bormann for their excellent work on the Affordable Housing Study.

Through many interviews and assistance from University of Minnesota graduate students, a comprehensive report was presented at the April unit meeting. The report will be shared and recommendations presented to city councils and staff.

Karen Gill-Gerbig for the excellent job of maintaining our database on the local, state and national levels.

Barbara Anderson for her diligent work in developing and maintaining the website and managing Google Drive.

Directions to the Board: President Rita Mills requested membership to advise the Board of their ideas and/or concerns as well as any other suggestions for the 2017-2018 League year:

Investigate ways to diversify membership through scholarship programs. (Sherry Hood)

Have treasurer add to line item of the budget report to include the Roseville Community Fund grant for the archivist.
(Karen Schaffer)

Suggest that money can be added to the archivist fund. (Julianne Johnston)

Announcements:

Reminder to pay your dues.

Donna Peterson: Tuesday, May 16, tour of the Eagles Point Wastewater Treatment Plant in Cottage Grove. Sign up and meet at 9:15 a.m. at Roseville Ice Arena. Your name and birthdate are required for this tour.

Sunday, June 18, at 3:00 p.m. brick dedication for Ann Berry Memorial at the Roseville Central Park arboretum.

Mindy Greiling publicly thanked Judy Berglund for publishing the Annual Meeting Booklet.

2016-2017 President Rita Mills declared the 2017 Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters Roseville Area adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

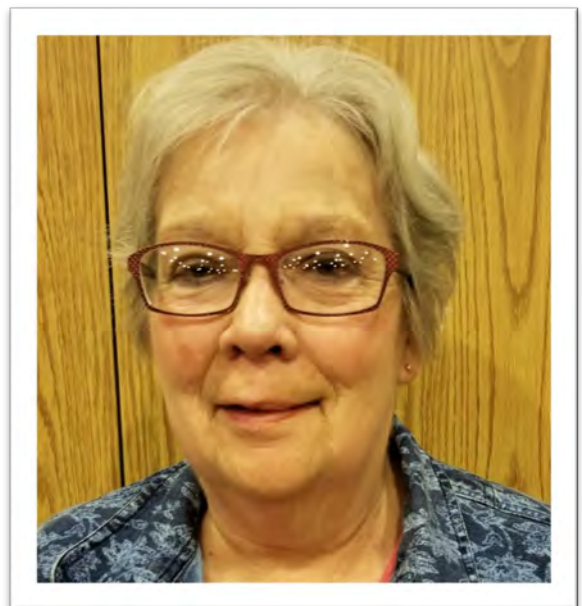
Minutes submitted by Secretary, Mary Peterson

Treasurer's Summary of Accounts

LEAGUE OF WOMAN VOTERS - ROSEVILLE AREA TREASURER'S REPORT : SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

FISCAL YEAR APRIL 1, 2017 - MARCH 31, 2018

UNRESERVED CASH BALANCE - APRIL 1, 2017			\$ 10,213.90
INCOME	\$	13,954.97	
EXPENSES	\$	(9,012.81)	
TOTAL UNRESERVED	\$	4,942.16	\$ 15,156.06
RESERVED FOR ARCHIVIST GRANT	\$	1,438.00	
INCOME	\$	-	
EXPENSES	\$	-	
RESERVED BALANCE			\$ 1,438.00
TOTAL CASH BALANCE 3/31/2018			\$ 16,594.06



Joyce Briggs

Proposed Budget

LWV Roseville Area 2018-2019 Proposed Budget			
	Budget 2017-18	YTD March 2017-18	Proposed Budget 2018-19
INCOME:			
Dues (120 pd members/\$70 dues)	7,700.00	8,331.00	8,400.00
Contributions (unrestricted)	2,110.00	3,685.00	2,500.00
Memorials	0.00	220.00	
Annual Meeting	1,100.00	998.97	1,100.00
Misc., Incl. Voter Service Grants			
Special Events	850.00	720.00	850.00
Reserves			780.00
In Kind			
TOTAL INCOME	11,760.00	13,954.97	13,630.00
EXPENSES:			
Program Division			
Program	250.00		250.00
Special Events	850.00	720.00	850.00
CMAL Meeting			
Voter Services			
Miscellaneous	250.00		150.00
Advocacy/Action		62.08	100.00
Communications			
Public Relations/Advertising	25.00	61.70	75.00
Publication Purchases	100.00		100.00
Voter Mailing		30.00	50.00
Archivist			
Printing	750.00	323.22	400.00
Website/Facebook	500.00	272.23	250.00
Miscellaneous			200.00
Membership	300.00	214.24	50.00
Board Expense			
President/Vice President	25.00	24.30	25.00
Secretary	25.00		25.00
Finance Committee	150.00	167.28	175.00
Treasurer/fees	45.00		
Board Expense	100.00		100.00
Sunshine Fund		16.00	50.00
Facility Honorarium	200.00		200.00
Delegate, Travel, Affiliation			
Delegates, Convention, Workshop	1,000.00	310.00	2,500.00
Miscellaneous			
Memorials	100.00	200.00	
Other Club Dues (Gavel Club)	15.00		15.00
Dues (Regional Water Interleague)	25.00		25.00
Annual Meeting	1,100.00	1,183.51	1,100.00
Miscellaneous	150.00		
Youth Award		104.13	100.00
In Kind			
Per Member Payments			
PMP National (\$30.00/120 members)	3,300.00	3,056.00	3,600.00
PMP State (\$27.00/120 members)	2,500.00	2,268.12	3,240.00
CMAL Dues (\$1.00/120 members)	-		-
TOTAL EXPENSES	11,760.00	9,012.81	13,630.00

Summary of LWV of Roseville Area Positions

LWV of Roseville Area has adopted positions regarding several issues of local importance. These issues are below, but can also be found on our website at lwvrosevillearea.org/tags/advocacy/.

LWVMN positions can be found on their website at lwvmn.org/where-we-stand/other-positions. National LWV positions can be found on the national website at forum.lwv.org/member-resources/book/impact-issues-2016-2018-online-edition. And a summary of both is located on the LWVMN website at drive.google.com/file/d/0B5iBaEqOQFUBQU5VS3RpeGxFSDQ/view.

GOVERNMENT

- Support opportunities for citizen participation in city government, including early public participation in the decision-making process, and open appointment for advisory committees. (1988)
- Support City Manager form of government for Maplewood and Roseville (Plan B).
- Recommend community police departments improve data collection of police activity to ensure accountability for avoiding racial profiling and track that officers dispatched to domestic violence and mental health crisis situations have appropriate training. (2016)
- Recommend that all cities periodically evaluate police cost-analysis and service delivery. (2016)
- Support the Memphis Model, or a substantial equivalent Crisis Intervention Training (CIT), for police officers dealing with mental health crises. (2016)
- Support the St. Paul Blueprint for Safety, or a substantial equivalent training, for police officers dealing with domestic violence. (2016)
- Support diversity training for all police officers. (2016)

SOCIAL POLICY

- Support emergency medical services in Roseville with user fees. (1978, 1981, 2003)
- Support volunteer fire fighters with appropriate wages and benefits; oppose fees for fire department services. (2003)
- Support transportation options that serve the needs of the area. (1983)
- Support safe non-motorized pathways with costs assessed area-wide. (1983)
- Support equal opportunity for all students in public schools with use of unbiased educational materials free of gender stereotypes. (1984, '85, '86, '87 '88, 2000)
- Support electing School Board members at-large for Districts 621, 622, 623. (1985, updated 1988)

NATURAL RESOURCES/ENVIRONMENT

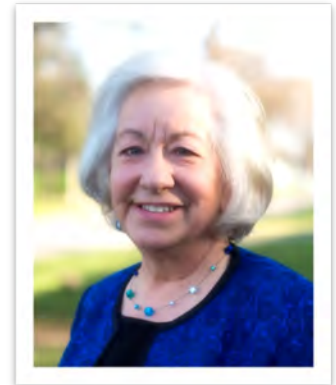
- Support organized refuse collection contracted with haulers by the city. (1985, 2010)
- Support action to remove yard waste, newspaper, glass, metal and other recyclables from the waste stream going to land-fills; and government support of yard waste composting by encouraging individual composting and providing and maintaining sites for community composting. (1982)

LOCAL STUDY ITEM

Nominations Committee Report

This is a listing of the positions that will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on May 1, 2018. The dates behind the name indicate the terms. We are attempting to stagger the terms to make sure there is continuity for the board.

- **President:** Sherry Hood – 2020
- **Vice President:** Barb Barany – 2020
- **Secretary:** Mary Peterson – 2019
- **Treasurer:** Joyce Briggs – 2019
- **Action Team Leaders:** Wayne Groff and Gladys Jones – 2019
- **Communications Team Leader:** Barb Anderson – 2020
- **Membership Team Leader:** Beth Reinhart – 2020
- **Program Team Leader:** Bonnie Koch – 2019
- **Voter Service Team Leader:** Karen Lake – 2019
- **At-large Board Members:** Stephanie DeBenedet, Rachel Geiser, Beth Salzl, Karen Schaffer



June Stewart

The following positions do not require membership approval, but we provide them for your information (and your opportunity to volunteer yourself).

Communications

- **Voter:** Rachel Geiser
- **PR:** Merrie Zakaras
- **Webpage:** Barb Anderson
- **Video:** Jim DeBenedet, Rob Reinhart
- **Social Media:** Carrie Dickson
- **Google Drive:** Barb Anderson
- **Email:** Barb Anderson
- **Archivist:** Dan Salzl
- **Voter Distribution:** MaryJo Rourke

Finance, Budget and Examiners

- **Finance (Fundraising):** Faith O'Neill, Joyce Briggs, Barb Anderson
- **Budget:** MaryAnn Palmer, Faith O'Neill
- **Examiners:** Faith O'Neill, MaryAnn Palmer

Membership

- **Data Management:** Ann Thonet
- **Directory:** Judy Berglund
- **Nominations:** Shirley Bradway and June Stewart, co-chairs; Mary Duddleston, Beth Salzl

Program

- **Planning:** Mindy Greiling, Ann Haugan
- **Annual Meeting:** Joyce Blomquist, Ann Cleland
- **VIP/Conversations with Constituents:** Gladys Jones, Barb Leary
- **CMAL Representative:** Karen Schaffer, Huda Yusuf
- **Gavel Representative:** June Stewart

Voter Service

- **Candidate Forums:** Cecilia Warner
- **Voter Registration:** Judy Stuthman

Chair: June Stewart; **Committee Members:** Shirley Bradway, Mary Duddleston, MaryJo Rourke, Beth Salzl

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