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A Second Chance for Those Who Have Been Incarcerated

The League of Women Voters of Roseville Area will host a presentation by Sarah Walker, founder of Minnesota Second Chance Coalition. Second Chance is a nonpartisan coalition of over 50 organizations who advocate for policies and outreach to enable individuals who have been incarcerated to transition successfully into their communities and to prevent relapse into the criminal justice system.

Among Ms. Walker's extensive background in social justice, is service as a board member of the William Mitchell Reentry Clinic Advisory Board and past member of Governor Dayton's Minnesota Sentencing Guideline Commission.



Sarah Walker

In 2016, she was named one of the "40 under 40" by the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal for her contributions as a lobbyist, Second Chance founder, and president of the Coalition for Impartial Justice.

The meeting will be held on August 21, 6:30-8 p.m. in the Lexington Park Building, corner of Lexington and County Road B, Roseville (2131 Lexington Ave., Roseville). The parking lot is on County Rd. B. Additional parking is available on Eldridge, along the south side of the park. Our meeting is open to the public. Attached to the emailed version of the Voter mailing is a flyer to give to friends or family members who may be interested.

Brews and Book Reviews

The LWV of Roseville Area is hosting their second annual Brews and Book Reviews event on Tuesday, July 24 at 7 p.m. at Bent Brewstillery, 1744 Terrace Drive, Roseville (between Lincoln Drive and Fairview Ave.). Attendees are encouraged to bring a book to recommend to others for summer reading.

Craft beers and non-alcoholic drinks are available for purchase. The event is open to the public. Invite a friend and join us for a relaxing evening discovering what is on everyone's recommended book list. Consider posting the flyer attached to the emailed version of the Voter in an area that you visit.

Get Me to the League Meeting on Time

This year we will not be holding Wednesday morning meetings. In order to make sure every member is able to attend evening presentations, we are looking for two groups of members: those who need rides and those who can provide them as well as someone who could match up Leaguers.

If you are able to serve as transportation coordinator, provide transportation to an evening meeting, or need a ride, please contact Sherry Hood (sherrychood@comcast.net or 651-633-1434) or Bonnie Koch (toouray@aol.com or 651-683-2992).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Five people from LWV of Roseville Area recently attended the LWVUS National Convention in Chicago. We were the largest local league delegation from the state of Minnesota - HELLO!! There can be no doubt that our local league is committed to "creating a more perfect democracy" for everyone!

It is so inspiring to hear what other dedicated leagues across the country have been doing. In the recent years of our country's existence, there are politicians who have created obstacles to voter access and have passed laws against our right to vote. And, not only that, they have attempted to control power through gerrymandering and other means. To paraphrase our LWVUS president, Chris Carson, "The League of Women Voters has been battling these forces on behalf of American voters everyday!" The state leagues of Kansas, Ohio, North Carolina, and our good neighbors in Wisconsin have been at the forefront in fighting voter suppression and gerrymandering in their states. It has been so heartening to hear of their efforts and successes. I am thinking we are lucky to be living in Min-



Sherry Hood

nesota! However, I know we have to be vigilant. With "diversity, equity, and inclusion" being a major theme in the LWV for the next two years, we can progress to "creating a more perfect democracy" locally, statewide, and nationally!

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Gavel Recognition Dinner

The 2018 LWV of Roseville Area Youth Awards were awarded to Emma Cox and Elizabeth Hansel. Both recipients are juniors at Roseville Area High School. Thanks to June Stewart for organizing the awards and coordinating with the North Suburban Gavel Association.



(Photo by Sherry Hood)

Member Recognition: Judy Berglund and **Dawn Mathers**

Membership Chair Beth Reinhart recognized two committee members saving, "An enormous thank you to Judy Berglund and Dawn Mathers for years of dedicated work on the League of Women Voter's picture directory."

What Do We Tell Our Children

By Florence Sprague

What DO we tell our children when the inexplicable happens or tragedy strikes? It has been two years since the shocking, pointless shooting death of Philando Castile put Falcon Heights on the undesirable list of sites of recent police shootings of black men and boys, and that question still lingers in the air. Is the policeman a friend? Or is the policeman yet another danger in an unsafe world? Is there justice after tragedy? What is just? Who defines justice? Can meaning be found in the senseless? How can anger and pain be channeled so that it does not devour the sufferer?



Humans often turn to art when grappling with overwhelming emotions like fear, grief, and anger. Some people journal, finding that when putting pen to paper thoughts can be unleashed and reorganized in ways that increase understanding. Others express themselves through drawing or painting. Who can forget the power of Picasso's *Guernica*? But one doesn't need to be Picasso to help oneself or others through art.

The grief and anger that the killing of Philando Castile released in his friends and family, and in the entire community, found many outlets from protests to memorials to fundraisers for school lunches. Many people also found solace in art and many of these works were given to Castile's mother, Valerie Castile, in shared mourning. She found comfort in them and was moved to reach out to the Minneapolis Institute of Art (MIA), seeking a way to share these gifts from community artists more widely.

The current free exhibit at the MIA "Art and Healing: In the Moment" (through July 29) developed from that offer (new.artsmia.org/exhibition/art-and-healing-in-the-moment/). Today there is a tragic need for communal spaces for processing grief and anger and seeking healing. MIA is exploring this role in this multimedia exhibit. The curators have worked with the family and a panel of artists and community leaders to present a selection from the multitude of art-works Ms. Castile received that will honor the individual, the community, and the pain. The exhibit is accompanied by a quiet space for reflection upon the emotions engendered or reopened. It is also paired with a series of related events—speakers, panels and guided discussions on healing, racial (in)justice, and much more—putting the seminal event, the shooting of Castile by a police officer at a traffic stop, into its wider context and seeking to "...explore art as a powerful vehicle for addressing injustice and a tool for community healing" (new.artsmia.org/event/conflict-resolution-and-peace/). See the Star Tribune article for more information about the exhibit:

www.startribune.com/minneapolis-biggest-museum-worked-to-get-it-right-with-philando-castile-exhibit/485751391/? ref=nl&om_rid=1608829385&om_mid=96711113

I am traveling and have not yet had the opportunity to visit this exhibit, but I hope that many of us can experience it and experience it with an open mind and heart.

Why do humans create art? Art is expression and it can help us to cope with and define our response to the difficult question, "What do we tell our children, black and white, when the 'good guys' do something terrible and wrong?" There is no simple answer.

Help Wanted: Election Judges

By Karen Lake

Serving as an election judge is a chance to learn about elections and is a great service to the community!

Election judges are needed in Ramsey County to staff not only the polling places on the primary and general election dates, but also at the early voting sites. If you are already an election judge or will be trained this summer, please contact Karen Lake, karen.r.lake@comcast.net, if you can assist with early voting. Your name will be passed along to Ramsey County officials.

How to apply to be an Election Judge: Contact your city or county election office or access an application on the city, county, or Secretary of State's website (<u>mnvotes.org</u> or 1-877-600-8683).

Review the information at this link to learn the dates and sites for early voting: www.ramseycounty.us/residents/elections-voting/voters/vote-election-day/early-voting

Chicago LWV Convention 2018 Recap: A Bird's Eye View

By Rita Mills

Attending one LWV national convention two years ago, provided personal confidence in tackling another one. In fact, when I departed Washington, DC, in June 2016, I vowed to go to Chicago. With the national election increasing League membership, interest, and desire to *fight the good fight*, this set the stage for a very interesting and worthwhile trip!

With fellow Leaguer, Mary Peterson, I excitedly made train reservations and packed the obligatory sandwiches only to receive the text from Amtrak text that our train would be five hours late and "alternative transportation would be provided" on a yellow bus (one step up from a school bus); thus we bounced across Wisconsin on a rainy Tuesday. However, we survived and rolled our bags from Union Depot down State St. to Michigan Ave. and on to the site of the convention, the Chicago Hilton. After a day and a half of walking the streets, touring along the river, checking out views from the 103^{rd} story of the Willis Tower, and, of course, taking in *Hamilton*, we settled into League business on Thursday at noon.

We were quickly organized into smaller groups for a 2.5 hour workshop on "Developing and Mobilizing Skills to Win in 2018" conducted by Wellstone Action, followed by a large group "Conversation on Redistricting," topped off by the 8:45 p.m. workshop on "Get-Out-the-Vote Strategies That Work." Not bad for a half day; League conventions are simply not for the faint of heart!

The next 2.5 days began with workshops at 7:30 a.m., followed by plenary sessions (the assembly of all convention participants, some 1700+ from 49 states and 762 Leagues). During the first plenary session, I attempted to compare the group to the convention two years ago; there was definitely a younger and a little more diverse representation.

There were numerous environmental sessions, typically full of grim news; however, one that I attended on "Federal Land & Water Conservation," actually gave a shout out to Minnesota, crediting us with not allowing any development on public lands! While there was a wide range of topics presented in workshops, most sessions focused on organization for getting out the vote, with a particular emphasis on the youth vote. Another emphasis was on bridging the divide, or lifting up certain voices without ignoring others. Rosie Rios, Treasurer of LWVUS, led the charge with a poignant speech on empowering women. The new LWVUS CEO, Virginia Kase, related her personal story of experiencing restrictive voting. See this Glamour article: www.glamour.com/story/virginia-kase-ceo-league-women-voters. Not your typical League reading source. Both women brought the 1700+ delegates to their feet!

Yet, the overarching theme for this convention was diversity, equity and inclusion with an entire afternoon spent in interactive training, exploring skills not just in working with elections, but in working with League growth and development. Regardless of how many years one might have had with organizational diversity training, I think we all came away with overwhelming feelings of how much we as individuals and Leagues have to do.

Sorting through my notes, I do find some definitive takeaways and memorable quotes, not all particularly comfortable.

- "Listen more...80% of organizing is listening."
- "We don't mourn....we organize."
- "LWV sometimes comes off as arrogant, pushy, out-of-touch with the average person."
- "Learn to ask questions without an agenda...avoiding intellectual elitism."
- "Typically....need to follow up with voters at least 3 times."
- "Don't stop with registration forms.....Conversation is most important."
- "Power in coalitions....Don't try to do it alone."
- "Need to listen to other people's stories....meeting people where they are."
- "Transforming LWV into the next century may be more challenging than passing the 19th amendment."
- "We used to work in cafeterias; now we are in classrooms (civics, econ, government). We register year-round."
- "Equity is not a side gig. The moment you start to feel comfortable is the moment you have work to do."

I highly recommend thinking about the 2020 LWV National Convention in Washington, D.C., for a mentally-stimulating, physically-challenging, and socially-uplifting experience. By the way, our return trip was actually on an on-time train, a most beautiful ride along the Mississippi to St. Paul along with a dozen other inspired Minnesota Leaguers!

LWV Convention: ERA Amendment to LWVUS Platform

By Barb Anderson

A vote to add the amendment to the LWVUS 2018-2020 platform regarding the ratifying of the ERA was approved with acclamation: "I move that, when the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) is duly ratified by the 38th state, the League of Women Voters of the United States takes the required steps to see the Amendment through whatever judicial or other challenges may occur until we see the ERA added to the US Constitution in clear, bold, black and white." (Motion #2018-113)

LWV Convention: Budget Supports "Transformation Roadmap"

By Barb Anderson

One of the last orders of business at the 2018 LWVUS Convention was to adopt the 2019-2020 budget. The convention offered multiple opportunities to discover what was behind the numbers in the budget. In reviewing the prior years' budget, it was immediately apparent that donation and membership revenue had increased markedly from previous years. Just as local Leagues experienced increased membership after the 2016 election, so did the LWVUS. That increase amounted to almost a 40% increase in total revenue for the biennium and increased the reserves available to invest in the continuing commitment to organizational change, which is called the Transformation Roadmap.

This Transformation Roadmap is a series of action steps that are designed to allow LWV to "achieve the vision of a network of vibrant Leagues that are powerfully communicating our story consistently at all levels: engaging and welcoming new members, supporters, and volunteers; embracing diversity, equity, and inclusion; and has the resources necessary to support our core work and have a meaningful impact for the next century and beyond. In short, it is a way forward to ensure the successful future of the League." The action steps include:

- Advancing a clear strategic focus by telling a clear and consistent story at all levels of League that takes advantage of its brand and nonpartisan focus.
- Building a more inclusive culture by providing tools to state and local Leagues to create a climate that is welcoming, inclusive, trusting, and attuned to the needs of today's volunteers.
- Building a healthier League network by streamlining the League experience for current and potential members, which includes creating a process to "Join at All Levels" portal. This will require a large investment in infrastructure to make data collection and access seamless at all levels.
- Increasing capacity at all levels by making programmatic grants to state and local Leagues to work on the core elements of the Campaign for Making Democracy Work, explore creating a comprehensive database accessible at all levels that will interact with the "Join at All Levels" effort, and providing training and tools to increase communications assistance to state and local Leagues.

In order to implement these action steps, a substantial increase in the budget is required. Many of the expenses are short-term increases, that will allow the League to develop the infrastructure to transform itself to meet the needs of the next century. These expenses include the evaluation, purchase, and implementation of software to support seamless data collection, grants to state and local Leagues, and increases in administrative staffing, especially staff who will assist state and local Leagues in the transformation process.

These action steps are in addition to supporting the continuing campaign of "Making Democracy Work," with an emphasis on voting rights, improving elections, campaign finance/money in politics, and redistricting. The total combined budgeted expenses for 2019-2020 are \$22,791,950, an increase of \$8,600,000 over the previous biennium. But because the projected revenue is expected to increase more than \$6 million over the previous biennium, and because reserves are very healthy, there will be no increase in membership dues at the national level.



June Meeting Recap: June Field Trip to Prior Crossing

By Bonnie Koch

A tour of housing opportunities for homeless youth proved to be just the right conclusion to the LWV of Roseville Area two-year affordable housing study. Tour guide Denise Ellis, spokesperson for Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, pointed out that even more important than donations was using our voices in the advancement of affordable housing options for low income individuals and families. Beacon has 17 housing facilities in the Twin Cities area, most of them in the west metro, serving 800 people and they are the largest provider of youth housing in the metro.



League members listening to a presentation at Prior Crossing (Photo by Bonnie Koch)

League members toured Prior Crossing in St.

Paul on June 13th. Built in 2016 and managed by CommonBond, the building offers 44 efficiency apartments for youth ages 16 to 24. The average stay is 18 months during which youth receive services from the Wilder Foundation and YouthLink to help them transition into living on their own. Counseling includes whatever is needed ranging from chemical dependency issues to practical topics such as managing one's finances. Onsite services include a small computer lab, a fitness room, and a commons area with seating and a kitchen for group activities.

Residents must contribute 30% of their earned income, the standard for extremely low-income households. Since youth usually arrive with only the belongings they carry in their backpacks, Hope's Closet is available with linens, kitchen supplies, and household products. Funding for Beacon properties comes through local and federal funding for construction, private donations, and support from 80 Twin Cities churches. League members were so enthusiastic about their experience that they continued the conversation during lunch at The Egg and I.

If you are interested in more information on homelessness, The Wilder Foundation researches homelessness in Minnesota every three years. The most recent survey results (2015) can be found at mnhomeless.org/. A 2018 survey will be done in October 2018.

Summary: "You Don't Have to Live Here" Affordable Housing Article

By Megan Dahlberg

Making housing more affordable has been a key issue for LWV of Roseville Area for the last few years; however, gaining public support to increase housing affordability has been challenging. A recent report by Enterprise Community Partners and Frameworks Institute provides evidence-backed guidance on why affordable housing messages often backfire and how to frame arguments that are more likely to build public consensus. They identify 6 major reasons messages backfire. "NIMBY" (not in my backyard) attitudes are what we experienced this year in Roseville, when neighbors flooded the city council meeting to protest a high-density, affordable housing proposal for their section of Roseville. Another key backfire trap is called "self-makingness." Americans have a deep-seated belief in personal responsibility and in the idea that we make our own destiny. Thus, where you live is a personal choice; if you can't afford living there, move. "Those people," so the thinking goes, can't afford housing because of poor decisions and poor money management.

The report then offers 10 evidence-based ways to increase support for affordable housing and avoid backfires. One strategy is to "Tell a Story of Us, not a Story of Them." It is so tempting to capture people's attention by telling stories about individuals. But, if we lead this way, it gets people thinking about separate fates and personal responsibility and we are back to the self-makingness trap. However, if we lead with values like prosperity and American ingenuity, and position our messages to emphasize the benefits to all of us when we make sure that the folks who work in our cities can afford to live in them, we are more likely to build consensus. There are many other strategies described and a deeper dive into the ways messages can backfire. I strongly recommend that those of us advocating and working for affordable housing read the report: www.frameworksinstitute.org/assets/files/PDF/You Don't Have to Live Here.pdf.

June Event: League Members in Rosefest Parade

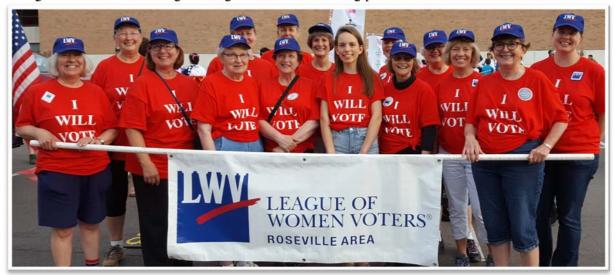
By June Stewart

After an absence of seven years, 15 members of the LWV of Roseville Area marched in the Rosefest Parade on June 25. Everyone wore bright blue caps with the LWV logo and red t-shirts that proclaimed "I will Vote" on the front and a note to everyone else on the back "Be a Voter."

- Every marcher carried a small US flag and waved it chanting, "Vote! Vote! Vote!" for the CTV cameras and at various points during the parade.
- Elizabeth Hansel and Rachel Geiser carried a banner with League of Women Voters Roseville Area at the start of the group and Shirley Bradway and Ann Thonet carried another banner with the reminder "Marching is not Enough... Vote!" at the back.
- A wagon displayed two decorated signs saying, "Voting is a Superpower."
- When parade watchers asked questions, they were given business cards with LWV of Roseville Area information.
- A man came up to the group before we started marching and thanked us saying, "Other people are here just for fun, but you're doing something important."
- At several points during the parade, onlookers started cheers for LWV and the work the organization does.

Marchers had a good time; our local League got some publicity and we hope people got the message about voting. There's another opportunity coming up to march in the Little Canada parade in August. See the next article for details.

Sherry Hood has suggested that next year we march wearing suffragette-type clothing to celebrate the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote. Start looking for long white dresses and big picture hats now!



League members about to march in the Rosefest Parade

Help Wanted: Little Canada Parade Marchers

On August 5, LWV of Roseville Area will be marching in the Canadian Days Parade in Little Canada. Come join the fun and march in the parade. Contact Mary Peterson for more details and RSVP: mary.peterson555@gmail.com or 651-431-1693.

League Makes Studies Available Nationally

By Bonnie Koch

LWVUS requested that local studies be submitted to their clearinghouse to allow other Leagues considering similar studies to be able to see how previous ones had been done. LWV of Roseville Area has contributed both our police and affordable housing studies. If you would like to see other studies listed go to: sites.google.com/a/leagueofwomenvoters.org/clearinghouse/.

Voter Services Committee Updates

By Karen Lake

Grant Award: LWV of Roseville Area received notice on June 1 that it had been awarded a Martin Brown Voter Services Grant in the amount of \$1,000. The LWV Grant Committee determined awards by reviewing proposed projects, budgeted expenses, treasury balance, local contribution toward voter service, and Ed Fund balances (where applicable). The Grant application was spearheaded by past President, Rita Mills, and completed in collaboration with June Stewart, Barb Anderson, Joyce Briggs, Cecilia Warner, and Karen Lake. There were 27 Grant applications and \$30,352 in funds awarded. Terri Kalil, LWVMN President, reached out to the donor of the Martin Brown Grant funds and shared an anticipated greater need this year. In response, the donor generously increased their gift. LWV of Roseville Are is appreciative of being a Martin Brown Grant recipient!

Recent Activity: The Voter Services Committee is doing advanced planning for voter registrations, organizing upcoming candidate forums, getting out the mid-term elections vote, and partnering with others to advance the LWV of Roseville Area presence. Voter Services Committee Member June Stewart, working with President Sherry Hood, coordinated parade participation in Rosefest in Roseville on June 25. A meeting with representatives of the Office of MN Secretary of State and Ramsey County occurred to identify efforts being undertaken by those agencies and LWV of Roseville Area to register voters and encourage them to be voters! A group of Roseville Area High School student activists is being convened to solicit their ideas for supporting issues important to young people and for strengthening the movement for young people to become voters. A Martin Brown Grant in the amount of \$1,000 was awarded on June 1 (see details in the previous article). Monies were applied for to support the work of LWV of Roseville Area Voter Services. The Committee meets as a whole group several times throughout the year and the lion's share of the work is accomplished in subcommittees. New energies are always welcome! Contact Karen Lake at karen.r.lake@comcast.net.

Voting Text Reminders: LWVMN is offering text reminders related to voting, including reminders of when early voting begins, candidates who have filed for office, and other important dates and information. To avail oneself of this service:

- 1) In the "To:" box of a new text message, enter 33222
- 2) In the "Text Message" box, enter MNvote

Recap: March for Our Lives Town Hall Forum on Gun Safety

By Karen Lake

Parkland students were in the Twin Cities for events over the last weekend of June which included a Town Hall Forum at Osseo High School. Two LWV of Roseville Area members attended. A panel of Parkland students and other student activists from Chicago, Milwaukee, and Minnesota communities including, Rochester, Maple Grove, St. Paul, and Osseo, responded to student moderator questions and audience questions. Discussion focused on reasons for gun safety and policies which need to be advanced along with ones (such as arming teachers) which the students believe make no sense nor create a positive difference. Gun violence occurs in many forms in addition to mass shootings (e.g., domestic violence, suicide, road rage, accidental shootings by and of toddlers). REV was a rallying chant: Register! Educate! Vote!

Many politicians were in attendance. One of the goals of the March for Our Lives student movement is to defeat candidates with high NRA ratings and to create a liability for candidates supported by the NRA. Students were urged to register (or, if not of voting age, to urge eligible voting students to register), become educated on issues and candidates, and then actually vote! By so doing, the student panelists insist that young people CAN create CHANGE!





(Photos by Karen Lake)

Future League Events

LWV Roseville Area Events

Check the calendar carefully because not all evening meetings are on a Tuesday. League evening meetings will be recorded and available on our website: www.lwvrosevillearea.org.

- September 4 The Refugee Journey in 2018. Refugee resettlement to the US has been slashed over the last year and the number of new refugees entering the country is at a historic low. How are refugee resettlement groups navigating the political turmoil to help refugees start over in a new community? Join us to learn what refugee status means, how refugees are getting to Minnesota today and how the International Institute of Minnesota is navigating administrative roadblocks to help resettle and welcome hundreds of refugees. Guest speakers will guide participants through the refugee journey, from life in the refugee camp to the details of the resettlement process. They will also talk about how newcomers are adjusting to their new lives here in Minnesota and what the future holds for refugee populations around the world. The presentation will be followed with Q&A. Co-hosted with the Shoreview Public Library and Do Good Roseville; 7 p.m.; Shoreview Library, 4560 Victoria St. N., Shoreview.
- **September 17 Fixing the Hole In Our Democracy**. Presentation regarding the Washington DC right to vote. Co-hosted with the New Brighton League; 6:30 p.m. refreshments, 7 p.m. program; New Brighton Community Center, 400 10th St. NW, New Brighton.
- September 28 The Security of Minnesota's Election System. Speaker: Secretary of State Steve Simon, co-hosted with the Roseville Public Library; 6:30-8:00 p.m.; Roseville Public Library Community Room, 2180 Hamline Ave. N, Roseville.
- October 16 Finding a Meeting Ground for Gun Safety. Speaker: Rev. Nancy Bence, Executive Director of Project Minnesota; 6:30-8 p.m.; Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 2561 Victoria St. N., Roseville.
- November 13 Everyone Counts: Ramsey County Takes on the 2020 Census. Speaker: Jolie Wood, Ramsey County Planning and Policy Department; 6:30-8 p.m.; Location TBD.
- **December Service Project**. Service project at Second Harvest Heartland (limited to 20 League members) with luncheon to follow (open to all League members); Time TBD; Service Project: Second Harvest Heartland, 1140 Gervais Ave., Maplewood; Luncheon: Location TBD.
- **January 15 Conversations with Constituents**. Interact with office holders in our five cities; 6:30 p.m. refreshments, 7-8:30 p.m. program; Roseville City Hall, 2660 Civic Center Dr., Roseville.
- February 19 Spotlight on the Metropolitan Council: Ripe for Change or Pretty Darn Good As It Is? CMAL study update presentation, consensus; 6:30-8 p.m.; Location TBD.
- March 19 Elder Abuse. Speakers: Jackie Herron, Author/Advocate, Kristine Sundberg, President of Elder Voice Family Advocates; 6:30-8 p.m.; Location TBD.
- April 17 Climate Change. Speaker TBD; 6:30-8 p.m.; Location TBD.
- May 7 Annual Meeting. LWV of Roseville Area League Annual Meeting; 5 p.m. social hour, 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. meeting; Wakefield Park Community Building, 1725 Prosperity Rd., Maplewood.

July and August LWV of Roseville Area League events are detailed on page 10.



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July/August LWV Events Calendar

- July 24 Brews & Book Reviews. See the full event description on <u>page 1</u>; 7 p.m.
- August 5 Canadian Days. March in the Little Canada parade for the LWV of Roseville Area. See page 7 for more details.
- August 21 Second Chance: Assisting Those Who Have Been Incarcerated Find Jobs, Housing, and Education. See further information on page 1. 6:30-8 p.m.

The full event calendar is on page 9.



The Voter Article Submission Deadline

Submissions for the next issue of the Voter are due 10 days before the end of the month. If you have any questions about or information to submit for the newsletter, contact Rachel Geiser at rachelsoup@gmail.com.