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Discrimination in Housing Opportunities — Redlining and Racial Covenants Then and Now

Have you ever bought or sold a house? There are mounds of paperwork involved. How carefully do we read those papers? Tragically, for decades, racism was embedded in deeds and lending policies barring the sale of properties to non-white purchasers.

In an event co-hosted by our League and Ramsey County Library Roseville, Historian Kirsten Delegard, Director and Co-founder of Mapping Prejudice, and Kari Collins, Ramsey County Community and Economic Development Director, will help us understand how racial covenants were used in the past to discriminate, how the impacts of this discrimination still manifest today, and what current barriers to equitable home ownership may be.

When: Tuesday, March 23, 7-8:30 p.m.

Where: Zoom, hosted by the Ramsey County Library Roseville

Registration:

<https://rclreads.bibliocommons.com/events/search/index/event/601829d5ff763e2f00400957>

From the Mapping Prejudice Project:

The organization is mapping racial covenants in the Twin Cities. Racial covenants are clauses—a couple of lines of text—that were embedded into property deeds to bar people who were not white from buying or even occupying the parcels of land to which they were attached.

The project just finished the map of Hennepin County and has turned its attention to Ramsey County. It has developed a process that harnesses the power of community to reveal this hidden history of race in the built environment. Three thousand people contributed to the map of Hennepin County. Even more volunteers have stepped up to read property deeds in Ramsey County and extract the information necessary to put these racial restrictions on a map.

Covenants were made illegal by the 1968 Fair Housing Act. But their legacy continues today in the Twin Cities, which has some of the largest racial disparities in the country. The Mapping Prejudice Project is designed to reveal the “racism behind these racial disparities,” in the words of Ibram Kendi. It illuminates how structural racism shaped the urban landscape, blocking African Americans from critical avenues for housing stability and wealth accumulation.



Kirsten Delegard,
Co-Founder of
Mapping Prejudice



Kari Collins,
Ramsey County Community and Economic
Development
Director

LWV of Roseville Area March Board Meeting

The next LWV of Roseville Area Board meeting is Wednesday, March 24, at 7 p.m. For Zoom access, please contact Barb Anderson at lwvrosevillearea@lwvmn.org in advance.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

LWV of Roseville Area Board Members

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Rather than being a standalone community organization, the LWV of Roseville Area has the benefit of both state and national organizations behind us. We rely on professionals and volunteers in both organizations, as well as our links to other local leagues. In fact, our nonprofit status as a 501(c)3 is as a subsidiary of the state league – League of Women Voters of Minnesota (LWVMN). LWVMN provides for a range of support including coordinating efforts for priority issues; training for action on non-priority issues (Action Corps) and candidate forum moderators and planners; help in complying with state and federal election law and IRS requirements; general liability insurance coverage; organizing the state convention and council; pass-through grants; and designing and ordering state and local league-branded products. The support provided by our state and national organizations brings with it certain responsibilities.

Of our \$70 individual dues, \$32 goes to LWVUS and \$27 to LWVMN—both of which maintain permanent physical space and salaried employees, unlike our all-volunteer local league. Membership team leader Rita Mills, team member Ann Thonet, and Finance team leader Barb Anderson were busy earlier this year cross-checking records to determine our financial obligation to the parent leagues, determining a membership number of 133—one of the larger local leagues in our state.

Our support of LWVMN doesn't end with a financial contribution. Our members are often asked to serve on LWVMN committees. Among those currently volunteering their time and expertise on state-sponsored committees or projects are Barb Anderson on the state Finance Committee, Karen Lake on a short-term Voter Service Task Force (see more information on [page 6](#)), Rita Mills on the LWVMN 2nd Century Planning Task Force, Karen Schaffer as President of the Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues, and Florence Sprague as a Firearms Update Study Committee member. Besides supporting LWVMN, their work keeps us informed and facilitates our participation in state initiatives.

And, yes, we have three levels of policies. To help us keep track of state policy, LWVMN has committed to highlighting a few policies in each monthly email to membership. February's email looked at two state policies. Speak With One Voice addresses how we approach civic engagement (<https://www.lwvmn.org/speak-with-one-voice>). Generally, for anything addressing a statewide or federal issue, individuals should be clear that they are speaking/writing on behalf of themselves, even if informed by issues through LWV. The Member Code of Conduct establishes parameters for protecting the reputation of the league, including collegial behaviors, not using league membership for self-benefit, and additional prohibitions against representing LWVMN without the express authorization of the LWVMN President (<https://www.lwvmn.org/member-code-of-conduct>).

Wishing you good health and good fortune as the year goes forward.

Call for Study Topics

As part of our annual program, our local League chapter studies topics of interest in our communities. Studies often result in local league positions that inform how we work to influence cities to meet the needs of our residents. The LWV of Roseville Area Board will consider topics to recommend for study in the 2021-2022 year at our March 24 meeting (see [page 1](#) for how to attend the Board meeting) to submit for approval to membership at the May annual meeting. According to our policies and procedures, study topics may be approved by membership in one of two ways. Studies recommended by the Board require a majority vote at the annual meeting, while studies introduced by membership may be considered based on a majority vote and adopted by a two-thirds vote.

Recent studies have included the 2015-16 Police Study and the 2017 Affordable Housing Study. Continuing studies are ADA Compliance in our Five Cities and the Equitable Representation Study.

Keep in mind that in-person interviews and research may continue to be limited for a substantial portion of the coming year. Proposals should briefly state the objective of the study, and preferably, name at least one league member who has agreed to chair the study. Proposals may be submitted to any Board member or lwvrosevillearea@lwvmn.org. Studies not approved this May can be re-considered in future years.



Barb Barany

B(bleep)

By Florence Sprague

The quote was highlighted in a red-framed box. It immediately caught my eye. Upon reading it, the content immediately caught my imagination. “*Bitch* became part of the American vernacular during the campaign for female suffrage.”

After the election of Barack Obama, one often heard people assert that his election meant that the United States had become “post-racial.” Events since then have shown that this was either wishful thinking or total cluelessness. The United States is not “post-racial.” Neither is it post-misogynist.

The quote above is from an article by Megan Garber in *The Atlantic* that came out just before the election (<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2020/11/kamala-harris-female-ambition/616470/>). While it has a great deal of content about Kamala Harris, it was not a campaign piece. It includes women running for office from both parties and for several elections. The thesis is that women must walk a tightrope when running for office. They cannot appear overly ambitious or overly passive. A century ago, women were maligned for seeking a fundamental right of citizenship—suffrage; today women are still boxed in by cultural expectations. The electorate judges female candidates by different rules and expectations than it judges male candidates, and the media also has not escaped this curse.

By the very nature of the electoral process, politicians must be self-promoters, but women are still criticized and penalized for speaking well of themselves and expressing ambition. Similarly, female business executives have their decisions judged, challenged, and criticized disparately from male executives. “Both voters and workers, for example, want their leaders to be decisive, but those same groups penalize women if they don’t seem sufficiently collaborative.” Writer Therese Huston provides extensive documentation of these stereotypes in research in *How Women Decide*. (You can read the review I read by Sheelah Kolhatka at <https://www.nytimes.com/2016/05/15/books/review/how-women-decide-by-therese-huston.html>.)

Kamala Harris must rise above both sexism and racism. Garber reports that during the campaign major networks described Harris as “opportunistic,” “too charismatic,” and “a little bit dominant with her personality.” A strong debating point was called out as an ambush. Other women identified as also in the running for vice president were lauded for **not** having personal presidential ambitions and being the “anti-Kamala Harris.” Garber also cites a 2010 psychology journal article discussing the weaponization of female ambition. “The pursuit of power ‘may signal to others that she is an aggressive and selfish woman who does not espouse prescribed feminine values of communality.’”

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez may not be my role model of choice, but I have to agree with her that, “Our culture is so predicated on diminishing women and preying on our self-esteem.” Especially after hearing that a male US Representative has called her a “f***** b*****” on the steps of the Capitol.

Sarah Palin may have provided quotable ammunition, but she was slammed as much for her figure, her glasses, and her children, as she was for her ideas and principles.

Geraldine Ferraro found that even some of Vice President Mondale’s staffers condescended to her and she had to suggest that they imagine that she was a gray-haired Southern senator.

Now that Vice President Kamala Harris is in office and a politically diverse set of women has been elected to the House, we can acknowledge progress. We cannot assume equal respect or universal acceptance—not in politics, business, or vocabulary.



April Event: Doing All We Can Today to Make Our Cities More Sustainable Tomorrow

Want to recognize Earth Day without leaving home? Join us on April 20 at 6:30 p.m. for an environmental forum with the mayors from Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Little Canada, Maplewood, and Roseville. With the growing impact of climate change, such as damaging warm temperatures, flooding, forest fires, and tornadoes, learn what’s happening in your own city. Hear about actions taken by our five area cities to address climate change and implement their 2040 Comprehensive Plans, and ask your questions of the mayors. This event is co-sponsored by the Ramsey County Library.

Register in advance here: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_81jN5ShnTtGnL_arz0dWLA. Please share the flier that will be sent with the April Voter with others who may be interested. If you miss the event, check the Ramsey County Library website at <https://www.rclreads.org/> for the recording after the event.

Have You Heard of the Minnesota Greenstep Program?

By Environmental Subcommittee

Our League will be hosting an Environmental Forum in April (see details on [page 3](#)). Topics will include questions around progress in the MN Greenstep program. The following is a description for those not familiar with this program.



The MN Greenstep Cities program has been in action since 2010. It is a volunteer program that cities can utilize to assist in becoming a more sustainable community. It consists of five steps cities go through in adopting best practices to advance their goals. Twenty-nine best practices, (incorporating 175 potential actions) have been developed and continually refined by a steering committee that meets monthly. These community partners include the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Clean Energy Resource Teams, League of Minnesota Cities, Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources, Minnesota Environmental Quality Board, Great Plains Institute, Urban Land Institute Minnesota, Izaak Walton League - Minnesota Division, and Rethos: Places Reimagined. Each spring cities are recognized for their progress.

The first step in the program includes cities adopting a resolution to participate and identify a coordinator of the program. Step two cities have implemented four, six, or eight best practices (depending on city size). Step three involves implementing an additional four, six, or eight best practices distributed across five topical areas, including a few specified high-value best practices. Step four challenges cities to report metrics to objectively track progress. Such metrics could include sustainability metrics such as tree canopy, LED street lighting, vehicle miles traveled, stormwater, renewable energy, greenhouse gas emissions, and wastewater. Step five requires documentation of improvement in the Step four metrics. Guidance and assistance are available. Cities need to monitor and show improvements.

There are 140 Minnesota cities participating currently. Each of the cities in our League area, except Little Canada, have been participating in this program for several years. Falcon Heights and Maplewood were recognized for reaching Step five and Roseville for reaching step four in June 2020. Lauderdale reached step two in 2016.

For more information about best practices and to see how other cities in the state are doing, go to <https://greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/>.

Environmental Activism Success: Roseville Area Schools Update

By Environmental Subcommittee and Observer Corps

LWV of Roseville Area was among those who encouraged Roseville Area Schools to install solar panels on the new Fairview Community Education Center. If you are interested in reading more about the installation details, information can be found in the February 9 school board agenda, Item 7c (page 171 in the agenda packet: https://cdn.isd623.org/isd623.org/files/SBoard02-09-21pkt_combined.pdf). Community support for solar panels, including from members of our League, was important in the decision. In another important environmental action, Roseville Area Schools applied for a Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant. This grant funds the implementation of a district-wide waste management program. The program includes switching from disposable to reusable food service trays, and developing best practices for waste, recycling, and organic waste management. More details about this grant can be found in the January 12 school board agenda, Item 6e (page 13 in the agenda packet: https://cdn.isd623.org/isd623.org/files/SBoard01-12-21pkt_combined.pdf).

You may have read earlier that this new building will also be known for many energy efficiency and conservation measures. In addition, when the old building is demolished, commitments were made for reuse or recycling of much of the construction material.

Congratulations to all League members who shared their support for these environmental actions!

Recap: Climate Change and Forests—Alternative Futures

By Carol Marchel

On February 22, LWV of Roseville Area paired with several regional groups and organizations to sponsor a talk by Dr. Lee Frelich, UM Director of Forest Ecology. Dr. Frelich examined the effect of climate change on Minnesota forests in a lively presentation called “Climate Change and Forests: Alternative Futures.” Dr. Frelich laid out the likely effects of unrestricted CO₂ levels on Minnesota’s trees and forests by 2070, and spent half an hour answering questions about Minnesota’s trees. Over 150 people registered for the event, held through the Ramsey County Library system. In addition to our League, co-sponsors of the event were: Resilient Roseville, a local climate action group; Sierra Club North Star Chapter; and Do Good Roseville. Follow this link to watch a recording of the event: <https://my.nicheacademy.com/rcldult/course/26047>.

We Canceled A Racist History

By Jim DeBenedet

In 1987 we put an offer on a vacant lot in Roseville with the intention of building a new home for ourselves. This lot was platted in 1950 and had only recently become available. Our attorney did a title search so we could be sure the title was clean and we could be assured there would be no impediment to obtaining a mortgage for our house. He informed us there were covenants on the lot including one prohibiting the ownership of this lot by persons of non-white races. He also let us know these restrictions were no longer enforceable as a result of recent anti-discrimination laws.

Apparently, this was a common practice in that time and the intent was to keep non-white people out of certain areas of the Twin Cities. We hadn't heard of this issue prior to this, but with knowledge that this racist restriction couldn't be enforced, we went ahead with the purchase of the lot and built our house.

It would have been good if we could have eliminated this restriction when we bought the lot, but in 1987, the only way we could have done that would have been to have every one of the current land owners in the subdivision agree to file a new covenant. I knew that would be difficult and unnecessary, so we didn't pursue it.

Only a few years ago, Minnesota passed a law making it easier to eliminate such racist covenants. When I learned about that, I wanted to take advantage of this law and remove this covenant from our title. The new law requires the land owner to file a document with the county having the following language.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 507.18, any previous restrictive covenant affecting a protected class, including covenants which were placed on the real property with the intent of restricting the use, occupancy, ownership, or financing because of a person's race, color, creed, national origin, or religious beliefs, is discharged and released from the land described herein.

We were able to use the language in the statute and file an affidavit with the Ramsey County Recorder, which we did last August. There was a small fee required, but we gladly paid it to remove this stain from our home.

Note: See the March event details on [page 1](#). Consider attending the event for more information on racist housing restrictions such as redlining.



Accurate Minnesota Voter Information

By Karen Lake

During this challenging time of claims of fraud in elections, both in Minnesota and nationwide, it is helpful to have accurate information from authentic sources for oneself and to share and dispel falsehoods. Provided for you from the Minnesota Secretary of State's Office are overviews of how voter records in Minnesota are updated and how voter registrations are validated. In addition, sites for discerning truth in media are offered.

Find this information on the LWV of Roseville Area website here:
<https://lwvrosevillearea.org/content/facts-about-voter-records-and-voter-validation>

CMAL County Study Committee Needs You!

By Karen Schaffer

The Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues of Women Voters (CMAL) is conducting a study of county government in the metro area. All League members are invited to participate. Research can be done on the internet or by interviewing selected county elected or appointed officials (virtually, unless pandemic rules ease up during the summer). A handy questionnaire is provided. All you need is a little time and some interest! You can choose any of the seven metro-area counties—not just Ramsey County—and you can choose which parts of the questionnaire you'd like to work on. Curious? Contact Karen Schaffer at schafferka@gmail.com.

LWV — Time to Renew: April 1

By Ann Thonet

Here's a guide on how you can renew your annual LWV membership. If you joined:

- During the 2019 or 2020 calendar year, please ignore this! Your membership year is based on the month you joined. You will be notified by email on a monthly basis at a later date.
- Prior to 2019, your renewal date is April 1.



Steps to renew:

1. **Please** go online to the LWV of Roseville Area homepage (<https://lwvrosevillearea.org/>). Look for the JOIN TODAY button on the righthand side and click it. From here, you can join as a new member or **pay your annual membership dues**.
2. Scroll down and select one of the following:
 - \$50.00 New Member
 - \$70.00 Individual Membership
 - \$105.00 Household Membership
 - \$30.00 Student/HardshipClick **Continue**.
3. Please fill out the pertinent information on the next page and click **Continue**.
4. Select the payment method (**Check** or **PayPal**) and click **Submit Payment**.
 - **If paying by check**, follow the directions to “Please make out your check to LWV RA, print this page, and send this page and check to Jessica Holz at 1885 Fernwood St., Roseville, MN 55113.” You will receive a message that reads, “Thank you...An email receipt has been sent to you.” Done!
 - **If paying with PayPal**, click and submit payment. You will be given directions and a message that reads, “Thank you...An email receipt has been sent to you.” Done!

If you do not have computer access, please send your check and a note as to why you are sending the payment to Jessica Holz at 1885 Fernwood St., Roseville, MN 55113. (This helps to separate membership renewals from donations.) Thank you.

Whew!! A huge thank you for assisting the Membership Team with this!

LWVMN Voter Services Task Force

A LWVMN Voter Services Task Force has been formed in order to assess the successes, challenges, and lessons learned from 2020 as well as to review and update Voter Service materials. Areas being considered include: Vote 411, the Voter Services Handbook, Martin Brown Grants, candidate forums, and voter registrations.

The Task Force is headed by LWVMN President, Laura Helmer, and comprises seven Minnesota Voter Service Chairs who are contacting all other Minnesota Voter Service Chairs for input into the research. Karen Lake from LWV of Roseville Area Voter Services, is a member of the Task Force. It is expected that best practices will be identified and an advisory report will be made to the LWVMN Board and staff later this spring.

Herstory

By Florence Sprague

A LWV of Roseville Area Lifetime Member passed away. We recently learned that Lynette Kimble, one of the co-founders of the Maplewood League in the late 50s, passed away March 14, 2020. Here is a link to her obituary: <https://www.maplewoodmnfuneral.com/obituaries/Virginia-Lynette-Kimble-McKewin?obId=12439374>. While she had not been very active in LWV of Roseville Area for some years, she always maintained her membership and supported our work. She was a lovely person. I encourage you to read the longer interview with her linked below.

The past 12 months have been a year of loss in so many ways due to the pandemic. Recent months have also brought to our organization losses normal in the course of life, the losses that occur year in, year out, but which the pandemic makes more challenging to commemorate. In recent months, we lost longtime League members Georgiana Sobola, Mary Duddleston, Lorraine Fischer, and Lynette Kimble, after in recent years losing Florence Isaacs, Ann Berry, and Judy Rosenblatt. Even as I enumerate those I knew personally, I recall others lost to us longer ago and I hope that not one loss of our foremothers in League have gone unnoticed by someone, whether they are still in Minnesota or have moved on.

It can be easier to see the path forward when we know the path already trod; it can keep us grounded and strengthened by the courage and vision of our foremothers. One way we have collectively sought to remember our roots is with the publication of our history booklet, *Meddlers, Activists and Watchdogs*. If you have not had an opportunity to read it, you can find it on our website: <https://lwvrosevillearea.org/content/lwv-roseville-area-history>. It is a fun read. Being a Leaguer in the 1950s and 1960s was very different from being a Leaguer in 2021 or 1921, but we are alike in dedication to the mission of LWV to support an engaged and informed electorate. The longer interviews with some of our lifetime members are also on the website, like one with Lynette Kimble at <https://lwvrosevillearea.org/sites/lwvrosevillearea.org/files/docs/Lynette%20Kimble.pdf>.



Lynette Kimble

Recap: The Census, Redistricting, and Reform

By Rachel Geiser

On February 16, LWV of Roseville Area and Ramsey County Library Roseville co-sponsored “The Census, Redistricting, and Reform” with speaker Paul Huffman, Redistricting Coordinator for LWVMN. Huffman provided detailed information about redistricting, the effects of the 2020 Census, the Minnesota process, and LWV’s interest in fighting for fairly drawn maps to avoid gerrymandering.

In a follow up to questions he couldn’t answer at the event, Huffman provided the following information.

- **Counting incarcerated persons:** In regards to prisoners, the Census counts prison inmates as part of group quarters in the Census. Minnesota in turn uses the Census counts to do legislative and congressional redistricting rather than determining the inmates’ homes and counting them there. This has resulted in some districts having significantly greater representation than if the prison inmates were not counted. There have been several efforts over the last ten years to use legislation to change this that have not gotten much traction. Find more information at the Prison Gerrymandering Project (<https://www.prisonersofthecensus.org/>).
- **Judging the fairness of maps:** See the LWVMN People Powered Fair Maps site (<https://www.lwvmn.org/fair-district-maps>).
- **Watching for unfair maps:** Watch for signs of “cracking” or “packing” to isolate or dilute some voices or interests. Look for voting efficiency and “wasted” votes in an election (see Wisconsin for an example). Watch for partisan bias; a number of applications measure this with the most common being PlanScore (<https://www.planscore.org/>).

A copy of Huffman’s presentation can be found on the LWV of Roseville Area website: <https://lwvrosevillearea.org/sites/lwvrosevillearea.org/files/docs/LWV%20Roseville%20Area%20Redistricting%20Presentation%202-16-21%5B22915%5D.pdf>.

To watch a recording of the event, see the library website: <https://my.nicheacademy.com/rcladult/course/25721>.



Paul Huffman

LWV of Roseville Area 2021-2022 Nominations Committee Report

By Florence Sprague, chair, and committee members Mindy Greiling, Sherry Hood and Lisa Scribner

The positions below are the officers and board members who will be voted on at the annual meeting in May.

- **President:** Barb Barany
- **Vice President:** Barb Anderson
- **Secretary:** Kathy Macomber
- **Treasurer:** Jessica Holz
- **Action Team Leader:** Sherry Hood
- **Communications Team Leader:** Barb Anderson and Mary Peterson, co-chairs
- **Membership Team Leader:** Rita Mills
- **Program Team Leader:** Florence Sprague, vice chair Carol Marchel
- **Voter Service Team Leader:** Teresa Wernecke, Marcia Cheney vice chair
- **Budget and Development Team Leader:** Barb Anderson, Bonnie Koch co-chair
- **Members At-Large:** Rachel Geiser, Wayne Groff, Sharon McCord, Karen Schaffer
- **Nominating Committee Chair:** Sherry Hood

The following are identified committee members. They do not need to be elected. Follow the Voter and eblasts for specific opportunities to help out during the year!

- **Action and Advocacy Team**
Team: Mindy Greiling, Wayne Groff, Georgeann Hall, Elizabeth Hansel, Priscilla Morton, Warren Wolfe
- **Observer Corps Subcommittee:**
Team: Margo Bock, Ann Cleland, Kris Grangaard, , Patricia Hoffman, Carol Marchel, Teri Mathews
- **Environmental Subcommittee:**
Team: Anne Haugan, Sherry Hood, Alana Howey, Barb Luck, Carol Marchel, Tammy McGehee, Priscilla Morton, Donna Peterson
- **Budget and Development Team**
Team: Mary Ann Palmer, Merrie Zakaras
- **Communications Team**
 - Archive: Shirley Bradway, Mindy Greiling, Bonnie Koch, Dan Salzl
 - Barbara Luck
 - PR: Merrie Zakaras
 - Social Media: Gladys Jones
 - Video: Jim DeBenedet with backup
 - Voter: Rachel Geiser
 - Voter Distribution: Jim DeBenedet, Stefanie DeBenedet, Jo Waldron
 - Webpage: Barb Anderson, Mary Peterson
- **Proposed Nominations Committee**
Team: Mindy Greiling, Florence Sprague, Lisa Scribner
- **Program Team**
 - Annual Meeting: Shirey Bradway, Mindy Greiling, Diana Menanteau, Rachelle Peleska, June Stewart
 - Conversations with Constituents: Gladys Jones, Amy Kenzie, Rita Mills
 - CMAL: Karen Schaffer, Lisa Scribner
 - Fliers: Barbara Leary
 - Gavel: June Stewart
 - Study Committee Chairs: Jim DeBenedet, Patti Hoffman, Barb Luck
 - Team: Marcia Cheney, Rachel Geiser, Mindy Greiling, Sherry Hood, Kathy Macomber, Connie Marty, Sharon McCord, Rita Mills
- **Voter Services Team**
 - Moderators: Kitty Gogins, Linda McLoon, Florence Sprague
 - Moderator Training: Amy Kenzie, Kathy Macomber
 - Team: Elizabeth Hansel, Rita Mills, Sharon Oswald, Suzanne Sancilio, June Stewart

Future League Events

Event recording: Many of our events are recorded. If you would like to watch a recording of an event at home, go to our website: <http://lwvrosevillearea.org/>. Click on the YouTube icon on the righthand side and choose a recorded event.

March events are detailed on [page 1](#) and [page 10](#).

- **April 20 – Doing All We Can Today to Make Our Cities More Sustainable Tomorrow.** Environmental forum with mayors from our five cities, co-sponsored with Ramsey County Library Roseville and hosted on their Zoom platform; 6:30-8 p.m. See [page 3](#) for more information.
- **May 4 – LWV of Roseville Area Annual Meeting.** More information will be shared later.
- **June – Field Trip.** Event details are being finalized. Watch for more information.

New Member Spotlight: Kathy Macomber

By Rita Mills

A resident of Roseville, Kathy Macomber joined LWV in 2020. She previously lived in St. Paul, Floodwood, and Bemidji before relocating to Missouri in 2002. She retired from the University of Missouri in 2018 after ten years in Extension, working with small businesses, nonprofits, and local governments where she taught and coached entrepreneurs, and provided strategic planning guidance and facilitation. Prior, she worked as a treasury analyst for Leggett & Platt, Inc. Kathy has a Ed.D from the University of Missouri, MS in Administrative Studies from Missouri State University, and a BS in Business Administration from Bemidji State University. Kathy is married and has four adult sons and six grandsons.

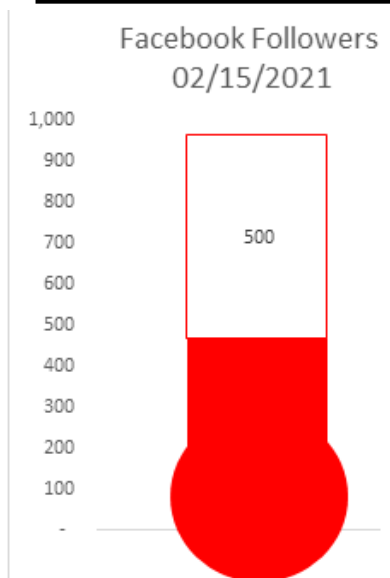


She currently serves on the Human Rights, Inclusion and Engagement Commission for the City of Roseville, and is also Vice President of Arts Roseville. She has, in the past, been a school board member and treasurer for ISD 698 in Floodwood, MN, and was the treasurer and board member for the Bemidji Community Food Shelf.

In Missouri Kathy served on a local planning and zoning commission, was on the local chamber of commerce board, and served on the board of Heartland Opera Theatre.

When asked what enticed her to join LWV, she responded, “Shortly after moving to Roseville, I attended a naturalization ceremony. It was a powerful and moving experience, and I was thrilled to see new Americans registering to vote following the ceremony. I believe in an educated electorate, the importance of voter registration, and the power of non-partisan political relationships. The League is an organization that does all that and more. I am delighted to be a member, and look forward to finding ways to serve.”

Kathy, we are very happy to have you be part of a vibrant local League. We welcome your experience and civic energy!



League Facebook Campaign — Update

By Barb Anderson

Thank you! Our progress in reaching our goal of 500 Facebook followers by April 1 took a big leap in the past month—we grew from 426 followers to 467—an increase of 41! It wouldn't have been possible without the following, likes, and shares you have given to our Facebook page. Our goal now appears to be reachable.

Please keep it up by following our Facebook page (if you don't already) at <https://www.facebook.com/lwvRosevilleArea>. Then like and share our posts among your friends and followers.

The more of our posts you like and share, the greater likelihood that we'll reach a broader audience. Thank you for your help!

LWV of Roseville Area: March Event Calendar

March 23 – Redlining and Racial Covenants. See event details on [page 1](#) (rescheduled from the December event); 7-8:30 p.m.

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 or information to submit for the newsletter, contact Rachel Geiser at rachelsoup@gmail.com.



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