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MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP GATHERING

SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL
BRING A FRIEND AND POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER

LOCATION: PRAIRIE BAY
15115 EDGEWOOD DR. N, BRAINERD, MN

DATE AND TIME: THURSDAY, JANUARY 10
11:30 AM

We are very pleased to invite you and guests to join us for lunch for our January monthly membership gathering. We are hoping you all will join us for this social gathering and to consider asking a friend or colleague to come as well. We are looking to expand our membership base, and this will be the first of a more concerted effort to do so in 2019. This is an opportunity for you to assist in this effort. We will be ordering off the menu. We hope to see you there.

Rebecca Timmins, Secretary

JANUARY 15 DEADLINE FOR DUES

Submitted by Sally Jacobsen

It's that time of the year again! Our membership dues for the League of Women Voters Brainerd Lakes need to be submitted to the LWVUS by January 15, 2019. This is a change from past years when they gave us a little "wiggle room" to collect dues until springtime. Thanks you for your past support of the LWVBLA. We hope you will continue.

Membership for 2019 due **by January 15, 2019**

Individual \$70.00

Household \$100.00

Student \$28.00

Additional Support \$_____

Please make check payable to LWV-BLA

Mail to: Sally Jacobsen
16118 Birchwood Lane
Brainerd, MN 56401

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<https://squareup.com/store/league-of-women-voters-brainerd-lakes-area>

DECEMBER 18 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Present: Rebecca Timmins, Becky LaPlante, Sally Jacobsen, Mary Jo Ahlgren

Treasurer's report: Sally Jacobsen supplied a review of how the \$1770 grant from the Minnesota League was spent during the campaign/election season. We were able to pay for all necessary expenses surrounding the local candidate forums including printing, room rental with accessories, and banners. We had \$569 left over which had to be returned to the MN League. We currently have \$662.73 in checking, \$376.79 in savings and \$260.34 in our education fund.

Sally will be sending all members an email reminding them that membership dues will need to be in to her by December 14, 2018. Members who neglect to pay their dues will not be on this year's roster. The Brainerd Lakes Area LWV must send its roster to the MN League by January 15 and dues must be in to them by the end of January.

Previous Business: The group briefly reviewed the October candidate forums.

The group reviewed the December monthly membership meeting held at the airport. Those who attended agreed that it was one of the best presentations they had heard at the monthly meetings. Airport Director, Steve Wright, covered the history of the airport, what it offers today, and where it is going.

New Business:

Rebecca Timmins will write a letter to be sent to the editor and/or used as a recruiting tool in other outlets.

Upcoming meetings - Unless otherwise indicated, all meetings will be at The Skillet
January 10, 2019 Sally Jacobsen is exploring the possibility of having an Essentia Health person speak to us at one of the Essentia facilities.

February No meeting

March 14, 2019 TBD Toxic Tater expert

April 12, 2019 Representative from the Crosslake National Loon Center group (This may be an evening meeting.)

Next meeting board meeting will be held directly after the January 10 Monthly Membership meeting.

2020 HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND LWVMN EXHIBIT ON KARE 11 NEWS

The LWVMN has announced that a historical exhibit marking the centennial of women's suffrage will be here in 2020. Here is the link to watch the video regarding this great project that was on KARE 11 news.
<https://www.kare11.com/article/news/how-women-won-the-right-to-vote-in-minnesota/89-611853706>

LWVUS CREATING NEW LOGOS

Source; JANUARY 3 LEAGUE UPDATE

LWVUS is in the process of creating all local League logos. Leagues should NOT attempt to build their own logos. If there is something you must complete in an expedited manner before LWVUS can get you your customized League logo, please go ahead and use your current logo. We will be rolling out more local League logos in the coming weeks and expect to be finished with all local League logos by the end of February. You can find all state logos, and available local League logos, here.

If you haven't yet seen our new Brand Standards, you can take a look—and download the updated logo files—on the League Management Site. Please note: These are the only official League of Women Voters logos available moving forward.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: Health and good humor are to the human body like sunshine to vegetation.--
Jean-Baptiste Massillon

LEAGUE PRINCIPLES

- The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that all powers of the U.S. government should be exercised within the constitutional framework of a balance among the three branches of government: legislative, executive, and judicial.
- The League of Women Voters believes that democratic government depends upon informed and active participation in government and requires that governmental bodies protect the citizen's right to know by giving adequate notice of proposed actions, holding open meetings and making public records accessible.
- The League of Women Voters believes that every citizen should be protected in the right to vote; that every person should have access to free public education that provides equal opportunity for all; and that no person or group should suffer legal, economic or administrative discrimination.
- The League of Women Voters believes that efficient and economical government requires competent personnel, the clear assignment of responsibility, adequate financing, and coordination among the different agencies and levels of government.
- The League of Women Voters believes that responsible government should be responsive to the will of the people; that government should maintain an equitable and flexible system of taxation, promote the conservation and development of natural resources in the public interest, share in the solution of economic and social problems that affect the general welfare, promote a sound economy and adopt domestic policies that facilitate the solution of international problems.
- The League of Women Voters believes that cooperation with other nations is essential in the search for solutions to world problems and that development of international organization and international law is imperative in the promotion of world peace.

DIVERSITY MISSION - The League affirms its commitment to reflecting the diversity of Minnesota in its membership and strives to overcome barriers of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability in the activities of the organization. The League Lines is a publication of the League of Women Voters of the Brainerd Lakes Area. If you have comments or would prefer a hard copy mailed to you, please email the editor at mbeutz@brainerd.net or call 218-820-4622 in the evenings. If you would like to know more about the League of Women Voters of the Brainerd Lakes Area, visit our website at <http://www.lwvbrainerdlakesarea.org> or our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/League-of-Women-Voters-Brainerd-Lakes-Area/120427464679302>, or the Minnesota League of Women Voters website <http://www.lwvmn.org>. The LWVBLA is very fortunate to work with Donna Evans of Gizmo Creations, LLC on our web page. Check the web page for updates and also visit her web designing site www.gizmocreations.com