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OF THE BRAINERD LAKES AREA**

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MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

SUBJECT: LUNCH AND WINERY TOUR

LOCATION: DRUMMOND WINE COMPANY BISTRO

*DATE AND TIME: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14
AT 11:30 AM*

We're going to meet at the Dennis Drummond Wine Company Bistro for lunch at 11:30. The entertainment Sally was trying to get won't work-out, so it will just be a luncheon and a brief tour of the winery.

Here is the website <http://www.ddwco.com/> (It is south of Brainerd on highway 25)

*The address is: Dennis Drummond Wine Co.,
11919 Thiesse Road
Brainerd, Minnesota 56401*

TO SUPPORT THE AUTOMATIC VOTER LEGISLATION

From LWV National Website

Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT) and Representative Robert Brady (D-PA) introduced the Automatic Voter Registration Act of 2017 on June 14, 2017. The League is proud to support legislation that enhances access for eligible voters in our elections and works to modernize our electoral system. This bill will improve the accuracy of voter records, cut down on costs, modernize outdated registration systems while supporting implementation in states across the country.

The League fully supports this bill and urges all members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives to support this important legislation.

To support this legislation please visit:

http://participate.lwv.org/c/10065/p/dia/action4/common/public/?action_KEY=12949&_ga=2.33619489.1863082213.1512928447-1926009962.1512928447&okay=true

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: Cooking is just as creative and imaginative an activity as drawing, or wood carving, or music. And cooking draws upon your every talent--science, mathematics, energy, history, experience--and the more experience you have, the less likely are your experiments to end in drivel and disaster. The more you know, the more you can create.--Julia Child

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.*

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