



Policing

Wednesday, November 9, 2016, 1:00 pm Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 3226 Maine Prairie Road, St. Cloud, MN



Policing in the St. Cloud area was a topic of interest at the summer planning meeting. Little did we know there would be an event at the Crossroads Mall in September that would bring many questions to mind about the training, preparedness, and public perception of our area police departments. The committee for the November unit quickly realized one meeting does not allow enough time to study this area of public safety in a responsible and unbiased manner. Therefore, we have invited the co-chairs of the year long Roseville Area League of Women Voters 2015-2016 Police Study to share their experience with us. The purpose of their study was to study police delivery systems and officer training as it relates to avoiding racial profiling, domestic abuse and mental health crises in the communities of Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Little Canada, Maplewood, and Roseville. Click on this link for the report: http://bit.ly/studyreport

Each police department has areas of unique importance to their jurisdiction, but we can learn from this report and our speakers how to pursue our own study.

Our Speakers



Mindy Greiling served in the Minnesota House of Representatives, from 1992 - 2012, where she focused on education and mental health. She got her political start through the League of Women Voters where she served as local president and LWVMN vice-president and action chair. Since retirement, she enjoys once again having time for League activities, one of which was to co-chair the recent League of Women Voters of Roseville Area police study.



Rita Mills retired from a long career in private and public education in 2011 and began working on her "bucket list" by joining League of Women Voters, learning how to play bridge, volunteering in a variety of areas: tutoring ELL students, assisting in computer classes through Ramsey County Library, ushering at St. Paul's Fitzgerald Theater, and welcoming four little grandbabies. She has co-chaired the League's annual "Conversations with Constituents" program, served on the Program Committee as well as a co-chair of the 2015-2016 police study. She is currently serving as the LWV Roseville Area president.

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Holiday Potluck Brunch

Saturday, December 3, 2015

11:00am to 1:00pm

Unitarian Fellowship

3226 Maine Prairie Rd

St. Cloud MN

Cost is \$5.00



This is one of our special times where we get to relax and enjoy good conversation and good food. It is also a fundraiser for our League. We ask that you bring a dish to share. Beverages will be provided. Friends, spouses and partners are invited and encouraged to come. As in past years, we will have a silent auction. Contributions for the silent auction could include household and personal items, books, CDs, baked goods, etc. Your idle items could become a treasure for someone else and the money will help League to do good work.

Voter Service Team November Update ~ Karen Langsjoen, Team Leader



By the time you read this, the LWVSCA will have participated in ten forums in and around St. Cloud, plus four in Alexandria. We collaborated with eight organizations in Central MN, far more than in any election year for decades, while Alexandria members teamed up with two organizations. The turnout was also above average, exceeding 100 at some forums.

While a final report will not be complete until late November, the goal of educating voters on the candidates and their positions on issues has been very successful. That being said, it was not without its trials and tribulations.

Collaborating with other organizations is time consuming because of differing expectations, and LWV's extensive Voter Service rules and regulations. Unexpected issues can complicate the arrangements as they did for the District 13 forum. Site visits are also necessary to ascertain that the space will provide all the necessary facilities for the forums.

The Voter Service Team will be analyzing the outcomes to pinpoint areas where changes need to be made. The team members have put in hundreds of hours organizing and conducting these forums. Please thank the following team members for devoting the past 6 months to our organization's Voter Service work: Sheila Ferguson, Ann Fleming, Carolyn Garven, Judy Heeter, Kate Meyer, and Susan Smith.

Voting Information

To review the links shown, copy and paste, or type them into your computer browser.

Your Ballot

You can review your ballot at the Secretary of State's website at:

<http://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/whats-on-my-ballot/?searchTerm=my%20ballot>

Constitutional Amendment Information

LWVMN information on the amendment is found at:

<https://www.lwvmn.org/media-and-events/constitutional-amendment-consider-november-8-election>

Membership News ~ Ralph Carr, Team Leader



Our committee has now distributed updated 2016-17 member directories at the fall picnic and at the September and October Unit meetings. If you have not yet picked up your directory we will be mailing these out to you shortly. Also, keep in mind during this campaign season that now is a prime opportunity for recruiting new members. The League plays a very visible role in conducting non-partisan candidate forums and in educating ourselves and the public about important public policy issues.

We are pleased to report that six new prospective members are now on our mailing list, bringing our total prospective member list to 65. If you are not yet a member and are considering League please know that our members are an engaged and welcoming group of people, and we would be delighted to have you in our ranks.

Last year we had a very successful anniversary celebration of the League at the Tuscan Center where we had a nice catered dinner and viewed the movie *Iron Jawed Angels*, highlighting the momentous struggle to obtain suffrage rights in the Constitution by ratifying the 19th Amendment in 1920.

This year we are planning another celebration at the **Tuscan Center on Saturday, February 11, 2017**. Mark your calendars. We have several good themes in mind for this event, some of which we hope will attract a cosponsor and attract more attendance. We will let you know when we have made final arrangements.

Once again I thank our membership committee, (Mary-Margaret Bjorklun, Carolyn Garvin, Jerilyn Petersen, Susan Smith, Jan Stavros, and Mary White-Levilain) for their diligent work on necessary but not always visible duties they routinely manage. These are what make this local League Unit representing the St. Cloud and Alexandria areas work.

LWVSCA Archives

A team consisting of Mary Kay Carle, Ginny Clark, Gerri Gustafson, Karen Langsjoen, Deanna Lederer and Jerilyn Petersen, met at Jerilyn's home on August 31 to go through several boxes of historical LWVSCA materials to sort them and decide which items are important to retain. Deanna arranged for us to store them at the Stearns History Museum. On September 28, Linda Kotschevar delivered the materials to the Museum and Deanna, Mary Kay, and Ginny sorted and listed the contents of the boxes. The Museum won't be cataloging these items, so please refer to the following list of materials available for our members and others to use there. Ask for League of Women Voters of the St. Cloud Area materials.

LWVSCA Board of Directors Handbook 2016

LWVSCA Board Minutes May 26, 1955, through April 27, 2005

League Lines October, 1955, through December, 1998

Unit Reports 1940-1950

Album: 75 Years of Service: League of Women Voters of the St. Cloud Area

Membership Directories 1974 through 2010-2011

Annual reports 1956-1975

Treasurer's reports 1937-1957 and 1960 through 1985

Budgets, Audit reports, Treasurer's reports 1961-1994

LWVSCA Index to the St. Cloud Times 1920-2000

Annual meeting minutes 1960-2002

The following is a list of books owned by LWVSCA which were also taken to the Museum:

Indian Country LWV Education Fund c. 1976

Women in Action: Rebels and Reformers 1920-1980 by Elizabeth Israels Perry c. 1995

Failure is Impossible: Susan B. Anthony in Her Own Words by Lynn Sherr c. 1995

Gentle Warriors: Clara Ueland and the Minnesota Struggle for Women Suffrage by Barbara Stuhler
c. 1995

The Constitution of the United States with Case Summaries Ed. By Edward Conrad Smith c. 1972

The Book of Great American Documents Ed. By Vincent Wilson, Jr. c. 1987

In the Public Interest: The League of Women Voters 1920-1970 by Louise m. Young c. 1989

Women of Minnesota: Selected Biographical Essays Ed. By Barbara Stuhler and Gretchen
Kreuter c. 1977

The Limits of Power: America's Role in the World by Senator Eugene J. McCarthy c. 1968

The Equal Rights Handbook by Riane Tennenhou Eisler c. 1978

Video Cassette: The League of Women Voters, 75 Years of a Great Idea A 1994 Production of the
League of Women Voters of the United States

Video Cassette: 75th Birthday LWVSCA

The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States of America (2 copies)

Pamphlet: The Report Card: The Cost of Sex Bias in the Schools created by Myra and David Sadker

COMMUNITY OUTREACH ~ Mary Margaret Levilain, Team Leader

LWVSCA Community Outreach has been busy collaborating with Voter Service and other organizations to assist citizens with voter registration at forums and relevant University events. Those who've been table volunteers at forums have learned interest is high in absentee voting this year. Kate Meyer created Some points to know, in addition to voters not having to provide a reason for voting absentee:

1. Ballots must be mailed in time to be received by Election Day.
2. If there is any question about delivery, voters should hand deliver their ballots to the township clerk at Stearns County Courthouse; St. Cloud residents of Stearns, Benton and Sherburne counties can all hand deliver in St. Cloud.
3. One week before the election, the Stearns County Courthouse will have an optical scanning machine into which Stearns County voters can insert their absentee ballots; this is true early voting and ensures a secured, counted ballot.

On October 15th, the focus changed to same day registration.

REGISTERING TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY

You can complete a voter registration application at your polling place on Election Day and must provide proof of residence, as well as sign an oath stating that you are eligible to vote in the precinct.

Proof of Residence for same day registration: 3 options

1. Election Day registrants can provide proof of residence with any one form of current, Minnesota-issued photo identification (driver's license, learner's permit, ID card, or Tribal ID with name, address, photo and signature).
2. **Or**, you can provide one form of photo identification (left) plus one supporting document (right).

Driver's license, ID card, learner's permit issued by any other state	One example of a bill, account or start of service statement due or dated within 30 days of election for phone; TV; internet services; solid waste or sewer services; electric gas or water service; banking or credit card; rent or mortgage
United States passport	Residential lease/rental agreement still valid on Election Day
United States Military ID	Current student fee statement
Tribal ID card with the name,	
Minnesota university, college	
Minnesota high school ID	

Or, a registered voter from your precinct can sign an oath confirming your address. A registered voter can vouch for up to eight others. Any voter who registers by being vouched for cannot vouch for others.

A Letter from the LWVUS President on Election 2016

October 13, 2016

If I've learned one lesson during big election years, it's to expect the unexpected. I'm not just talking about the daily twists and turns of the presidential campaign; surprise challenges for voters inevitably arise during the last critical weeks. It was displaced Florida voters who most needed the League's help this week. Following a temporary court order to extend Florida's voter registration deadline by one day, to October 12, in order to accommodate those affected by Hurricane Matthew, the League and others rushed to file emergency petitions to extend the deadline further. Yesterday, we received the good news that the deadline is now extended until October 18, granting affected voters the opportunity to fully participate in the election.

"We'll now be able to make up for lost time and help register people whose lives were disrupted by the storm," said Pam Goodman, president of the League of Women Voters of Florida. The League's role in this important victory was covered nationally on both MSNBC and CNN, and the Florida League is rushing to get the word out and register as many voters as possible. To all League members and their families affected by the storm, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

In Wisconsin, the League is speaking out loudly to ensure thousands of absentee voters are not disenfranchised due to a confusing and little-understood new requirement. Thank you to all the Leagues working around the clock to advocate for voters.

Wherever you are, I implore you to use these last remaining weeks to do everything possible to reach voters....As one League leader shared with us this week, "We're all doing our little part....one event, one forum, one voter at a time. It is exciting to be a small part of a larger national effort and to know that every other League across the country is busy, busy, busy with similar events."

Chris Carson,
LWVUS President

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Announcements

Request for Archive Material

If anyone has old LWVSCA Directories or other materials which would fill gaps in our Archives, please let Ginny Clark know if you are willing to donate them. Thank you.

State Convention, April 28-30, 2017

It's not too early to be planning for State Convention. While plans are in the beginning stages, please mark your calendars for April 28-30, 2017.

BOOK CLUB

LWVSCA Book Club is open to all members and friends who are welcome to attend at any time. We usually meet at 6:30 P. M. on the third Thursday of each month. For more information, please call Pat Fillmore at 320-259-0542. Our current book title and meeting place schedule is as follows:

	<p><i>The Woman I Was Not Meant to Be: A Transsexual Journey</i> by Aleshia Brevard;</p>	<p>Thursday, November 17, 2016 Hostess: Jerilyn Petersen 2511 Tranquility Drive, St. Cloud 320-240-9183</p>
<p>Multiple Covers</p>	<p><i>The Signature of All Things</i> by Elizabeth Gilbert</p>	<p>Thursday, Dec. 15, 2016 Hostess: Linda Kotschevar 109 - 3rd Ave. N., Waite Park 320-252-3827</p>
	<p><i>My Beloved World</i> by Sonia Sotomayor</p>	<p>Thursday, Jan. 19, 2017 Hostess: Pat Fillmore 16 Lindsay Court, St. Cloud 320-259-0542</p>

Calendar

NOVEMBER 2016

- 8 Election Day - **VOTE**
- 9 Unit Meeting, UUF, 1-3pm
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 16 Board Meeting, Dunn Bros, 1-3pm
- 17 Book Club, Jerilyn Petersen's, 6:30pm
- 24 Thanksgiving

November						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30			

December 2016

- 3 Holiday Party, UUF, 11:00am-1:00pm
- 15 Book Club, Linda Kotschevar's, 6:30pm
- 25 Christmas

December						
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

NOTE: Due to the uncertainty of the library opening date, the unit meeting will be held at the UU Fellowship and the board meeting will be at Dunn Bros. at the Coborn's store on Cooper Ave.



LWVSCA 2017 Gatherings & Events

January 21
February 11
April 21
April 28-30
July 19
September 8

Winter Program Planning
Membership Gathering
Annual Meeting
LWVMN State Convention
Summer Program Planning
Fall Picnic

January: Caucus vs. Primary

Convener: Mary White-Levilain
Ralph Carr, Jerilyn Petersen



Team Reminders

February: Economic Inequality

Convener: Kate Meyer
Diane Bublitz, Marge Rakow, Mary White-Levilain



March: Gerrymandering

Convener: Ralph Carr
Dan Carle, Pat Fillmore, Sheila Ferguson, Gerri Gustafson, Pat Riley

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