



the Bear Facts

the League of Women Voters of the
White Bear Lake Area



September Units

No Wheels?

Getting Around the Northeast Suburbs Without a Personal Auto

- Do your kids have activities when you have to work?
- Are you going to the airport and don't want to pay for parking?
- Did you break an ankle or have surgery?
- Does Grandma need to get to a medical appointment?
- Did hubby have a fender bender and your car is in the shop?
- Is your friend's patience running thin?

When you look at a Metro Transit map, there seems to be a dearth of services in the northeast metro area that could help you out in the situations listed above. But take heart, you have options!

Lynn Amon, Elder Resource Specialist for the White Bear Lake Area Senior Program has produced a 23-page Guide to Senior Transportation that is an invaluable resource not just to seniors. And the services apply not to just White Bear Lake. **Come to unit meetings on October 9, 11, 12 and 13 to hear what options are out there. There will be a copy of the guide for everyone.**

Be prepared for discussion of some of the issues around transportation.

October Units and Places

Oct 9 - 7:30 PM- Unit meeting cancelled because of **Healthcare Forum** on the same night. Please attend another unit for transportation discussion.

Oct 11 - 12:30 PM - North Oaks Unit, Incarnation Lutheran Church, 4880 Hodgson Rd, North Oaks

Oct. 12 - 7:00 PM - WBL Unit, White Bear Lake City Hall, 2nd FL., 4701 Hwy #61, WBL

Oct. 13 - 10:00 AM - ST. Croix Valley Unit, Boutwell's Landing, 5600 Norwich Dr., Oak Park Heights

*******Late Breaking News*******
State Senator Jim Abeler (R-Anoka) is going to be an additional panelist on the Health Care Forum on October 9th.



Monday, October 9, 2017

6:30-8:30pm

Stillwater Middle School • 523 Marsh St., Stillwater, MN 55082

A Healthcare Conversation: Minnesota Style

You are invited to a nonpartisan community conversation on healthcare. Bring your questions to be addressed by local, state and national leaders.

Featured panelists:



Matthew Eastwood
PhD, MPA, LMFT, CEO,
Canvas Health, 2015
- current, former
healthcare insurance
executive



Kathleen Picard
PT, Health Policy and
Practice Consultant,
Policy Advisor, Amer-
ican Physical Therapy
Association



Andy Slavitt
Former acting
Administrator of the
Center for Medicare
and Medicaid
Services, 2015-2017



Senator John Marty
State Senator (DFL)
since 1987, author of
the Minnesota Health
Plan, a single payer
statewide plan



Republican
to be
determined

Panelist

Moderated by League of Women Voters

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Partners:

St. Croix Valley Women's Alliance

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President's Note

It's Fall in Minnesota! That means changeable weather, colorful leaves, apples, pumpkins, and...candidate forums! Be sure you attend or volunteer at one or both of our events this year: the White Bear mayoral/school board forum (Sept. 27th), and the Mahtomedi City Council (Oct. 4th). Contact Molly Anthony (msanthony3@gmail.com) to sign up as a volunteer. September is also the month that we celebrate National Voter Registration Day (Sept. 26th). Once again this year, our members will be at Century College to register students. We've always gotten a good response from this group of dedicated students. In October, our unit meetings will cover the topic of transportation options in the North East Metro. Several of our units will be fortunate to hear from Lynn Amon, who basically "wrote the book" on transportation options for seniors in the White Bear Lake area. You may even get to take home a copy of her guide, so don't miss it! Now go swish your feet in some fallen leaves and enjoy some apple cider!



Candidate Forum

Below are the forums sponsored by LWVWBLA:

- 1) White Bear Lake Mayor/School board candidate forum. Wednesday, September 27th.
White Bear Lake City Hall

6:30 PM - 2 mayoral candidates
7:30 PM - 6 school board candidates

- 2) Mahtomedi City Council candidate forum. Wednesday, October 4th. Mahtomedi City Hall

7:00PM - 4 candidates for two seats

Questions for candidates may be submitted via email to lwwwbla@wvmn.org. These questions may be used in the forums by the moderator.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The membership committee has been very busy in the last year welcoming many new members. The following people have joined our league. Some have even taken leadership positions.

From the North Oaks Unit: Diane Blank, Geraldine Carley, Kathleen Pratt

From the White Bear Lake Unit: Heidi Boyd, Julie Drennen, Sarah Sevcik, Ellen Fahey, Jessica and Matt Ellison

St. Croix Valley Unit: Jacqueline Zbaracki

Mahtomedi Unit: Kathleen Thalhuber, Therese Casey -Wolf, Lisa Larson, Sarah Amundson

Introducing new member: Kathleen Thalhuber

Kathleen Thalhuber is a native Minnesotan who grew up in St. Paul. After high school, she studied Theater at the University of MN. Kathleen and her husband, Bill, have two sons and one daughter plus six grandchildren. The family spent 15 years in Columbia, Missouri where her husband worked at 3M. While there, Kathleen earned a Business Degree at the U. of Missouri. Since then, she has worked as a Human Resources Director in various different positions and places. Kathleen and her husband returned to MN in the year 2000, but their two sons still live in Missouri and their daughter lives in Wisconsin. Kathleen and Bill love to travel, and especially like going back and forth to see their children and grandchildren.

Program Notes

The program topic for January will be on "Give Us the Vote". Members are encouraged to read the book, *Give us the Ballot*, by Ari Berman. Mary Santi is now taking orders for the book so members may participate in the unit discussions. She is also seeking volunteers to prepare to lead a discussion on one of the chapters at a unit meeting.

More to come before January.....

WBLA Local Study - Police Study

Volunteers are needed to help with our new local study of police procedures in our area. Join this important study committee and get connected with your community! Don't miss this opportunity to grow your knowledge of your local community and learn how it trains police to handle situations involving race relations, domestic violence, and mental illness. This topic is all over the news, both locally and nationally. Wouldn't you like to be a part of a local study that could lead to improving interactions between citizens and police?

There are jobs both large and small to choose from, everything from typing up transcripts of interviews, to developing survey questions, to researching best practices, and even speaking with local officials. If you're new to LWV, this is a great way to get involved in a quintessentially League activity, learn from experienced League members, and grow your own talents. If you're interested in lending a hand with our police study, please contact Ruth Jones (ruthcmjones@gmail.com), or Mary Santi (santi004@umn.edu).

--Liz Lauder.

**Don't Forget About the Affordable Housing in the Metropolitan Area
Saturday, October 21, 2017**

See Flyer below



**COUNCIL OF
METROPOLITAN
AREA LEAGUES OF
WOMEN VOTERS
PRESENTS:**



A place for us?

AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA

Panelists:

- Chip Halbach, Long-time Executive Director of the Minnesota Housing Partnership
- Gail Dorfman, Metropolitan Council Representative and Executive Director, St. Stephen's Human Services
- Cathy Bennett, Housing Initiative, Urban Land Institute

Saturday, October 21, 2017

10:00 A.M. Refreshments

10:30 A.M. – Noon: Program

Centennial United Methodist Church

1524 W. Co. Rd C-2 (corner of C-2 and Snelling)

Roseville

Free and Open to the Public

**Co-sponsored with the League of Women Voters® Roseville Area
and Centennial United Methodist Church**

NOTES AND POSTS.....AND REMINDERS

There are many ways to receive more information about us, other Leagues around us and the LWVMN. Facebook is one of them. (see below)



We have a Facebook page!

You will find it if you search on Google for LWB White Bear Lake area. It is set up as an organization page. That means we don't know who has liked it unless they post something.

If you are on Facebook, check out our page, " like" it and post something on it at least once a month. We are looking for a lot of traffic. Mary Santi.

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September 26th - National Voter Registration Day
Voter's Service Chair, Molly Anthony has arranged to hold registration events at Stillwater Area High School and Century College. Please let her know if you can help.!! Email: msanthony3@gmail.com

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Next board meeting is October 11, 6:30 PM at the Ramsey County Library in White Bear Lake.



Treasurer's Report
September 13, 2017
Elizabeth Nordling, Treasurer

		Current	YTD
Income:	Dues	\$495.00	\$2315.00
	Donations	\$	\$427.00
	Meetings (socials)	\$188.00	\$580.00
	Service	\$	
	In-kind donation	\$	
	Voters Service	\$	\$150.00
	Calendars	\$	
	Bank interest	\$	\$0.14
	Total:	\$683.00	\$3672.14
Expenses:	Meetings (socials)	\$	\$630.72
	2016 National convention	\$	\$100.00
	LWVMN PMP	\$	\$1587.50
	LWVUS PMP	\$2032.00	\$2032.00
	Meeting site	\$	
	Voters Service	\$240.70	\$575.27
	Program (includes publicity)	\$	\$124.13
	Bear Facts copying/printing	\$	
	Calendars	\$304.67	\$304.67
	Membership (communication, recruiting & recognition)	\$	\$32.13
	Total:	\$2577.37	\$5386.42

Opening balance from August 9, 2017: \$4546.92
Income + \$683.00
Expenses: - \$2577.37

Current balance: \$2652.55

Ed fund CD: \$5031.40

2017-18 Paid Members: 32 @ \$60
5 @ \$75

Total: 45 (including our 3 lifetime members)