

# **Bear Facts**

League of Women Voters of the White Bear Lake Area

# President's Column - Liz Lauder

When George Floyd was killed last May in Minneapolis, did you wonder what you could do about race relations in our community, state and country? Did you want to learn more about the experiences of people of color, but you felt overwhelmed, and didn't know where to start?

The best thing you can do is start somewhere, and our state and national League websites provide enough resources to get you started. These resources have been pulled together in an effort to educate and enlighten our mostly white membership about more diverse experiences, ideas, views, and opinions so that we can better understand the needs of the people in our communities.

The LWV national organization has been hosting webinars about diversity equity and inclusion (DEI) on a regular

basis for a couple of years. Some of the recent topics have been, "A More Inclusive Look at the Right to Vote," and "Difficult Conversations." The webinars are recorded and available on the website, along with accompanying articles, videos, role-playing exercises, recommended books, podcasts, and much more. You can find the recordings and resources at <a href="https://www.lwv.org/league-management/dei-webinars/lwv-diversity-equity-and-inclusion-webinars">https://www.lwv.org/league-management/dei-webinars/lwv-diversity-equity-and-inclusion-webinars</a>, or go to the national website for League members, <a href="https://www.lwv.org/League-Management">www.lwv.org/League-Management</a>, and click on the tab at the top for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion. The webinars generally take place on the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm Minnesota time. They are open to all League members.

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These resources aren't just meant for raising our awareness. The League has made a commitment to include DEI in all that we do. The LWV of Minnesota made it a major goal in its strategic plan that was presented at the state convention in 2017. The state board and the LWV Minnesota staff consider how our voter education and voter service work will impact communities of color, different socio-economic groups, people with disabilities, and so on. At the national convention in June, 2020, the delegates considered our DEI policy to be as important as our nonpartisan policy, and voted to include it in Article II of the national, state, and local League bylaws.

I've started my own journey to learn more about different peoples' experiences. This summer I watched a PBS series called African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross. I've watched a couple of the LWV DEI webinars. I'm reading A Good Time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota, the topic of our January book discussion. Recent editorials in the St. Paul Pioneer Press have opened my eyes to microaggressions (I am guilty of these) and a terrible history of medical procedures performed on Black men and women without their knowledge or consent. I'm learning things that were not taught to me in school. I have much more work to do, but I've made a start, and I've made a commitment to continue to learn because this is so important for creating a community we can all be part of.

## **JANUARY MEETINGS**

The next LWVWBLA unit meetings are January 11 at 7PM (Mahtomedi), 13 at 12:30 PM (North Oaks) 14 at 3PM (SCV) 14 at 7PM (WBL)

during which we plan to discuss

A Good Time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota,

edited bySun Yung Shin. Watch for a ZOOM invite from your unit leader.

The following page contains the reading guide prepared by Gladys Ritter, the January program coordinator, to help us think about the book's implications.

In addition, this YouTube link to a conversation with six of the book authors offers many insights: https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=A4GwaiOPeu8&feature=youtu.be



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#### A Good Time for The Truth: Race in Minnesota Reading Guide January 2021

\*\*\*Can we start with acknowledging we live in a country, a state, and an area, where whiteness is "centered, normalized, and privileged"? Many of us have operated from this base of unchallenged privilege. While we do not spend much time thinking about it, centering ourselves on unchallenged privilege is a good place to start this discussion...

These sixteen selections are personal and the authors make themselves vulnerable through these intimacies. Is there something you would like to share about one selection that engaged you?

*To think about:* Is there a first memory of nonwhite race you have? What were your feelings at the time? What are your feelings now?

What intertwined advantages do we gain from our class, religion, geographical location, ethnic designation? How are we living with racial difference in our communities where whiteness is normalized and privileged? Maybe more importantly, <u>what advantages do we gain from the DISADVANTAGES of nonwhite people?</u>

Living as nonwhite means living in a different country than whites do. A nonwhite country is one where life is not free and is certainly not what you make it, a country where doors are open for only certain people and you're not one of them, and a country where systems do not work for you - **especially the justice system**. Please comment.

What should we learn from the singular success of the movie **<u>Black Panther</u>** in which the superhero is nonwhite?

*Food for thought:* The Nineteenth Amendment covered the needs of middle class white women even though nonwhite women played an essential role in the fight for suffrage (watch <u>The Vote</u> PBS's series "The American Experience" <u>https://www.pbs.org/video/the-vote-part-1-3kph5d/</u>). As a democracy and voting rights organization, how should the LWV be part of the progress catalyzed at this moment?

*Of interest:* Kimberle Crenshaw's <u>intersectionality theory</u>, coined over 30 years ago, provides a prism for seeing the way various forms of inequality often operate together and exacerbate each other. So can we really talk about race inequality as separate from gender, class, sexuality, or immigrant status?

What are your thoughts about the belief that racial justice will never be achieved without making strides towards **reparations**, a subject not touched in the book?

Does our U.S. Constitution incorporate a principle of justice regarding race or is it a document of silence, contradictions, and compromise? *See* <u>The Constitution and Race: A Critical</u> <u>Perspective</u>, New York Law School Journal of Human Rights, Spring 1988 (<u>https://digitalcommons.nyls.edu/journal\_of\_human\_rights/vol5/iss2/2/</u>). Consider the message given about race and the hurdles to change related to the actual text in our foundational document. -Gladys Ritter



It's a Wrap!

The Voter Services (VS) Committee has wrapped up the thank-yous, tallied the numbers and is taking a much-needed rest from voter registration and education. But we'll be back!

To summarize the 2020 Voter Services season we would say "wow" and "yippee". We believe we contributed to the almost 80% voter turnout in Minnesota---tops in the nation! We know that we reached thousands of voters with our YouTube channel, FaceBook page and website. Virtual is "where it's at" with most people---young and old. Voters want to Google a candidate and find information at their fingertips. With that in mind, our VS committee determined that we will continue with online candidate forums for 2021. This is the best way to reach the most voters in our community, so why not continue! Many people appreciated the convenience of the YouTube links and we actually received several very positive comments from candidates and voters alike.

Jody Vogelaar, after viewing the forum for North Oaks mayoral candidates said, "Thank you to both of you for participating, your candidness and honesty. And, thank you to LWV for providing this terrific community resource."

In response to participating in the forum for Shoreview City Council Candidates, J.N. McAdams wrote" Thank you LWV for your time and commitment to provide forums to communities locally and nationally. It was a great experience to participate as a city council candidate." A viewer of the same forum posted, "Thank you for this video. This was the most comprehensive information I could find on all 5 candidates."

There were even viewers who were moved to make a financial contribution in appreciation of the League's service. *Please see details on page 11.* 

VS committee meetings will start in January with an emphasis on racial equity in voting. **Please join us on the 3rd Monday of the month on Zoom, of course (!)** as we discuss how we will approach this critical and timely topic. Contact <u>heidischmidtboyd2@gmail.com</u> for the zoom invite. All are welcome!

From Carol Bergeson

#### **100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY UPDATE**

The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginnings of the League of Women Voters and Women's Suffrage in 2020 is drawing to a close. Unfortunately, our local league celebrations were drastically altered.

**Poster Displays:** Hoped-for monthly showings in different venues were downsized to displays at the White Bear Library (where three posters still are displayed in the parking-lot-facing windows) and at the White Bear Senior Center. They never made it to the White Bear Town Hall, the Unitarian Church, or the parade.

**Manitou Days Parade**: The June parade was cancelled, but our registration has been rolled over to the 2021 parade. I suspect the date will be pushed to later in the summer in 2021, but I hope we can march or ride in vintage cars and clothing, carrying our posters on sticks (which are waiting in my garage...the sticks, not the cars!)

**Donation Drive:** On November 7th, I mailed letters to 87 former WBL LWV members, encouraging them to make a financial gift to the LWV-WBLA in honor of their past association with the league on our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. To date, \$1,400 has been received from former members (Megan Ricler for Pat Korfhage, Pearl Okubo, Valerie Dupre, Anne Bagnoli, Sylvia Roman, Pat Stuart, Janet Picket in memory of Ida Hollingsworth, Carolyn Folke, Bette Larson, Sue Kvam, Joan Brainard, Ellen Fahey, Julia Beagan, Pat Young, Rose Gustafson and Diane Peterson) along with these touching notes:

"Your letter to my mom Pat Korfhage was forwarded to me. Pat has been living at The Pillars of WBL in Memory Care for the past three years...Growing up I know how important the LWV was to her. I am sure if she were fully cognizant she would want to contribute to the 100 year commemoration, so I am forwarding this check on her behalf." Megan R.

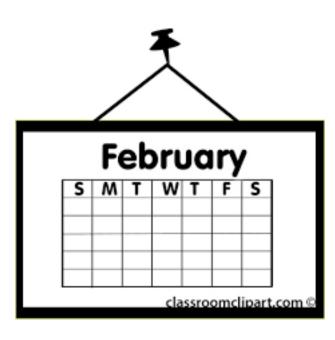
"I'm glad to make this contribution in memory of mother (Ida Hollingsworth). She was a long-time member along with you." Janet Picket

"Your solicitation letter was a welcome surprise, reminding me of pride and civic engagement. I'm glad to make a small contribution to the group which got me integrated into WBL." Diane Peterson

"Bless you for the work you continue to do...at a time in our country that factual information is so essential." Valerie Dupre

"Yes I am happy to support LWV-WBL." Pat Stuart

We will hope for a better start back to normalcy as we begin our second century with LWV!



## SAVE THE DATE! FEB. 4, 5:30PM

Tawanna Black, Founder and CEO, Center for Economic Inclusion, the nation's first such organization, will talk to League members and the general public about her work to dismantle structural racism and economic disparities in Minneapolis and St. Paul. The topic is **Advancing Inclusive Economic Growth**.

Her organization helps equip Twin Cities individuals and institutions with the knowledge, tools, and resources they need to overcome racism and bias, foster accountability, and promote an inclusive, equitable, and healthy regional economy.

The event is free and open to the public. Current local LWVWBLA members will receive a Zoom link directly. Others who wish to participate need to preregister at **https://www.eventbrite.com**. Search on the program title or speaker name.

Registrants will receive a Zoom link shortly before the event. Questions for the speaker may be directed to <a href="http://www.lwvwbla@lwvmn.org">www.lwvwbla@lwvmn.org</a>

#### Also Coming in February: A New Members' Zoom Party

To celebrate our new members, the 101st Anniversary of Women's Suffrage, and Presidents Day, we invite new members to a Feb. New Members' Zoom Party!

We will get better acquainted with one another, hear highlights of our local league from our experts, and have an interactive game or two full of **fascinating** League facts! More information and invitations will be sent in January. You won't want to miss the fun!



#### The League Welcomes Jane Schroeher

The League welcomes Jane Schroeher who joins the White Bear Lake Unit. Jane was a member of the St. Paul LWV many years ago, when her college roommate was politically active (and persuasive!) and when the League met in members' homes. Jane observes that this is an important time to be involved in efforts to protect our democracy, and is especially interested in the issue of racism/anti-racism. She has been involved in a Conversations Around Race group at her church.

Jane grew up in Lake City, near Lake Pepin. She received a bachelor's degree in nursing from St. Catherine University and a master's degree in nursing from the University of Minnesota. She had a nursing career that spanned public health, university teaching (at St. Kate's and UMN-Mankato), and her favorite, hands-on position in school nursing (in Roseville). She retired in 2013 and has been active as a yoga teacher in the White Bear Lake community.

Jane and her husband, Gary, have 3 children, 2 of whose families live in the metro area and one who lives in Decorah, IA. They are most fortunate to have six grandchildren, all under the age of 8! Gary is mostly retired but continues to consult in the area of petroleum remediation in addition to volunteering as chairperson of the City of White Bear Lake's Environmental Advisory Commission.

Jane loves "the walk-and-talk," as she calls walks in nature with husband and friends. She loves spending time with her grandchildren. Jane enjoys volunteering at her church and with the children at Solid Ground (pre-Covid). Her favorite vacations have been when the whole family gathers at the beach in North Carolina or at a Northern Minnesota lake resort.

Welcome, Jane!

-Submitted by Barb Memory, Membership Chair

#### In Case You Missed It! A Recap of our November Speaker

Dr. Andy Aoki, a political science professor at Augsburg University with expertise in racial and ethnic politics and American political thought, spoke with the League of Women Voters White Bear Lake Area and members of the public on Tuesday, November 20, 2020. Dr. Aoki's hour-long virtual talk focused on the results and implications of the 2020 election. Many experts say the 2020 election was and remains pivotal – the two US Senate races in Georgia in January will determine which party controls the US Senate and how much of his agenda President-elect Biden can reasonably expect to achieve.

Dr. Aoki used a question and answer format to address significant issues revolving around the election. He began by talking about how technical aspects of polling affect favorability ratings and predicted outcomes and suggesting pollsters' predictions in 2020, which are snapshots in time, were within or close to the expected margin of error. He compared the difficulties of polling in 2016 and 2020, noting the polls were off in the same way in both elections but not for the same reason. Pollsters in 2020 incorrectly predicted a Biden landslide and a Democratic Blue Wave sweeping elections, failing to fully capture in their analysis late deciding voters, voters deciding whether or not to vote, and the voter turnout for President Trump.

When asked about partisanship in elections and government, Dr. Aoki was not entirely hopeful. He said there are significant legal and political obstacles to changing the Electoral College to make results better reflect the will of the majority of voters. He expects partisanship will continue to divide the country and prevent compromise. He also expects President-elect Biden, like previous presidents, to make use of executive fiat in lieu of congressional action to govern, and more so if Republicans keep control of the US Senate.

Other topics Dr. Aoki discussed include what the popular vote mandate means in terms of governing, Republican and Democratic efforts to engage minority constituencies, the possibilities for immigration reform in a Biden administration, the changing politics of suburban voters, whether an anti-incumbent sentiment might help Republicans in the 2022 election, political news reporting in an era when the president lies constantly, transitioning between presidential administrations, the impact of election outcomes on redistricting in Minnesota, and whether, given the \$14 billion spent in this election cycle, campaign finance reform is possible.

If you want to learn more about these and related topics, Dr. Aoki's talk is available on YouTube at <u>https://youtu.be/dJu2vMNUAGA</u>. The link to this program and all of our programs for the year are also on our website at <u>https://lwv-wbla.org</u>

-Submitted by Lisa Larson

# LWVMN Legislative Priorities

# 2021

The LWVMN board of directors has set these priorities based on the current needs of Minnesota, their relevancy to LWV's mission, their political feasibility, and their urgency. For all issues related to elections, LWVMN hopes that the legislature will work on these issues on a bipartisan basis.

Priorities are in the order of most important/urgent to least. While LWVMN works on many issues, these issues receive additional dedicated resources.

#### **REDISTRICTING REFORM**

Support redistricting reforms that maximize voter representation and prevent gerrymandering.

#### **RESTORE THE VOTE**

Support the restoration of voting rights to individuals with past felony convictions when they are living in their communities. LEGISLATIVE TRANSPARENCY

Support improving legislative rules and practices to improve transparency and public participation, including ending the use of large omnibus bills or late-session rush. VOTER EMPOWERMENT

Support practices that encourage accessible voting and prevent practices that intimidate or inhibit voters from lawfully casting a ballot. Approved by the League of Women Voters Minnesota Board of Directors on November 23, 2020.



# Your Time

Your Interest

# **Your Expertise**

Members from all Units are needed to help plan and conduct our May Unit Meetings on the topic of Police Reform Proposals. The committee will start via Zoom in late January and divide up research areas. Some questions we would look into: What are some of the many measures being proposed and enacted? Is there a relation between policing and racism? Where does community policing fit into the picture? How are police departments in this country organized and directed? Plus other areas you would like to pursue. Please contact Topic Leader Mary Santi, santi004@umn.edu,

651-895-0837 to volunteer or to learn more.



Every year, our local league assists the North Oaks Home Owners Association (NOHOA) with its annual election for the board of directors. This year was no different except the volunteers had to wear masks and maintain social distancing requirements due to Covid-19 issues. On Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Carol Bergeson, Barb Memory, Shannon Moore, Mary Santi, Kathy Tomsich, and Margaret Westin, wearing masks and maintaining social distancing requirements, hand

counted the ballots twice. The results were reported that evening at the annual meeting of the NOHOA Board of Directors, conducted virtually. NOHOA donated \$500 to our local league in recognition of our efforts.

Barb Memory reports that while at the NOHOA offices, these volunteers saw the December issue of the North Oaks News, featuring our own Carol Bergeson as the winner of the North Oaks Conservation Award for Woodland Conservation and Invasive Species Control. Congratulations, Carol! Treasurer Margaret Westin received this complimentary note and a financial contribution for the LWVWBLA, recognizing the good work of the League, in general, and moderator Liz Nordling in particular. Again, great work by the Voter Services Team!

Ron and Joy Carlson 1241 Quinlan Avenue So. Lakeland Minnesota 55043

On the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway

October 29, 2020

Dear Ladies of the League of Women Voters,

Thank you for your fine public service providing a city council and mayoral forum in the City of Lake St. Croix Beach. We believe it is your third year of doing that, and the residents continue to be grateful for you contribution to a lively and civil political debate. Liz Nordling did a fine job of moderating----and crowd control.

This year in particular, your forum was the high point in an election cycle that was otherwise characterized by divisiveness at all levels. You brought us together, albeit at great distance, to air the important issues and discuss them in an orderly and effective way.

Please accept this modest honorarium.

Gratefully yours,

Row & Soy

PS: Please excuse us if our choice of salutation fails to recognize members other than women.





Holiday decorations at The Delahunt's

# May I Recommend?

Are you interested in a safe way to get a little more exercise during the winter months? I have been participating in two virtual exercise classes through Courage Kenny/Allina Health which are open to anyone. I find that if I have committed to a class (through registering and paying a bit and writing it on my calendar) that I am much more likely to follow through with my good intention of keeping somewhat active.

The classes I participate in are <u>Whole Body Conditioning</u> on Tuesdays at 1:00 and <u>Move with Me</u> on Thursdays at 9:00 AM. They both have a mix of strength work, balance work, cardio and stretching. The Thursday class is a little less intense in that the last ten minutes are reserved for guided meditation. Both classes are an hour long, cost \$5 per class and are taught over ZOOM.

If you are interested in registering, go to <u>https://www.allinahealth.org/</u> <u>courage-kenny-rehabilitation-institute/programs-and-services/ck-</u> <u>active</u> and scroll down the page to the section for new participants. The trickiest part sometimes is finding the classes you want. For some reason, although they are virtual, they have been listed under the "Stillwater" location. Hope to see you in class! (*Lori Delahunt*)



# More Recommendations

*Enjoy the following recipe recommendations submitted by your fellow League members. They all sound like great additions to your tried and true winter options.* 

# A Favorite Soup Recipe From Sharon Guiser:

#### **ITALIAN WILD RICE SOUP**

Brown 1 pound ground meat of choice

Combine in a large slow cooker: 4 cups water 2 (14 1/2 oz ) cans beef broth 1 can stewed tomatoes 1 small can tomato paste 3/4 cup wild rice, rinsed 2 Tbsp. Italian Seasoning 1 1/2 tsp. paprika 1 tsp. fennel seeds salt and pepper to taste onion powder garlic powder

Add meat to slow cooker Cook on low 7 - 8 hours During last half hour of cooking add: 1 package spinach, chopped Serve with Parmesan Cheese



# From Karen Suzukamo:

#### **Spiced Chickpea Stew With Coconut and Turmeric By Alison Roman YIELD** 4 to 6 servings

Spiced chickpeas are crisped in olive oil, then simmered in a garlicky coconut milk for an insanely creamy, basically-good- for-you stew that evokes stews found in South India and parts of the Caribbean. While the chickpeas alone would be good as a side dish, they are further simmered with stock, bolstered with dark, leafy greens of your choosing and finished with a handful of fresh mint. When shopping, be sure to avoid low-fat coconut milk, coconut milk meant for drinking or cream of coconut: All are very different and would not be suitable here.

#### TIME: 55 Minutes

#### **INGREDIENTS**

1/4 cup olive oil, plus more for serving

4 garlic cloves, chopped

- 1 large yellow onion, chopped
- 1 (2-inch) piece ginger,

Finely chopped Kosher salt and black pepper

- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground turmeric, plus more for serving
- 1 teaspoon red-pepper flakes, plus more for serving
- 2 (15-ounce) cans chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 2 (15-ounce) cans full-fat coconut milk
- 2 cups vegetable or chicken stock

1 bunch Swiss chard, kale or collard greens, stems removed, torn into bite- size pieces

1 cup mint leaves, for serving

Yogurt and toasted pita, lavash or other flatbread, for serving (optional)

#### PREPARATION

#### Step 1

Heat 1/4 cup oil in a large pot over medium. Add garlic, onion and ginger. Season with salt and pepper, and cook, stirring occasionally until onion is translucent and starts to brown a little at the edges, 3 to 5 minutes.

#### Step 2

Add 1 1/2 teaspoons turmeric, 1 teaspoon red-pepper flakes, and the chickpeas, and season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring frequently, so the chickpeas sizzle and fry a bit in the spices and oil, until they've started to break down and get a little browned and crisp, 8 to 10 minutes. Remove about a cup of chickpeas and set aside for garnish.

#### Step 3

Using a wooden spoon or spatula, further crush the remaining chickpeas slightly to release their starchy insides. (This will help thicken the stew.) Add coconut milk and stock, and season with salt and pepper.

#### Step 4

Bring to a simmer, scraping up any bits that have formed on the bottom of the pot. Cook, stirring occasionally, until stew has thickened, 30 to 35 minutes. (Taste a chickpea or two, not just the liquid, to make sure they have simmered long enough to be as delicious as possible.) If after 30 to 35 minutes, you want the stew a bit thicker, keep simmering until you've reached your desired consistency. Determining perfect stew thickness is a personal journey!

#### Step 5

Add greens and stir, making sure they're submerged in the liquid. Cook until they wilt and soften, 3 to 7 minutes, depending on what you're using. (Swiss chard and spinach will wilt and soften much faster than kale or collard greens.) Season again with salt and pepper.

#### Step 6

Divide among bowls and top with mint, reserved chickpeas, a sprinkle of redpepper flakes and a good drizzle of olive oil. Serve alongside yogurt and toasted pita if using; dust the yogurt with turmeric if you'd like.

## Molly Anthony, says of this recipe, "It offers room for improvisation, it's delicious on a cold night, and, just as its name implies, it's easy!

Quick Easy Fish Stew Recipe | SimplyRecipes.com

# Quick Easy Fish Stew



For a variation, add 1/2 pound of shrimp, mussels, clams, and/or scallops to the stew. If adding shellfish, add them a couple minutes before the fish; they need more time to cook and open.

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 20 minutes

Yield: Serves 4

#### **INGREDIENTS:**

6 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

1 medium onion, chopped (about 1 1/2 cups)

3 large garlic cloves, minced

2/3 cup fresh parsley, chopped

1 1/2 cups of fresh chopped tomato (about 1 medium sized tomato) OR 1 14-ounce can of whole or crushed tomatoes with their juices

2 teaspoons tomato paste (optional)

8 oz of clam juice (or shellfish stock)

1/2 cup dry white wine (like Sauvignon blanc)

1 1/2 pound fish fillets -use a firm white fish such as halibut, cod, red snapper, or sea bass, cut into 2-inch pieces

Pinch of dry oregano Pinch of dry thyme 1/8 teaspoon Tabasco sauce (or more to taste) 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, plus more to taste 1 teaspoon of salt, plus more to taste

#### **METHOD:**

1 Heat olive oil in a large thick-bottomed pot over medium-high heat. Add onion and sauté 4 minutes, add the garlic and cook a minute more. Add parsley and stir 2 minutes.

Add tomato and tomato paste, and gently cook for 10 minutes or so.

2 Add clam juice, dry white wine, and fish.
Bring to a simmer and simmer until the fish is cooked through and easily flakes apart, about 3 to 5 minutes.
Add seasoning —salt, pepper, oregano, thyme, Tabasco.
Add more salt and pepper to taste.
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#### Great served with crusty bread for dipping in the fish stew broth.

# **DESSERT ANYONE?**

# From Dick Ottman and the Grange Cookbook

# 10 Cup Cookie Recipe

- 1 cup flour
- 1 tablespoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1 cup (2 sticks) softened butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup packed brown sugar

# 2 eggs

- 1 cup quick cooking oats
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 cup chocolate chips
- 1 cup raisins
- 1 cup coconut



Sift together flour, baking soda and baking powder into a small bowl and set aside.

Beat the peanut butter and butter in a mixer bowl until creamy.

Add the sugar, brown sugar and eggs, and beat until light and fluffy.

Add the flour (dry ingredients) and mix well.

Stir in the oats, pecans, chips, raisins and coconut. Drop by teaspoonfuls 2" apart onto a greased cookie sheet.

Bake at 350 F for 12 to 15 minutes or until a light brown.

Cool on the cookie sheet for at least 2 minutes before you try to remove them.

Remove cookies to a wire rack or plate to cool completely.

Makes 5 to 6 dozen cookies.



Seasonal Greeters at Liz Nordling's house

Mary Nelson recommends this festive cake for the holidays:

Crème de Menthe Cake

1 pkg. white cake mix
 1 pkg. instant pistachio pudding
 4 eggs
 1 cup water, less 2 TBS.
 2 TBS. crème de menthe
 1/2 cup salad oil
 1/2 cup Hersey's chocolate syrup



Mix for 2 minutes Put 2/3 mixture in a greased (Pam spray) bundt pan. Mix remaining 1/3 mix with 1/2 cup chocolate Hersey's syrup. Swirl the chocolate into the green with a knife. Bake in a 350 degree oven for 50 minutes.

Test for doneness with a toothpick.



Anne Johnson's Christmas Tree-How Pretty! During These Colder Darker Months, Dealing with a Pandemic and Limited Social Contact, Who Couldn't Use A Laugh? Enjoy these gems submitted by Shannon Moore:

I REMEMBER BEING ABLE TO GET UP WITHOUT MAKING SOUND EFFECTS...

# GOOD TIMES.

If you answer the phone with "Hello, you're on the air!" most telemarketers will quickly hang up... I'M BORED. I THINK I'LL GO TO THE MALL, FIND A GREAT PARKING SPOT AND SIT IN MY CAR WITH THE REVERSE LIGHTS ON.

When I ask for directions, please don't use words like "East"

If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say, "Did you bring the money?"

featured on iFunny.com

I had my patience tested.

I'm negative.

# **Treasurer's Report**

## December 1, 2020

## Margaret Westin, Treasurer

			Current	YTD	
Income:	Dues Donations Memorials Meetings (socials) Service In-kind donation Voters Service Calendars NOHOA Bank interest <b>Tot</b> a	al:	\$ 1145.00 \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	\$ 3,720.00 \$ 2135.00 \$ \$ \$ \$ 300.00 \$ 95.00 \$ \$ 0.02 <b>\$ 6,250.02</b>	
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Current bala	ance:	\$6,56	50.25		
Ed fund CD:		\$5,12	28.88		
2020-21 Paid Members: 51 @ \$60 8@ \$75					

Total: 70 (including our 3 lifetime members)