

December 10 Meeting - Connexus Energy Project Brief and Lively Issues
YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED TO GUIDE THE LIVELY ISSUES DISCUSSION!



Our December 10 meeting will start off with a potluck dinner - bring a favorite dish to share and we'll all have a nice dinner before the meeting starts. Besides your food to share (whatever you like), bring whatever serving utensil is needed. That's it!

Like always, we will arrive at the Andover Senior Center at 6:00 for social time, maybe a little early this time so we can get the dinner set up. The meeting starts at 6:30. We will start off with a brief presentation by Kathy Tingelstad on Connexus Energy – see the next story for more details on her talk.

The main focus of our evening will be Lively Issues, where we take a look at all the LWV MN policy positions and recommend whether each position should be kept as is, changed, or deleted. (*What's a policy position? See below* for more info.*) Since the LWV MN list of policy positions is more than 50 pages long, we will need to find a way to get through this. **HOMEWORK:** What the LWV ABC program team suggests is that we ask members (that's you!) to take a look at the positions online and let us know if there are any you'd like to discuss more for possible change or deletion. [This is the link](#) to the document that lists all the LWV MN policy positions. Since these are often built on LWV US positions, those are listed here as well.

We are collecting input from you, the members, through the [form at this link](#). Please take some time between now and Dec 9 to look at the policy positions and let us know which ones you think need to be changed or deleted. Thanks!

We will tabulate the responses on Dec 9 and come prepared for a lively discussion on Dec 10! See you there!

**What's an LWV Policy Position? LWV is a principled organization. We take time to study issues from all sides, using data and information from different sides of an issue. Draft policy positions are prepared and then reviewed by all Leagues. Only once a consensus of all Leagues has been reached, is a policy position adopted. All positions are reviewed every other year; LWV US positions in odd-numbered years and LWV MN positions in even-numbered years. What we call Lively Issues is our review of those positions.*

December 10: YOU Own a Cooperative!

Did you know that if Connexus Energy (CE) is your electricity provider, YOU are automatically a MEMBER of this electric cooperative? In fact, YOU are an OWNER of CE!



On Monday, Dec. 10 at 6 pm, at the Andover Senior Center, the LWV "Lively Issues" discussion will include information about CE. This CE discussion topic will be led by retired State Legislator Kathy Tingelstad, who is a long-time LWV member, and a former challenger candidate for the CE Board of Directors. For more details, contact Kathy at 763-286-7293 or via email at TingelstadKathy@gmail.com

Drafts and Discourse – Monday, December 17 at Torg Brewing 8421 University Avenue, Spring Lake Park

Drafts and Discourse moves to the third Monday of the month! We will be meeting at Torg Brewing in Spring Lake Park. This newly-opened brewery at 8421 University Ave NE has lots of room and is fully accessible for



all. We will meet here at 6pm for... well, drafts and discourse. The third Monday of each month we will meet here, get some drinks and share some snacks and then talk about events of the day. These will be informal gatherings with a focus on informed and civil discourse, with beer and snacks. What could be better?



December 17 we will focus on issues relating to voting and elections. Bring your ideas and join the discussion!

For more information on Torg Brewing, like them on Facebook [at this link](#) or visit their website: <https://www.torgbrewery.com/>

The brewery is located just south of Northtown on the same frontage road as Key's Café. Turn east from University at 83rd Avenue.

**Highlights of LWV ABC Board Meeting, Nov 26, 2018
(contributed by Arlene Gillette, LWV ABC Secretary)**

-We learned about Fall campaign activities at Leagues all around the state from a report on the President's monthly call. Many local leagues had well-attended candidate forums, candidate meet-and-greets, and get-out-the-vote events. Local league meeting topics included an ERA presentation, a program on the upcoming census, and programs on voter suppression.

- Voter Service reported on preparations for our legislative interviews coming up in January. We plan to invite our local legislators to an event at Anoka-Ramsey College in conjunction with their student senate. We will sit down at tables, with one legislator per table, and ask them questions from a list prepared by the state league as well as questions that may come up as we go along. It is a one of a kind opportunity to get to know your legislator, and the legislators actually seem to enjoy it!

- We discussed holding a new member orientation event, open to anyone who would like to learn what League is all about, how it works, how it is organized. We could perhaps hold it at the Torg Brewery where we hold our Drafts and Discourse meetings. They have a nice meeting room.

Have you noticed that LWV ABC has done away with disposable plates, etc?

We owe our thanks for this to Marcia Baudino, who started us off bringing her table service for 50 with reusable plates and silverware that she washes and returns to us each month. Now we use compostable plates, etc with a goal of zero waste. Want to know more about recycling? LWV ABC is planning to hold a session on what's new in recycling at sometime next spring. Details, of course, will be in this newsletter as the time draws near.

What is Compostable at an Event?

- All Food Scraps
- Tea Bags and Coffee Grounds
- Wooden Skewers or Popsicle Sticks
- BPI Certified Compostable Products
 - Compostable Plastic Cups, Straws, Utensils
- Non-Recyclable Paper
 - Napkins & Paper Towels
 - Paper Plates, Cups & Bowls





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Save the Dates:

Monday, December 10. **LWV ABC Meeting – You Own a Co-op and Lively Issues** - Meet at 6pm for light supper (potluck – bring a dish to share), meeting to follow. Andover Senior Center, 1685 Crosstown Blvd, Andover. All are welcome!

Monday, December 17 - **Drafts and Discourse** at Torg Brewery in Spring Lake Park, 6-8pm; 8421 University Ave NE, Spring Lake Park

LWV ABC Board meeting for December is cancelled. Happy Holidays!

Monday, January 14 – **LWV ABC Meeting – Metropolitan Council Governance: CMAL Consensus** - Meet at 6pm for light supper, meeting to follow. Andover Senior Center, 1685 Crosstown Blvd, Andover. All are welcome!

Monday, January 21 – **Drafts and Discourse** at Torg Brewery in Spring Lake Park, 6-8pm; 8421 University Ave NE, Spring Lake Park (just south of Northtown on the same frontage road as Key's Café)

Monday, January 28, 11am – **LWV ABC Board meeting** at Davanni's in Coon Rapids (Hwy 10 frontage road just south of Round Lake Blvd exit). Order food at 11, meeting commences at 11:30. This is a good opportunity to learn more about what LWV ABC is up to!

Do you have Information to share with LWV ABC? **Four ways to stay in touch with LWV ABC**

Visit our public website: www.lwvabcmn.org. If you need a refresher on accessing the Members Only section of the website, send an email to lwvabc@gmail.com. We will reply with the link for you to bookmark.

We're on Facebook: Just search for "LWV ABC Facebook".

Our monthly newsletter, *The Voter*: Members and other interested persons receive our newsletter by email in the early part of each month. Issues are also available on our LWV ABC website, www.lwvabcmn.org.

Email your information to lwvabc@gmail.com