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June 10, 2019 – Pam Riddle on Accepting Gender Differences

This month's program honors the topic of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Our presenter will be Pam Riddle, the mother of a transgender youth. She will share what she does to be an ally for her daughter and to advocate for her effectively. Helping others to understand how to accept gender differences is a role that Pam takes seriously and she welcomes the opportunity to address LWVABC. [Click here](#) to see a short article featuring Ms. Riddle on Fox 9.



The meeting location is Andover City Hall's Senior Center, 1685 Crosstown Blvd NW. Enter the parking lot from Crosstown Blvd. and proceed to the north end.

Socializing and a light dinner prepared by LWV ABC volunteers start at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited to the dinner. Announcements and the program begin at 6:30 p.m. The program will be held in Andover City Council chambers.

No membership meeting in July - Enjoy a long holiday weekend!



(No Board meeting in June, either!)

Big news for August 12... return to Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve for our summer picnic!

The bison are back and we'll have a potluck dinner – what can be better? Join LWV ABC for a walk to the bog and then hear U of M's Amy Myrbo talk about her research on the impacts of climate change and sulfate on Minnesota's wild rice stands. Gather at Cedar Creek at 5pm for the walk, dinner at 6pm with program following. Please bring a dish to share!

Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve
 2660 Fawn Lake Drive NE
 Bethel, Minnesota 55005-9718



May 13, 2019 – LWV Advocacy and Action 101

At our last meeting, we covered some of “what is League and how does it work” and some of “how does LWV develop positions and advocate”. Many thanks to LWV MN’s Advocacy Director Nick Harper for beaming in by phone for the discussion. Here’s a link to some LWV MN resources: [LWV MN Program for Action](#) – the list of LWV MN positions – and [The League at a Glance](#) – info on LWV MN Advocacy.

Zilla Way Honored by Anoka Chapter of National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution

Longtime member of LWV ABC, Zilla Way of Anoka, was honored by the Anoka Chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution (DAR) with their Women in American History Award for her many civic accomplishments.

A Certificate of Award was presented to Zilla at the DAR’s meeting in Anoka on May 14 by Barb Thurston, DAR’s Women in History Coordinator. Zilla’s accomplishments, referenced in the presentation, included being the first woman elected to the Anoka City Commission (now Anoka City Council), her appointment to the Anoka City Charter Commission to make updates to the City Charter, her many leadership activities with LWV ABC, and serving on the Anoka Housing and Redevelopment Authority and the Metropolitan Council Criminal Justice Committee.

The Anoka Chapter of DAR will submit Zilla’s photo and bio to the national DAR where it will be published on their website and will become a permanent part of their records.

Attending the DAR presentation from LWV ABC were Kathy Aanerud, Sandra Connor, Kay McCaulley, Glenda Meixell (also a DAR member) and Geri Nelson. While DAR membership is not a requirement of the award, DAR members enjoyed hearing Zilla tell about her grandmother being a DAR member in North Dakota.



Zilla with Barb Thurston who presented the award for DAR

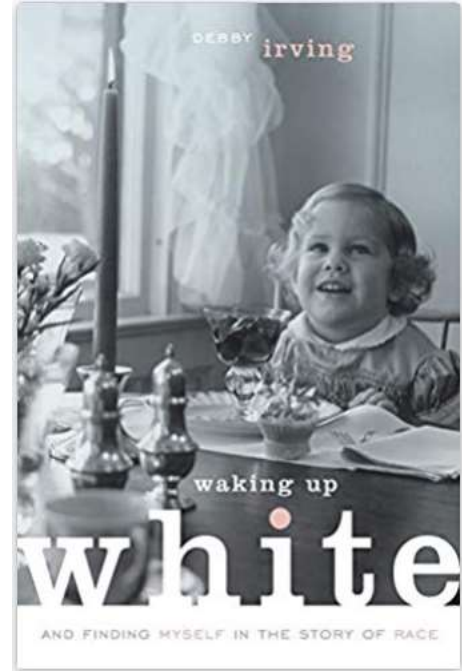


Zilla shaking hands with Jaki Cottingham-Ziert, Chapter Regent of the Anoka Chapter DAR

Drafts and Discourse

Torg Brewing, 8421 University Avenue, Spring Lake Park
NEW DATE! Wednesday, June 26th, 7PM. Our conversation will focus on white privilege and how to be better allies to those that are black and brown in our country. To get a start on this, you can read "Waking up White" by Debbie Irving; other media options for self-teaching will be distributed to LWV ABC members in a follow-up email. Pick up a pint in the taproom and join LWV for this discussion!

7pm at Torg Brewing, 8421 University Avenue. Snacks provided.



Recap of May D&D event:

An Opportunity to Converse with Anoka County's Newly-appointed Elections Operations Administrator

Several League members and friends had a very informative, free-flowing, conversation with Paul Linnell at our May 20 *Drafts and Discourse* gathering. We appreciated Paul's insight and responses to topics that included funding for election security, early voting, electronic poll books, ranked-choice voting, election judge experiences, and more.

Thank you, Paul Linnell, for sharing your evening with us.



LWV US Talking Points: Citizenship Question in 2020 Census

LWVUS will maintain updated talking points for all Leagues to speak with one voice about the dangers of a citizenship question on the 2020 Census. Talking points are available on the LWV US website here: <https://www.lwv.org/league-management/talking-points-templates/talking-points-citizenship-question-2020-census>

LWV Upper Mississippi River Region Annual Meeting

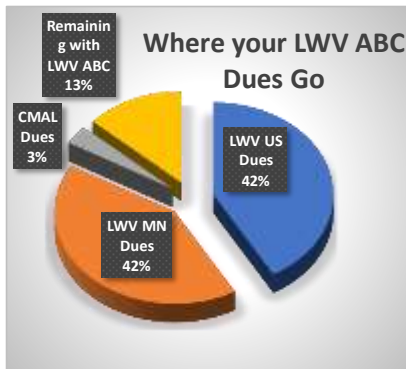
On June 1, LWV UMRR held their annual meeting at Schaar's Bluff near Hastings. After a brief business meeting (where LWV ABC's Lonni McCauley was re-elected as Vice-chair and Gretchen Sabel was elected Communications Chair), Congresswoman Angie Craig from Minnesota's Second Congressional District spoke briefly about her bill to fund local water programs under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act. You can see a video of Representative Craig's talk at this link: <https://www.lwvumrr.org/2019registration.html>, along with videos from the other speakers, John Linc Stine (Freshwater Society), Matt Gladue (Nature Conservancy) and Caryl Terrell (LWV Dane County WI). Many thanks to Mary Jo Truchon, who came as LWV ABC's delegate to the meeting and helped with set up and clean up. It was good to see LWV ABC members Geri and Darby Nelson and Susan Witt at the meeting, too!



It's a Wrap — Legislative Session 2019

Thank you LWV ABC members and friends for participating in *Action Alerts* emails from LWV Minnesota for our legislative priorities, communicating with your legislators on issues important to you, and staying informed via the Capitol Newsletter from LWV Minnesota (read back issues here: <https://www.lwvmn.org/member-resources>).

There will be many resources where you can read summaries of the 2019 legislative actions, including one forthcoming from LWV Minnesota. One suggestion for a wider overview of the legislative session is MPR's summary by Briana Bierschbach on May 23, "What Survived the 2019 Session – and What Didn't": www.mprnews.org/story/2019/05/23/deal-or-no-deal-what-survived-the-2019-session-and-what-didnt



LWV ABC Membership Dues

Dues for 2019 were due at the Annual Meeting on April 8 – please bring them to the June 10 meeting if you have not already paid, or you can pay online at <http://lwwabcmn.org/PAYPAL.html>.

Did you know? Dues payments to LWV ABC cover the cost of local, state and national LWV membership, and provide only part of what LWV spends on programs and advocacy. Additional donations help with scholarships, program needs and operating costs.

You can bring a check to the meeting, or pay online through our website. If we don't get your payment by mid-May, we will send a friendly reminder.

If you are in need, scholarships are available to help defray dues expense. No one will be excluded from LWV ABC because they cannot make the annual dues payment. Please talk to an LWV ABC Board Member if you wish to explore this option

We offer several dues levels:

Dues	Life member (more than 50 years with LWV) – dues paid (free!)
	Individual dues (one person) - \$60
	Household (up to three persons, same address) - \$90
	Student (current full-time student) - \$30

Additional donations to support LWV dues scholarships and other local program needs are very welcome; please consider “rounding up” your dues payment. THANK YOU!



Save the Dates:

Monday, June 10 - **LWV ABC Meeting – Accepting Gender Differences**. Meet at 6pm for light supper, meeting to follow. Andover Senior Center, 1685 Crosstown Blvd, Andover. All are welcome!

Monday, June 24, 11am - **LWV ABC Board meeting** - CANCELLED – enjoy summer break!

Wednesday, June 26 – **Drafts and Discourse** at Torg Brewery in Spring Lake Park, 7-8pm; 8421 University Ave NE, Spring Lake Park (just south of Northtown on the same frontage road as Key’s Café).

Monday, July 10 - **LWV ABC Meeting** – CANCELLED – enjoy summer break!

Monday, July 17 or other date to be determined – **Drafts and Discourse** – details to follow

Monday, July 24, 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!

Monday, August 12, 5pm – **LWV ABC Picnic at Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve and Climate Change discussion**. **Note early start time**. Bring a dish to share, and wear walking shoes if you plan to do the mile walk up to the bog! Link to Cedar Creek [here](#) for map and direction.

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.



Committees and Workgroups Established at Annual Meeting on April 13

Program Committee (plans and holds meetings):

Leaders: Sue Butler, Susan Anderson, Kathie Whelchel

LWV ABC Position Review:

DeeAnn Christensen

Mary Jo Truchon

Monday meetings:

Sue Dergantz

Lois Ballinger

Potential daytime meetings:

Kathie Whelchel

Jeorgette Knoll

Drafts and Discourse:

Sara Berg McConville

Becky Alhstrom

Membership Committee (welcome new members, promote engagement and outreach to diverse communities):

Leaders: Sandy Connor, Pat Kennedy, Rochelle Turan, Kathie Whelchel

New Member orientation:

Kathie Whelchel

Geri Nelson

Leslie Waterhouse

Help members engage:

Jeorgette Knoll

Leslie Waterhouse

Diversity and Outreach:

Sue Butler

Amir Malik

Sandy Connor

Leslie Waterhouse

THE VOTER

June 2019

Voter Service:

Leaders: Geri Nelson, Arlene Gillett

Voter Registration:

Glenda Meixell

Sara Berg McConville

Jane Dunn

Cindy Wetzell

Sue Dergantz

Jane Arndt

Diann Halvorsen

Candidate Forums:

Marie McCarthy

Sara Berg McConville

Lonni McCauley

Jane Dunn

Possible Legislative Interviews:

Sue Butler

Paul Sitz

Leslie Waterhouse

Communications:

Leaders: Kathy Aanerud, Gretchen Sabel

Social Media:

(no volunteers)

Newsletter:

Kathy Tingelstad

Linda Rodgers

Website:

Paul Sitz

Linda Rodgers

Pat Kennedy



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June 2019

LWV ABC Action Committee

Leader: Gretchen Sabel (temporary)

Local Action subcommittee:

Leaders: Wes Volkenant, DeeAnn Christensen

Members:

Karen Varian
Andy Hilgebrandt
Jody Anderson

State Action subcommittee:

Leader: Gretchen Sabel

Lobby Corps:

Marie McCarthy
Leslie Waterhouse

Review State Positions:

Jeorgette Knoll
Pat Kennedy

LWV US subcommittee:

Leader: Jeorgette Knoll

Members: (none at this time)

Zero-waste Hospitality:

Leader: Cindy DeReuter

Members:

Sue Dergantz
Glenda Meixell
Sue Butler
Linda Rodgers
Roger McCulley

Census – how LWV can help promote a complete count:

Leader: Kathie Whelchel

Members:

Wes Volkenant
Glenda Meixell
Belinda Lawrence
Karen Varian
Kathy Tingelstad

Civic Engagement Fellows – evaluation of feasibility:

Leader: Wes Volkenant

Members:

Becky Fink
Diann Halverson