
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

MONDAY, MARCH 13 – LWV ABC MONTHLY PROGRAM

**6PM AT ANDOVER SENIOR CENTER FOR REFRESHMENTS AND SOCIAL TIME,
MOVE TO CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 6:30 FOR PROGRAM**

Behavioral health... Without a doubt, there is an increasing awareness of mental illness – though this does not necessarily indicate an increased understanding. LWV ABC's March 13 monthly meeting will focus on this critical issue in today's society. We will look at LWV's recently-updated advocacy position on behavioral health and hear from Rob Edward, Executive Director of the Lee Carlson Center for Mental Health and Well Being, and Scott Nadeau, Columbia Heights police chief, as they discuss different aspects of behavioral health concerns in our community. Discussion period follows. 6pm at Andover Senior Center (1685 Crosstown Blvd) for refreshments and chat, followed by the meeting in Andover City Council chambers (same building) at 6:30. All are welcome! **And thanks to Sue Butler for organizing this event!**



**ANOKA COUNTY DRINKING WATER SUPPLY SAFETY
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Jamie Schurbon from the Anoka Conservation District and Tannie Eshnauer from the Minnesota Department of Health spoke on drinking water of Anoka County communities Monday evening, February 13. Whether you get your water from a private well or a public water supply, this meeting provided information for you. Video from this session is now available – check it out at [this link](#). Many thanks to our excellent speakers, Tannie Eshnauer and Jamie Schurbon, and to QCTV for recording it for cablecast and YouTube. Photos from the event follow at the end of this newsletter.

LWV ABC ANNUAL MEETING – April 10, 2017

LWV ABC's Annual Meeting, one of our most important meetings of the year will be April 10, 2017 at Andover's City Hall Senior Center, starting with a potluck at 5:30 pm. This is a change from previous annual meetings which were typically held on a Saturday.

More information coming soon, so watch your email for the materials we'll be discussing.

CALLING TREE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Due to an increase in membership, LWV ABC needs additional volunteers to remind our fellow members about upcoming meetings. Volunteers alert up to ten members by phone or email approximately one week in advance of the monthly general membership meeting and special events.

Contact Bruce Pomerantz at 763-574-2330 or email brucep@usfamily.net



LWVMN News

League of Women Voters State Convention will be held on Saturday, April 29 at Normandale Community College in Bloomington. All members are welcome to attend. Watch for more details.

The final LWVMN [Board & and Committee Restructuring Report](#) is available online. The Board

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approved a streamlined structure and a move to a task force approach rather than standing committees. Examples are shown on the chart in the report. Members attending convention will ratify the structure as part of the revisions to the Bylaws.

The December 22, 2016 All Member News included an announcement of several staff changes in the state office. Susan Sheridan Tucker resigned with her last day being January 31, 2017. We've learned that many members may have missed the newsletter content due to the holidays. Please visit [December 2016 All Member News](#) for details.

REMINDERS

LWV ABC and LWV Minnesota need a record of your volunteer hours. This information is used in obtaining grants and for other purposes. [Record your monthly hours here](#). This site is also provided at the LWV ABC members-only website.

Take Action with LWV Minnesota

Legislators listen to their constituents!

League advocacy is only as effective as the members who contact their legislators and speak in a clear voice urging elected officials to support League positions. Even if you know your legislator agrees with League positions, it is still important to call. The legislator needs to know that people support the position. Otherwise, opposition contacts will seem to be the prevailing sentiment.

Subscribe to Action Alerts so you can take action when a bill is in committee or going to the floor. The Capitol Letter keeps you informed about legislative activity. Email, phone, write your legislators, attend Town Hall meetings and speak up.

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A Facebook group for LWV members and friends

.Local Leagues = Grass Roots Power

LWV ABC welcomes all of our new members!

Keep in mind that when you join LWV at the local Level, you are also a member of the state and national Leagues. If you do not receive a bi-weekly email from the LWVUS President, Chris Carson and you would like to, let us know and we will make sure you are added to the mailing list.

If you have questions about how LWV is organized, please contact a board member at lwvabc@gmail.com

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Speaker Tannie Eshenaur, Minnesota Department of Health

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Kathie Whelchel and Roger McCulley visit with presenters Jamie

Schurbon of Anoka Conservation District and Tannie Eschenaur from MN Dept of Health

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Susan Anderson and Lyle Bradley with Bart Biernat (right)



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Roger McCulley (left) with Bart Biernat

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Kay McCulley (left) and new member Sara Berg-McConville

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Karen Varian (left), Mary Nelson (middle) and Susan Witt