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January Units: Ground Water

Wednesday, January 10, 2018 1:00-3:00 pm

Bremer Room, St. Cloud Public Library
300 W St. Germain St. Cloud MN 56301

Constance Holth, Groundwater Protection Hydrologist from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will be our featured speaker. Constance will discuss groundwater and watersheds in the local area. She will also provide us with a groundwater demonstration. Groundwater is the water beneath the land

surface that fills the spaces in rock and sediment. It is replenished by precipitation. See page 3 for more on ground water.

Dialogue & a Drink - January 4th

Thursday, January 4, 5:00pm

Red Carpet Martini Lounge, 11 - 5th Ave. S, St. Cloud MN

The 2018 Minnesota Legislative Session will be upon us before we know it. Come find out what the LWV Minnesota's legislative priorities are and discuss "hot topics" facing our legislators. Be sure to bring a friend--this is a great way to introduce someone to League!

Join us for free hors d'oeuvres and great conversation!



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Dialogue & a Drink - February 1st

Thursday, February 1, 2018, 5:00pm

Red Carpet Martini Lounge, 11 - 5th Ave. S, St. Cloud MN



A conversation with Dr. Aric Putnam, Professor of Communications at CSB/SJU, who teaches and researches rhetorical history, criticism, and theory, with particular emphasis on the history of public arguments about race, colonialism, and political culture. Dr. Putnam will talk to us about "Analyzing Arguments".

Don't Forget Program Planning on January 27th!

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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast and Day of Service 2018 Be Human Kind: A Way To Healing



January 15, 2018
St. Cloud State University
Halenbeck Hall
8 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Free

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast and Day of Service honors the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.. On this day we commemorate Dr. King's dream of a multiracial nation united in justice, peace, and reconciliation. The breakfast will feature a keynote address by **Sheyann Webb Christburg**, civil rights activist and acclaimed author and a vibrant community dialogue led by *St. Cloud Community Champions* at each table. For further information and to register go to <https://www.stcloudstate.edu/care/mlk-breakfast/default.aspx> .

Winter Program Planning

Saturday, January 27th at 9:00am
Cornerstone Buffet, 107 7th St. N., Sartell



During the month of January local Leagues across the nation will have the opportunity to offer input for the LWVUS program for the 2018-2020 biennium. The program planning process is one of the important ways through which the League focuses its grassroots work to align each part of the organization with the others and with the League's mission. Program planning will culminate with adoption of a program of education and action at LWVUS Convention 2018 in Chicago.

The input of local Leagues will help shape the proposed program of study and action that will be submitted to convention delegates for debate and adoption. In addition to considering League program at the national level, we also consider our local League program for the coming year. This is done yearly and adopted at our annual meeting in April.

You can be a part of this grassroots process by joining us for Winter Program Planning on the 27th. Be sure to arrive at 8:30am to order breakfast--the meeting will begin at 9:00 sharp!

Legislative Interviews Planned for January

The Program/Action Team has been working diligently since early November to set up legislative interviews with our legislators from Districts 13 and 14. We have come to realize this is a very difficult process! Due to a variety of reasons our representatives have been unable to commit until early January. We are holding them to this promise and they will be contacted after the first of the year and asked to commit to a date. We are hoping to hold a District 13 interview with all three legislators present and likewise for District 14. Each interview will have 3-4 League members from the district present. We will let you know when the meetings have been scheduled. If you are interested in participating contact Linda Kotschevar.

New Year's Greetings from the Membership Team ~ Ralph Carr

This hasn't been the best year for our nation. Extreme weather events linked to climate change, sexual assaults by celebrities in Hollywood, the media, and government, unnecessary death and destruction from gun violence, and assaults on access to health care and voter rights are front page news every day.



In spite of this we have seen women taking to the streets at the Women's March in Washington, using the power of the vote in Virginia and Alabama, and rejecting sexual assault in their workspaces. There is much more to be done, but the League of Women Voters will be a leader in continuing that momentum.

Now is the time to redouble our efforts. Do you have friends, neighbors, relatives or colleagues who might benefit from a gift membership? This would be a good time to add to our ranks.

On Saturday February 17, 2018 the St Cloud Area League will hold its 98th annual Membership dinner at the Marriott Courtyard in downtown St. Cloud. The theme this year will be *Out of This World*, and we will precede the dinner with the movie *Hidden Figures*. This non-fiction movie chronicles the struggles of African American mathematically talented women in the 1960's working on the NASA project that eventually landed men on the moon, yet these women were systematically shunned and not recognized for their contributions. This can serve as a reminder that we still struggle with white supremacy and male domination.

After the movie we will enjoy a catered dinner with plenty of time for socializing. Please save the date on your calendar and look for details soon when we have more specific information available. Please consider inviting other friends, family, and neighbors to join us.

If you have additional questions about membership please contact me, Ralph Carr, or other members of our team, Jan Stavros, Jerilyn Petersen, Mary Margaret Bjorklun, and Susan C. Smith for membership brochures and application procedures. Our contact information is available in your Membership Directory.

May you enjoy the very best for the New Year.

Ground Water, the DNR and the Little Rock Creek Watershed.

Groundwater supplies about 75 percent of Minnesota's drinking water and nearly 90 percent of water used for agricultural irrigation. Concerns surrounding ground water include pollution and adequacy. The DNR is charged with ensuring there is enough ground water and that the use of ground water does not have too great an impact on surface waters. Sustainable use of water resources requires balancing the use of the resource among competing uses such as cities, irrigation, private wells or nature. To assess the long-term viability of a particular ground-water use, it is necessary to consider both the technical aspects, such as the amount of water in circulation, as well as the desires of the community to accept or limit economic, social, and environmental impacts. Locally, the MNDNR is reviewing the usage of water in the Little Rock Creek Watershed which is in parts of Benton and Morrison Counties. The watershed impacts not only on residents and farmers in those counties, but also people downstream since Little Rock Creek flows into Little Rock Lake, which is connected to the Mississippi River, etc. A committee from LWVSCA has reviewed the Action plan and provided feedback to the DNR in December.

LWV Minnesota Council 2018 Saturday, April 28, 2018

This year the LWVMN Council will be held in St. Cloud at the Marriott Courtyard Hotel. The League of Women Voters, St. Cloud Area (LWVSCA) will provide volunteer assistance, as needed and requested by LWVMN staff.

The weekend will begin Friday, April 27, in the evening with a welcome social at the hotel. Saturday will start with a buffet breakfast and meeting, followed by a breakout session and then lunch. The afternoon will feature two more breakouts and a presentation of current Centennial plans.

The breakouts will be designed using a three-track approach and address Advocacy, MLD, and Voter Service. LWVMN Board members will organize the presentations and facilitate local LWV round table discussions.

Cost for the day, including the Friday evening social, Saturday breakfast, lunch, and snack, will be \$115. Registration will open in March. An optional dinner is planned at Olde Brick House Saturday evening for an additional \$25. (There will be a registration cap due to room size.)



Statement on Sexual Harassment at the Minnesota State Legislature



11/14/17 The League of Women Voters Minnesota was founded on the idea that women's voices must be heard. First in a report from MinnPost, with others following, Minnesotans are reading stories in which women again demand that their voices be heard. We are grateful that these women were willing to share their stories with the public. We are alarmed by the allegations of sexual harassment at the Capitol. Obviously, such behavior is unacceptable from any person.

We thank Minority Leader Melissa Hortman and Speaker Kurt Daudt for collaborating across the aisle to mandate training in the Minnesota House of Representatives on sexual harassment and assault. We hope to see similar cooperation by the caucuses in the Senate. We also appreciate that Speaker Daudt has agreed to hire an outside firm to investigate.

Democracy cannot work if Minnesotans feel threatened when they come to the Capitol. A Task Force for Sexual Harassment has already been suggested to legislative and party leaders. We trust that legislative leaders will take swift action to improve the process for reporting sexual harassment and disciplining aggressors. They must also ensure that no individual is subjected to retaliation for reporting sexual harassment. LWV Minnesota believes that the Capitol must be a place where all Minnesotans feel comfortable to interact with the legislature without harassment.

BOOK CLUB

LWVSCA Book Club is open to all members and friends who are welcome to attend at any time. We usually meet at 6:30 P. M. on the third Thursday of each month. For more information, please call Pat Fillmore at 320-259-0542. Our current book title and meeting place schedule is as follows:

	<p><i>Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI</i> by David Grann</p>	<p>Thursday, January 18, 2018, 6:30pm Hostess: Ginny Clark 1340 - 9th Ave. So. #114, St. Cloud 320-252-7154</p>
	<p><i>Lilac Girls</i> by Martha Hall Kelly</p>	<p>Thursday, February 15, 2018, 6:30pm Hostess: Jerilyn Petersen 2511 Tranquility Dr., St. Cloud 320-240-9183</p>

March 15: *The Firebrand and The First Lady, Portrait of a Friendship: Pauli Murray, Eleanor Roosevelt and the Struggle for Social Justice* by Patricia Bell-Scott; April 19: *How the Light Gets In*** by Louise Penny; May 17: *1984* by George Orwell; June 21: *Neither Wolf nor Dog: On Forgotten Roads with an Indian Elder* (2nd ed. c.1996) by Kent Nerburn

**New book selected for April.

Calendar

January

- 4 Dialogue & Drink, Martini Lounge, 5pm
- 10 Unit Meeting, GRRLibrary, 1pm
- 15 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast, SCSU, 8-10:00am
- 18 Book Club, 6:30pm
- 17 Board Meeting, GRRLibrary, Rm 268, 1-3pm
- 22 *League Lines* Deadline, noon
- 27 **Program Planning**, Cornerstone Buffet, 9:00am

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February

- 1 Dialogue & Drink, Martini Lounge, 5pm
- 6 **Precinct Caucuses**
- 9 MN Legislative Session Begins
- 14 Unit Meeting - GRRLibrary, 1-3pm
- 15 Book Club, 6:30pm
- 17 **Birthday Bash**, Marriott Courtyard, St. Cloud, 4:30pm
- 21 Board Meeting, GRRLibrary, Rm 268, 1-3pm
- 21 *League Lines*, Deadline, 6pm

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List of upcoming unit topics with team members to date:

February, 2018: Voter's Rights/Suppression

Convener: Sheila Ferguson; Members: Mary Kay Carle, Ralph Carr, Ginny Clark, Linda Kotschevar, Helen Lotara, Lucy Lotara

March 2018: Advocacy and the State Legislature

Convener: Linda Kotschevar; Members: Ralph Carr, Bob Erickson, Geri Gustafson

If any of the topics interest you, please contact the convener to join the team. We believe you will find the experience enlightening and enjoyable.

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