



October Unit: Opioid Use Disorder and Minnesota Impacts

Wednesday, October 11, 2017 1:00—3:00 pm * Room 208 (Upstairs), St. Cloud Public Library 300 W St. Germain St. Cloud MN 56301



* Note room location change for October.

We all know someone who has taken opioid prescriptions. This presentation will explore the current opioid crisis in the US and Minnesota. Defining the scope of the problem, understanding MN impacts and looking at treatment options will be presented.

Dialogue & a Drink

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

Thursday, October 5, 2017, 5:00pm

A Conversation with Ma Elena Gutierrez, Asamblea de Derechos Civiles

Organizer ~

La Asamblea de Derechos Civiles is a statewide, faith-based non-profit organization which organizes immigrants from predominantly Latino congregations to build power for changes in the immigration system and the underlying political and economic structures behind it. La Asamblea is working on campaigns that include voter engagement, immigrant justice, housing and transit.



Thursday, November 2, 2017, 5:00pm

A Conversation with Dr. Henry Jakubowski about Citizen's Climate Lobby (CCL).

Henry, a chemistry professor at CSB/SJU, will explain carbon fee and dividend, CCL's climate solution to curb CO2 and climate change. The plan places a tax on carbon at the source with 100% of the net proceeds of the tax returned to households.

Variations of carbon fee and dividend are being promoted by conservatives such as George Schultz and James Baker III, as well as climate focused groups like CCL, who believe the plan can reduce greenhouse gas emissions 52% below 1990 levels within 20 years while growing the economy and saving lives.

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Community Outreach Team ~ Kate Meyer

MainStreet at SCSU, August 30, 2017

The Community Outreach and Membership Teams collaborated to set up a table at this year's Mainstreet event. Traffic was strong and those who visited were interested in knowing what the League does and in discussing legislation of concern to college students. We sent 44 voter registrations to the State of Minnesota and assisted a number of others with online registrations. Thank you to all volunteers who participated. A special thanks to Sheila Ferguson and Ralph Carr who organized the schedule and developed an interactive board to generate discussion.

EVENTS IN OCTOBER, 2017

The third and fourth events in our series about immigration will be held October 10 and 20 at Whitney Senior Center, continuing the theme "Making Sense of Immigration in 2017." Whitney staff kindly agreed that both offerings would be free and open to the public. In light of uncertainty in immigration policies, these two events provide a personal perspective about the impacts on local immigrant communities.



Tuesday, October 10, 9:30—11:30 am

Stories from the Somali Community

LWVSCA members will host a panel of two local Somali leaders. Hudda Ibrahim is President of Filsan Consultant LLC, and author of "From Somalia to Snow." Ahmed Ali is Executive Director of the Greater Minnesota Worker Center, which addresses economic justice, social justice and immigrant rights issues. They will discuss the challenges facing refugees and the resources available to Somalis in Central Minnesota.

Friday, October 20, 10:00—11:00 am

Immigration Policy Effects on the Latino Community

LWVSCA has invited and will introduce two leaders in the Latino community. Mayuli Bales is Director of the Diocese of St. Cloud Multicultural Ministries. Maria (Ma) Elena Gutierrez is a founding member and organizer for Asamblea de Derochos Civiles. Both speakers are immigration policy advocates and will share their experiences and insights developed from working with Latinos in Central Minnesota communities.

League Statement on DACA Reversal

Washington, DC 09/05/2017 - The Trump administration today announced their intention to reverse the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy, leaving the fate of 800,000 immigrants in jeopardy. League of Women Voters president Chris Carson issued the following statement:

"This administration's decision to rescind the 'Dreamers' program is shameful and does not serve national interest. As a country of immigrants, we are made stronger by our diversity. Yet time and time again, this administration has discriminated against immigrants and communities of color. Reversing the DACA policy will have a devastating impact on our economy. Ending this program will increase unemployment. Thousands of the Dreamers protected by DACA were brought to this country as babies and have no memories of their birth country. These individuals are paying taxes, contributing to Social Security and are Americans in everything but the name. The League of Women Voters is opposed to deportation of non-criminal undocumented immigrants and we urge congress to pass a clean DREAM Act to protect, not turn away, the 800,000 young people who were brought to the United States as children."



ENBRIDGE LINE 3 Public Hearings

Thursday, October 26, 2017 either at 1-4pm or 6-9pm

River's Edge Convention Center, 10 4th AVE S, St. Cloud MN 56301

Here is your chance to weigh in on the proposed replacement of Enbridge's Line 3 pipeline that transports tar-sands oil from Alberta CA to Superior WI. Enbridge wants to replace their existing Line 3 by building a new pipeline south of the current line and leaving the current line in the ground. If approved, Enbridge hopes to have the pipeline fully operating in 2019. It is recommended that you arrive early if you want to testify.

Earlier in September the Minnesota Dept. of Commerce weighed in against the pipeline saying, "In light of the serious risks and effects on the natural and socioeconomic environments of the existing Line 3 and the limited benefit that the existing Line 3 provides to Minnesota refineries, it is reasonable to conclude that Minnesota would be better off if Enbridge proposed to cease operations of the existing Line 3, without any new pipeline being built," the agency wrote in testimony submitted to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). In November an administrative law judge (ALJ) will hold formal hearings using a trial-like format where official parties can cross examine witnesses. The ALJ recommendations are expected in February with the final determination from the PUC expected in April.

Membership and Member News ~ Ralph Carr



Have you picked up your updated membership directory for this year? If not please attend our October Unit meeting. You may pick up your copy at that time.

If you are a new member and have not yet met with the Membership Team we would welcome your participation in one of our orientation sessions to show you what LWV is about and to learn about your interests and concerns. Please contact me or lwvsca@gmail.com for more information. Dues are \$70.00 per year this year. This covers your membership dues in the League of Women Voters at the national, state, and unit level.

Your membership will be more fulfilling the more you get involved. Team work is a great way to develop new relationships and friendships while working on common goals.


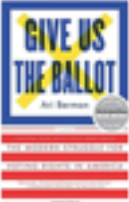

The Membership team worked with the Community Outreach team at SCSU Mainstreet last month. This is an annual event at the beginning of each academic year at St. Cloud State University to interest students in ongoing campus activities and other important events and organizations around St. Cloud. Our LWVSCA unit hosts a table where students can register to vote and get further information about the League. We were very pleased at the eagerness of so many students to register this year even though elections will only occur next year.



Pictures were taken at our picnic on September 8th.

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>The Historian</i> by Elizabeth Kostova</p>	<p>Thursday, October 26, 6:30pm (Note: This the 4th Thursday in Oct.) Hostess: Jerilyn Petersen 2511 Tranquility Drive, St. Cloud 320-240-9183</p>
	<p><i>Give Us the Ballot: the Modern Struggle for Voting Rights in America</i> by Ari Berman</p>	<p>Thursday, November 16, 6:30pm Hostess: Deanna Lederer 5811 Michael Court, St. Cloud 320-253-5704</p>
	<p><i>The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared</i> by Jonas Jonasson</p>	<p>Thursday, December 21, 2017, 6:30pm Hostess: Pat Fillmore 16 Lindsay Court, St. Cloud 320-259-0542</p>

Calendar

October 2017

- 5 Dialogue & Drink, Red Carpet, Martini Lounge, 5pm
- 10 Somali Stories, Whitney Sr Center, 9:30-11:00am
- 11 Unit Meeting - Great River Regional Library, 1-3pm
- 18 Board Meeting, GRRLibrary, Rm 268, 1-3pm
- 20 Latinos & Immigration, Whitney Sr Center, 10:00-11:00am
- 26 Line 3 Hearings, River's Edge Conv. Ctr, 1 - 4pm or 6-9pm
- 26 Book Club, 6:30pm
- 23 *League Lines* deadline, noon

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Future Unit Information:

Ralph Carr is the convener for the November units on Mining and/or Pipelines. Contact Ralph if you want to join his committee.

March units were changed from Access to Health Care to Advocacy and the State Legislature. Linda Kotschevar will convene and the Program Action Team will participate.

Program/Action Team ~ Linda Kotschevar

The Program/Action Team has held its' first meeting and is off to a great start! Team members include Gerri Gustafson, Bob Erickson, Anne Buckvold, Ralph Carr, Marlene Haider and Team Leader Linda Kotschevar. As a part of the team, members either have or will be gaining knowledge of LWV policy positions as well as political issues and events.

It is our responsibility to inform the membership of LWV legislative priorities and the advocacy efforts of the League at the state and national levels. We organize Winter Program Planning where every other year we discuss local, state and national program recommendations and come to a consensus on these issues. We will also be arranging legislative interviews in January with District 13 and 14 legislators. Our team will be convening the March Unit Meeting where the topic will be "League Advocacy in the MN Legislature".

The next meeting will be Monday, October 9th, at 1:30pm at Dunn Brothers Coffee in the Coborn's on Cooper Ave. We welcome new members. If advocacy and action is your passion be sure to join us!

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