



the Bear Facts

the League of Women Voters of the
White Bear Lake Area

Annual Meeting

Date: April 20th, 2017

Speaker: Betty Folliard* Topic: ERA
5:00 PM Boutwells Landing Auditorium
(The Gables)

Buffet Dinner \$14 - RSVP by April 10th
to Lori Soukup soukup524@gmail.com

\$14 check paid to LWWBLA can be sent to Liz Nordling or
paid at the door

Annual Meeting details are on the following pages. Detailed directions
and additional data can be found on the special flyer you will receive soon.

*Betty Folliard is a former state representative from Hopkins and current
president of ERA Minnesota. Betty was the featured speaker on the topic of the
Equal Rights Amendment at two Women's March events in Washington D.C.
last January.

Reminder

Open General Meeting
March 23, 2017

Topic: A Report on the Upper Mississippi Region
7:00 PM Vadnais Heights City Council Chambers
(see flyer on next page)

The Mississippi Connection

Thursday, March 23, 2017 7 PM

Vadnais Heights City Hall

800 County Road E East, Vadnais Heights

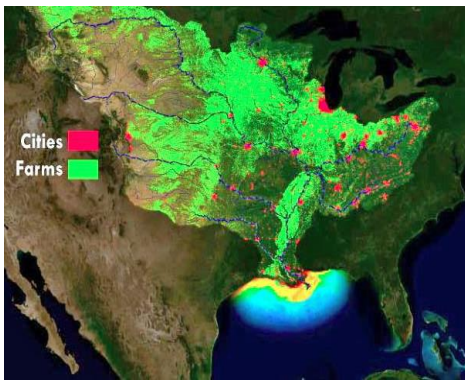


Why Come:

Increase your River wisdom- facts & figures galore

Zoom out to the Regional focus-how does this help the River and all of us?

Meet up with others on the River watch; What is an ILO anyway?



The River

- ***Links People, Travel, Commerce, Wildlife, Soil and nutrient loss***
- ***Is a critical flowage through the heart of our nation.***

Come and hear from Lonnie McCauley, member of the Upper Mississippi

River Region Inter League Organization



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Women Voters

Agenda for Annual Meeting

(Save pages 3,4,5, and bring to the Annual Meeting)

White Bear Area LWV Annual Meeting Agenda

April 20, 2017 Boutwells Landing

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| 5:00 – 6:00 | Social and Dinner | |
| 6:00 – 7:00 | Program: Betty Folliard speaking on ERA adoption potential and news. | |
| _____ | | |
| 7:00 | Business meeting; Call to order,
Roll Call of the Units
Adoption of the agenda
Parliamentarian for the meeting:
Adoptions of Rules
Motion to approve the Annual meeting minutes at the next Board meeting | Liz Lauder

Liz Nordling |
| 7:10 | Treasurer’s Report, *

2017-2018 Proposed Budget, discussion and adoption* | Liz Nordling |
| 7:30 | Voter Service for 2017 | Molly Anthony |
| 7:40 | Program – adoption of existing positions

Resolutions for wording changes

Recommended Program from the Board |

Liz Lauder |
| 7:50 | Nominations / Elections | Mary Santi |
| 8:00 | Recognitions

Revolving Bear Award | Liz Lauder

Becky Siekmeier |
| 8:10 | Announcements
State Convention delegates (5)
All unit meetings 2017-2018: Picnic – Maht; Holiday – WB; Annual meeting – NO | Liz Lauder |
| 8:15 | Presidents Report | |
| 8:20 | Direction to the Board | |
| 8:30 | Adjourn | |

The rules for the Annual Meeting are as follows:

1. *Each member wishing to speak will give her/his name and unit prior to speaking*
2. *All lengthy motions or amendments must be in writing*
3. *Presentation of recommended program will precede proposals for non-recommended items*
4. *Proposals for non-recommended items must be made in writing, giving the exact wording of the proposed item*
5. *The entire program will be discussed before a vote to adopt individual items*
6. *Proposed program items will be voted on prior to non-recommended items: non-recommended items will be voted on in the order proposed*

Nominating Committee Report

Office	Nominee	Term Ending
President -Elect/President	Lori Soukup	4/19
Secretary	Diane Wigglesworth	4/19
Director – Public Relations	Joan Sullivan	4/19
Director – Bear Facts	Gretchen Davidson	4/19
Director - Membership	Mary Johnston	4/18
Director – Voter Service	Molly Anthony	4/18

Nominating Committee

Chair – Beverley Driscoll
 Stephanie McNamara
 Sharon Guiser

Continuing Officers

President	Liz Lauder	4/18
Vice President – Action	Ruth Jones	4/18
Treasurer	Liz Nordling	4/18

Submitted by Nominating Committee, March 10, 2017

Carolyn W. Folke, Chair
 Mary Santi
 Gretchen Davidson

TO BE VOTED ON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING:

On March 8, 2017, The White Bear Lake Area Board voted unanimously to approve the following recommendations of the Program Committee:

"The Program Committee of the White Bear Lake Area League of Women Voters recommends to the WBLA Board of Directors that the following two (2) revisions be made to our Program For Action:

1) That the wording in item "a" of the Education position be changed to substitute the words "gender bias" in the place of "sex bias," so that the position would read, "We support programs to counteract cultural and gender bias, which prepare students to thrive in our multicultural diverse society and work force."

2) That item "b" of the Education position be revised to include the fields of science and technology to the list of skills to develop in students, so that the position would read, "Support of continued emphasis on skill development in reading, writing, mathematics, science, technology, speaking and listening as the number one goal of K-12 schools."

The Program Committee also recommends to the Board that a two-year study be undertaken to examine the training of the police forces of Ramsey and Washington counties and the cities of White Bear Lake and Stillwater. This study could follow the work of the Roseville Area LWV and examine police training as it involves racial bias, domestic violence, and engaging with the mentally ill.

The Program Committee for 2016-17 recommends to the succeeding Committee members that they organize a public meeting on the topic of Redistricting. Topics for unit meetings could include examining our own communities' compliance with Complete Streets (MS 174.75). Local communities are encouraged to adopt this policy; are any of our communities doing so? Also recommended is a mini-study, perhaps in cooperation with the Voter Service Committee, on the frequency of legislative Town Hall-style meetings since the last redistricting in 2012, with the possible action items of a letter to the editor of the local newspapers, or recommendations to newly-elected officials. Could LWV be of use in moderating such meetings for legislators? A final recommendation, one that could be considered at a later date, is to examine how our local schools are working to narrow the skills gap between white students and students of color."

*Editor's note: *The proposed budget and treasurer's report will be sent separately.*

LWVWBLA Membership Committee Minutes 3/2/2017

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So far this year, new members have each received email message from Ruth welcoming them to the LWVWBLA and asking certain members to be mentors of the new members. However, since the membership meeting, Ruth wrote a handwritten welcoming letter to the last person who has joined, Diane Blank. The next committee meeting will be Thurs. April 13 at 2 p.m. in the Maplewood Library.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Jones, Membership Chair, LWVWBLA

New Member: Diane Blank

Diane says it is good to be back with the League. She was a member of the Norman, OK League 1978-2011 and served on the local and state boards off and on over the years. The Women's March prompted her to pull herself "out of the very dark place she found herself in after the 2016 elections" and decided "to join the living again with an organization that she trusted."

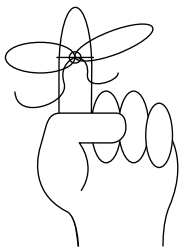
When her husband, LeRoy, retired in 2011 and they moved to Minnesota to be near their son, David, and his family, they bought a home in the Lake Johanna Lake area in Arden Hills.

LeRoy was Professor of Chemistry at the University of Oklahoma for 38 years. Now David is Professor of Chemistry at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. Their daughter-in-law, a native of the Twin Cities, is an attorney on the legal staff at 3M Corp. Diane and LeRoy have three grandchildren: Fiona 13, Mairin 11, and Logan 7. Diane taught in elementary school for a few years and worked for a textbook publishing house in Norman.

Invitation to a New Member Breakfast

A breakfast to honor new members of LWVWBLA will be held at the home of Mary Hauser on Saturday, June 3. Besides the new members, LWVWBLA board members and unit leaders are also invited.

More details to be given in the May newsletter. Put the date on your calendar.



Don't Forget.....We have a Facebook page!
If you are on Facebook, check out our page, "like it" and post something on it at least once a month.

You will find it if you search on Google for LWV White Bear Lake Area. It is set up as an organization page. That means we don't know who has liked it unless they post something.

Also.....The link to our website: www.lwv-wbla.org