

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS WHITE BEAR LAKE AREA PROGRAM CALENDAR 2018-2019

UNIT LEADERS	MEETINGS
Mahtomedi Unit (2nd Monday) Anne Johnson johns745@umn.edu 651-429-6420	Mahtomedi Unit: 7 pm, WBL Unitarian Universalist Church 328 Maple St., Mahtomedi, MN 55115
North Oaks Unit (2nd Wednesday) Carolyn Folke cbwf40@gmail.com 612-414-9503	North Oaks Unit: 12:30 pm, Incarnation Lutheran Church 4880 Hodgson Rd, North Oaks, MN 55126W
White Bear Lake Unit (2nd Thursday) Judy Ottman dick.ottman@usfamily.net 651-426-0159	White Bear Lake Unit: 7 pm, White Bear Lake City Hall, 2nd floor, 4701 Hwy 61 N, White Bear Lake, MN, 55110
St. Croix Valley Unit (2nd Friday) Lori Soukup soukup524@gmail.com 651-491-4735	St. Croix Valley Unit: 10 am, Stillwater Public Library, 224 3 rd St N, Stillwater, MN 55082

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AUG	22 Kickoff Picnic	St. Croix Valley Unit	Kickoff Picnic 5 pm, Autumn Hill Park Shelter, Oak Park Heights. Picnic supper \$10 donation, guests no charge. Introduce 2019-20 program calendar. RSVP to Ruth Jones.
SEPT	10 Mahtomedi Unit 12 North Oaks Unit 13 WB Lake Unit 14 SCV Unit 25 National Voter Registration Day		Fair Representation Provide an overview and discuss fair representation and elections, including gerrymandering, the decennial redrawing of election district boundaries, and voter suppression. Participate in candidate forums, including by asking candidates to explain their position on MN's redistricting process and any legislative proposals for establishing an independent redistricting commission.
OCT	8 Mahtomedi Unit 10 North Oaks Unit 11 WB Lake Unit 12 SCV Unit		Minnesota's Redistricting Process Discuss MN-specific redistricting process and history, including frequently defaulting to the MN State Supreme Court to draw election district boundaries. Participate in candidate forums, including by recording and reporting on candidates' responses to queries about their position on MN's redistricting process.
NOV	8 General Meeting No Units	Lisa Larson and others	Voting and Redistricting General meeting on voters and voting rights. Retired Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Paul Anderson will discuss voting and redistricting in Minnesota.
DEC	2 Holiday Party No unit meetings	Mahtomedi Unit	Attend holiday party
JAN	9 North Oaks Unit 10 WB Lake Unit 11 SCV Unit 14 Mahtomedi Unit		Effective Citizen Advocacy Based on Lisa Larson's <i>A Citizen's Guide to Advocating at the Minnesota Legislature – Some of What Citizen Advocates Must Know, Do, and Expect</i>

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FEB	21 General Meeting No Units	Lisa Larson and others	Immigration Speaker General meeting on immigration. Invite attorney advocate Mirella Ceja-Orozco, from the St. Paul Immigration Law Center will discuss immigration in MN, including immigrants' responses to the controversial 2020 census question on citizenship status, which can implicate both fair representation and federal funding in MN.
MAR	8 SCV Unit 11 Mahtomedi Unit 13 North Oaks Unit 14 WB Lake Unit		Book Discussion <i>The People's House</i> by David Pepper Read and discuss <i>The People's House</i> by David Pepper, an international thriller for political junkies. The story, written just before the 2016 election, involves a Russian oligarch who rigs voting machines in 31 swing districts throughout the US, hoping to elect a new Republican majority in Congress that will enact energy legislation to benefit the oligarch. Jack Sharpe, a jaded political reporter in Youngstown, Ohio, discovers election irregularities in his swing district after the incumbent legislator who lost the election dies a violent death. Sharpe's perilous investigation leads him to uncover an international plot to undermine American democracy and along the way the reader gets a fascinating lesson in voting machines, swing districts, political data analysis, high priced lobbyists, and all manner of political maneuvering and shenanigans in Washington DC. Reflect on the book's themes. Consider (1) how enormous amounts of [dark] money let politicians and others dissect and use huge amounts of granular data on voters to identify and target swing districts and influence swing voters and (2) how that reality might affect our notions of fairness related to voting.
APR	18 Annual Meeting No Unit Meetings	White Bear Lake Unit	Attend Annual Meeting
MAY	8 North Oaks Unit 9 WB Lake Unit 10 SCV Unit 13 Mahtomedi Unit		Role of Local Police in Domestic Violence Explore how these crimes are handled by our local police, what kinds of data are kept (or not kept) who has access, what kind of training our officers have and other areas of interest. We invite new and seasoned members to join in exploring this serious issue, especially if you have background, training or experience around this issue or related areas of chemical abuse and mental illness. Evaluate outcomes of the legislative session and LWVWBLA year. Ask members about program topics for the 2019-2020 year.

