



March 21, 2024

Happy Spring!

The National, State, and our Local Leagues are getting ready for this year's activities. This year there is a National Convention, a State Council, and here locally, we will hold our Annual Meeting. Plan to attend the LWVSP Annual Meeting. Hold the date, Monday, June 3, at 6pm for our Annual Meeting. Location is TBD.

Look for information in your email about the LWVMN State Council on April 27th.

Up- and Out- Standing

LWVMN has filed an Amicus Brief for the constitutionality of the [Restore Vote vs. the Minnesota Voters Alliance](#). The Minnesota Supreme Court will hear the case April 1, 2024. Contact your representatives.

We are the recipients of two grants from LWVUS this year. One grant is aimed at assisting in the restoration of the vote for formerly incarcerated felons. Heidi Kloempken, Vice President, is spearheading the three events we will be working. If you are interested in helping Heidi and the team education and register this group, let us know.

Voter Services is the recipient of the other grant from LWVUS. Pamela Mercier and Joann Ellis have 2 new leaders on their team - Ikse Mennen and Chris Schnieders. VS is working with the Secretary of State's office and the public high schools in St Paul to create an online voter tab on school websites for students and their parents.

There will be both an eclipse and a comet on April 8th. May this be a sign of stellar proportions for our work this year.

Beatrice Owen, President

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Signature Event this Quarter

The LWVSP now has a recommended reading list at the St Paul Public libraries. Shoutout to the evening book club for the idea, and Barbara Burleigh and Molly Flowers for the follow-through. Here is the [link for you](#) and to share!



Program Updates

The February program, "Where does your kid go to school? A discussion on charter schools," is now available. This program shared information about the creation, implementation, and current status of charter schools in St Paul.

You can find the program on our Youtube channel. Click [here for the link](#).

We are excited for the March *Learn with the League* program in partnership with LWV Upper Mississippi Region (LWV UMRR), "Advocating for the Upper Mississippi River." This program will explore climate change issues impacting the upper Mississippi watershed and will be held online on **Tuesday, March 26, 7:00pm - 8:00pm**.

LWV UMRR is an Interleague organization consisting of local leagues in the states of Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin located within the Upper Mississippi River Region, a USGS defined region of the US. Its concerns are focused on both surface and ground water in the Upper Mississippi Basin, both for the environment and human health.

This will be a virtual event. Interested participants can [register here](#).

We are excited for the April *Learn with the League* program, "Don't Judge - Lift Up! Meet local high-powered women helping others. Join us to learn about some parts of the Ramsey County Judicial system, specifically the Women's Community Group that meets at the Wilder Foundation in St. Paul to help each other navigate the system. We will learn from some of the organizers such as Ramsey County Judges, attorneys, and others as they share the story of lifting each other up in community. It will be held online on **Tuesday, April 23, 7:00pm - 8:00pm**.

This will be a virtual event. Interested participants can [register here](#).

Two Member Events

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We have a box of photos and some other materials we would like to identify the events and people recorded. Help us keep a record of past events and share some stories to go along with the photos and documents.

We need long-time members to share stories and identifications. And we invite other members to listen to the stories.

We will have photo pens and snacks.

[Click here](#) for more information.

May 11, 2:00-3:30 pm - Welcome New Members!

Are you a new member to League of Women Voters St. Paul? Join us for a brief overview of the work we do and meet other members.

If you are new, have been a member for awhile, or a long-time member, feel free to stop by for social time and reminders of the work we do.

We will be in the Rondo Community Library Flex meeting room from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. We will have light snacks and drinks.

See you there!

[Click here](#) for more information.

Voting Rights Symposium, St Thomas University, February 1, 2024

Claudia Dieter and Cheryl Bailey attended the Voting Rights Symposium held at St. Thomas University February 1, 2024. Sponsored by FairVote Minnesota, this seminar was packed with wisdom, inspiration, and calls to action by a multitude of Minnesota's elected officials and activists. [Click here](#) for more information at this timely event.



Book Club

Evening book club meets the first Monday of each month at 6:30, on Zoom.

Morning book club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

[Check out our events calendar](#) to see what books we will be reading next.

Morning book club's next meeting is April 10th at 10am at the Highland Park Library, 1974 Ford Parkway. They will be discussing, [A Fever in the Heartland: The Ku Klux Klan's Plot to Take Over America, and the Woman Who Stopped Them](#) by Timothy Egan.

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On February 14 the AM Book Club discussed *Empire of Pain: The Secret History of the Sackler Dynasty*, by Patrick Radden Keefe. This book tells the history of the Sackler family dynasty and the founders of Purdue Pharma. It focuses on their introduction of Oxycontin and how over seven million people became addicted to it, and thousands of people died from overdosing each year. [Click here](#) for the full write-up.

Upper Mississippi River Region

UMRR: spotlight on St Cloud efforts on circular economy. Check it out [here](#).

Save the Dates

We are finalizing details for upcoming events. Save the dates for [these events](#):

March 26 - Program - Advocating for the Upper Mississippi River

April 1 - Evening Book Club

April 9 - Morning Book Club

April 23 - Program - Don't Judge-Lift Up! Meet High-powered women helping others.

April 27 - LWVSP Archive Photo Identification

May 6 - Evening Book Club

May 8 - Morning Book Club

May 11 - Welcome New Members

June 3 - Annual Meeting

2024 Election Dates!

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JAN 19	Vote by mail or in person January 19 through March 4 for the Presidential Primary
FEB 13	Register in advance by February 13 to save time on Presidential Primary Day
MAR 5	Presidential Primary
JUN 28	Vote by mail or in person June 28 through August 12 for the Primary
JUL 23	Register in advance by July 23 to save time on Primary Election Day
AUG 13	Primary Election
SEP 20	Vote by mail or in person September 20 through November 4
OCT 15	Register in advance by October 15 to save time on Election Day
NOV 5	Election Day

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