



## Press Release

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#### **Local Community Leader Attends National LWV Democracy-building Training.**

LWV St. Louis Park Leader, Aggie Leitheiser and Judy Cook were recently selected to participate in a leadership development training conducted by the League of Women Voters United States (LWV US) in advance of this fall's election.

Aggie Leitheiser is an active member of LWV SLP, presiding as President for the last several years. She is personally responsible for engaging several of our newest members. Judy Cook joined the LWV SLP four years ago. Judy has been an active participant of LWV from the year, serving on the board as most recently as Membership chair.

The leadership program which sponsors these trainings, was established by the LWV US to help enrich the democracy-building efforts of this more than 90-year-old grassroots organization. The program will be implemented by local LWVs in all 50 states with the support of a volunteer national coaching team and a cadre of state coaches.

During this two-day training held in St. Paul, MN, participants attended "best practices" workshops conducted by national trainers from Washington, DC. Training included techniques for empowering citizens to have a voice in this election, for heightening LWV visibility, and for developing the skills of rising community leaders.

Commenting on the national program, LWV SLP President Aggie said, "In this time of increased political incivility and growing polarization, LWV is needed more than ever. A strong LWV in every community is the best way to ensure that we have an American citizenry that is informed on the issues, ready and able to cast a ballot, and to ensure that every vote is counted."

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