



# Voter

League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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## December Calendar

- December 4 7 pm**  
Board Meeting - Dorothy Karlson’s Home
- December 17 1 pm**  
Unit 2 Meeting Holiday Social and Lively Issues  
Tower Light Residence
- TBD Gift Wrapping Fundraiser**  
**Barnes and Noble**
- December 18 7 pm** Unit 3 Meeting  
Holiday Social and Lively Issues  
Deb Brinkman’s Home

## January Calendar

- January 8 7 pm**  
Board Meeting - Barbara Aslakson’s Home
- January 17 CMAL TBD**
- January 24 10:00 am**  
**Topic:** Legislative Interviews  
**Location:** Union congregational Church
- This event includes a chili luncheon. Watch for details in the January *Voter*

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## President's Message December 2014

"Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting." -- Franklin D. Roosevelt

**"Thank You"** to everyone who voted in the last election. Each vote strengthens our democracy. It is an important stance against apathy and sets a good example for our friends, neighbors, family and especially the very impressionable young adult.

The West Metro Meeting on Immigration was very inspiring. The Global Golden Valley group was launched to connect individuals new to our communities. The individuals who spoke at the meeting discussed the importance of making this connection. Reg taped the presentation and posted it online. Watch the video <http://youtu.be/3-PDvcSM11E>. Global Golden Valley is not exclusive to Golden Valley residents. If you know of a friend or neighbor who would benefit from this connection, please refer them. They have a Facebook page with more information.

Eilseen, Dorothy, Aggie, Debbie Blake and I presented Kids Vote to the St. Louis Park City Council. Their excitement is contagious. Watch the recording at [http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=O7KuXMxIdG0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=O7KuXMxIdG0). You will also see it as a Featured Video on <http://www.stlouispark.org/>.

The December Unit meeting topic is Lively Issues. It is our opportunity to review the LWV positions. We can either accept the positions as written by way of consensus, or recommend a change. This is also the opportunity to recommend a topic that for further study. Recommended changes or study topics would be reviewed at the next state convention this spring. This activity maintains the League grassroots focus.

As you enjoy the holiday season, stay warm and send warm wishes to your friends, family and neighbors.

*Deb Brinkman, President*  
*LWV SLP*

### Highlights from the November 2014 LWV SLP Board Meeting:

- \*Reviewed the success of the candidate forums and the Kiwanis speaker event on Money in Politics, and the Kids Vote presentation to the school board.
- \*The MLD Conference call discussed the combination of having 'A Good Story' and an 'Ask'. They also mentioned that the League needs to put more effort into time tracking to support the grants that the League has received.
- \*Deb will submit the final report for the Voter Service Grant we received.
- \*Starting to make plans for our Annual Meeting. Deb reserved McCoys party room.
- \*Dorothy will check into dates for our book wrapping fund raiser.
- \*Recognition for Aggie's Award for Health Educators
- \*Confirmed the date for the Legislative Interviews, January 24, 2015

### New Member: Heidi Stulberg

Heidi is a 13 year resident of St. Louis Park and is married with two children – a 15 years old son and a 7 year old daughter. Thanks to Carlota Medus, for inviting her to join our LWV.

Currently she is employed part time as a coordinator for a realty company working with customers who want to rent their homes and is a part time grant writer for the Metropolitan Boys' Choir. In addition, she is looking for another part time grant position.

Heidi is very experienced in grant writing. She managed a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) grant for the Minneapolis School District and worked at the University of Minnesota in grant management. She has also been a Vista volunteer working with their grant department where she worked with the founder of the Little Libraries that you see in our neighborhoods.

Her hobbies are biking and reading. Heidi joined LWV at the recent Candidate Forum. Please welcome her to LWV.



### **St. Louis Park Children's First Assets**

#### **#21 Achievement Motivation**

Did you know 68% of St. Louis Park young people are motivated to do well in school?

Talk to a young person about how a subject, such as Language Arts and Writing, are important in the job you do. Praise them for a job well done and encourage them to persevere when something is difficult by helping break the job into smaller tasks.

Aggie Leitheiser was recognized with an award for Health Educators Individuals and organizations for their contributions to the education, training, and guidance of the next generation of public health leaders at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health.

## Preliminary Voter Turnout

From the United States Election Project 11/25/14

<http://www.electproject.org/2014g>

**Indiana lowest; Maine highest; Minnesota at near 30-year low**

	Voting Eligible Population Percentage Votes for Highest Office	Highest Office	Voting-Eligible Population
United States	36.1%	82,073,616	227,224,334
Indiana	28.0%	1,350,000	4,818,728
Maine	59.3%	625,000	1,054,332
Minnesota	50.2%	1,981,511	3,945,136

### St. Louis Park Preliminary Results General Election - November 04, 2014

	Total Votes	% of Vote
SPOILED BALLOTS	209	
REGISTERED AT 7:00 A.M.	29,305	
Registered at Polls	2,062	
Registered Absentee	220	
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS	31,587	
Voter Receipts	16,272	
Regular Absentee	2,303	
Federal Absentee	4	
(Percent AB voting)	12%	
TOTAL VOTERS	18,579	
(PERCENT VOTING)	59%	

## Welcome My Neighbor Immigration in Minnesota LWV West Metro Alliance

Speakers: Allison Liuzzi, Research Scientist MN Compass Project, Wilder Foundation; Sarah Radosevich, Policy Research Analyst, MN Chamber of Commerce; Tony Mandujano & Livia Harjan, Global Golden Valley.

This event reviewed current information about immigrants in Minnesota, shared statistics about who, when and where immigrants came from and where they are now in the state, and offered a glimpse into two different immigrant experiences. MN has 7% of residents who are foreign-born, compared to 13% for the US. The largest group is from Asia (37%), followed by Latin America (28%), Africa (20%), Europe (12%). MN has more African immigrants than US generally. There are currently 240 unaccompanied children in MN. It costs an average of \$12,500 for deportation per person. Almost 9% of immigrants in MN are refugees compared to less than 2% for the US.

You can watch the video of this event at this link. Recorded at St. Louis Park City Hall by Park TV on November 8, 2014. <http://youtu.be/3-PDvcSM11E>



Allison Liuzzi, MN Compass Project



Livia Harjan & Tony Mandujano, Global Golden Valley

### ***No Matter the Color, Make Your Paint Green***

***Posted by ReinkRecycling.com Revised 10/14/2014***

A fresh coat of paint does wonders. With a little planning, you can beautify your surroundings the “green” way. Here are a few tips for reducing, reusing and recycling paint.

**Measure Twice, Buy Once** Carefully measure the space to be painted and determine how many coats of paint are needed before purchasing paint. See the can label for information. Calculate how much paint to buy following the general guidelines of purchasing 1 gallon of paint for every 400 square feet. Ask your paint retailer for additional help. Check with your county's solid waste management office for reuse opportunities. Many have leftover paint, especially latex paint, available in their free product reuse area at household hazardous waste drop-off sites.

## Kids Voting Update – League of Women Voters St. Louis Park

The League of Women Voters St. Louis Park presented the proposal to the St. Louis Park City Council on November 17, 2014. Eilsen Knisely reviewed the mission statement, the proposed starting date of Fall 2015 (which would be for City Council and School Board) and that Aquila and the Middle School would be the starting point. The Council received the proposal enthusiastically and offered to be supportive. They expressed their interest in supporting a candidate event at the schools.

NOTES FROM NOVEMBER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING: Four new members were welcomed to the Steering Committee: Mayme Casey from Perspectives; Tarabi Jama, cultural liaison for the district; and Clarence Pollock and Olivia Tolzin from Aquila School.

Discussion began in regard to the precincts represented at Aquila. It is important that all students vote even if their parents vote in a polling place not at the school. Five different precincts are represented. The possibility of absentee ballots was suggested. The plan has been for grades kindergarten through five be included in the voting. Dorothy will investigate what other schools do about helping kindergarten students interpret the ballot. Concerns about including Kids Voting curriculum into the already crowded schedule were addressed. Kari will be working with teachers to plan what will be taught.

Aquila has a family event almost every month. In October there is a Bingo Night with flu shots, popcorn and lemonade as part of the evening. It is hoped that a forum will be added at which students can ask candidates for School Board and City Council questions they have composed.

Transportation and language are barriers that prevent some families from getting to the polls. League members were charged with the responsibility of providing transportation to families unable drive themselves. Sara said that there is a translation plan being constructed in the district. Spanish is the most frequent second language at the school, with Somali being the second.

The Middle School will be represented at the next meeting when we will discuss more fully how in-school voting will take place. A specific place may be established with classrooms rotating through or students may vote in their own classrooms at a specific time. It was felt that the procedure should mirror actual voting as much as possible.

The next Steering Committee will be on Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:30.

### **December Unit Meetings – Lively Issues and Social Time**

The traditional December Unit Meetings are a chance to review LWV positions on issues. This year is a review of LWVMN, CMAL, and SLP positions. This meeting is known as the “Lively Issues” meeting because the discussions usually generates lively conversations among members and guests who consider whether the positions are still current, in need of editing, or should be dropped. The next 7 pages are a summary of the positions from LWVMN, CMAL, and SLP. More details will be available at the Unit meetings. There will also be time for conversations about current events. We look forward to seeing you at this important and informational event.

**POSITION SUMMARIES DECEMBER 2014**  
**For discussion at Lively Issues meetings**  
**More details will be available at the Unit meetings**

**LWVMN Positions**

**ELECTION LAWS**

**LWVMN Position:** Support improvements in election laws regulating election procedures, voting and school district elections.

**ALTERNATIVE VOTING SYSTEMS**

**LWVMN Position:** Support the option to use Instant Runoff Voting to elect State or Local Officials in single seat elections; the continued use of the plurality voting system in our elections. [The LWVMN Board reserves the right to decide the appropriateness of legislation proposing to replace the plurality voting system with the Instant Runoff System at the state level.] Support the right of local governments and municipalities to choose Instant Runoff Voting for their own local elections. Voters need to understand how votes in an election are tabulated and how a candidate actually wins an election. If a change in elections systems occurs, LWVMN supports adequate voter education. LWVMN does not support Approval, Borda Count, or Condorcet as alternative voting systems. (2005)

**ELECTION PROCESS: APPORTIONMENT**

**LWVMN Position:** Support timely redistricting based substantially on population and affecting all state and local governmental bodies.

**LWVMN Position:** Support an incarcerated person's right to access the vote following incarceration. (2013)

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE**

**LWVMN Position:** Support improvements in election laws regulating campaign practices.

**ORGANIZATION OF GOVERNMENT**

**LWVMN Position:** Support improved structure and procedures for the Minnesota Legislature and executive branch; support of an improved process for amending the Minnesota Constitution; support timely redistricting based substantially on population and affecting all state and local government districts. Oppose unicameral state legislature.

**INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL**

**LWVMN Position:** Support the continuation of legislative initiative and compulsory voter referendum on constitutional amendments; oppose most forms of voter initiative and referendum on statutes; opposition to recall by voters of members of the Legislature and state constitutional officers; support strict procedural limits on any process of initiative, referendum or recall.

**FINANCING STATE GOVERNMENT**

**LWVMN Position:** Support a balanced and diversified revenue system that is equitable, competitive with other states, progressive and reliable. Support long-term financial management, projections and a budget reserve. (1995)

**GOVERNMENT SPENDING**

**State Government Spending**

**LWVMN Positions**

- I. Broad Goals: The League of Women Voters of Minnesota (LWVMN) believes long-term vision as well as immediate concerns should guide state spending decisions.
- II. Spending Priorities: PreK-12 (regular) education, Health Care, Environmental protection
- III. Criteria for Limiting Spending – cut special projects, expanding infrastructure, property tax relief to middle incomes, and other services except those serving the most needy citizens.
- IV. Efficiency -- LWVMN supports enhancing efficiency and cost effectiveness in the provision of quality government services.

## **JUDICIARY**

**LWVMN Position:** Support a judicial system with the capacity to assure a speedy trial and equal justice for all.

## **SELECTION OF JUDGES**

**LWVMN Position:** (a) Initial appointment of judgeship by the governor, who must choose from among a list of qualified candidates forwarded by a nominating commission. (b) End-of-term evaluation of the judge's performance by an evaluation commission, results to be made available to the public. (c) Retention election: voters choose to retain or not retain the judge. (2008)

## **CORRECTIONS**

**LWVMN Position:** Support a correctional system responsive to the needs of the individual offender and of society. Support sentencing decisions based on circumstances in relation to the crime, the offender and the effect on public safety, made by the judge within legislative guidelines. Support the abolition of the death penalty and oppose its reinstatement in Minnesota.

## **NATURAL RESOURCES**

### **AIR QUALITY**

**LWVMN Position:** Support measures to reduce air pollution from vehicular and stationary sources.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

**LWVMN – Government Spending:** support maintaining "a viable statewide transportation system, including public transit".

### **LAND USE**

**LWVMN Position:** Support an overall land use plan with maximum cooperation and implementation at the regional and local level, with state help in developing and exercising land use management, with opportunity for maximum local decision making, and with regional planning and regulation for matters of more than local concern.

### **WATER RESOURCES**

**LWVMN Position:** Support a state role in the preservation and management of Minnesota's water resources through protection, allocation, conservation, pricing and interbasin transfer policies protective of Minnesota's current and future needs. (1985)

### **GREAT LAKES ECOSYSTEM**

**LWVMN Position:** Supports preserving and enhancing the environmental integrity and quality of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Ecosystem. We support the attainment and maintenance of high water quality standards throughout the Great Lakes Basin, with emphasis on water pollution prevention. Water conservation should be a high priority of all governments in the Basin. (2013)

**SOLID WASTE**

**LWVMN Position:** Support measures to reduce generation of solid waste and ensure safe treatment, storage and disposal of all wastes.

**AGRICULTURE**

**LWVMN Position:** Support a system of sustainable agricultural production which provides safe, healthful food and which preserves and protects the state's human and natural agricultural resources and enhances the environment; research and technical assistance in farming practices and rural economies that improve the economic viability of family farms, environmental health, and the quality of life of family farmers and their communities.

**SOCIAL POLICY****EQUAL OPPORTUNITY**

**LWVMN Position:** Support policies to ensure equality of opportunity in employment, real property, public accommodations, education and other public services for all persons. Support administrative enforcement of antidiscrimination laws. Support state responsibility for and responsiveness to American Indian citizens.

**HOUSING**

**LWVMN Position:** All people have a right to housing. The public and private sectors should work together to ensure that everyone has access to adequate, decent, affordable housing.

**CHILD HEALTH**

**LWVMN Position:** Support access to comprehensive pre-natal and child health care. (1987)

**TEENAGE PREGNANCY**

**LWVMN Position:** Support prevention efforts to lower the rate of teenage pregnancy. (1988)

**ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO USE**

**LWVMN Position:** LWVMN supports educational programs that advance improved chemical health.

**MENTAL HEALTH**

**LWVMN Position:** Support a comprehensive and coordinated system of programs and services for mentally ill adults and emotionally disturbed children and adolescents. Priority should be given to persons with serious and persistent mental illness and/or acute mental illness. Minnesota public policy and funding should sustain an array of community based services which are available and accessible to persons with mental illness. Administration of that policy should provide clients with appropriate and adequate services. (1989)

**CHILD CARE**

**LWVMN Position:** Support coordinated public policies and funding to ensure safe, affordable, quality child care throughout the state. (1987)

**PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE**

**LWVMN Position:** Support violence prevention programs in our community. (1994)

**FAMILY VIOLENCE**

**LWVMN Position:** Support improved procedures for agencies dealing with family violence. Support improved services for the victims.

**CHILD SUPPORT**

**LWVMN Position:** Support stricter enforcement of court-ordered child support payments.

**CHILD PROTECTION**

**LWVMN Position:** Support adequate staffing and resources for child protection services. (1986)

**IMMIGRATION**

**LWVMN Position:** Support incorporating immigrants into our communities by providing access to education, by endorsing the development of secure identification documents, and by respecting the right of law enforcement personnel to perform their duties without the burden of interpreting federal immigration policies. Oppose residents with legal immigrant status running for local office.

**FIREARMS**

**LWVMN Position:** Support restrictions on the sale, possession and use of firearms by private parties in the state of Minnesota. (1990)

**EDUCATION EQUAL OPPORTUNITY**

**LWVMN Position:** Support increased state responsibility in creating equal public educational opportunities for all Minnesota children through measures to correct racial imbalance. Support equal access to education, employment and housing.

**LWVMN Position:** Support policies to ensure equal opportunity in employment, real property, public accommodations, education and other public services for all persons.

**FINANCING OF EDUCATION**

**LWVMN Position:** All Minnesota children should have equal access to a good public education. State funding for education should be at a level that makes programs of comparable substance and quality available to all. A student's access to a good education should not depend on the wealth of his or her school district.

**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND TENURE**

**LWVMN Position:** Support improvements in the collective bargaining and tenure laws of the state as they apply to K-12 teachers only.

**LIBRARY FUNDING**

**LWVMN Position:** Support for increased and restructured funding for public libraries.

**COUNCIL OF METROPOLITAN AREA LEAGUES POSITIONS****METROPOLITAN COUNCIL**

**CMAL Position:** Support the development of the Metropolitan Council as the decision-making body for metropolitan needs in accordance with these criteria: efficiency and economy, equitable financing, flexibility, citizen control and responsiveness to the electorate. CMAL supports provisions for coordinated metropolitan services focused through the Metropolitan Council. CMAL supports retention of an appointed Metropolitan Council with greater use of its existing powers. (1969, 1976, 1993)

**HOUSING**

**CMAL Position:** Support the Metropolitan Council as the Housing and Redevelopment Authority acting as an administrative agency providing technical assistance to communities requesting service. CMAL opposes an independent regional body separate from the Council to own and operate subsidized housing. (1981)

**HEALTH**

**CMAL Position:** Support the continuation of health planning and coordination at the metropolitan level with state and/or regional funds, if federal funds are reduced. (1981).

**FUNDING/FINANCING FISCAL DISPARITIES**

**CMAL Position:** Support area-wide sharing of fiscal resources, to move toward the solution of problems created by fiscal disparities and to finance services which benefit the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area as a whole or affect the lives of all its citizens. (1970) The integrity of the area-wide pool used in the sharing of fiscal resources should be maintained with no exceptions. (1997) Loans from the pool should be discouraged and if made should not be forgiven. (1997)

### **FINANCING METROPOLITAN SERVICES**

**CMAL Position:** Support operating and maintaining the metropolitan systems and services with a mix of funding sources specific to each service (federal, state and local funds and user fees). If a supplemental fund is created, CMAL supports additional user fees, new or increased, appropriate to the service. (1985)

### **SCHOOL INTEGRATION/DESEGREGATION**

**CMAL Position:** Support the following measures to achieve school integration/desegregation in the metropolitan area: mandatory participation by the school districts; voluntary participation by students; combination of student exchanges, magnets and incentives; combination of incentive plans for school districts and individuals funded by state money; redrawing of school district lines (as necessary). (1991)

### **HOUSING/HEALTH CARE FOR THE AGING**

**CMAL Position:** Support local planning for the housing and service needs for the elderly and disabled in the community. Support the preparation of a local "Blueprint for Action." (1989)

### **LAND USE AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

**CMAL Position:** CMAL recognizes that increased pressures for development in the entire Twin Cities area indicate the need for a strong public voice in land-use decisions. CMAL supports metropolitan-level planning, programs and policies directed toward channeling development in ways that will: (1) preserve and enhance the natural environment; (2) use public investment to the best advantage; and (3) provide area residents with diversity in choice of facilities and amenities. (1972)

### **ENVIRONMENT**

**CMAL Position:** Support a requirement that local governments adopt implementation ordinances for protection of environmental quality for review and approval by the Metropolitan Council. (1981)

**CMAL Position:** Support the Metropolitan Council as the agency to plan and coordinate the water supply needs of the region. (1995)

### **SOLID WASTE**

**CMAL Position:** Support the establishment by the Metropolitan Council of a system for controlling the flow of solid waste for recycling and resource recovery. (1981)

### **TRANSPORTATION**

**CMAL Position:** Support the Metropolitan Council as the single metropolitan agency planning and coordinating a diverse transportation system, meeting varied needs, and having approval authority over this system's major capital expenditures. New funding sources should be service related. (1983)

### **COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

**CMAL Position:** Support measures to ensure accountability and visibility of county government. Support measures to improve cooperation and communication between the Metropolitan Council and county government within the metropolitan area. (1975)

## LWVSLP POSITIONS

### PROPOSED LWVSLP PROGRAM FOR 2013-2014

#### GOVERNMENT

##### Diversity

- Support the city of St. Louis Park in developing a long-range plan for hiring and promoting qualified persons of diversity at all levels of city government services. (1993)
- Support St. Louis Park elected officials, civic groups and community leaders in collaborating to develop a long range plan for the city to use in solving problems related to communication between diverse groups, public safety, racism, violence, and maintaining neighborhoods. (1993)

##### Initiative and Referendum

- Support of the continuation of legislative initiative and compulsory voter referendum on constitutional amendment; opposition to most forms of voter initiative and referendum on statutes.
- Opposition to recall by voters of members of the Legislature and state constitutional officers.
- Support of strict procedural limits on any process of initiative.

##### Support of:

1. The continued initiation of constitutional amendments by the legislative branch; opposition to all forms of voter initiative of such amendments (direct, indirect or advisory).
2. The continuation of compulsory voter referendum on constitutional amendments.
3. Strict procedural limits on any form of initiative, referendum or recall considered or adopted in Minnesota, including restrictions on:
  - a. Time span for collecting signatures.
  - b. Eligibility requirements for persons signing and collecting petitions.
  - c. Percentage of signatures required, geographic distribution of signers, and verification of signatures.
  - d. Size of vote required for passage.
  - e. Procedure for repeal or amendment of a successful initiative or referendum.
  - f. Contributions to and spending for ballot issue campaigns.

##### Opposition to:

1. Direct initiative and advisory initiative on statutes, no agreement on indirect initiative on statutes.
2. Optional and compulsory referendum on statutes; no agreement on petition referendum statutes.
3. Voter recall of members of the Legislature and state constitutional officers; no agreement on voter recall of judges or appointed officials. (2002)

#### EDUCATION

##### ESL Programs

- Support the ESL (English as a Second Language) program. Support additional funding for the ESL program. Support increases in the following if additional funding becomes available: Books, workbooks, reference materials, computer discs, teachers, and paraprofessionals. Support adequate space for the ESL program. The League does not support cutbacks in the funding for the ESL program. (1990)

##### Diversity

- Support St. Louis Park School District 283 in being pro-active in working to ensure that students and school personnel understand the increasing diversity of the students. (1993)
- Support the teaching of history, culture, literature and arts of African-Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanic-Americans and Native-Americans on an ongoing and comprehensive basis. (1993).
- Support the development of a long range, pro-active plan to hire qualified persons of diversity, and that it uses the assistance of its present minority personnel in doing this. (1993)

**NATURAL RESOURCES****Recycling**

- Support the expansion of recycling of solid waste, including plastics. (1987).
- Support policies that promote and protect environmental quality. (1973) (1979).

**SOCIAL POLICY****Domestic Abuse**

- Support mandatory arrest of the offender as part of the stated policy and guidelines that police must follow. (1988)
- Support the handling of domestic abuse cases in criminal court. (1988)
- Support an intervention/advocacy program in St. Louis Park. (1988)
- Support funding advocacy/intervention programs through a combination of private & public funds. (1988)

**Prevention of Violence**

Support for violence prevention programs in our community.

1. Educational programs that emphasize self-esteem, healthy sexuality, problem solving, positive expression of emotions, nonviolent conflict resolution, and respect for others to prevent violent behavior. This would include support for:
  - a. Government-sponsored parenting and early childhood classes.
  - b. Local or state government mandating or encouraging such education programs in school curricula.
  - c. Use of public money to train teachers and administrators to use nonviolence curricula.
  - d. Training for childcare providers.
2. A requirement that adult educators, including coaches, participate in prevention of sexual harassment and violence education programs and that public money is provided for adequate training.
3. The use of public money for a stateside public information and communication campaign designed to prevent violent and sexually violent behavior; i.e. to promote healthy sexuality, nonviolent conflict resolution, and gender and race equality.
4. Efforts by state and local government to develop and coordinate programs dealing with primary prevention of violence.
5. Allocation of public monies in governmental programs to combat violence through reducing substance abuse and poverty, and by identifying and responding to individuals who have been violent or are at risk for violent behavior.
6. The following social institutions taking an active role in preventing violent behavior:
  - a. Religious community
  - b. Business community
  - c. Legal community
  - d. Medical community
  - e. Media, civic and recreation community
7. Efforts to encourage the media industry to exercise self-restraint in the promotion of violence.
8. Efforts to encourage the pornography industry to exercise self-restraint in the promotion of sexually violent pornography. (1991).

**Family Services**

- Support a one-stop-shop office for coordinating family services. (1995)
- Support computerization to simplify distribution of information and to eliminate duplication. (1995)
- Support a program to supplement the public bus system. (1995)

**CONTINUING STUDIES**

- Study revisions of the St. Louis Park City Charter.
- Study revisions of the St. Louis Park Comprehensive Plan.
- Study housing opportunities in St. Louis Park to meet future needs of the community.

## LWV SLP Calendar 2015

<b>February</b>	<b>95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of LWV Black History Month</b>	
<b>February 5</b>	<b>Board Meeting Location: Judy' home</b>	<b>Judy Cook</b>
<b>February 18</b>	<b>Unit 2 Meeting Topic: Inclusion "We're All the Same" Location: Tower Light</b>	<b>Barbara Aslakson Debbie Blake Aggie Leitheiser</b>
<b>February 19</b>	<b>Unit 3 Meeting Topic Inclusion "We're All The Same" Location: City Hall</b>	<b>Aggie Leitheiser</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>Women's History Month</b>	
<b>March 5</b>	<b>Board Meeting Location: Eilseen's home</b>	<b>Eilseen Knisely</b>
<b>March 18 1 or 1:30 pm</b>	<b>Unit 2 Meeting Topic: Bees Location: Tower Light</b>	<b>Barbara Aslakson Debbie Blake Barb Person</b>
<b>March 19 7 pm</b>	<b>Unit 3 Meeting Topic: Bees Location: SLP City Hall</b>	<b>Barb Person</b>
<b>March 21</b>	<b>CMAL Topic:</b>	<b>Debbie Blake</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>West Metro Topic: Location:</b>	<b>West Metro Rep: Barb Person</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>LWVSLP Birthday 61</b>	
<b>April 2</b>	<b>Board Meeting Location: Debbie's Home</b>	<b>Debbie Blake</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>Empty Bowls Westwood Lutheran Church</b>	
<b>April 18</b>	<b>61st Annual Meeting Topic: Water or Campaign Finance / Citizens United Location: McCoys</b>	<b>LWV SLP BOARD</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>Career Day at the High School with Karen Waters</b>	<b>Eilseen</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>Celebrate St. Louis Park Kids May 19, 1919 Women's Right to Vote</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> Amendment</b>
<b>May 7 7 pm</b>	<b>Board Meeting Location: Aggie's Home</b>	<b>Aggie Leitheiser</b>
<b>May 20 1 or 1:30</b>	<b>Unit 2 Meeting Topic: Book Review Location: Tower Light</b>	<b>Barbara Aslakson Debbie Blake Dorothy Karlson</b>
<b>May 21 7 pm</b>	<b>Unit 3 Meeting Topic: Book Review</b>	<b>Dorothy Karlson</b>

	<b>Location: SLP City Hall</b>	
<b>May 23</b> 9:30 coffee 10:00 program	<b>CMAL Annual Meeting</b> <b>Topic:</b> <b>Location:</b>	<b>Debbie Blake</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>Ice Cream Social – Children First</b> <b>Wolfe Park</b>	<b>Deb</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>Scholarship Program</b> <b>SLP High School</b>	<b>Deb</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>Parktacular</b> <b>June 10, 1963 Equal Pay for Women</b> <b>June 23, 1972 Equality in education and sports</b>	<b>Fair Labor Standards Act</b> <b>Title IX</b>
<b>June 4</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b> <b>Location:</b>	
<b>June 13 -14</b>	<b>LWV Minnesota Convention</b> <b>Location: Duluth</b>	<b>LWVMN</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>Parktacular</b>	
<b>July</b>	<b>July 1, 1971 – age to vote from 21 to 18</b> <b>July 2, 1964 – Equal Rights Amendment</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> Amendment</b> <b>Title VII Employment</b> <b>Equality</b>
<b>July 9</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b> <b>Location:</b>	
<b>August</b>	<b>Getting Ready</b>	
<b>August 6</b> 6 pm	<b>Planning Meeting</b> <b>Location: Deb’s Home</b>	<b>Deb Brinkman</b>

## Observer Reports

**St. Louis Park City Council** November 3, 2014 Aggie Leitheiser, reporter

All members were present. Acceptance of a donation from the Kiwanis to Westwood Hills.

Public Hearings on Special Service Districts 1 through 6 which continues current services, primarily more snow plowing. Public Hearing on Groves Academy Revenue Bonds of \$5.6 million. This is a project with the city of Mayor that will act as bond sales as they have capacity for bonding. State law allows cities to support each other in this way. No liability for SLP.

Resolution approved for \$10 million in General Obligation Bonds for sidewalks, trails and utilities. “ This continues the “Connect the Park” initiative. There will be no increase in the levy rate as it is already built in.

First reading of ownership of water lines with 2<sup>nd</sup> reading at the next meeting. This would change ownership of the water line from curb to main from the homeowner to the city, as is the case in most other cities. No impact on utility rates. The change would be effective January 1, 2015.



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