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“BEYOND MEDICARE AND DEATH PANELS”

Speakers:

**Faith O’Neill, Julianne Johnston,
Barb Lehn, Lisa Edstrom**

(more information about them on page 2)

Tuesday, April 20, 2010

5:30 p.m. - Dinner; 7:00 p.m. - Program

Little Venetian Restaurant

2900 Rice Street, Suite 240, Little Canada

**Contact Stephanie DeBenedet for dinner reservations:
jdebenedet@msn.com or 651-483-1006**

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

9:30 a.m.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Victoria & County Road C, Roseville

(Please bring your own beverage)

*Invite a friend and/or neighbor who is interested
in this subject or in the LWV in general*

Bring a food shelf contribution

Open to the Public

**2009-10 Board
& Off-Board Positions**

Co-Presidents

Ann Cleland & Barbara Yates

Secretary

Anne Haugan; Mary Ann Palmer,
alternate

Treasurer

Joan Stark

Action Chair

Angela Robinson, acting
Volunteer needed

Membership

Stephanie DeBenedet, Julianne
Johnston, Gale Pederson, & Karen
Schaffer

Newsletter

Judy Rosenblatt, *Voter* editor

Program Division

(including unit administration and
some event planning))

Ann Berry, Carolyn Cushing (after
January), Georgeann Hall, Teri
Kysylczyn, Judy Rosenblatt,
Florence Sprague (& coordinator of
Diversity Subcommittee),
Lorraine Fischer, rep. to Council of
Metropolitan Area Leagues (CMAL)

Public Relations

Volunteer needed

Voter Service

Linda McLoon, Andrea Brodtmann

'09-'10 Off-Board Responsibilities

Annual Meeting Coordinators

Carole Erickson & Shirley Bradley

Book Sale Coordinators

Joyce Blomquist & Le Matts

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Co-presidents' Letter



March brought us an informative presentation on the effects of garbage hauling. The need for organized trash collection is obvious. Dwayne Stenlund was a lively and engaging speaker. Thank you, Program Committee!

RoMaFH is increasing our visibility by co-sponsoring 2 upcoming events. Insights on Aging in the Era of Health Reform will be presented to the community on April 23 (see details on page 5). We are also promoting an event between Roseville's Karen community and members of the police and fire department to further understanding between the immigrant community and government authorities (details also on page 5)..

We will again be in the Roseville Rosefest parade. Plan on walking with us at this fun event! Details will be in next month's Voter.

Three of our leaguers will be attending the LWVMN Council 2010 at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in May.

In June, I (Ann) have the honor of representing ROMAFH at the national League convention in Atlanta.

Health Care is on the program for April—couldn't be more timely! Our knowledgeable members will be presenting the program.

See you at the unit meetings,

Ann Cleland and Barb Yates, Co-Presidents

More on Health Care at April units

LWVUS position in brief on Health Care follows. The full position may be found in "Impact on Issues" (LWVUS guide to public policy positions) at the lwv.org Web site.

"Promote a health care system for the United States that provides access to a basic level of quality care for all U.S. residents and controls health care costs."

"BEYOND MEDICARE AND DEATH PANELS"

Among our members, there are several women who have worked in the health care field on one level or another for many years, from the care of frail infants to clinics and support services and care of dependent/failing elderly. They have a vast array of experiences that they have agreed to share with us at our April Unit meetings. We hope that other members in health care and all the rest of you with opinions will speak out during discussion—Q/A time!

Speakers:

Faith O'Neill, a nurse who managed several clinics, will discuss changes in health care since her retirement.

Julianne Johnston, a nurse, who before her retirement became an expert on "Long Term Care," will discuss that issue.

Barb Lehn, pediatric respiratory therapist, will share her experience, issues, and problems in that field.

Lisa Edstrom, consultant, will discuss financial issues faced by an aging population. Lisa has most recently served on the committee planning an event for Friday, April 23, "Insights on Aging in the Era of Health Reform" (see info on that event on page 5).

'09-'10 Off-Board Responsibilities
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Budget Committee
Carole Erickson; Florence Sprague; Joan Stark, *ex officio*

Diversity Subcommittee (of the Program Division)
Andrea Brodtmann, Sandi Lutz, Judy Rosenblatt, Florence Sprague, Joan Stark, Judy Stuthman

Finance Committee
Georgiana Sobola, Anita Mayfield, Joan Stark, *ex officio*

Nominating Committee
Ann Berry, Carolyn Cushing, Georgeann Hall, & Julianne Johnston.

Observers
Unit volunteers observe at city council & school board meetings.
Sign up at your unit meeting or contact Ann Cleland to volunteer. One time commitment is okay.

Records / Directory
Julianne Johnston

Representative to Gavel Club
Barbara Yates

Rosefest Parade Coordinator
Volunteer needed

VIP Meeting Coordinators
Program Committee

Voter distribution
Ann Berry, Tami Johnson

Web site
Jim Debenedet

Windows and Mirrors for All

Good Judgment(al)

by Florence Sprague

Good judgment. It is something most of us strive to have. It helps us make the right choices in life. Choices about everything—what to have for dinner, what makes a good friend, where to go to college, who will make a good life partner, or to what job will we dedicate our lives. Good judgment can help us avoid dangerous activities like taking a ride with a strange adult as a child, and driving under the influence when an adult. Parents try to teach good judgment to their children, but we all know that it is not always enough to know what you should or shouldn't do when temptation rears its alluring head, even when you are an adult.

Good judgment means that we are constantly assessing things—situations, people, opportunities. Necessary? Yes. And good, right? Usually. There is a downside. Good judgment can so easily morph into applying our judgment not only to ourselves, and our decisions, but to others. We creep from judging well, to being judgmental.

When we are judgmental we substitute our choices, read our judgments about life, for those of others and make a value judgment. Our choices are right, better than other options, or so we want, perhaps even need, to believe. The thing is, most choices are just not so absolute.

I cannot for the life of me understand why someone would want to put a stud through his or her tongue, but I've got to admit that it is really none of my business and it does not harm me in any way. Nor does it harm anyone but the individual, as a rule. So why am I so tempted to judge that person for his or her choice?

I think young men look silly with their pants belted below their tushes. They have to adjust their stride just to keep their pants up and everyone gets to view the tops of their boxers. But why should I care? Short of gang symbols, it is just a matter of taste and social milieu.

I think women risk breaking a leg and make themselves more vulnerable when they wear very high heels, and for questionable style. I can choose to wear low heels; what other women choose to wear is not my business.

Oof! It is a bit embarrassing to think about all the things about which I might judge other people. It's so easy to forget to look at **why** someone makes the choices they make. Many factors may come into play, and make a seemingly unreasonable choice perfectly reasonable, or at least understandable. People want to fit in with their peer group, people like to try different things, people need to rebel against authority figures, and people are just different. People have different financial resources, people are of different generations, people are of different sizes, people are of different cultures, and people hold different standards. People are in different stages of life, different stages of health, and have different needs.

Judging either oneself or the rest of the world too harshly is not good for the world and it is not good for one's health, as it only contributes to stress and dissatisfaction without improving things. Nor is wanting everything done one way (our way) the path to world peace or the cure for social inequities.

Sometimes we are judgmental about behavioral lapses— being too loud, driving poorly, misusing an express line, etc. Yet how quickly we forget our own lapses in judgment. I know that I've stood in the wrong line when I was thinking more about my problems than my shopping. I've been a distracted driver and changed lanes when it would have been safer not to. Haven't you? We try to do the right thing, the safe thing, but sometimes we mess up, just like the other guy. We should not assume animus on the part of others. When we are judgmental it can show in our facial expression in not very attractive ways. The lips tense and purse, the eyes roll, the jaw may clench. An unbeautiful attitude reflected in an unbeautiful countenance.

How many things can you think of that tempt you to go all judgmental for no

**2010–11 Membership Dues—
New fiscal year began April 1**

A friendly reminder about dues: they are due April 1. They can be paid before or at the Annual Meeting. To join or renew, make your dues check payable to LWVRoMaFH.

Individual	\$60
Household	\$90
New member 1st year discount	\$45
Scholarship	negotiated

Send to: Karen Schaffer
LWVRoMaFH Membership
2100 Fairview Ave. N
Roseville, MN 55113-5452

**LWV RoMaFH
Annual Meeting**

The LWVRoMaFH Annual Meeting will be **Thursday, May 6, 6 p.m. at Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur Avenue.**

Dessert and Conversation 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. (no dinner this year).

Annual Meeting 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

A dessert charge (\$7) will be payable when you arrive and receive your name tag.

Invitations will not be sent by mail this year; the information is only in the *Voter* and on the Web site <www.romafh.org>.

RSVP your attendance by calling Shirley Bradway at 651-636-4766 or e-mail Sabradway@aol.com **by APRIL 29.**

Remember to bring a donation for the food drive.

**Treasurer's Report
Joan Stark, Treasurer**



Treasurer's Report – March 24, 2010

Previous Checking Balance – February 24, 2010 **\$914.21**

Income:

Donation, Finance Supplies	\$ 4.90
2010 Finance Drive General Fund Contributions	350.00
Total Income:	354.90

Expenses:

#4312 – LWVMN Finance Drive Stationery	\$26.80
#4313 – Anita Mayfield, Finance Drive Printing	29.80
#4314 – Georgiana Sobola, Finance Drive Postage	88.00
Total Expenses:	144.60

Checking Account Balance – March 24, 2010 **\$1,124.51**

Savings Account Balance - February 26, 2010 **\$2,562.35**

Education Fund Balance - February 23, 2010 **\$4,690.27**

Thank You to Carole Erickson and Florence Sprague for serving on the 2010-2011 Budget Committee.

Changes for your Membership Directory

New Member

Cindy Bhimani
2790 Quebec Court
Little Canada, MN 55117
ccb7581@comcast.net

E-mail updates

Judy Berglund:
judyberglund@comcast.net
Georgia Heissererl: gheisserer@gmail.com
Patricia Gunderson: pjgund@gmail.com

Good Judgment(al) (continued from page 3)

good reason? We'll all get along better if we strive to use our good judgment to avoid being judgmental.

Judge for good and evil; judge for personal compatibility; judge for safety. For all else, judge yourself and others with compassion, thoughtfulness, and openness. Remember the words of poet Wade Davis:

The world in which
you were born
is just one model
of reality.

Other cultures are not
failed attempts
at being you;
they are unique manifestations

4 of the human spirit.

Insights on Aging in an Era of Health Reform A Community Forum and Discussion

Friday, April 23, 2010, 8:00 am to 11:30 am
Roseville Lutheran Church, 1215 West Roselawn Ave.

Learn about on the impact of health reform on issues related to senior services and how communities are responding to the age wave by developing Communities for a Lifetime. The forum is intended to educate participants on issues of aging and inspire discussion about how to make our community accessible and welcoming for all ages.

Keynote Address: Robert L. Kane, MD, University of Minnesota Center on Aging will discuss the implications of the health reform legislation as it applies to care and services for older adults. Dr. Kane will also discuss developing trends in long-term care supports and services.

Peter Spuit, Project Consultant, Transform 2010, MN Dept of Human Services will share a summary of the findings from a 2010 MN Board on Aging report to the State Legislature – *Building Communities for a Lifetime in Minnesota*

AGENDA

8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast - \$3.00 contribution suggested
8:30 Welcome from Co-sponsors
8:45 Keynote Address: Aging in an Era of Health Reform, Robert Kane
9:45 Report: Building Communities for a Lifetime, Peter Spuit
10:15 Round Table Discussions
11:00 Feedback from Discussion and Next Steps
11:30 Adjourn

Sponsored by:

The Citizen's Forum – serving citizens of Roseville and Neighboring Communities in Northern Ramsey County
The North Suburban Senior Council (NSSC)
The Roseville, Maplewood, Falcon Heights (RoMaFH) League of Women Voters
The University of Minnesota – Center on Aging

Questions: Lisa Edstrom (612.624.3904) or Scott Halstead, <snhalstead@gmail.com>

Interdisciplinary Approaches to Reducing Health Disparities: Where to go from Here.

David Williams, Harvard, and Alice Ammerman, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will explore strategies to reduce health disparities that target the underlying causes of health disparities in minority and low-income populations. Special attention will be given to strategies that draw on perspectives from multiple disciplines.

April 23, 9:30 a.m.-noon, Coffman Union Theater, East Bank Campus, U of M. Free and open to the public. For more information, see [reducing disparities <http://ecommunication.umn.edu/t/158949/694534/67093/0/>](http://ecommunication.umn.edu/t/158949/694534/67093/0/). (from 3/3/10 U of M e-mail newsletter)

CMAL

Annual Convention

Saturday, May 15, 2010

Maple Grove Community Center
(far east part of building, Room 133)
12951 Weaver Lake Rd.
Maple Grove, MN

9:30 a.m. Registration/Coffee
10:00 Discuss Housing Mini Study
11:30 Lunch
noon Business Meeting
2:00 Adjourn

At the business meeting we will determine what CMAL should focus on for the next year. Do we want to continue looking at Housing or should we do something else? We will not make the decision until after our discussion since that may be a factor in whether we want to learn more or not. Come with your ideas in case we want to move on to another topic. Every LWV member is welcome, not just the unit's representative.

We will also vote on next year's budget, discuss and vote on proposed bylaw changes, and elect new officers.

For information on registration, contact the LWVMN office, 651-224-5445.

Citizen's Forum

April 30, 8:30 – 9:30 A.M.
Roseville Skating Center, Fireside Rm.
(County Road C at Civic Center Drive)

Dawn Simonson, executive director, Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging, will present information about the growing national movement to create Communities for a Lifetime—communities that are good places to live for all ages. She will report on a recent survey conducted by MAAA of local cities' efforts to plan for a growing older population, share examples of models going forward across the US, and offer guidance and resources to deploy in our community.

Proposed Bylaw Changes: The following changes (*Old wording; New wording*) will be proposed and voted on at the May 6 Annual Meeting. The full bylaws may be read at the LWVRoMaFH Web site, <www.romafh.org>.

Article VI Elected and Appointed Directors

Sec. 3 Community Relations Division. The Community Relations Division shall provide leadership in interactions with the community in such areas as: service to voters, public relations, fundraising, publications, monitoring and influencing legislation and other public decision-making.

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BOOK SALE

Sunday April 25th – 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Fairview Community Center
1910 West County Road B, Roseville

April has finally arrived, and with it our League's fun-fund drive, the Book Sale! Last year, 30 Leaguers and several spouses helped on Friday, Saturday and Sunday to make our sale a big success. We could use as many this year, and it's not too late to offer your help.

This is a group effort; we need you! Please sign up at one of the April unit meetings; or give Joyce Blomquist or Le Matts a call as soon as possible to volunteer. **If your plans change and you can't come, please let us know ASAP.** Of course, we want you to come and buy on Sunday, and urge your friends to come too.

Books and other items are coming in, but we can still use many more! Check your book shelves and ask your friends for donations. We especially need children's books, as well as games, puzzles, CD's and DVD's. Magazines for crafts, cooking, gardening, travel and cross-cultural information are favorites.

PLEASE DONATE YOUR SALE ITEMS BEFORE FRIDAY APRIL 23rd. Take all your items to Georgiana Sobola's house, at 1961 Hamline Avenue, Roseville. Call her at 651-644-3337, and put your donations in her breeze-way.

We need more volunteers for the following times:
Friday, April 23: 3 pm to 6 pm – we need more vans and SUVs to transport boxes from Georgiana's home to Fairview Community Center, set up tables, and arrange bookcases.

Saturday, April 24: 9 am to 2 pm – we need more volunteers to help arrange displays, books, signs, etc.; we will provide lunch.

Sunday, April 25: 7:45 to 1:00 pm – we have enough
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Sec. 4 Organization Division. The Organization Division shall provide membership services including recruitment and retainment, communications (VOTER) and arrangement for meetings.

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Article VIII Meeting

Sec. 3 Quorum At the Annual Meeting, the quorum shall be 25% or twenty (20) members, whichever is less.

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Article IX Nominations and Elections

Sec. 3 Elections The elections shall be by ballot, provided that when there is but one nominee, a unanimous ballot may be cast, majority vote of those qualified to vote and voting shall constitute and election. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

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Article X Program

Sec. 3 Local Program Selection. The Annual Meeting shall act upon the Program using the following procedures:

c) A majority vote of voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting shall be required for adoption of subjects in the Proposed Program as presented to the Annual Meeting by the Board of Directors.

d) Recommendations for Program submitted by voting members two months (60 days) prior to the Annual Meeting but not recommended by the Board of Directors may be considered by the Annual Meeting provided that:

a. The Annual Meeting shall order consideration by a majority vote and

b. The Annual Meeting shall adopt the item by two-

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Book Sale (cont'd from left)

volunteers for three shifts to sell and rearrange books. **1:00 until done – we need more** volunteers to sort out "3 strike books," pack up books, return tables. **We need more** vans to return boxes to Georgiana's home and return bookcases.

This is a good way to raise money for RoMaFH and have fun, too. **We need your help to make this a great Book Sale!**

Joyce Blomquist, 631-0688, Book Sale Chair
Le Matts, 488-7332, Book Sale Co-chair

Proposed Bylaws Changes (cont'd from page 6)

thirds vote.

Sec. 3 Local Program Selection.

c) A majority vote shall be required for adoption of subjects in the Proposed Program as presented to the Annual Meeting by the Board of Directors.

d) Program items submitted by voting members, but not recommended by the Board of Directors, may be considered at the Annual Meeting provided that:

- a. Majority vote shall order consideration and,
- b. Two-thirds vote shall be necessary for adoption.

Submitted for consideration at the Annual Meeting by the Bylaws Committee: Faith O'Neill, Carolyn Cushing, and Mary Ann Palmer.

Supreme Court Decision Protects Right to Immigration Advice

March 31, 2010 Washington D.C. - The Legal Action Center (LAC) of the American Immigration Council applauds today's Supreme Court decision on the right to counsel for noncitizens charged with committing a crime. The Court held that criminal defense lawyers must advise their noncitizen clients about the risk of deportation if they accept a guilty plea. The Court recognized that current immigration laws impose harsh and mandatory deportation consequences onto criminal convictions, and that Congress eliminated from these laws the Attorney General's discretionary authority to cancel removal in meritorious cases. The Court said, "These changes to our immigration law have dramatically raised the stakes of a noncitizen's criminal conviction. The importance of accurate legal advice for noncitizens accused of crimes has never been more important."

The case, *Padilla v. Kentucky*, involved a Vietnam War veteran who has resided lawfully in the U.S. for over 40 years. His criminal defense lawyer told him not to worry about the immigration consequences of pleading guilty to a crime, but that advice was wrong. In fact, the guilty plea made Mr. Padilla subject to mandatory deportation from the United States. The state of Kentucky said that Mr. Padilla had no right to withdraw his plea when he learned of the deportation consequence. Today's decision reverses the Kentucky court. It also rejected the federal government's position (which had been adopted by several courts) that a noncitizen is protected only from "affirmative misadvice" and not from a lawyer's failure to provide any advice about the immigration consequences of a plea.

"The right to counsel is at the very core of our criminal justice system. The Court affirms that immigrants should not be held accountable when they rely on incorrect advice

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Proposed Nominees for the Board of Directors and Off-Board Positions

Co-Presidents Ann Cleland, Karen Schaffer

SecretarySheri Dione

Treasurer.....Joan Stark

Program Committee Georgeann Hall, Carolyn Cushing, Florence Sprague, Judy Rosenblatt, Ann Berry, Teri Kysylyczyn, Anne Haugan

CMAL.....Lorraine Fischer

Voter Service....Linda McLoon, Andrea Brodtmann

Membership.....Stephanie DeBenedet, Julianne J Johnston, Ann Berry

Newsletter.....Judy Berglund, Tami Johnson, Ann Berry

Web Site.....Jim DeBenedet

Administrative Assistant....Shirley Bradway

OFF-BOARD POSITIONS

Finance....Georgiana Sobola, Anita Mayfield

Annual Meeting

Public Relations

Book Sale...Joyce Blomquist

Action...by members, based on information from all levels of LWV

Nominating Committee...Carolyn Cushing, Ann Berry, Julianne Johnston, Joan Stark, Georgeann Hall

Budget Committee

Submitted to the Annual Meeting by the Nominating Committee

Supreme Court Decision (cont'd from left)

from their lawyers or where counsel fails to provide any immigration advice at all," said Beth Werlin, an attorney at the American Immigration Council's LAC. For more background on this Supreme Court's decision, read the Legal Action Center's blog post. Visit the Web site at

<www.legalactioncenter.org>.

News from National

March 27, 2010

Washington, D.C. – Statement from Mary G. Wilson, President of the League of Women Voters of the United States:

“Today’s votes by the U.S. House of Representatives [on health care] mark an historic milestone in American political history. The path that began with Social Security and continued with Medicare is reaching fruition with this health care legislation. Comprehensive health care reform will begin to undo decades of neglect and inaction that has left millions of Americans uninsured and at risk.

“This legislation is a monumental step in the fight for social justice.

“Too many citizens lack adequate health insurance coverage and rising costs threaten everyone. Passage of comprehensive health care legislation greatly expands coverage to include millions more Americans; protects the coverage that currently delivers care to most; reduces costs over the long term; and accomplishes these goals at a reasonable cost.

“It would be difficult to overstate the importance of today’s actions, and we commend our elected representatives for standing up for Americans and having the courage to do what needs to be done to confront the health care crisis in our country. The League congratulates the House leadership on a closely-fought victory.

“We can expect transformational reform from these bills. Access to health care will be extended to all Americans. Mechanisms to control rising costs will be put in place. And the marketplace will be expanded and safeguards put in place to protect consumers.

“Truly, this legislation is monumental, historic and transforming.

“Today we took the critical step in dealing with the current health care crisis. Tomorrow, many Americans will wake up to a new week and a new future that looks a great deal more promising.”

March 18, 2010

TO: Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Mary G. Wilson, President

RE: Updating Campaign Finance Laws for the 2010 Elections

With the Supreme Court’s recent decision in *Citizens United v. FEC*, it is critically important for Congress to update campaign finance laws, especially disclosure requirements governing corporate and union spending. With the 2010 elections fast approaching, delay is simply not a viable option.

The Court’s decision in *Citizens United* allows corporations to make unlimited independent expenditures in candidate elections, thus changing the foundation on which decades of congressional enactments on campaign finance are built. Such fundamental change requires a considered response from Congress. We support a variety of approaches, but we do not expect legislation adopted this year to address every possible issue. However, some steps clearly are vital to govern the conduct of the 2010 elections.

After *Citizens United*, we urgently need enhanced disclosure. This is the most basic step toward protecting the role of the voter in making decisions in elections. It is now possible for corporations to secretly provide funds that another corporation uses to intervene directly in an election. This is simply unacceptable.

The Court pointed in the direction of enhanced disclosure when it said that disclosure is important to “providing the electorate with information.” It also supported disclaimer requirements “so that the people will be able to evaluate the arguments to which they are being subjected.” We couldn’t agree more.

After providing enhanced disclosure, the next most important step for Congress is to do no further harm. A decision as far-reaching as *Citizens United* will provoke proposals that could make our election system and government processes even worse. Such steps as raising contribution limits to candidates and PACs, or allowing corporations and unions to donate huge sums to political parties or even to candidates, could increase corruption or the appearance of corruption and further distort our political processes.

Rep. Van Hollen and Senator Schumer have released a legislative framework providing for heightened disclosure, more complete disclaimers, barring election spending by foreign corporations, barring election ads by government contractors, clarifying coordination rules, and ensuring candidates can afford to respond to heavy corporate or union spending. We believe this is a responsible and balanced approach.

Fair and clean elections, determined by the votes of American citizens, should be at the center of our democracy. Congress must act quickly in addressing the Court’s decision in *Citizens United v. FEC*.

LWVRoMaFH 2010-2011 Proposed Budget

	Budget	YTD	Proposed Budget
	2009-2010	2009-2010	2010-2011
Income:			
Dues*	\$ 4,675.00	\$ 3,710.00	\$ 4,560.00
Contributions (Unrestricted)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 615.89	\$ 1,000.00
Annual Meeting	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 812.00	\$ 400.00
Miscellaneous**	\$ 150.00	\$ 760.00	\$ 150.00
Book Sale	\$ 950.00	\$ 632.45	\$ 650.00
Holiday Dinner			\$ 450.00
Transfer from Savings	\$ 1,832.00		\$ 2,385.00
Reimbursements from Ed Fund		\$ 2,002.87	
In Kind		\$ 52.00	
Total Income	\$ 9,607.00	\$ 8,585.21	\$ 9,595.00
Expenses:			
Program Division			
Program	\$ 75.00	\$ 326.84	\$ 75.00
CMAL Meeting	\$ 40.00		\$ 40.00
Diversity and Outreach	\$ 100.00	\$ 140.23	\$ 100.00
Community Relations Division			
Public Relations/Advertising	\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00
Publication Purchases	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
Finance Committee	\$ 200.00	\$ 55.99	\$ 200.00
Voter Service/Citizen Info,	\$ 25.00	\$ 212.89	\$ 25.00
Action/Coalition	\$ 10.00		\$ 10.00
Organization Division			
VOTER Printing	\$ 500.00	\$ 588.84	\$ 600.00
VOTER Mailing	\$ 315.00	\$ 187.12	\$ 350.00
Membership	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
Unit Meetings	\$ 40.00		\$ 40.00
Annual Meeting (food/booklet)			
Catering	\$ 800.00	\$ 629.85	\$ 300.00
Publishing/Printing/Misc.	\$ 250.00	\$ 184.65	\$ 150.00
Membership Directory	\$ 75.00		\$ 75.00
Board Expense			
President/Vice President	\$ 50.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 50.00
Secretary	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
Treasurer	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
Board Expense	\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00
Facility Honorarium	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
Delegate, Travel, Affiliation			
Delegates/Convention/Workshop	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 307.49	\$ 2,500.00
Miscellaneous			
Recognitions and Remembrances	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
Other Club Dues (Gavel Club)	\$ 15.00		\$ 15.00
Book Sale Expenses	\$ 100.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 100.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 70.00	\$ 781.50	\$ 50.00
Holiday Dinner			\$ 450.00
Rosefest Parade	\$ 100.00	\$ 848.87	\$ 100.00
Web site	\$ 500.00	\$ 178.04	\$ 200.00
In Kind		\$ 52.00	
To be Reimbursed from Ed Fund		\$ 525.00	
Per Member Payments			
PMP National (\$29.20/member)	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,284.05	\$ 2,220.00
PMP State (\$20/member)	\$ 1,540.00	\$ 1,463.00	\$ 1,444.00
CMAL Dues (\$1/member)	\$ 77.00	\$ 82.00	\$ 76.00
Total Expenses	\$ 9,607.00	\$ 9,043.36	\$ 9,595.00

* \$205 Paid Previous Fiscal Year

** Includes Holiday Party

Please study this proposed budget in preparation for a vote at the Thursday, May 6, Annual Meeting.

Upcoming LWVROMaFH Calendar

April 2010

20, 21, Units, Health Care

Thu, 22, 40th anniversary of Earth Day

Wed, 28, Board meeting

May 2010

Sat., 1, LWVMN Council 2010, at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chaska, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (see February Voter for more information)

Thurs, 6, Annual Meeting (see article on page 4 in this Voter)

“Do your Own Thing,” TBA

Wed, 26, Board meeting (new and old boards)

NOTE:

Board meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the 4th Wed at the Roseville Skating Center, Raider Room.

Third Tuesday evening unit meetings are held at Little Venetian Restaurant, 2900 Rice St., Little Canada, at 7:00 p.m.; social time and dinner optional at 5:30 p.m. (No minimum cost for dinner.)

Third Wednesday morning unit meetings are held at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2561 N. Victoria Ave., Roseville, at 9:30 a.m.

All meetings are public

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