

LWV of Dakota County

Member/Public Meeting
November 12, 2019



Meeting Agenda

- Welcome/Call to Order
- Nonpartisan Policy Reminder
- Featured Topic: “Journalism in the 21st Century: How to be a Wise Consumer of the News” with Professor Jane Kirtley
- Voter Service Activities Recap
- Observer Corps Update
- CMAL Update
- LWVDC Announcements
- Wrap-Up



Nonpartisan Reminder

- Keep your comments non-partisan. **Talk about ideas – not partisan labels.**
- **Promote political actions that are not party-specific** such as researching a topic, educating voters or contacting lawmakers in general regarding an issue.
- **Refrain from endorsing or opposing specific candidates or elected officials.**
- **Only state facts, not judgments about the facts**, when it is not possible to avoid mentioning a specific candidate, lawmaker, or party.
- **Avoid discussing your individual activities supporting or opposing any candidate or party.**



Featured Presentation

Professor Jane Kirtley

**“Journalism in the 21st Century:
How to be a Wise Consumer
of the News”**



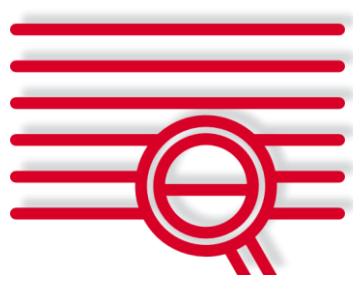


HOW TO SPOT FAKE NEWS



CONSIDER THE SOURCE

Click away from the story to investigate the site, its mission and its contact info.



READ BEYOND

Headlines can be outrageous in an effort to get clicks. What's the whole story?



CHECK THE AUTHOR

Do a quick search on the author. Are they credible? Are they real?



SUPPORTING SOURCES?

Click on those links. Determine if the info given actually supports the story.



CHECK THE DATE

Reposting old news stories doesn't mean they're relevant to current events.



IS IT A JOKE?

If it is too outlandish, it might be satire. Research the site and author to be sure.



CHECK YOUR BIASES

Consider if your own beliefs could affect your judgement.



ASK THE EXPERTS

Ask a librarian, or consult a fact-checking site.

Voter Service Activities Recap

Leads: Lynn Lewis and Tina Syrstad

- Hastings ISD 200 Forum
 - 8 candidates
 - 110 attendees
 - Many more views through cable tv and social media
 - Partnered with aaup hastings chapter
- Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan ISD 196 Forum
 - 12 candidates
 - 55 attendees
 - Many more views through cable tv and social media



*Thanks to all the volunteers
who made the forums possible!*

Observer Corps Update

Lead: Anne Koutnik, presented by Holly Jenkins



- Board of Commissioners meeting highlights
- Water-drilling issue
- Public comments sought through November 30, 2019 for county and municipal capital bonding requests



Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues (CMAL) Update

Delegate: Holly Jenkins

- Proposed CMAL studies
- Upcoming CMAL meetings



LWVDC Announcements

Lead/Spokesperson: Paula Stein Clark

- **LWVDC Book Club** reading The Soul of America: The Battle for our Better Angels by presidential historian and Pulitzer prize-winning author, Jon Meacham. Discussion 1/23/2020, 6PM Burnhaven Library.
- **Local League application project** underway - still need volunteers to sign up for a variety of tasks - see Paula
- **LWV Minnesota Youth Civic Engagement program** (year 2) coming up applications due January 24, 2020.
- **LWV Minnesota Council** will be held Saturday, April 25, 2020 in Golden Valley
- **People-Powered Fair Maps** campaign from LWVUS



Action Items



- Follow us on our website, Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube!
- Join LWV and tell a friend! **Everyone is on the membership committee!**
- Volunteer and get involved! Sign up at the opportunities table.
- Sign up for LWVMN's Capitol Letter
- Sign up for LWVUS and LWVMN Action Alerts



Wrap Up

- Next LWV of Dakota County meeting will be **Tuesday, December 3, 2019** at Burnhaven Library, with Mix & Mingle beginning at **5:30 p.m.** and the regular meeting beginning at **6:00PM.**
- ****Members** please drop your name badge at the check-in table
- Adjourn

See you next time!

