



Fall Programs on Money in Politics

September 10 & 12: Lonni Skrentner - Money In Politics: Basics, Issues, and Possibilities

October 8: Prof. David Schultz - Money, the Root of All Political Evil

November 12 at 7PM: Lori Sturdevant moderates forum on money's influence in politics, co-sponsored by LWV Edina



Prof. David Schultz

Are you tired of hearing about multi-million dollar political races? Do you wonder what ordinary citizens can do?

Everyone complains about money in politics, but nobody feels they can do anything about it. LWVEdina aims to change that! Our programs will spotlight and demystify what is going on with campaign finance and what we can do about it.

On Thursday September 10 (senior center) and Saturday September 12 (city hall) from 9:45 – 11:30, Lonni Skrentner will speak on Money In Politics: Basics, Issues, and Possibilities. The program includes a short video, Q and A, and discussion. Lonni is a member of the League of Women Voters-US Study Committee on Money in Politics, which has been researching this issue for over a year. In her presentation, Lonni will pilot some of the Study Committee's work.

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School Board Candidate Forum - September 10

Seven candidates are running for three seats on the Edina Board of Education.

LWVEdina is holding a School Board candidates' forum on Monday September 10 from 7 – 9 PM at Edina City Hall. All seven candidates have been invited to attend.

This forum is a rare opportunity for the public to see and hear the candidates together in person. LWVEdina is paying to videorecord the forum for our website, lwvedina.org, and for replay on Edina cable channel 16.

Can you help with the forum? To make it happen, we need LWVEdina members to help with a few easy, fun, and essential jobs.

Voter Service Chair Susan Clark hopes to hear from you! To volunteer, call or email her.

The general election for school board is Tuesday, November 3.

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Prof. Schultz is an engaging speaker who is well-known for his TV appearances as an election analyst. In addition to teaching at Hamline and the University of MN School of Law, he is a prolific author on many topics, including campaign finance reform, and media and politics. Don't miss his presentation on October 8. (The Saturday October 10 unit meeting is TBA).

**November 12 (Thursday - Bloomington City Council Chambers) at 7:00 PM, LWVEdina,**



Lori Sturdevant

**LWVBloomington, and LWVMEPH will present a forum on the influence of money in politics, moderated by Lori Sturdevant.** Lori is an editorial writer and columnist covering state government and politics at the StarTribune. More information will be coming about speakers. Watch for email from LWVEdina!

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## Get Ready to Discuss Money in Politics!

You are cordially invited to join the LWV Money in Politics Google Group! (It replaces the LWV Money in Politics Member Discussion Forum). Lonni Skrentner highly recommends it. This is a great place to learn about money in politics before our fall unit meetings. To join this new discussion group, follow instructions at this link: <https://groups.google.com/d/forum/lwv-money-in-politics>.

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## CMAL Announces Meeting Dates

The upcoming quarterly Saturday meeting dates for the Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues (CMAL) will be:

October 17, 2015

January 16, 2016

March 19, 2016

The Annual Meeting date (typically in May) has not been set, nor has this year's theme or topic. Watch your LWVEdina email and the Leaguer for more information on these CMAL programs.

## November Unit Meetings: Planning for the Future of Edina's Parks

**Thursday November 12 -**

**Edina senior center**

**Saturday November 14 -**

**Edina city hall**

**9:45-11:30 AM**

**Speaker: Ann Kattreh**

**Director, Edina Parks and Recreation**

The city of Edina is developing a comprehensive Park, Recreation and Trail Strategic Master Plan to guide development and redevelopment over the next 10-15 years. At our November 12 and 14 unit meetings, Edina Parks and Recreation Director Ann Kattreh will explain how well existing resources meet community needs, and what is recommended for the future.

In 2014, the city conducted a Community Needs Assessment Study, along with key stakeholder focus group meetings, and a public workshop. So far in 2015 a draft plan has been presented to the Park Board and the City Council. A 100+ page executive summary of the master plan will be presented to the city council in September. You can see the draft plan and information: [edinamn.gov/index.php?section=parks\\_projects](http://edinamn.gov/index.php?section=parks_projects).



Ann Kattreh

Our speaker, Ann Kattreh, began work with the city of Edina in 1992. She became Parks and Recreation Director in 2012. Come and learn more about the Parks Master Plan, and what citizens can do to shape the future of Edina's parks.

## Member in the Spotlight

The Summer Leaguer started a new column called “Member in the Spotlight”. Each month the Leaguer will feature an LWVEDina member. In this column you will learn new things about members you already know, and meet members you don’t yet know.

This month, LWVEDina President **Lonni Skrentner** is our member in the spotlight. Many people know that Lonni taught history and government at Edina High School for many years (15 actually). Did you also know that she taught for 39 years total, in Michigan, Oklahoma and Minnesota?

Lonni’s commitment to teaching extended beyond the school day. For three years, from 2005-2007, she took 40 teens and 3 teachers each time on international trips with People to People. This is an organization founded by Dwight Eisenhower, based on the idea that peace between people will enable peace between countries. One of Lonni’s student groups traveled from Paris to Rome, one to Australia, and a third to Japan.

Lonni is active in LWV at all levels. In addition to serving as our President, Lonni is a member of the LWVUS Study Committee on Money in Politics. She also sits on the LWVMN Action committee and follows education at the state legislature.

If that doesn’t keep her busy enough, Lonni is involved with the St. Paul/Nagasaki Sister City committee activities, for the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of the atomic bombings in Japan that ended World War II.

For part of the winter, Lonni and her husband Bob, also an LWVEDina member, go to Belize. They invite all LWVEDina members to visit them there. Look at how much fun they’re having, in this photo!



Lonni and Bob Skrentner

## Bouquets to:

**Colleen Feige**, for organizing the strategic planning meeting for the LWVEDina board.

**Lonni Skrentner**, for hosting the LWVEDina board orientation and planning meeting; and for speaking at the September unit meetings.



**Susan Clark**, for organizing the School Board candidate forum.

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## Here are the Book Club’s Fall Reading Selections

Take a look at the LWVEDina book club’s great lineup of books, below. The book club invites you to drop in and join the discussion one time, any time or every time. They meet at Barnes & Noble in the Edina Galleria, in the lower-level coffee shop at 10:00 AM on these Saturdays:

September 19: Ordinary Grace  
By William Kent Krueger  
Discussion led by Sandy

October 17: Tell the Wolves I’m Home  
By Carol Rivka Brunt  
Discussion led by Pattiann

November 21: How to Be Both  
By Ali Smith  
Discussion led by Carol

*Mark Twain once said, “If books are not good company, where will I find it?” Well you can find both –books and good company – at the LWVEDina book club.*

## LWVEdina Calendar

SEPTEMBER		
Thursday September 10 and Saturday September 12 9:45 – 11:30 AM	Unit meeting: Lonni Skrentner “Money in Politics: Basics, Issues, and Possibilities”	Thursday at Edina Senior Center  Saturday at Edina City Hall
Thursday September 10 7:00 – 9:00 PM	Edina School Board Candidate Forum	Edina City Hall
Saturday September 19 10:00 AM	Book Club: <u>Ordinary Grace</u> By William Kent Krueger	Barnes & Noble Galleria lower level coffee shop
OCTOBER		
Thursday October 8 9:45 – 11:30 AM	Unit Meeting: Prof. David Schultz “Money, the Root of All Political Evil”	Edina Senior Center
Saturday October 17 10:00 AM	Book Club: <u>Tell the Wolves I’m Home</u> By Carol Rivka Brunt	Barnes & Noble Galleria lower level coffee shop
NOVEMBER		
Thursday November 12 and Saturday November 14 9:45 -11:30 AM	Unit meeting: Ann Kattreh “Planning for the Future of Edina’s Parks”	Thursday at Edina Senior Center  Saturday at Edina City Hall
Thursday November 12 7:00 PM	Forum on Money In Politics with moderator Lori Sturdevant	Bloomington Civic Plaza, City Council Chambers
Saturday November 21 10:00 AM	Book Club: <u>How to be Both</u> By Ali Smith	Barnes & Noble Galleria Lower level coffee shop



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