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THIS WORKSHOP IS FREE & OPEN
TO THE PUBLIC

Its intent is to educate citizens about the process of government and how to effect positive change. Partial funding provided by the League of Women Voters Education Fund.

Event space donated by
First United Methodist Church of Duluth
(The Coppertop)

230 E. Skyline Pkwy, Duluth, MN 55811

Citizens In Action 2012

"Get informed! Vote! Stay involved!"

14th Annual

Saturday, January 28, 2012 - 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

First United Methodist Church

230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth

- 9:00-9:30 AM On-Site Registration: Check-in, Coffee & Packet Pick-up**
- 9:30-10:30 AM Welcome & Opening Speaker: "Know Your Voting Rights"**
Claire Wilson, Voter Outreach Director
Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State.
- 10:30-10:45 AM Break**
- 10:45 AM-Noon Workshops**
- I. Steps for Citizen Involvement
* Elizabeth Olson, LWV-Duluth & Churches United in Ministry (CHUM)
* Gay Trachsel, LWV-Duluth & Protect Minnesota
Tools and skills for involvement in the political process, with a focus on lobbying effectively at the local and state levels.
- II. Community Organizing: Working Together to Effect Change
* Steve O'Neil, St. Louis County Commissioner
* Rosie Loeffler-Kemp, LWV-Duluth
* Lee Stuart, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)
Facilitators: Jill Doberstein, LWV-Duluth/ALAMN & Alyssa Hoppe, CHUM.
We will use the Midwest Academy Strategy Chart as a guide for this advanced, skill-based workshop in putting our voices to action for positive social change!
- III. Civil Discourse on the Path of Activism
* Steve Wick, UMD Office of Civic Engagement
* Pat Kendall, Duluth PTSA Council
Acquire new skills to maintain objectivity, manage difficult conversations and listen empathetically to opposing viewpoints. Skills will be most applicable to phone-banking, door-knocking and one-to-one conversations with elected officials or the public at large.
- IV. Clearing the Hurdles of Ballot Amendments
* Julie O'Leary, Freshwater Future
* Patra Sevastiades, Duluth Library Foundation
Facilitators: Mary Streufert, LWV-Duluth/MN Council of Nonprofits & Mike Rentz, MPIRG
This workshop will explore the issues involved when addressing ballot amendments with special attention to diverse coalitions and messaging.
- V. What is the Role of the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State?
* Claire Wilson, Voter Outreach Director, Office of the MN Secretary of State
Learn about the many resources available to citizens on Civic Education, Elections & Voting, public openings on state agencies, precinct caucuses, and much more!
- Noon-1:00 PM LUNCH / Networking / Music with SLC Attorney Mark Rubin**
- 1:00-2:30 PM Coffee and Conversation with our Elected Officials**
- 2:30-3:00 PM Closing Speaker / Organizational Updates**
Tony Cuneo, former Duluth City Councilor At Large
Now executive director of the Zeppa Foundation, **Tony Cuneo** served as Duluth City Councilor At Large from 2008 to 2011. He has coordinated many get-out-the-vote efforts with America Votes, including Duluth's national record-breaking voter turnout for the 2004 presidential election. He is a UMD graduate, former MPIRG organizer and father of two beautiful children with wife Erin. Tony will help us put our training into action with words of optimism and hope.

Please register me for Citizens in Action 2012 - "Get informed! Vote! Stay involved!"

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For planning purposes, pre-registration is required

Deadline: Wednesday, January 25, 2012.

NAME _____

PHONE _____ FAX _____ E-MAIL _____

ORGANIZATION _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

WORKSHOPS: 10:45 AM - Noon. Choose one (see descriptions on reverse side for workshops)

I) _____ II) _____ III) _____ IV) _____ V) _____

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WITH ELECTED LEADERS

Leaders invited: State Legislators, St. Louis County Commissioners, Duluth City Councilors, School Board Members, County Attorney, County Auditor, Sheriff, Police Chief, Mayor Don Ness, and ISD 709 District Officials

**Please be Earth Friendly: We encourage participants to ride the bus or carpool (FUMC is on the bus line!)
FREE PARKING** is available in the First United Methodist Church lot – please arrive early to ensure a space!

CHILD CARE AVAILABLE in the Coppertop Nursery

Please note ages & number of children on registration form and provide a sack lunch for each child.
Child care is free, but children must be pre-registered.

Return your registration:

By Mail: League of Women Voters, 32 East First Street, Duluth, MN 55802
By Phone: (218) 341-2014
By Fax: (218) 727-0800
By E-Mail: rosiekemp@gmail.com

First Class
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New This Year:
FOOD DRIVE
Please bring a canned good for
donation to the CHUM Food Shelf.
Thank you!

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