



Rosemary Guttormsson is League of Women Voters Award Winner

May 22, 2007, St. Paul, MN--For outstanding service to her local League, Rosemary Guttormsson, Duluth, was awarded the prestigious Peggy Thompson Award by the League of Women Voters Minnesota (LWVMN) at their recent statewide convention at Breezy Point Resort in Pequot Lakes. Guttormsson is a member of the League of Women Voters Duluth and has been active in the League of Women Voters (LWV) for 28 years.

The Peggy Thompson award focuses special recognition on League of Women Voters members who, by their sustained efforts, are instrumental in strengthening and/or stabilizing their local Leagues and affecting their communities through their enthusiasm, motivation of others, and innovative ideas.

Guttormsson has served in numerous capacities and been on the LWV Duluth board for 23 years. She is described by her LWV colleagues as “remarkable, committed, and inspirational”. She has chaired or worked on LWV projects as varied as “Transportation in Duluth”; Voter Service activities, including moderating candidate forums; publishing a LWV newsletter; chairing the finance drive; and designing the LWV webpage.

One of Guttormsson’s LWV colleagues says, “If someone needs the answer to a question about anything pertaining to LWV work, the person to turn to is Rosemary, and she will know what to do. She’s a mentor to both new and older members...always giving 100%.”

Guttormsson has also been active at the state level of LWV, participating in the Statewide Water Study, Citizen Jury Project, and helping to plan Gubernatorial and Senate Debates. She served as a Regional Representative and on the LWVMN Nominating Committees.

Guttormsson’s volunteer involvement does not stop with LWV work. She has served on the board of the Duluth Children’s Museum; was named co-chair of the Bayfront Planning Task Force and was involved with “Visioning 2001 and Beyond”. She has served as a docent at Glensheen since 1989, was active in the Congdon Park PTA, was President of Artists in Minnesota, and is a member of the Lake Superior Water Color Society. She has also held numerous leadership positions at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, where she once again used her many gifts and talents to enthusiastically serve her community.

According to those nominating Guttormsson for the Peggy Thompson Award, “Community involvement is part of who she is.” “Everyone who meets her is touched by her enthusiasm, dedication and endless spirit of service.” “Rosemary is a doer, a mentor, a teacher and a creator, always sharing her gifts for the good of the whole.” She indeed is a Peggy Thompson Award winner.