

## **Congratulations to 2017 Branch Projects Grants Recipients!**

The 2017 MN Branch Projects Grants applications have been reviewed by a committee and the following branches have been selected to receive grants:

The Brainerd Lakes Area Branch received \$500 for their free testing and informational program for college students on Sexually Transmitted Infection.(STI) This was a collaborative project with Central Lakes College and various business sponsors and health care providers.

The Duluth Branch was awarded \$500 to fund Judge LaJune Lange's presentations at varied locations in cooperation with the League of Women Voters, St. Mark's African American Church and other organizations. Judge Lange's presentations will focus on her founding of the International Leadership Institute and its role in providing equitable participation of women in politics and government, reducing election fraud and promoting transparency within political parties.

The Hastings Branch was awarded \$500 to fund a presentation on Sexual Violence on Campuses. This was a first joint presentation with the local Hasting High School Feminism Club and the Hasting High School Counseling Office. The presentation is open to the public and is being conducted with the St. Olaf College Sexual Assault Resource Network.

The Red Wing Area Branch was awarded \$500 to host "Change Makers: A Conference for Women with the League of Women Voters, Red Wing Community Education, Hispanic Outreach, Every Hand and Minnesota State Technical College-Southeast Technical. The conference will bring together emerging leaders and mentors to identify public policy issues and develop an action plan to make positive change.