## **ULLR Matters Update** November 21, 2024 "New American's Matter"

On November 21, "ULLR Matters" speakers series welcomed Jane Graupman, Executive Director, International Center of Minnesota, and Laura Cooper, U of MN Emeritus Law Professor and volunteer. It was another sold out luncheon at Pittsburg Blue Galleria, Edina. The International Institute of Minnesota helps New American achieve self-sufficiency and full membership in American life. Since establishment in 1975, 25,000 refugees have been resettled in Minnesota and 18,000 achieved American citizenship since 2001. In 2023 The International Institute served 4,533 New Americans from 111 countries who found a new home, training and work placement, English classes and higher education, and American citizenship among other important life services. You may see their programs at www.iimn.org

We'll feature "Art Matters" on January 9/ 2025, Peg Carlson Hoffman and Chuck Hoffman, Owners and Artists, Genesis+Art <a href="www.genesisart.org">www.genesisart.org</a> who utilize art as therapy and reconciliation for divisive issues, through collaborative workshops world-wide.



Jane Graupman, Executive Director, International Institute of Minnesota



Laura Cooper, U of MN, Law Professor Emeritus, IIMN volunteer and donor



ULLR attendees at Pittsburg Blue, Galleria, Edina