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**President's Column**  
**By Carolyn Roberts (Co-President)**

**OMG!** Our League of Women Voters have so many things happening it's hard to find a place to start or to highlight!

If you missed our **"Making a Difference in Local Elections"** – I'm sorry because it was great! Mary Schaafsma, Executive Director of LWVIL presented a power point program on being a candidate. Then our panel consisted of Sulayman Qazi, President of the Harper Student Government, Valerie Sherman, newly elected to the Palatine Public Library board and a member of our League, Anna Klimkowitz, School District 211 board member and Sue Schick, a former campaign manager. Each person explained how they got interested in running, how they ran a campaign, how much it cost, how to handle volunteers and many other topics that you might not ever think about before deciding to run.

Feedback on the program was good – many people interested in LWV and future programs – so coming up we have more meetings, events and drinks (and discussion)!

- **October 11<sup>th</sup>** – **LWV IL's Annual State of the State** luncheon, Dick Durbin is the speaker and we hope to have enough members going for a table!
- **October 17** – the new **LWV book club!** They will be meeting at Panera Bread in Arlington Hts. At 7pm – see posting in this voter for more information.
- **November 3** – **Wine Tasting** at The Wine Cellar in Palatine 630p –reservation forms and raffle tickets are in the mail! Join us for interesting wines, interesting people and some really great raffle prizes! Be in it to win it!
- **November 7<sup>th</sup>** – **Civics 101** – this is a class that we have been asked to teach at the Schaumburg Township Library District – it's only for one night and we are the teachers!
- **November 14<sup>th</sup>** – **Drinks and Discussion** – Free Speech gone wild – How free is free speech – any way you title it – it's all about Free Speech! 7pm at McGonigals Pub in Barrington.
- **December 8<sup>th</sup>** – **Holiday Cordial** – Fun, friends and fine wines – or just any wines!
- If you like to read, talk, discuss, drink – we have something coming up that we hope will interest you! Sometimes all these things happen at once!

Announcing! The 2017-2018 Membership Booklet is ready and available!



**HOT LINKS!**

Articles posted to our website.  
Click [HERE](#) to read all about it!

**MASS INCARCERATION: WHAT ROLE SHOULD THE PROSECUTOR PLAY?**

I attended the talk on Mass Incarceration on Tuesday, Sept. 12, offered by WBEZ and The Marshall Project.

Beginning comments addressed the media and the rise of crime, during the 1980's and 90's, which led to a major increase in incarceration. The US is now in a national conversation of the reasons for mass incarceration and how to address them. The book by John Pfaff, Locked In, which discusses the role of prosecutors in driving up incarceration, was brought up several times by Robert Wildeboer. States Attorney Foxx responded that it is important for attorneys to do the right things, and not focus on convictions, and that there are hundreds of discretionary points that are taken into consideration.

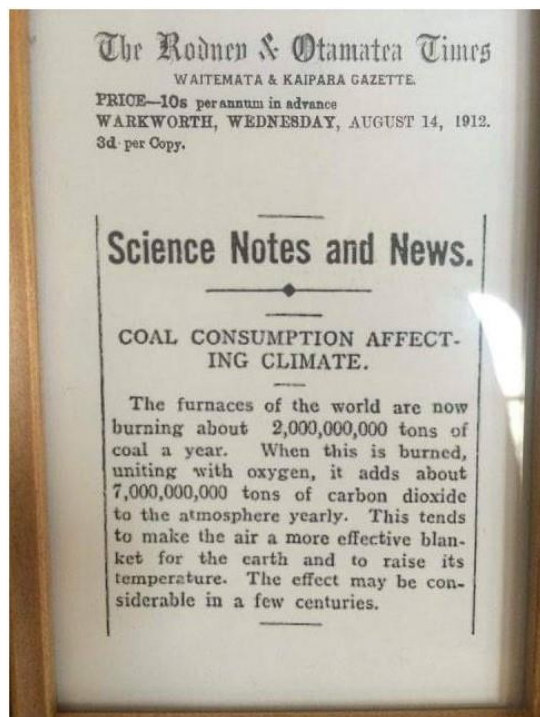
**STROGER HOSPITAL TOUR**

Along with Jerry Butler's Chief of Staff Vanessa Dennis, 24 members from the LWVs of Evanston, Homewood/Flossmoor, Oak Park/River Forest, Chicago, WNK, and the La Grange Area were treated to an informative, nearly three-hour tour of Stroger Hospital.

**Calendar**

- October 11 -- **2017 State of the State Luncheon** at the Union League Club (65 W. Jackson Blvd.)
- October 17 – **Book Club** at Panera Bread 7pm  
5 W. Rand Arlington Heights
- November 3 – **Wine Tasting Fund Raiser**  
Wine Cellar in Palatine
- November 7 – Civics 101 at Schaumburg Library
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From August 14, 1912



**LWV Voter Registration Recap**

The deputy registrars in our League have been busy participating in National Voter Registration events in September (Harper College, Naturalization Day, Palatine Library, Schaumburg Library, Rolling Meadows Library and Palatine Senior Center).

Although we didn't register high numbers of people, we were gratified to learn how many people are already registered. We were able to help people with questions, and many stopped by our tables to thank us for doing this important work.





**September 25, 2017**

**Federal SHARE Act**

**ACTION:**

Contact your Congressperson now and tell her/him to oppose the SHARE Act, Sportsmen's Heritage and Recreational Enhancement Act. This bill contains a provision that will deregulate the sale of gun silencers. The bill passed out of committee and will be considered by the US House possibly as early as the week of September 25.

Find contact information for your Federal Legislators at:  
<http://www.elections.il.gov/districtlocator/addressfinder.aspx>

**WHY IT MATTERS:**

Silencers disguise the sound of gunfire and mask muzzle flash. They make it difficult for people - including law enforcement officers - to recognize and locate an active shooter. For people who live in the areas most impacted by gun violence, hearing shots is the only warning they often receive and allowing silencers into these areas could mean the difference between life and death. Tell your Congressperson that this bill imperils public safety.

**TFA: Time For Action**

A major part of the League of Women Voters of Illinois' mission is to influence public policy through education and advocacy. Through study and member agreement, the League has developed positions on a wide range of issues, from government structure to natural resources to social policy.

The Illinois League has over 20 Issue Specialists who keep track of legislation in their assigned issue areas. We place emphasis on areas of the legislative agenda where the League is a recognized leader and we believe we can have the most impact. When appropriate, Issue Specialists may send Time For Action alerts (TFAs) asking our members to take action on particular issues or legislation.

Text of recent TFA alerts is available [here](#). To contact the Issues Committee, please email [issues@lwvil.org](mailto:issues@lwvil.org).

Click here [Subscribe](#) to Time For Action alerts from LWVIL.

**Annual LWV Palatine Area Wine Tasting  
Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**

630pm – 830pm  
The Wine Cellar

361 W. Northwest Hwy., Century Plaza, Palatine  
Wines described and served by a wine professional

Tasting tickets, wines purchased & raffles support LWV voter education projects!

Ticket prices: 1 for \$35 or 2 for \$65

Raffle Tickets: 2 for \$5 or 10 for \$25

Raffle prizes include: Theater tickets, Books, Merchant Gift Cards, Bulls Tickets  
And more!

Click [HERE](#) to view and print the ticket information.

**WHO ELSE WOULD LIKE TO BE INVOLVED?**

**Should Barrington Township be collapsed and all services and geographic boundaries be consolidated with the Palatine Township?**

The team will work to determine what we know and what do we need to know, in order to come to a recommendation to pursue voter referendums. Research and interviews will be involved. The study may take 18 months. The learning will be exciting!

We are interested in having more members working with us.

Next step is to set up an interview with Karen Darch, Mayor of Barrington, for the beginning of November. Committee meeting will follow the interview, tentatively 2nd week of November.

If you are interested in helping out with this study, please contact one of the Co-Chairs:

Jackie McGrath galreader@aol.com

Laura Davis Lauramdavis90@gmail.com



**Observer Corner**

Members are attending various board meetings as observers. Observers simply watch and take notes. The observer reports are posted on our website under "[Observer](#)".

There are many opportunities to participate in this activity. Contact Laura Davis to get involved!

Lauramdavis90@gmail.com

**LWV National Convention**

June 28 – July 2

**2018**

Chicago Hilton

720 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago 60605

National committees are being formed each of which will need a chair as well as a cadre of volunteers. If past LWVUS conventions are an indication, more than 100 volunteers will be needed from Illinois leagues.

**Book Club!**

Tuesday, October 17 at 7pm  
Panera Bread; 5 W Rand, Arlington Heights

**On Tyranny** by Tim Snyder  
And

**Wake Up America!** The nine virtues that made our Nation Great! By Eric Bolling

