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### Presidents Column

So many things going and so little time! Your League is ACTIVE!

First we had a table full of members, new and old who attended the LWVIL State of the State annual luncheon with Dick Durbin as the main speaker. Thank you to all who attended giving our League great presence!

We now have 18 boards covered with Observers and boy are they getting an earful! Yikes! There are so many things happening in local governments that bear watching and we now have observers watching! We've asked our observers to write up short summaries of their meetings so we can all be better informed – see our Observer Page on the website.

The Book Club has had their first meeting – and more are planned for the future. Again so many books – so little time! There are plans to meet and talk about the books in the future – keep watching your emails, Facebook and flyers! Next up is watching a TED talk and discussing it at Jackie McGrath's home Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>.

Our presentation for the Schaumburg Library was November 7<sup>th</sup>, Suzie Bassi, Natalie Warren, Holly Koepsel, Renee Gladstone, Marti Stamper, Laura Davis and myself presented information. We are so honored to be asked to present to the citizens and expand everyone's knowledge on our local politics and elections!

Plans are already in motion for Spring Candidates Forums! Katherine Sawyer held her first organizing meeting last month and will be holding more as the time gets closer. So if you missed the first meeting – there will be more opportunities to get involved! Candidate Forums and Debates are at the very core of LWV and you can be as involved as you want – 1 one time job, an at home job or in it from beginning to end!

The new LWV Handbook is printed and ready for distribution! Currently Laura, Betty and I are taking the handbooks to every meeting and event. I feel a little like Santa – I have a list of whose gotten a handbook or not, and I'm checking it twice! so if we have missed you send me an email and we will drop it in the mail to you.

The Wine Tasting at The Wine Cellar was another stellar event! Many thanks to Larry at the Wine Cellar, he presented a great list of wines (discounted!) for tasting and purchase. And a *super thank you* to Susan Buttafuoco and her husband, Mike, who came up with phenomenal gift items for the raffle! Drinks and Discussions can continue with more drinks thanks to everyone in our LWV who participated!

Next up Drinks and Discussion – November 14<sup>th</sup> at McGonigal's Pub in Barrington. Discussion will be started by Jim Slusher discussion on free speech and more lively discussion to follow.

As you may have notice, this Voter is out a little later than usual, because it will be a combined November and December issue. Our very active Newsletter Editor, Dayle Roberts, will be off to Antarctica and then it will be the holidays, so read this newsletter thoroughly!



Our annual **Holiday Cordial** will be **December 8<sup>th</sup>** at Vicki Martin's home, 1651 Hampshire, Elk Grove Village. Bring an appetizer or dessert, bring a spouse or friend – we have great parties and friends!

Thanks for being active and sharing your knowledge with all of us!

### Hot Links!

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

#### **The MWRD of Greater Chicago's Nutrient Recovery Facility earns Top Honor from Water Environment Federation**

CHICAGO, IL, Oct. 2, 2017 /CNW/ - The world's largest nutrient recovery facility that improves water quality of the Chicago Area Waterway System while reducing downstream phosphorus discharges into the Gulf of Mexico has won a coveted Project Excellence Award from the Water Environment Federation (WEF).

#### **Meeting on Voter Integrity sponsored by the IL Campaign for Political Reform.**

This program dealt with elections in Lake County.

Highest challenge is to make sure all Votes are counted. There were concerns in the audience that all votes are not being counted. Hon. Wycoff assured all there that indeed all votes are counted. There were many question concerning whether early voting and Mail in ballots are counted. She stated that they are all counted but often mail in ballots are tabulated after the polls close. In the last election 96% of mail in ballots were counted. The reason not 100% counted is that some were mailed in late or signatures not valid.

Biggest issue discussed was hacking by Russians in the last election. Lake County is working to make sure that Voting is secure. They also stated that their new equipment has many levels of security.

#### **Arlington Heights LWV**

Thursday, December 7  
Holiday Book Club Social  
Book: Notorious RBG: The life and times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg

7pm – 1219 E. Woodford PL  
Arlington Heights

### Calendar

- November 3 – **Wine Tasting Fund Raiser**  
Wine Cellar in Palatine
- November 7 – Civics 101 at Schaumburg Library
- November 14 – Drinks and Discussion – Free Speech Gone Wild at 7pm at McGonigals Pub in Barrington
- November 29 – Ted Talk “How Our Friendship Survives Our Opposing Politics” at 10:30 am – Jackie McGrath’s
- December 8<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Cordial – Fun, friends and fine wines – or just any wines

### **Drinks and Dialogue**

November 14th, 2017

7:00-8:30

McGonigal's Pub

Upstairs Room

105 S. Cook Street, Barrington

### **How Free Should Free Speech Be?**

### **Free Speech Gone Wild**

Soft Drinks and Light Appetizers will be served, cash bar available

Speaker and Moderator

Jim Slusher,

Deputy Managing Editor/Opinion of  
the Daily Herald

Free to the public



## A Big Thank you to those who donated items for the Wine Tasking Raffle:

- Wertheimer Box Corp: Doug Wertheimer Bulls Tickets
- All State Staple Co: Complete packing System and supplies, William T. Bialkowski Jewel Gift Card
- Averitt Transportation: Jim McQuen Gift Card
- Sno-Belt Industries, Vapor Degraining Deburring, Tommy Polte, Gift Cards
- Sandi Esposito, Gift Card
- La Hacienda De Roselle, Saul Jiminez, Gift Certificates
- SAIA Ltl Freight, Art DeBaere, Chicago Wolves Tickets



## Observers Needed!

The role of an observer is so important in our community. An observer attends public meetings of our local governments and reports on what goes on. The observer notes who is in attendance and who is not, what is said and asked, and what is decided or needs follow up. An observer is asked only to observe and not to engage in the meeting. Many times, our observers are the only public in attendance. There are many local units of governments to observe: Townships, Villages, Schools, Fire Departments and Park Districts. Some boards meet once or twice a month. Also, there is an opportunity to double up with another observer. There is a particular need for observers for Hoffman Estates Village Board, Harper Board and Schaumburg School District 54.

If you think you would like to participate in this important activity, please contact:  
Laura Davis [lauramdavis90@gmail.com](mailto:lauramdavis90@gmail.com)  
The next observer training is scheduled for Monday, November 20, 7 to 8:30pm. Thank you!

## Chicago in Focus

### Health Care – A Right or Responsibility?

Hill Hammock, Chairman of the Cook County Health and Hospital Board will be speaking at the November 30 **Chicago in Focus**. Sponsored by LWV Chicago, this monthly discussion series meets at the Union League Club in Chicago and is free to the public. 5:30 – 7:00 pm

Click [HERE](#) to read all about it!

## State and National Convention Participation

For those many members who have expressed interest in participating in state and national conventions, you may reach out or hear from our very committed, Palatine area league member, Kim Inman, [jkim.inman@gmail.com](mailto:jkim.inman@gmail.com),

A wonderful opportunity is available with the 2018 LWVUS convention which will occur in Chicago from June 28 - July 1. It is exciting to have the national convention in Chicago at the Hilton, 720 S. Michigan. This is a big convention and will require a lot of help. Whatever help you can offer, will be appreciated.

Thank you all, in advance, for your help is making our league and our community better. Please reach out to Kim with questions or offering your help in this upcoming event.

### Book Discussion

On October 17, 2017 the LWV of the Palatine Area hosted a book discussion of two books from different points of view: *On Tyranny - Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century*, by Timothy Snyder and *Wake Up America - the Nine Virtues that Made Our Nation Great and Why We Need Them More than Ever*, by Eric Bolling.

The nine women present reflected on how each of these authors used the past to present a different understanding of today's political climate and our country's future.

No time to read a book with the holidays coming?  
Join us for a

## Ted Talk Discussion

We'll watch and discuss  
"How Our Friendship  
Survives Our Opposing  
Politics"

Wednesday November 29  
10:30 a.m. at Jackie  
McGrath's.

Link to the Ted Talk (which we will watch) [Caitlin Quattromani and Lauran Arledge: How our friendship survives our opposing politics](#)

Start reading our next book "Give us the Ballot" by Ari Berman.  
Discussion will be on Wed January 24 at 10:30am

### New Advocacy Chair!

#### Advocating Local Officials

Many League of Women Voters have expressed interest in advocating local officials. Kim Inman, [jkim.inman@gmail.com](mailto:jkim.inman@gmail.com), has agreed to take leadership on advocating to local officials.

It is a very rewarding experience to talk face-to-face with your elected officials and share your concerns and wishes with the individual who has been elected to represent your interests.

Some points to remember:

- As a league member, we advocate for positions which we have studied and have a position on.
- Make an appointment and bring another league member with you.
- When you receive a "Time for Action", that is a great topic to act on.
- It is best to meet, call, or take action on, one topic at a time.

If you have questions or want to become involved, please reach out to Kim.

Thank you all for your advocacy. Our voice does make a difference!

See you next year!

HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS