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President's Column

There are so many things to be happy about at this time – it finally is spring like outside! We are coming up to the end of our League year (which means that Laura & I are halfway done with our term of office!) and we have had an amazing year.

My project for the last week has been pulling out materials for our annual meeting. We have had 19 meetings, programs, and events! Yes, 19!! And that doesn't even count candidate forums and voter registration activities. We've had book club meetings (new this year), we've had TED Talks (very new this year), a field trip to the Shedd Aquarium (super new and novel), and our Drinks & Discussions. All of which have been super successful!

If you weren't there, put on your thinking cap and be prepared to let us know at our annual meeting on May 15, what avenues to pursue for the next year. We have a new Program Planning Committee and they would like to know what you would like to see, hear and maybe feel (more stingrays perhaps!).

As Leaguers we are all busy, it's like an unwritten law, get involved in LWV so you get the cliff notes on all issues and dig deeper where your interests lie. We covered Shedd the Straw, RECs, Equal Rights (for some of us it was the second time around on that issue) and that was just in April!

May also brings us the LWV Cook County annual meeting on May 14th – with a great speaker on affordable housing. This was a big issue in our February Book Discussion on EVICTED. The LWVCC has a well-organized annual meeting, with a speaker, and if you want to join us, please register at LWVCC.org. Our annual meeting is May 15th and we don't have a speaker – with 19 meetings and more events we can fill the evening without a speaker!! Invitations are in the mail, you will also get an evite, and a reminder from evite, so please respond! Come & share your ideas for the future of the LWV of Palatine Area. We are 60 years old and still strong with strong women & men involved and engaged!

Carolyn Roberts & Laura Davis

Best of Second City LWV US Fund Raiser

The Best of Second City! LWVUS 2018 Convention Fundraiser to benefit LWVIL and LWV Chicago. Enjoy an evening of laughter and benefit LWVIL and LWV Chicago at the same time. The LWVUS national convention is in Chicago this year, from June 28-July 1. As host city and state, we are presenting famed Second City comedy in a special performance. A portion of proceeds will benefit the host Leagues.

Mark your calendar for Friday, June 29, right on the site of the convention at the Hilton Chicago Hotel Grand Ballroom, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. [Order tickets for yourself and friends today!](#)

You do not need to be registered for the Convention to attend this Second City performance.

Please note: the \$52 ticket price plus fees has a **preconvention purchase deadline of June 25**. After that June 25 deadline, tickets can only be purchased onsite at convention of ticket price of \$58 plus fees

Hot Links!

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

Education related State Bills:

Several bills related to teacher salaries, Safe Schools, Class Size and pension.

[LWV Lake Michigan Region SPLASH](#) Quarterly Newsletter is now available.

Moderator Training Workshop: Saturday, June 9

LWVIL is scheduling a Northwest suburban moderator training workshop for both new and seasoned moderators.

Jan Dorner, LWVIL Voter Service CoChair and seasoned trainer, will conduct this Saturday, June 9 workshop from 9:30am to 1pm at Mt. Prospect Public Library at [10 South Emerson Street, Mt. Prospect, IL](#).

Friday, June 1 is the deadline to register. To register, please send your (1) name, (2) name of your league, (3) your email address, and (4) phone number to voterservice@lwvil.org. An email confirmation of your registration will be sent.

Countdown to Convention 2018: Just over a month to go!

June 28 – July 1 • During Convention 2018, a limited number of meeting rooms at the Chicago Hilton have been reserved for local and state Leagues to sponsor caucuses. If you are considering sponsoring a caucus that fosters members' learning and action, please read the [instructions and criteria](#) before you use the online form to [submit an application](#). If you have questions please contact membership@lwv.org.

• [Tickets are now on sale](#) for the Comedy Night fundraiser on Friday evening at the Chicago Hilton. This event is hosted by the LWV of Illinois and features The Second City.

Convention Registration is open! The Early Bird registration rate is **\$450**. After June 1 -- \$500.

For more key dates between now and next June, see the [full Countdown article](#), and be sure to read future League Updates for emerging Convention news.

Calendar

May 10 – Recycling with SWANCC 7:00 pm at Spring Valley Nature Center, 1111 E. Schaumburg Rd., Schaumburg. Event is Free

May 14 -- LWV Cook County Annual meeting. Luncheon speaker will be Richard Monocchio, Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Cook Co. 9:30 am to 1:00 pm— University Center, 525 S. State Street, Chicago

May 15 – LWV Palatine Annual Meeting 6:00 – 9:00 pm at Chicago Prime Italian, 1370 Bank Drive, Schaumburg

June 9 – Moderator Training Workshop details to follow (Saturday 9:30 – 1pm)

June 27 – 2018 Water Caucus will be held at the Standard Club in downtown Chicago from 2 – 8 pm. See page 4 to register.

June 28 – July 1 LWV US convention right here in Chicago!

June 29 – Best of Second City LWV US Convention Fundraise

Volunteer for the LWVUS Convention in Chicago

The LWVUS annual convention is coming to Chicago this summer. Volunteer sign-up is now open for the four-day session, June 28-July 1, at the Hilton Chicago. This is an Interesting and exciting way to participate in the convention.

Click [HERE](#) to volunteer!

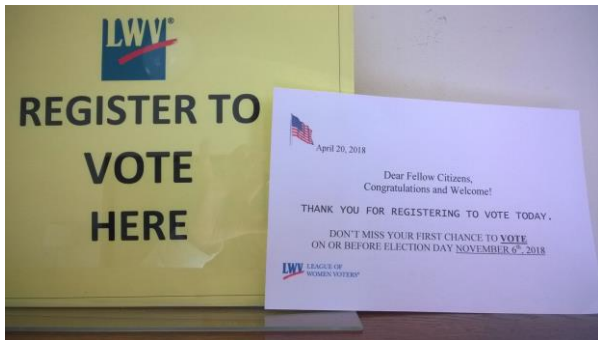
LWVIL will be in touch with all volunteers as the convention nears.

Locally, we'd also like to know if you're volunteering so we can coordinate transportation and activities.

Thank you to all the registrars

Who volunteered to work at the new citizen naturalization ceremony in Schaumburg on April 20. 9 registrars registered 41 people from 16 countries. We were all very moved and renewed by the enthusiasm for our country that these new citizens showed. Thanks to:

Melanie Carter
Vicki Martin
Joan Brody
Ann Kennedy
Sue Friedman
Natalie Warren
Florence Palumbo Zinka
Catherine Brodnan
Renee Gladstone



Welcome to our New Members!

Please join us in welcoming our new members!

Janet Agnoletti
Katrina Arthur
Lisa Arthur
Cammy Basak
Michelle Beckemeier
Peyton Bendix
Martha Blus
Lana Brozik
John Garcia
Yvette Johnson
Kathy Martin
Laura Mandell
Maryanne O'Dowd
Kathy Ruck
Joy Simon
Maureen Simonelli
Judy Struck
Vince Unger
Kathryn Wise

Environmental: Truth or Consequences

Due to an appellate court decision in 2010, Illinois residents lost the ability to seek court review of permits issued by the state, meaning that neighbors to polluting properties are unable to ask the court to review agency decisions.

As a result of this ruling, Illinoisans suffering property damage, air pollution and other public health risks have been unable to challenge permits for confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs) and mining operations sited in their communities.

SB3005/HB5119 would amend the Administrative Review Act to clarify that individuals who would clearly be adversely affected by a permitting decision are able to sue to seek judicial review of state agency decisions. Those challenging permits would still need to show standing to bring suit, following a similar procedure to federal clean air and water permit decisions.

[Take Action](#)

ENVIRONMENTAL QUIZ

True or False

1. Plastics with BPA or PVC do not disrupt hormones and are considered safe.
2. Over 500 million plastic straws are used every year, enough to circle the earth twice.
3. Like plastic straws, plastic bottle caps and plastic bags are often hazardous to turtles and albatrosses.
4. With inaction, plastic pollution will outweigh fish by 2050.
5. At the very bottom of the food chain, Zooplankton can swallow degraded plastic and poison the fish that feed on them and the humans who eat the fish.
6. Sixty percent of the clothing made today contains microfibers that can get into our water supply.
7. It's impossible to make a material that can replace most of the plastic we use.
8. There is more microplastic in the ocean than there are stars in the Milky Way.
9. Less than half the 1,000,000 plastic bottles bought every minute are recycled.
10. Contrary to what has been done in some countries, not even one state in the United States has been able to ban plastic bags.

1. False 2. True 3. True 4. True 5. True 6. True 7. False 8. True 9. True 10. False

ANSWERS:

ACTION STEPS

Here are suggestions from our speakers and moderator about steps you can take to help preserve the environment.

1. Energy audit your Home
2. Buy Renewable Energy Credits
3. Tell your municipal leaders to "Go Green"
4. Advocate to your elected officials to "Put a Price on Carbon"
5. Register and vote; Encourage friends, neighbors and family to vote
6. Join #SheddtheStraw: Help save great lakes wildlife by giving up single-use plastic straws
7. Reduce plastic bag use and support state & local legislation
8. Come to Environmental Lobby Day in Springfield on April 26! More info at ilenviro.org.
9. Always carry your own reusable bag to any retail stores
10. Engage in beach and river clean-up days
11. Stay connected and educated
12. Recycle, reuse, reduce waste

RECYCLING/WASTE DISPOSAL INFORMATION

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) provides information and services to help minimize waste and prevent environmental harm. Visit their website (www.swancc.org) to find:

1. Green Pages: Reuse and Recycling Directory
2. Recycling (electronics, special materials, drug/sharps) and document destruction information
3. Programs and resources related to waste management and recycling
4. For information regarding curbside recycling and waste disposal – visit your community website

Below are 2018 dates and locations for electronics recycling and document destruction 1-day events.

Sunday, April 15

Niles North High School 9800
Lawler Avenue, Skokie 10 am
– 2 pm
Electronics and Document Destruction

Saturday, June 30

Public Works Service Center
6849 W. Touhy Avenue, Niles 9
am – 12 pm
Electronics and Document Destruction

Saturday, August 18

Public Works Facility
2305 Pembroke Avenue, Hoffman
Estates
9 am – 1 pm
Electronics and Document Destruction

Saturday, April 28

Arlington Park Race Track
2200 W. Euclid Avenue, Arlington
Heights
9 am – 12 pm
Electronics Only

Saturday, July 7

Evanston High School
1600 Dodge Avenue, Evanston 9
am – 12 pm
Electronics and Document Destruction

Saturday, September 15

Banner Plumbing Parking Lot
151 Hastings Drive, Buffalo Grove 9
am – 12 pm
Electronics and Document Destruction

Saturday, May 5

Public Works Facility
77 W. Hintz Road, Wheeling 9
am – 12 pm
Electronics and Document Destruction

Saturday, July 14

Municipal Center
2500 East Lake Avenue, Glenview 9
am – 12 pm
Electronics and Document Destruction

Saturday, September 22

Village Hall
30 S. Barrington Road, South
Barrington
9 am – 12 pm
Document Destruction Only

Saturday, May 5

Public Works Facility
1390 Willow Road, Winnetka 9
am – 12 pm
Document Destruction Only

Saturday, July 21

Harper College
1200 W. Algonquin Road, Palatine 9
am – 12 pm
Electronics Only

Saturday, October 6

Public Works Facility
3900 Berdnick Street, Rolling Meadows
9 am – 12 pm
Electronics and Document Destruction

Saturday, May 19

Civic Center
6140 Dempster Street, Morton Grove 9
am – 12 pm
Electronics and Document Destruction

Saturday, July 28

Public Works Facility
711 Laramie Avenue, Wilmette 9
am – 12 pm
Electronics and Document Destruction

Saturday, October 13

Arlington Park Race Track
2200 W. Euclid Avenue, Arlington Hts. 9
am – 12 pm
Document Destruction Only

Saturday, June 2

Fire Station 8
1000 Oakton Street, Elk Grove Village 9
am – 12 pm
Electronics and Document Destruction

Saturday, August 4

Public Works Facility
1700 W. Central Road, Mt. Prospect 9
am – 12 pm
Document Destruction Only

Saturday, October 20

Avenues for Independence
515 Busse Highway, Park Ridge 9
am – 12 pm
Electronics and Document Destruction

Saturday, June 9

Metro Parking Lot
55 S. Wolf Road, Prospect Heights 9
am – 12 pm
Electronics and Document Destruction

Saturday, August 11

Public Works Facility
7001 N. Lawndale Avenue,
Lincolnwood
9 am – 12 pm
Electronics and Document Destruction

Saturday, October 27

Metra Parking Lot
117-157 Wool Street, Barrington 9 am –
12 pm
Document Destruction Only