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**Mission Statement**

We are a non-partisan political organization dedicated to making democracy work through: Voter Education, Issue Advocacy and Citizen Participation.

Date	Event	Details
Apr 1; Monday	LWVPA Board Meeting	Palatine Library; 6:30 – 8:30 pm – Room #3
Apr 3; Wednesday	Making the most of Multi-Generational Workforce	7:30 – 9:00 am; Harper College, Wojcik Conference Center. Register BY April 1 (see flier)
Apr 5; Friday	Best Practices for Financing Illinois Infrastructure	Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago 230 S. LaSalle St. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor; Chicago. 8:30 a – 1:30 pm
Apr 10; Wednesday	Annual Lobby Day	Springfield, IL
Apr 13; Saturday	Get to know the League Brunch	Carolyn Robert’s home; 432 S. Kennicott, Arlington Heights 10:00 am
Apr 16; Tuesday	Report on Township Consolidation	Hoffman Estates branch of Schaumburg Library; 1550 Hassel Road at 7pm
Apr 18; Thursday	Carbon Pricing 101	Barrington Area Library; 7:00 – 8:30 pm Zimmerman Room
May 6; Monday	LWVPA Board Meeting	Palatine Library; 6:30 – 8:30 pm – Room #3
May 6; Monday	LWVPA Book Club	Barrington Area Library; 1:30 pm
May 13; Monday	LWV Cook County Annual Meeting	9:30 a – 1pm University Center (see flier); \$30
May 23; Thursday	Courageous Conversation; An Evening with Krista Tippet	Barrington High School; 6:30 pm. Free

**President’s Column**

This was a month of meetings! Planning!! Nominating!!!

Starting in August we have celebrations for the Suffrage movement – and it looks like we will be celebrating all year long! Our program committee has been meeting with libraries in the area and everyone has contributed ideas that are sure to appeal to our members and public.

We are starting in May with a book club selection (see Cammy Basak’s article) on Becoming Wise by Krista Tippet. This book club discussion will be discussed with direction from the Barrington Library’s Sam Adams. This will be followed a few weeks later with the Krista Tippet discussing her book in Barrington and the start of Courageous conversations.

There are going to be events throughout the year continuing our Women’s Suffrage and 100<sup>th</sup> Centennial of LWV. Theater, dramatists, books and other programs – watch this space! Your program committee has been super busy planning these events.

Next up in April is the conclusion to our 2-year study on Township Government. Our committee started with looking at whether the Palatine Township and Barrington Township could be merged or abolished. Come to the meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup> to hear the committee’s information and then help our League come to a consensus.

Nominations – another year another election! The nomination committee has convened and has a slate of officers for our coming year to carry LWV Palatine into the 100 years!

## April 2019

Budget – Yes! We even have a budget for the coming year that will include a few changes to our operating budget and funding programs.

Bylaws – more changes! Since “Co-Presidenting” has worked well for Laura and I, the bylaws have been reviewed and they are suggesting adding the wording of Co-Presidents to the bylaws.

“Getting to know you and LWV” is a brunch at my house on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Laura and I hope that old and new members will come for food and sharing of ideas so that we can get to know you and you can get to know League! Watch for an invite to come your way shortly!

It has been a really busy month with all these committees and our Candidate Forums and we thank everyone who participated! We have now trained some new moderators, timers and Card Sorters for the benefit of future forums! Again, Laura and I are so proud of everyone who jumped in to help with the activities! It is great to have such accomplished members!



*Join Laura Davis and me as we get to know YOU and you get to know LWV! We want to hear what you want out of your League membership and introduce you to some of the projects our members are interested in as well!*

*Brunch, Bloody Mary's and League! How fun is that?*

Carolyn Roberts  
(847) 385-1917

[RSVP Now!](#)

[View Invitation](#)

### Observers Wanted:

Do you wonder what is going on in your community? Do you ask who is making decisions?

You would like to be an observer!

Role: Monitor a local governmental body for information of importance to the League and/or the community.

A training is being tentatively planned for **Wednesday, April 24, in the evening.**

If you would like to be an observer and have an interest in observing your local municipality, school board, fire, police, park district or township, please come to the training. The commitment is generally one night a month.

If the evening training does not work, let me know if a morning is better and I can set up an additional date/time.

Please respond to Laura Davis [Lauramdavis90@gmail.com](mailto:Lauramdavis90@gmail.com)

**Hot Links!**

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

**Cook County Forest Preserve** welcomes back the Boy Scouts, FP agreement with Bike and Roll for bike rentals.

**ABCs and Things Environmental...  
addressing our Awareness**

By Regina Gomez, Environmental Specialist

Have you heard more about climate change in the daily news? Are you wondering just how urgent this problem really is? Do you need some help figuring out where this issue falls on the long list of things you feel are important?

**Environmental Updates from the General Assembly**

By the Illinois Environmental Council

**Welcome To Our New Members!**

Marie Galo

Karen Trzaska

**Courageous Conversations Presents:  
Krista Tippett**

On Being | Becoming Wise | The Civil  
Conversations Project

Thursday, May 23, 2019 | Doors Open 6:30 pm  
Barrington High School, Johnson Auditorium  
616 W. Main St., Barrington, IL

**More Information**

[Courageousconversations.US](http://Courageousconversations.US)

**BOOK CLUB**

May 6, 1:30 pm

Barrington Area Library

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RSVP: by **April 14**

to program planners

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We are anxious to meet more of our League members, and what better means but sharing a meal and engaging in lively conversation. Our meetings are open to all.

**Please come join us and bring a friend!**

April 2019

# Carbon Pricing 101

**Thurs., April 18**

7:00–8:30 pm

**BARRINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

505 N. Northwest Highway, Barrington, IL (Zimmerman Room)

**PRESENTED BY:**



There's growing support for carbon pricing as a necessary step to address climate change. It's supported by 88 countries and a broad array of public interest groups yet most Americans know very little about carbon pricing.

**Come to learn:**

- Why pricing is an effective policy for climate action
- How pricing will speed a transition to renewable energy
- Many co-benefits including employment and jobs
- The broad, diverse groups that support pricing
- How you can support a carbon pricing policy

For more information, visit [gogreenbarrington.org](http://gogreenbarrington.org)

**HOSTED BY:**



• **FREE EVENT** •

**Lobby Day.** We truly hope that you and your members will be able to join us on **Wednesday, April 10th.**

Here are three quick steps to joining us on Lobby Day:

1. **COME!** Sign up here: <https://lwvil.z2systems.com/np/clients/lwvil/eventRegistration.jsp?event=25>

\$10 will help defray the cost of lunch and materials. We'll have two meetup spots - the Illinois Library Reading Room and the State Capital. A detailed agenda and list of bills we will be lobbying about will be emailed before the Lobby Day. They'll include bills about the graduated income tax constitutional amendment, environment, immigration, healthcare, criminal justice, civic education and gun policy.

Whether you are experienced or a novice, a visit to Springfield is fun and educational. We'll make our League presence felt and help our state by advocating for important legislation.

2. **CARPPOOL!** And make a plan with your fellow local League members. Contact your League president and find out how to link up with others to make a plan (more below on that) and arrange your travel. Don't know who to go with? Contact the LWVIL office and they can share who is attending near you.

3. **CREATE A GAME-PLAN!** The video below is a helpful outline for a Lobby Day. The first step is setting up an appointment with your legislators. To find out who they are (if you don't already) use this link: <https://www.elections.il.gov/districtlocator/addressfinder.aspx>

And here is a helpful video to make your game plan: <https://tinyurl.com/yxed9m8f>

**See you in Springfield!**

Audra

Audra Wilson, Esq.; Executive Director; League of Women Voters of Illinois

April 2019



## The League of Women Voters of Cook County

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March 19, 2019

The Cook County Board of Commissioners  
Via email: [cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov)

Re: **19-2242**, Proposed Resolution Requesting a Hearing of the Litigation Subcommittee to Discuss the Status of *Shakman* Compliance in the Offices of the Cook County Clerk of the Circuit Court, the Cook County Recorder of Deeds, and the Cook County Assessor

Dear Commissioners:

The League of Women Voters of Cook County commends Commissioners Daley, Silvestri, and Suffredin, the three sponsors of this Proposed Resolution, and all of you who will be voting in support at the Board Meeting on March 21, 2019.

As stated in the Proposed Resolution, millions of taxpayer dollars have been spent on the oversight deemed necessary by the Court since 2010 in the case of the Office of the Recorder of Deeds and since 2012 in the case of the Office of the Assessor. While the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court has had a court-appointed administrator only since last year, hundreds of thousands of tax dollars have already been spent. In addition, there are the costs of employees dealing with the oversight and attempts, such as they have been, to come into compliance.

But even more important than the dollars spent thus far is the negative impact on the County's services when an office is not adhering to the requirements of the *Shakman Decree* which include the elimination of politics from decisions regarding the hiring, firing, promotion, and salaries of employees.

We urge passage of this Proposed Resolution and a prompt hearing by the Litigation Subcommittee. Further, prior to this hearing, **we urge the Commissioners to review the quarterly reports of the court-appointed administrators** that are publicly available ([www.shakmanassessor.com](http://www.shakmanassessor.com), [www.recordershakman.com](http://www.recordershakman.com), and [www.shakmanclerkofcircuitcourt.com](http://www.shakmanclerkofcircuitcourt.com)) which detail what has been accomplished and what still needs to be done in order for these offices to be found to be in compliance. **We hope this hearing will be the first of regular hearings by the Commissioners to review the status of compliance in these offices.**

The League believes that with the appropriate oversight and encouragement of the Board, compliance can be achieved faster than the 12 years it took for the County to be found in compliance in 2018.

Sincerely,

Peggy Kell and Nancy Marcus, Co-President



A YEAR OF  
COURAGEOUS  
CONVERSATIONS

AN EVENING WITH  
**KRISTA TIPPETT**

*On Being | Becoming Wise | The Civil Conversations Project*

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019 | DOORS OPEN 6:30 PM  
BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, JOHNSON AUDITORIUM  
616 WEST MAIN STREET, BARRINGTON, ILLINOIS

TICKETS

[COURAGEOUSCONVERSATIONS.US](http://COURAGEOUSCONVERSATIONS.US)

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& KIM DUCHOSSOIS



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### **Book Discussion**

Meeting: Monday, May 6, 1:30PM (optional lunch in area TBA)  
Barrington Area Public Library  
505 N Northwest Hwy, Barrington, IL 60010

Open to LWV members and friends

To reserve a seat for the LWV discussion and for links to more information about the events of the Year of Courageous Conversations project, including the author's visit, please contact us before April 14:

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League of Women Voters of Cook County

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
INVITES ALL COOK COUNTY LEAGUE MEMBERS AND GUESTS to the

**2019 LWVCC ANNUAL MEETING  
LUNCHEON**

**MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019**

**9:30am-1pm**

**University Center – 525 S. State St – Chicago - Lake Room**

**Directions and Parking Info at:**

[www.universitycenter.com](http://www.universitycenter.com)

**Featured Speaker**

**Fritz Kaegi**

**Cook County Assessor**

- 9:30am Registration – Coffee/Muffins
- 10am Annual Business Meeting
- 11:30am Buffet Lunch
- 12noon Speaker – Cook County Assessor, Fritz Kaegi

Cost: \$30 per person

RSVP by Friday, May 3, 2019

For further information contact LWVCC at 312-939-5935 x27 or [amylittle3@gmail.com](mailto:amylittle3@gmail.com)

LWVCC Annual Meeting – May 13, 2019

For credit card ticket payment, use [this link](#)

Make checks payable to LWVIL Ed fund, fill out the following and mail along with check the \$30 to: Amy Little, 2107 S. Fairfield, Chicago, IL 60608

**PLEASE INCLUDE NAMES OF ALL ATTENDEES** [use back side if needed]

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ League \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**I will be serving as a Delegate from my League**



# MAKING THE MOST OF A MULTI-GENERATIONAL WORKFORCE



Wednesday, April 3, 2019

7:30 - 9 a.m.

Wojcik Conference Center at Harper College

1200 W. Algonquin Road, Palatine, IL

Parking available in Lot 14

Join presenter Yvonne D. Agnello-Adams for this free workshop that focuses on the new "diversity" topic of today. This is the first time in history it's possible for four generations to work together. This workshop will help you understand why each generation has certain identifiable characteristics and how to best work with each generation.

This event is free but registration is required.

Please RSVP by Monday, April 1, 2019

Contact Amie Granger at 847.925.6741 or [agranger@harpercollege.edu](mailto:agranger@harpercollege.edu)

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