


## August 2019

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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
Aug 5; Monday	LWVPA Board Meeting	Palatine Library; 6:30 – 8:30 pm – Room #3
Aug 7; Wednesday	<i>Does Your Vote Count?</i>	Barrington Library Registration Required (see Flier)
Aug 10; Saturday	August Lunch	Prepayment Required (see Flier) Noon – 3 pm
Aug 28; Wednesday	<i>The Long Road to Victory</i>	Schaumburg Library, 7 pm (see Flier)
Aug 29; Thursday	Voter Registration	High School D211 Parents' Night; 6:30 – 9:30 pm
Sept 9; Monday	LWVPA Board Meeting	Palatine Library; 6:30 – 8:30 pm – Room #3
Sept 11; Wednesday	Courageous Conversations	Barrington's White House, 7 – 9 pm (see Flier)
Sept 13; Friday	Voter Registration	Schaumburg Library Citizenship Ceremony, time tbd
Sept 17; Tuesday	Voter Registration	Senior Fair w/ Sen. Gillespie; 10 am - 1 pm
Sept 19; Thursday	<i>Wonder Women</i>	Schaumburg Library, 7 pm (see Flier)

### Co-President's Column

We are excited to include Debby Brauer to the Program committee, to lead the political programs. Welcome Debby!

**Book Club** on July 16<sup>th</sup> was a success in spite of a last-minute glitch in the location. Thanks to the attendees who took it in stride, and to Cammy and Marilyn for finding a new venue on such short notice. The book, *An American Summer*, helped us gain insight into a world - right here in Chicago - that many know little about. Opening our eyes and hearts is the first step toward change, and gun violence prevention would certainly help. Helen Dumas, the principal of St. Sabinas, and Dr Mary Kay Marrello, past principal of Whittier Middle School in Blue Island, joined our discussion and added their own real-life experiences to the conversation. If you want to get an early start, our next book will be *The Woman's Hour* by Elaine Weiss on Sept 12<sup>th</sup>.

The **Drinks and Discussion** on *Let's Talk About Affordable Housing* enlightened many on the state priorities for affordable housing, the effects of affordable housing on healthy communities, and senior housing needs. Rep. Mussman, Sonia Ivanov, Director of NorthWest Compass, and Robyn Sandys, Director of North West Housing Partnership, were a wealth of information on the many aspects of this complicated issue. See "Hot Links" below for more resources and information.

We're all about voting, but does it matter? Join us for *Does Your Vote Count? The Census, Gerrymandering and Redistricting*. Register at the Barrington Library before August 7<sup>th</sup> to find out. This is an important conversation as the next election year approaches!

The August Luncheon is coming up on August 10<sup>th</sup>. Great food, great entertainment and great company - what more could you ask??

Please share this information about these events - come and bring a friend! Hope to see you there! And thank you for all your support with our many activities. We so appreciate your involvement and ideas - keep them coming!

Ann Kennedy

## LWVPA Environmental Committee

At the LWV Illinois convention in June the Climate Emergency Resolution was adopted (see hot link below). It is a call for action for Leagues to advocate for “Climate Emergency Declarations” at all levels of government.

I am proud to announce that our League has taken its first action step in doing so. Renee Gladstone and I recently formed an environmental committee. Members who indicated an interest in the environment were invited to attend.

At our first meeting the committee decided to focus on our local governments’ sustainability plans. We had members from 7 different municipalities at our meeting. Our committee members are gathering the sustainability plans from each of those 7 municipalities in order to compare and evaluate them in such areas as energy, waste and recycling, and water.

Our next meeting will be held on August 6 at 7 PM. Please contact Renee Gladstone or me if you want to be part of this committee’s important work.

Jackie McGrath

## Upcoming Observer Trainings

There are two upcoming LWVIL Observer Training sessions:

Saturday, August 10, 10:15 a.m. to 1:15p.m.  
Peoria Public Library  
107 NE Monroe St, Peoria, IL 61602

Saturday, October 12, 10:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.  
La Grange Park Public Library  
555 N LaGrange Rd, La Grange Park, IL

During the training, observers will learn what actions to take and what to report. Numerous units of government have few, if any, community members or reporters observing them. This training will empower you to be the eyes and ears in the room!

All observers will receive a certificate and sample report outlines in order to simplify future reporting. These trainings legally protect the observers and the league. In order to represent the league in future observing, all observers will need to go through a formal training session.

If you would like to sign up or have any questions, please reach out to Jan Dorner at [jdorner1@comcast.net](mailto:jdorner1@comcast.net)

## Hot Links!

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

Climate Emergency Resolution  
Palatine Area Township Study Summary  
Affordable Housing Discussion Resources

## Observer Reports

All LWVPA Observer Reports can be found on our [website](#) under the “Observer” tab.

## Welcome NEW MEMBERS!

Paul Clausell  
Carole Bulakowski  
Lana Brozik

## BOOK CLUB SEPTEMBER 2019

*The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote* by Elaine Weiss

Thursday, September 12, 12:00PM  
Granite City Food and Brewery (separate checks)  
801 Plaza Drive, Schaumburg, IL 60173

Please RSVP by Thursday, August 29

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Please join us in this opportunity to socialize with some of your fellow League members and learn about this important historical event. Bring a friend!

### Book Summary

Nashville, August 1920. Thirty-five states have ratified the Nineteenth Amendment, twelve have rejected or refused to vote, and one last state is needed. It all comes down to Tennessee, the moment of truth for the suffragists, after a seven-decade crusade. The opposing forces include politicians with careers at stake, liquor companies, railroad magnates, and a lot of racists who don't want black women voting. And then there are the "Antis"--women who oppose their own enfranchisement, fearing suffrage will bring about the moral collapse of the nation. They all converge in a boiling hot summer for a vicious face-off replete with dirty tricks, betrayals and bribes, bigotry, Jack Daniel's, and the Bible. Following a handful of remarkable women who led their respective forces into battle, along with appearances by Woodrow Wilson, Warren Harding, Frederick Douglass, and Eleanor Roosevelt, *The Woman's Hour* is an inspiring story of activists winning their own freedom in one of the last campaigns forged in the shadow of the Civil War, and the beginning of the great twentieth-century battles for civil rights.

## Help us Get Out The Vote!!!

If you are a voter registrar, please volunteer to help out at one or more of these upcoming Voter Registration events:

**August 29:** High School District 211 Parents' night open houses at all schools. Approx 6:30 – 9:30 pm (Palatine, Fremd, Schaumburg, Conant, Hoffman Estates)

**September 13:** Schaumburg Library Citizenship Ceremony. Morning, specific time tbd

**September 17:** Senior Fair hosted by Sen. Ann Gillespie. 10 am – 1:00 pm at the Palatine Public Library.

Please reach out to Melanie Carter at [melanicar@yahoo.com](mailto:melanicar@yahoo.com) or Renee Gladstone at [rrgladstone@aol.com](mailto:rrgladstone@aol.com) to sign up!

## Membership Dues

A friendly reminder that membership dues are now due and to please mail them with check payable to:

League of Women Voters of the Palatine Area,  
P.O. Box 35, Palatine

Or go to: <http://www.lwvpalatinearea.org>  
and you can pay by credit card or PayPal.

Thank you for your prompt response. If you have already paid your dues, thank you!

Susan Buttafuoco  
Membership Chair



## Does Your Vote Count? The Census, Redistricting, and Gerrymandering

*In collaboration with the Barrington Area Library  
Community Conversations*

**Wednesday, August 7, 7:00 PM**

Learn from Madeleine Doubek, Executive Director of Change Illinois, how state and federal voting districts are decided in Illinois, what other methods might be used, and what role the 2020 census plays.

[Register](#). Barrington Area Library Meeting Room.

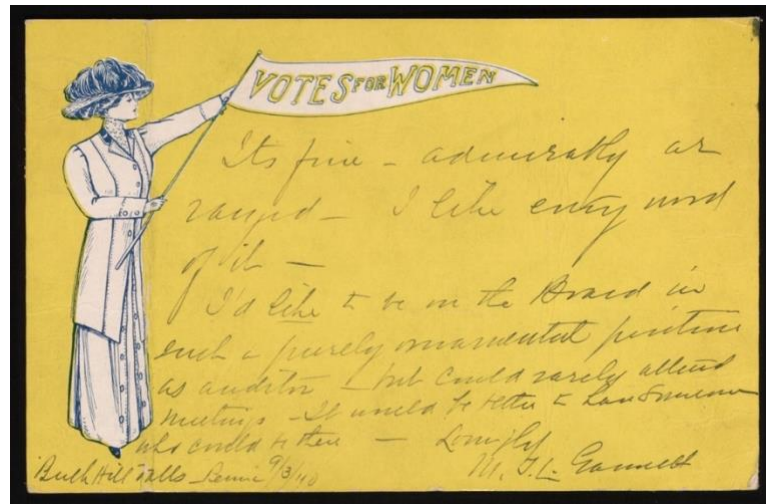
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## Summer Luncheon Commemorating The 100th Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote



Join League Members and Friends as We Begin Our  
Yearlong Celebration of This Momentous Event!

**Saturday, August 10, 2019 12:00PM**  
**The Trails Clubhouse 703 Nerge Rd. Roselle, IL 60172**  
**Entertainment by Lynn Rymarz of "Tales in History"**  
**Portrayal of Susan B. Anthony, You Can't Vote!**

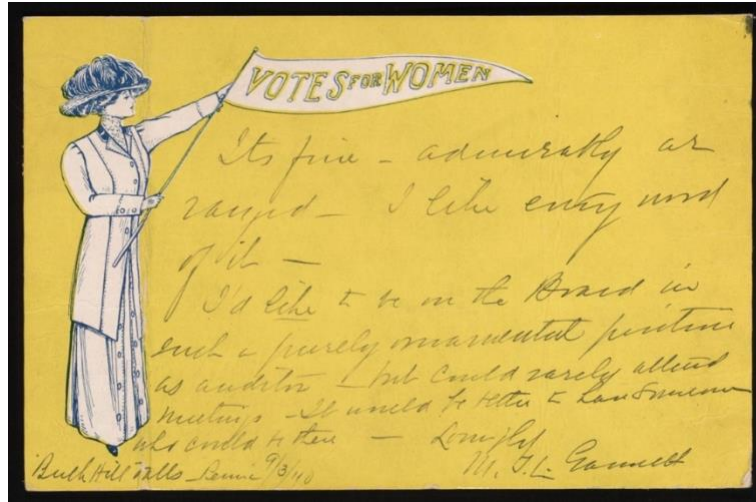
\$25 includes catered salads, sandwiches, and soft beverages

**Reservations close on Saturday, August 3.**  
RSVP to [cbasak3@msn.com](mailto:cbasak3@msn.com) when sending payment.  
For payment by credit card go to Summer Luncheon at  
<http://www.lwvpalatinearea.org>  
For payment by check, send to LWV Palatine Area at  
P.O. Box 35 Palatine, IL 60078-0035

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**The Long Road to Victory**  
Commemorating  
The 100th Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote



**Join League Members and Friends as We Continue Our  
Yearlong Celebration of This Momentous Event!**

**Wednesday, August 28, 2019 7:00PM  
Schaumburg Township District Library  
130 S. Roselle Rd., Schaumburg, IL  
Second Floor, Rasmussen Room**

**Annette Baldwin, in a first person monologue, portrays five brilliant, dedicated  
leaders in the woman suffrage movement: Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady  
Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Alice Paul and Carrie Chapman Catt.**

**Free to members and the public**

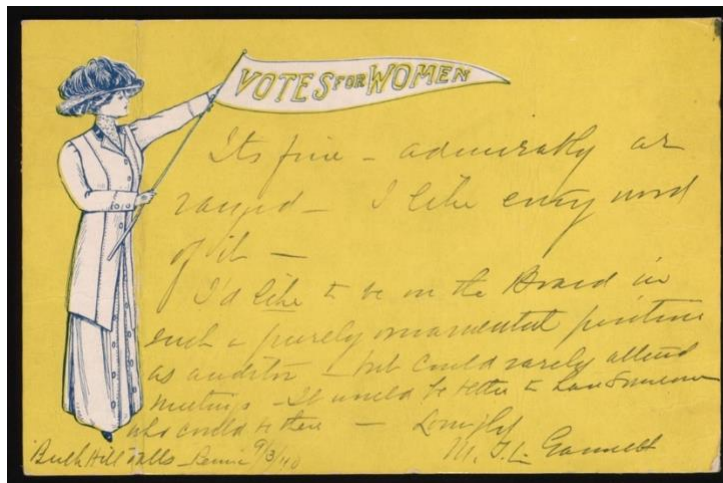
**Register at <https://schaumburg.libnet> - Events  
or 847-985-4000**

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## *Wonder Women: The Untold Story of American Superheroines*

Commemorating  
The 100th Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote



**Join League Members, Daughters, and Friends as We Continue Our  
Yearlong Celebration of This Momentous Event!**

**Thursday, September 19, 2019 7:00PM  
Schaumburg Township District Library  
130 S. Roselle Rd., Schaumburg, IL  
Central Workshop Room**

The *Wonder Women* documentary looks at popular representations of powerful women with commentary by Linda Carter, Lindsay Wagner, comics, writers, and artists and real life superheroines such as Gloria Steinem, Kathleen Hanna, and others. Meet a mother-daughter duo, Melissa and Michelle Fadeley, who have worked tirelessly for the passage of ERA, as State Presidents of NOW.

Free to members and the public  
Register at <https://schaumburg.libnet> – Events  
or 847-985-4000

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## The Year of Courageous Conversations

Our League is supporting the *Year of Courageous Conversations* project, a new yearlong series offered in the Barrington area. Recognizing the need for better dialogue across divides, community leaders have joined forces to launch *A Year of Courageous Conversations* to explore how to live together in difference based on the work of Krista Tippett.

For more info about this project:

<http://www.urbanconsulate.com/courageousconversations>

Upcoming programs open for **online registration** include:

### **DEFINING COURAGE**

- Wednesday, September 11, 2019
- 7:00 PM 9:00 PM
- Barrington's White House

### **PRACTICING MINDFULNESS**

- Wednesday, October 9, 2019
- 7:00 PM 9:00 PM
- Barrington's White House

### **CULTIVATING CURIOSITY**

- Wednesday, November 13, 2019
- 7:00 PM 9:00 PM
- Barrington's White House

### **THE ART OF LISTENING**

- Wednesday, December 11, 2019
- 7:00 PM 9:00 PM
- Barrington's White House