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President's Column

Summer League work doesn't stop – it's just done in more pleasurable venues!

Last week we spent a great evening of Let's Talk & Wine discussing DEI – Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and to help us along with our understanding was Nina Palit, Rummana Sadiq and Juanita Kendall. All on the patio at the Lucky Monk in So. Barrington. A few take "aways" from the evening was to set up voter information and voter registration at some places and in "communities" that might be out of our comfort zone to fulfill our mission of DEI. The night was beautiful and the message was at times hard to listen to but inspiring all of us to do a better job of listening in these crazy times.

Now we have our Summer August Luncheon coming up on August 25th at the Spring Valley Nature Center – bring a salad or dessert to share, come early and take a walk on the trails and come to hear the stories of three women who ran for office, with tremendous odds against them tell us about being candidates – the pain & glory! Kelly Majeski, Sol Flores and Marie Newman will relate their experiences to us and encourage us for the future!

And talk about pleasurable venues – Renee Gladstone and Melanie Carter have set up any number of voter registration events in fun locations this summer. If you are a registrar and want to get experience this summer is the time to do it! Check out Renee's email to Deputy Registrars with the dates and details!

Work continues on our three Candidate Forums this fall – Oct. 6th –Barrington Area Library, Oct.14th at the Arlington Hts. Memorial Library and on Oct. 21th at the Schaumburg Township Library. We will be sending out the Sign Up Genius in the next week and you can sign up for each forum, all the forums and you can choose your position. There are openings for almost every job – floor manager, candidate host, greeter to clean up! It's important to educate our voters and we think that we do it fairly and in a nonpartisan way that gives information to all voters, not just one party or another.

Watch your emails about any and all of these events!! Please share the information with others in your community, neighborhood and Facebook friends!

August Salad Luncheon August 25th - 12n

Calling on a few "**Shimmer and Shine**" people! The room will be all set with tables and chairs but we will need to set up for the luncheon (tablecloths, flowers, etc.) and then do a clean up after the luncheon. It is used as a classroom for children's nature studies so it does have a bit of a classroom look! If you can help before or after give me a shout - email or phone!

Our August Salad Luncheon is a great time to bring friends who might have expressed an interest in elections, what's going on in our towns or just curious about LWV!

Our EVITE invitation went out last week - yes, it is safe to open it! Let me know if you need a paper copy or if you want to reply to me instead of to Evite.

We hope to see you there!

Date	Event	Details
Aug 6, Monday	LWV PA Board Meeting	Palatine Library; 6:30 – 8:30 pm – Room #2
Aug 8, Wednesday	School Safety and Gun Violence	See Details on Page 5
Aug 11, Saturday	LWV PA Board Training	Palatine Library; 10-11am contacts: Laura and Carolyn
Aug 14; Tuesday	Book Club; “Between the World and Me”	RAM Restaurant, 1901 McConnor Pkwy, Schaumburg, 12:30 -1:30 lunch, reply Cammy or Marilyn
Aug 18; Saturday	MLD Call	8 – 9 am contact Carolyn Roberts or Laura Davis
Aug 24; Friday	Criminal Justice Study Group	Michigan Ave Chicago, Friday, 10-noon. Contact Laura Davis if interested
Aug 25; Saturday	Salad Luncheon – Bring Salad or Desserts to share	Noon – 3pm Spring Valley Nature Center, 1111 E. Schaumburg – Speakers TBA
Aug 28; Tuesday	The Palatine Cool Cities Team	7-9 pm at the Palatine Village Hall. Contact Jeff Kressmann for questions.
Sep 4; Tuesday	LWV PA Board Meeting	Palatine Library; 6:30 – 8:30 pm

LWV PA 60th Anniversary Celebrations!

On September 11, 1958 the Palatine Herald reported that the League of Women Voters was forming a new chapter and to get the attention of the community they were holding a parade! The article the next week reported that the League of Women Voters was very successful over a 1000 people came out for the parade, the Palatine Community Concert Band played and Boy Scouts and girls scouts marched along with members of the LWV from Paddock School to the Village Hall where registration took place! The mayor joined the festivities and open up the Village Hall for all to see.

Well it’s happening again and we hope all of you can join us for some or all of the events!

- PROCLAMATION at the Village of Palatine Board Meeting - Mayor Jim Swantz will read the Proclamation and present it to League members! **7pm September 17th.**
- PARADE from the Palatine Town Square (Palatine Rd. And Smith St.) to the Farmers Market! **10 am on Sept.22**
- VOTER REGISTRATION at the Palatine Farmers Market with anniversary cake! 7am-1pm September 22.
- VOTER REGISTRATION at the Palatine Farmers Market 7am -1pm September 29th.

Children, grandchildren, musical instruments all welcome to join the parade to the Farmers Market!



These items have been provided by The Illinois Campaign for Political Reform.

- **Illinois Needs to Upgrade Voting Equipment.** Gov. Rauner Signs ICPR’s Election Equipment Reporting Bill. Click [HERE](#).
- **Republicans Retain Twice as much Cash** Despite Big Fundraising by Democrats in Top IL Congressional Races. Click [HERE](#).
- **Here is How a Lack of Transparency Leads to Unfair Property Taxes.** An In-Depth Discussion with the Reporters of “The Tax Divide”. Click [HERE](#).

DID YOU KNOW?

SOME ELECTIONS ARE DECIDED BY ONLY A FEW VOTES! Your vote CAN make a difference.

Election Day: Tuesday, November 6, 2018

FIND OUT HOW AND WHERE TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY, BEFORE THE ELECTION DAY OR BY MAIL.

Lake County:

<http://www.lakecountyil.gov/161/County-Clerk>

Cook County:

<https://www.cookcountyclerk.com/agency/elections>

DuPage County:

<http://www.dupageco.org/election>

FIND OUT WHO YOUR CURRENT LEGISLATORS ARE:

Cook County:

<https://www.cookcountyclerk.com/service/your-voter-information>

DuPage County:

<https://www.dupageco.org/VoterLookup>

Lake County:

<https://lakecountyil.gov/351/Voter-Power-for-Registered-voters>

FIND OUT HOW THE CANDIDATES STAND ON ISSUES YOU CARE ABOUT... then VOTE!

Welcome New Members!

Janice Amos
Rachel Bloomberg
Bernadette Burke
Deidre Flynn

Juanita Kendall
Barbara Knoff
Leanna Rice
Michelle True

Ways to Celebrate the League's 100th Birthday!

The League of Women Voters Turns 100 in 2020.



There are many ways that you can help!

- 1) Send out Monthly Articles
- 2) Locate Movies/Plays about Suffragettes
- 3) Create a Commemorative Item (Button)

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

Hot Links!

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

Book Review: *The People vs Democracy* by Yascha Mounk. Recommended Read by Laura Davis: I heard Yascha Mounk speak at the Chicago Council on Foreign Affairs. He is a lecturer on Government at Harvard University and a Senior Fellow in the Political Reform Program at New America. Mounk describes political turmoil across the world as a rise in populism.

Township and Taxes Drinks & Discussion Recap. About 40 people attended the "Township and Taxes" Drinks and Discussion at Emmetts in Palatine on Tuesday, July 17. Shannon Sohl PhD, CPA and Norman Walzer PhD, both from Northern Illinois University Center for Government Studies, presented data regarding local government structure and the role of townships.

RESOLUTION!

We are very happy that the recent National Convention of the League of Women Voters of the United States adopted a resolution that "urgently reaffirms its long-held position that the Electoral College should be abolished."

**Our August Book Club selection will be
Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates.**

Date: **Tues. Aug. 14, 2018** Time: **12:30PM**

Location: **Ram Restaurant and Brewery
1901 McConnor Pkwy. Schaumburg, IL 60173**
<https://www.theram.com> Separate checks

Please RSVP by **August 1, 2018** to program planners:

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In a profound work that pivots from the biggest questions about American history and ideals to the most intimate concerns of a father for his son, Ta-Nehisi Coates offers a powerful new framework for understanding our nation's history and current crisis. Americans have built an empire on the idea of "race," a falsehood that damages us all but falls most heavily on the bodies of black women and men—bodies exploited through slavery and segregation, and, today, threatened, locked up, and murdered out of all proportion. What is it like to inhabit a black body and find a way to live within it? And how can we all honestly reckon with this fraught history and free ourselves from its burden?

Between the World and Me is Ta-Nehisi Coates's attempt to answer these questions in a letter to his adolescent son. Coates shares with his son—and readers—the story of his awakening to the truth about his place in the world through a series of revelatory experiences, from Howard University to Civil War battlefields, from the South Side of Chicago to Paris, from his childhood home to the living rooms of mothers whose children's lives were taken as American plunder.

We will be meeting every other month for Book Club. Future selections include *Educated*, *The Soul of America*, and *The New Jim Crow*. During alternate months we will be viewing a TED Talk or other pertinent videos.

We are anxious to meet more of our fellow League members and what better means than sharing a meal and engaging in lively conversation. **Please come join us!**

Update on Gun Violence Prevention Issues and Legislation

There have been a number of successes in efforts to prevent gun violence in this summer, and, as is so often the cases, setbacks as well.

Local Success:

A recent proposal for a Shoot Point Blank gun shop and shooting range in Lake Zurich has been halted! Just days after a meeting about this project where numerous residents voiced their concerns about the proposed location and its proximity to homes and facilities used by kids, village officials announced that the company had decided to withdraw their request at this time.

State of Illinois

Three bills focused on reducing gun violence were passed by both the Illinois House of Representatives and State recently. Governor Rauner has signed two of them into law. The bills signed are SB 3256, which makes the waiting period on all firearm purchases 72 hours and the Firearm Restraining Order (HB 2354), which allows family or law enforcement to petition the courts to temporarily remove firearms from the home of a loved one determined to be a risk to themselves or others.

Unfortunately Governor Rauner also announced he would be vetoing the **Combating Illegal Gun Trafficking Act (SB 337)** which would certify gun dealers, hold corrupt gun dealers accountable, and enact provisions to better record and track private sales. The bipartisan measure passed the General Assembly with a wide margin of support. If you would like to ask Governor Rauner to change his mind and sign this bill, his office phone numbers are provided below.

Chicago

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100 W. Randolph, 16-100
Chicago, IL 60601

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PALATINE
CLEAN · HEALTHY · PROSPEROUS



CHICAGO REGION
2015 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

TOTAL EMISSIONS
119
MMTCO₂e

PER CAPITA EMISSIONS
13.97
MTCO₂e/PERSON



A report was just released on Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions for our region by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) See report [here](#).

We spend a lot of time looking to our government to drive down CO2 emissions through legislation. As important as this is it is also painfully slow and as the party in power flip flops so does our country's focus on this most critical of problems. Notice that in our region CO2 has only decreased by 7% since 2010. This is not enough.

Our Group isn't lessening our focus on elections and legislation but we are increasingly realizing the importance of local action all the way down to individual households. Please continue reading about how individual communities are taking matters into their own hands supported by comprehensive sustainability plan templates, and frameworks. Converting these plans to action requires residents' collectively driving the processes forward.

Within our territory we are aware of the following communities with sustainability committees or teams.

- Arlington Heights Cool Cities Team
- Buffalo Grove Environmental Action Team
- Deer Park (under development - seeking interested residents)
- Hoffman Estates Sustainability Commission (appointed village committee)
- Palatine Cool Cities Team
- Go Green Park Ridge Team
- Rolling Meadows Environmental Committee
- Schaumburg Environment Committee (appointed village committee)
- Wheeling (under development - seeking interested residents)

Click [HERE](#) to read about Community Sustainability efforts.

Update on Gun Violence Prevention Issues and Legislation (Continued)

Springfield

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National – Bad News

The U.S. State Department is poised to allow a company to post its gun blueprints online for anyone to download starting August 1, 2018. If this happens, terrorists, mass shooters, felons, domestic abusers and many other people who should not have access to guns will be able to create functional, potentially undetectable guns out of plastic with a 3D printer. Watch for more news about this disturbing development.

Natalie Warren

JOIN US FOR A DISCUSSION OF SCHOOL SAFETY AND GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION FEATURING:

**CONGRESSMAN RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY
STATE REPRESENTATIVE DAVID HARRIS
SHOOTING SURVIVOR LAUREN CARR**

Aug. 8th 6-7 P.M.

Beth Tikvah Congregation
300 Hillcrest Blvd.
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

August 2018

**Help us with our Candidate Forums.
How? Volunteer and spread the word!**

10/06/18 LWV Barrington Area Library Candidate Forum 9am-1pm

Volunteers needed from the LWV-Palatine Area and LWV-Arlington Heights, partnering to produce a forum event for candidates in 3 election races:

- 1) IL Representative 51st District - Nick Sauer-R (Barrington) and Mary Edly-Allen-D (Libertyville) in the Nov 2018 election. District map: <https://statisticalatlas.com/state-lower-legislative-district/Illinois/District-51/Overview>
- 2) IL. State Senator District 26 -Dan McConchie-R (Lake Zurich) and Tom Georges-D (Mundelein) District map: <https://elections.il.gov/Downloads/VotingInformation/PDF/2011Districts/2011SenDist26.pdf>
- 3) IL 6th Congressional District -Peter J. Roskam-R (Wheaton) and Sean Casten-D (Downers Grove) District map: <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/IL/6>

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0449a4a822a1f58-100618>

10/14/18 LWV Arlington Hts. Library Candidate Forum 1pm-6pm

Volunteers needed from the LWV-Palatine Area and LWV-Arlington Heights, partnering to produce a forum event for candidates in 4 election races:

- 1) IL Representative 54th District - Maggie Trevor-D (Rolling Meadows) and Tom Morrison-R (Palatine) in the Nov 2018 election. District map: <https://statisticalatlas.com/state-lower-legislative-district/Illinois/District-54/Overview>
- 2) IL. Representative 53rd District - Eddie Corrigan-R (Arlington Hts.) and Mark Walker-D (Arlington Hts.) District map: <https://statisticalatlas.com/state-lower-legislative-district/Illinois/District-53/Overview>
- 3) IL. State Senator District 27 - Tom Rooney-R (Rolling Meadows) and Ann Gillespie-D (Arlington Hts.) District map: <https://elections.il.gov/Downloads/VotingInformation/PDF/2011Districts/2011SenDist27.pdf>
- 4) IL 9th Congressional District -Jan Schakowsky-D (Evanston) and John Elleson-R (Arlington Hts.) District map: <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/IL/9>

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0449a4a822a1f58-101418>

10/20/18 LWV Schaumburg Candidate Forum 1pm-4pm

Volunteers needed from the LWV-Palatine Area and LWV-Arlington Heights, partnering to produce a forum event for candidates in 3 election races:

- 1) IL Representative 56th District - 2 candidates: Jillian Rose Bernas (Schaumburg) and Michelle Mussman-D (Schaumburg) in the Nov 2018 election. District map: <https://statisticalatlas.com/state-lower-legislative-district/Illinois/District-56/Overview>
- 2) IL 8th Congressional District -Jitendra "JD" Diganvker and Raja Krishnamoorthi. District map: <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/IL/8>
- 3) Cook County Commissioner District 15 - Tim Schneider and Kevin B. Morrison. District Map - <https://datacatalog.cookcountyil.gov/GIS-Maps/ccgismap-Cook-County-Commissioner-District-15/h69t-zwqi/data>

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0449a4a822a1f58-102018>

OBSERVER Reports

Click **Observer** tab on our [website](#) to view Observer Reports

LWV PA has a dedicated group of people who attend and report upon board meetings. We are always looking for more people to become involved! At present, we have observers at the following meetings:

Barrington Township	Cook County Commissioners	Cook County Health
Elk Grove Township	Harper College	Palatine Library
Metropolitan Water Reclamation	Palatine Township	Palatine Village
Rolling Meadows City Council	School District 15	School District 220
South Barrington Village		

Join or Renew Online – All the Time!

LWV Palatine Area – has gone GREEN with our membership process!

We have been supporting a number of efforts to reduce waste – most recently plastic in our Oceans! The ability to join or renew online (without printing out forms or writing checks) has been implemented.

In addition, the “Student” category has been upgraded to “Emerging Leader” which enables those who are 16 – 26 to become members at a reduced rate.

The revised membership form shows the pro-rated rates for those who join after January of the league year. These changes were reviewed and voted upon by the league membership at our annual membership meeting.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

The revised Membership Form is located on our website and can be downloaded [here](#).

If you (or someone you know) is joining for the first time, we ask that this form be completed and that you use the LINK at the bottom of the form to e-mail it (as an attachment) to our membership team.

If you are renewing and have no changes in information or interests, you may simply pay your renewal rate. If you have changes, please complete the membership form and e-mail it as noted above.

PAYMENT

We are now accepting payment via PayPal. You may use your credit card, debit card, or PayPal account to make payment. Click [HERE](#) to go to our Membership / Donate Page to do so.

DONATIONS

You may make either or both of these donations on our website:

- 1) Donate to LWV Palatine Area (our league uses this money to help defray costs). This option is **NOT** tax deductible.
- 2) Donate to the LWV Illinois Education Fund. This donation **IS** tax deductible. This will be forwarded to the LWV Illinois to be deposited in their 501 (c) 3 account. You will need to track this amount yourself for tax reporting purposes. The Education Fund dollars are returned to us, but use is limited to expenses related specifically to education (forums, educational movies and meetings).