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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
June 3; Monday	LWVPA Board Meeting	Palatine Library; 6:30 – 8:30 pm – Room #3
June 12; Wednesday	Annual Meeting (see page 3)	Granite City Brewing, 801 Plaza Dr. Schaumburg
June 22; Saturday	Observer Training	Barrington Area Library, Please RSVP
July 1; Monday	LWVPA Board Meeting	Palatine Library; 6:30 – 8:30 pm – Room #3
July 16; Tuesday	LWVPA Book Club	Granite City Brewing, 801 Plaza Dr. Schaumburg, Noon

President’s Column

Wow! Have 2 years past this fast? My husband says “no, it’s been long and torturous” but Laura and I think that our term as Co-Presidents has gone by quickly! So many meetings, D & D’s and books and not enough time!

First, thank you to everyone who has helped pull our League together and created such a wonderful diverse group of people with ideas & abilities. It has been our pleasure to work with you these past 2 years!

Programs – we have had a wide variety of programs for 2 years – all of which have been diverse, interesting and covered so many topics of importance to our life and times.

And the Book Club – we are the envy of many Leagues – lunch, drinks and good books! Our book club discussions were thoughtful and inclusive – everybody had a chance to speak and add their thoughts to the discussions. The restaurant proved to be a bonus!

Drinks & Discussions another great idea brought to us from other LWV’s but enhanced by LWVPA! We have a formula that works and no end to choices of topics for information and conversation. Sometimes more people than the Fire Marshall would want but that’s a good problem to have now!

Voter Service, Candidate Forums and Voter Registration – whew! We did it all for 2 elections, registered many, many new voters and gave out information for voting at Farmers markets, libraries and high schools and just this week at Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi’s Town Hall on Women!

What will be happening in the next years is up to you, our members! The **Annual Meeting** is June 12th at Granite City Brewing, Schaumburg. RSVP on our [website](#), [SignUp](#) Genius or EVITE! We decided on a Family Style menu because then we won’t have as many interruptions during our important business. We will be electing new officers! We will be deciding on program for next year, hearing our financial situation and giving direction to our board. All this needs input from members – come have your voice heard and help give direction to our LWV for 2019-2020.

Again, Laura and I couldn’t have done without YOU! Many thanks for your support!

Nominating Committee Report

Co-Presidents:

- Ann Kennedy (2-year term)
- Jackie McGrath (1-year term)

Vice President:

- Kim Inman (2-year term)

Directors at large (2-year terms)

- Juanita Kendall
- Melanie Carter

Observers – Take Notice!

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

Date: Saturday, June 22

Time: 9am - noon

Place: Barrington Area Library
505 N. Northwest Hwy, Barrington
Zimmerman Room

Presenter: Jan Dorner, LWV Illinois

Please respond to this email that you will be attending. We need to have an accurate number for materials and donuts! If you know of someone else who is interested in this training, please have them reach out to me.

Thanks for your interest.

Laura Davis

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Hot Links!

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

Cook County LWV – Observer Report for
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District.

NEW MEMBERS!

Chris Pызdrowski Carol Pankros



Did you Know?

- This is the 50th anniversary (1969) of the Stonewall Riots – where GLBTQ (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer) people resisted the second police raid on the Stonewall Inn (Gay Bar) within 1 week. The police were rough with the patrons, and the patrons fought back.
- In 1969, it was illegal to be GLBTQ. You could be involuntarily arrested and / or hospitalized simply for being who you are. There is no greater moment than when a group of oppressed people finally stands up and says, “no more.” In New York City, on June 28, 1969, that moment finally arrived for the patrons of the Stonewall Inn. It began as harassment as usual for the group of New York’s LGBT citizens.
- It wasn’t until 1973 that the DMV 4 (used by mental health professionals to classify mental illness), that being GLBTQ was no longer a mental illness. Millions of people were “cured” overnight.
- The first Pride Parades were held in New York (home of the Stonewall Inn), Chicago and San Francisco in 1970.
- Gay Pride or GLBT pride is the POSITIVE stance against discrimination and violence towards gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer people. It promotes their self-affirmation, dignity, equality rights, increases their visibility as a social group, builds community, and celebrates sexual diversity and gender variance. PRIDE as opposed to shame and social stigma, is the predominant outlook that bolsters most GLBT rights movements throughout the world.
- Many of those who are GLBTQ continue to be thrown out of their homes or disowned by their parents today. If you know someone who is GLBTQ, tell them “Happy Pride!”
- On a personal note, I sobbed at my first pride parade. Just seeing other people like me and seeing parents and family who accepted their child or sibling was very emotional. Pride Month is all about healing the emotional wounds that have been inflicted by others.

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League of Women Voters of Palatine Area
61st Annual Meeting!

June 12th, 6pm - 9pm

Granite City Brewery
801 Plaza Dr., Schaumburg

Menu

Mediterranean Chicken

Cajun Pasta

Vegetarian Option - Margarita Flatbread or Budda Bowl

House Salad and Mini Dessert

Coffee, Tea complimentary, cash bar available

\$35pp

Please reserve your seat by going to [SignUp](#) Genius or lwvpalatinearea.org!

*White, Purple and Green were the colors favored by the Suffragettes!
Show your colors!



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BOOK CLUB JULY 2019

An American Summer: Love and Death in Chicago by Alex Kotlowitz

Tuesday, July 16, 12:00PM
Granite City Food and Brewery (separate checks)

801 Plaza Drive, Schaumburg, IL 60173

- Please RSVP by Tuesday, July 2
 - [Cammy Basak](#)
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 - [Marilyn McCarty-Fulton](#)
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We will have a special guest joining the conversation with personal insight into the lives of young people living in neighborhoods afflicted by gun violence.

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

Book Summary

The numbers are staggering: over the past twenty years in Chicago, 14,033 people have been killed and another roughly 60,000 wounded by gunfire. What does that do to the spirit of individuals and community?

Drawing on his decades of experience, Alex Kotlowitz set out to chronicle one summer in the city, writing about individuals who have emerged from the violence and whose stories capture the capacity--and the breaking point--of the human heart and soul. The result is a spellbinding collection of deeply intimate profiles that upend what we think we know about gun violence in America. Applying the close-up, empathic reporting that made *There Are No Children Here* a modern classic, Kotlowitz offers a piercingly honest portrait of a city in turmoil. These sketches of those left standing will get into your bones. This one summer will stay with you.

Increasing Awareness of the Firearm Restraining Order in Illinois

As of January 1st, Illinois residents have had access to the Firearms Restraining Order (FRO). The Firearm Restraining Order (FRO) is a law that allows family members, household members, and law enforcement to work with courts to temporarily remove guns and prevent the purchase of new guns by individuals who pose a significant risk of harm to themselves or others. The Illinois LWV supported the passage of this law.

This type of law (sometimes referred to as a Red Flags law) has proved valuable in preventing many types of gun violence including suicides in other states where these laws have been in effect for longer periods. Unfortunately, although the Firearms Restraining Order has been in effect in Illinois for several months, public awareness has remained low. The organization *Speak for Safety Illinois* has developed excellent resources to provide information about the law and is also hosting educational/discussion sessions about this potentially life-saving new law for the public as well as law enforcement groups.

Speak for Safety Illinois invites you to visit www.Speakforsafetyil.org for resources and information about the law. Click on Families and Household/Speak for Safety Illinois to learn how the new law can help, how to obtain a FRO and important facts about the FRO.

If you have specific questions or would like more information about presentations/discussions about the Firearm Restraining Law, please contact Peter Contos from the Illinois Council against Handgun Violence at peter@ichv.org

Natalie Warren

Gun Violence Prevention Liason
Palatine Area LWV

Highlights are proposed wording. Cross-outs indicate phrase removal.

LWV PALATINE AREA BY LAWS

Revised Feb 2017

Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be the League of Women Voters of the Palatine Area, hereinafter referred to as the LWVPA. The Palatine Area encompasses Hoffman Estates, Inverness, Palatine, Rolling Meadows, and Schaumburg. Because of legislative districts, we also serve members in various contiguous communities. This League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States, League of Women Voters of Illinois, and the League of Women Voters of Cook County, hereinafter referred to as LWVUS, LWVIL, and LWVCC.

Article II - Purposes and Policy

Section. 1. Purposes. The purposes of the LWVPA are to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

Section. 2. Political Policy. The LWVPA shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.

Article III - Membership

Section. 1. Eligibility. Any person who subscribes to the purposes and policy of the LWVUS shall be eligible for membership.

Section. 2. Types of Membership.

A. **Voting Members.** Persons at least 16 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of local Leagues, state leagues and of the LWVUS; (1) those who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League; (2) those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state members-at-large; (3) those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from the payment of dues.

B. **Associate Members.** All others who join the League shall be associate members.

Article IV - Officers

Section. 1. Enumeration, Election, and Term of Officers. The officers of the LWVPA shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer to the. In lieu of a president, the officers may include two co-presidents who fulfill all duties and responsibilities described herein and ascribed to the president. These officers shall be elected by the general membership at the annual meeting and take office immediately. The president and vice-president shall be elected in odd-numbered years; the secretary and treasurer shall be elected in even-numbered years. Co-presidents may be elected in staggered years.

A. **Term of Officers.** Officers may only serve 2 terms consecutively in the same position.

Section. 2. The President. The president, co-presidents, or designee, shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of the Board of Directors. The president or co-presidents may, in the absence or disability of the treasurer or at the request of the treasurer, sign or endorse checks, drafts, and notes. The president or co-presidents shall be, ex-officio, a member of all committees except the nominating committee. The president or co-presidents shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of the president or co-presidents, and perform such other duties as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

Section. 3. The Vice-President. The vice-president shall, in the event of absence, disability, or death of the president or co-president, possess all the powers and perform all the duties of the office, until such time as the Board of Directors shall elect one of its members to fill the vacancy. The vice-president shall perform such other duties as the president or co-presidents and Board may designate.

Section. 4. The Secretary. The secretary shall keep minutes at the annual meeting and all meetings of the Board of

Directors. The secretary shall sign, together with the president, all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the Board and shall perform such other functions as may pertain to the office.

Section. 5. The Treasurer. The treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due. The treasurer shall be the custodian of these monies, shall deposit them in a financial institution designated by the Board of Directors, and shall disburse the same only upon order of the Board. The treasurer shall make financial statements to the Board at their regular meetings, compile and present an annual financial report at the annual meeting, and help in preparing the Annual Budget.

Section. 6. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of the ~~four~~ officers of the organization: ~~the president or co-presidents, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.~~

Article V - Board of Directors

Section. 1. Number, Manner of Selection, and Term of Office.

(A) Number. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the LWVPA (president ~~or co-presidents~~, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer), and a minimum of three (3) but not more than ~~seven (7) six (6)~~ other directors.

(B) Manner of Selection and Term of Office. At least two (2) of these directors shall be elected by the general membership at the annual meeting and shall serve for a term of two years, or until their successors have been elected. The president ~~or co-presidents~~, with the consent of the ~~elected members of the~~ Board of Directors, shall appoint such additional directors, to serve for the current program year, and may be reappointed. ~~The total number of directors shall not exceed 7.~~

Section. 2. Qualifications. A person elected or appointed as an officer or director of this organization must be a member of the LWVPA.

Section. 3. Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors by reason of resignation, death, or disqualification of an officer or elected member may be filled until the next annual meeting by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors.

Section. 4. Powers and Duties. The Board of Directors shall have full charge of the property and business of the organization with full power and authority to manage and conduct same, subject to the instructions of the general membership. It shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the program as adopted by the national convention, the state convention, the county convention and the annual meeting. The Board of Directors shall annually review the Non-partisan Political Activity Policy. The board shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary.

~~**(4a) Executive Committee.** The Executive Committee shall consist of the four officers of the organization and such other board members as the president may appoint with consent of the Executive Committee. It~~ The Executive Committee shall have the power to act on behalf of the board in emergencies arising in the interim between regular meetings of the board. All Executive Committee action shall be reported to the Board of Directors at the next board meeting. A quorum shall consist of a majority including at least three officers of the organization. The Executive Committee shall keep minutes of all meetings.

Section. 5. Meetings. There shall be at least eight (8) regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually. The president may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall call a special meeting upon written (including electronic) request of four members of the board.

(5a) Decision Making by Electronic Means. Although most board meetings will take place in person, decisions may be made by electronic means when necessary to reach a quorum or consensus.

Section. 6. Quorum. A majority of the members of Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

Article VI - Financial Administration

Section. 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the LWVPA shall conform to that of the LWVUS, July 1 - June 30.

Section. 2. Dues.

(2a) Term of Dues. Dues shall be payable annually on July 1. Any member who fails to pay dues within two months after they become payable shall be dropped from the membership rolls.

(2b) Dues Subsidy. The LWVPA has a dues subsidy fund. ~~for those requesting it.~~ Subsidized membership dues are available ~~at a 50% scholarship for students and/or~~ ~~for individuals under~~ ~~twenty-six (26) twenty-one (21) years~~ of

age or sixty-five (65) years of age and over who request it. Members who have been enrolled in LWVUS for fifty (50) years or more shall be honorary members and shall not be required to pay annual dues.

Section 3. Budget Committee. A budget committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least two months prior to the annual meeting to prepare a proposed budget for the ensuing year. The proposed budget shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval. The treasurer shall not be eligible to serve as chair of the budget committee, but shall be an ex-officio member.

Section 4. Budget. A proposed budget for the ensuing year shall be submitted by the Board of Directors to the annual meeting for adoption. The budget shall include support for the work of the LWVPA as a whole. The proposed budget shall be sent to all members one month before the annual meeting.

Section 5. Expenditures. Expenditures over \$150 shall need Executive Committee approval.

Section 6. Audit. The books shall be audited at the conclusion of the fiscal year by a committee of members appointed by the president. The audit chair will report the committee's conclusions to the Board of Directors at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

Section 7. Distribution of Monies and Securities on Dissolution. In the event of dissolution of the LWVPA, all monies and securities held by the LWVPA shall be distributed along with all other property, whether real, personal, or mixed, which may at the time be owned or under the control of the LWVPA to such person, organization, or corporation for such public, charitable, or educational use and purposes as the board may designate.

Article VII - Meetings

Section 1. General Meetings. General meetings shall be held to carry out the purpose and program of the LWVPA. Time and place shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Special Meetings. The board may call a special meeting of the membership at any time and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of twenty-five percent (25%) of the voting members. A written or electronic notice of such special meeting shall be sent to the membership at least one week in advance.

Section 3. Annual Meeting. An annual meeting shall be held between April 1 and July 1, the exact date to be determined by the Board of Directors. The annual meeting shall:

- (3a) Adopt a local program for one year
- (3b) Elect officers, directors, and members of the nominating committee
- (3c) Adopt an adequate budget
- (3d) Appoint a committee to review and approve the minutes of the annual meeting
- (3e) Transact such other business as may properly come before it

Section 4. Quorum. One fourth (1/4) of the members shall constitute a quorum at the annual meeting of the LWVPA.

Article VIII - Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Nominating Committee. The nominating committee consists of three (3) members, at least one of whom is a member of the Board of Directors and at least one from the membership at large. Members of the nominating committee shall be appointed by the president or co-presidents at the annual meeting or immediately following it. Suggestions for nominations for officers, directors, including self-nomination, may be sent to the nominating committee or the president or co-presidents by any voting member.

Section 2. Report of the Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor. The report of the nominating committee--of its nominations for officers, directors--shall be sent to all members one month before the date of the annual meeting. The report of the nominating committee shall be presented to the annual meeting. Following the presentation of the report, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member, provided the consent of the nominee had been secured.

Section 3. Elections. The election shall be by ballot, except if there is but one nominee for each office, it shall be by adoption of the slate. , provided that when there is but one nominee for each office, the secretary may be instructed by the president to cast the ballot for every nominee. A majority vote of those qualified to vote and voting, shall constitute an election. Absentee or proxy voting is not permitted.

Article IX - Program (Positions)

Section 1. Authorization. The governmental principles adopted by the national convention and supported by the League as a whole constitute the authorization for the adoption of the program.

Section 2. Program. The program of the LWVPA shall consist of:

(2a) Action to implement the principles of the LWVUS; and

(2b) Study and action to support those local governmental issues chosen for concerted study.

Section 3. Action by the Annual Meeting. The annual meeting shall act upon the program using the following procedures:

(3a) The Board of Directors shall consider the recommendations sent in by the voting members two months prior to the annual meeting and shall formulate a proposed program;

(3b) The proposed program shall be sent to all members one month before the annual meeting;

(3c) A majority vote of voting members shall be required for adoption of subjects in the proposed program as presented to the annual meeting by the Board of Directors;

(3d) Suggestions for the program submitted by voting members two months prior to the annual meeting but not recommended by the Board of Directors may be considered and adopted by the annual meeting, provided that:

(3d.i) The annual meeting shall order consideration by a majority vote, and

(3d.ii) The annual meeting shall adopt the item by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

Section 4. Membership Action. Members may act in the name of the LWVPA *only* when authorized to do so by the Board of Directors. They may act *only* in conformity with, and not contrary to, a position taken by **LWVPA, LWVCC, LWVIL, and LWVUS.**

Article X - National, State and Cook County Conventions

Section 1. National Convention. The Board of Directors shall select delegates to the convention according to the provisions of the bylaws of the **LWVUS.**

Section 2. State Convention. The Board of Directors shall select delegates to the convention according to the provisions of the bylaws of the **LWVIL.**

Section 3. County Convention. The Board of Directors shall select delegates to the convention according to the provisions of the bylaws of the **LWVCC.**

Article XI - Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. Parliamentary Authority. *Robert's Newly Revised Rules of Order* shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and not inconsistent with these bylaws.

Article XII - Amendments

Section 1. Amendments. These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting members present at the annual meeting, provided the proposed amendments were submitted to the membership electronically or in writing, at least one month in advance of the meeting.

Section 2. Bylaws Committee. In even numbered years, a bylaws committee (consisting of 1 board member and 2 members-at-large) shall be appointed by the executive committee at the annual meeting, to review the bylaws. The bylaws committee findings, with any recommendations, will be forwarded to the Board of Directors 2 months prior to the next annual meeting.

Committee: Marg Duer, Carolyn Roberts, Laura Davis Feb 2017

Committee: Jackie McGrath, Betty Hull, Susan Kern March 2019

LWV Palatine Area
July 1 2019 - June 30, 2020 Budget

	FY 2018-2019 ESTIMATE	FY 2019-2020 BUDGET
MEMBERSHIP		
Member Dues	6,980	7,840
Per Member Payment to IL/USA	(6,438)	(6,992)
NET DUES INCOME	542	848
Per Member		8
OPERATING EXPENSES		
PO BOX	75	75
VOTER-Print & Postage	10	15
Website	202	300
Web Transaction Cost	90	200
Quickbook annual license	185	240
Liability Insurance	85	115
Total General Admin.	647	945
Per Member		9
Voter Service	291	200
Annual Meeting (May)	282	250
Salad Luncheon (Aug)	195	250
Handbook/Directory	-	50
Program Committee		
Let's Talk	75	-
Educational Lectures		155
D&D Income	(305)	(300)
D&D Expense	703	750
Candidate Forums	400	400
Facebook Advertising	94	100
MISC / Office Supplies	401	625
AD for State of State	275	275
Total Program/Events	2,411	2,755
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	3,058	3,700
NET OPERATING LOSS	(2,516)	(2,852)
Per Member		(26)
FUNDRAISING		
Wine Tasting	2,053	2,125
Holiday Auction	751	650
Member Donations	710	800
In-Kind Donations	327	300
Total Contributions	3,841	3,875
Wine Tasting	809	975
Holiday Auction	21	50
Total Expenses	830	1,025
NET FUNDRAISING INCOME	3,011	2,850
Per Member		26
ANNUAL CONVENTION EXPENSES		
Illinois 2019 / National 2020	500	600
NET LOSS	(5)	(602)
Per Member		(5)