


## September 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
Sept 5; Thursday	LWVAH Clean Energy Town Hall	Arlington Heights Library, 7 – 8:30 pm (see Flier)
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 12; Thursday	Book Club	Granite City Food and Brewery, 12 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 18; Wednesday	Criminal Justice Forum	Oak Park Public Library, 7pm (see Flier)
Sept 19; Thursday	<i>Wonder Women</i>	Schaumburg Library, 7 pm (see Flier)
Sept 21; Saturday	Scarecrows On Parade	Firefighters' Memorial, Palatine, 12 pm

### Co-President's Column

A fellow League member once asked me what my most important LWV issue was. I didn't hesitate to respond. I have a similar question to pose to each of you. What League issues/activities are important to you?

You're probably wondering why I am asking this. The reason is quite simple. Our leadership values your membership, but we do need your involvement to continue to engage others; to influence public policy through education and advocacy.

Last year our Membership Director, Susan Buttafuoco, created a LWVPA interest sheet to help facilitate membership involvement. We recently added a new interest, gun violence prevention. This committee's co-chairs are already hard at work planning a program that will help us to better understand the Firearms Restraining Order, a.k.a. the FRO, and Red Flag Law.

In addition, fundraising is also an area that some members have expressed an interest in. Unfortunately, as of this date, no one has volunteered to lead it. Please consider volunteering to do this. Co-chairing is also an option. Please contact me or Ann Kennedy if you have questions regarding this position.

Finally, please remember that our directors and committee chairs are a dedicated, hardworking group of volunteers, but they need your help. I am asking every member to take the time, if you haven't already done so, to review, complete and/or update, the membership interest sheet, available [here](#).

Together we're better!

Jackie McGrath

## Environmental News

Every year, the average American goes through more than 250 pounds of plastic waste, and much of that comes from packaging. So what do we do with it all? Explore this interactive web page to learn about the plastics the recycling system was designed to handle, and why other plastic packaging shouldn't go in your recycling.

LWV Arlington Heights is also putting on a **Clean Energy Town Hall on September 5<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 8:30 pm** in the Arlington Heights Memorial Library. See Flier below for more information.

## 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

## Welcome NEW MEMBERS!

Mary Kennedy	Emily Young
Janet Larson	Jill Brooks
Elizabeth Penick	Elliott Hartstein
Pat Ziebart	Kathleen Boyle

## LWVPA Wonder Woman and Suffragette Scarecrow Project

We have two events to get our creative juices flowing! The first will be decorating cutouts of both Wonder Woman and Modern Wonder Woman for our Wonder Women event at the Schaumburg Library September 19. The second will be creating a Suffragette Scarecrow to enter in Palatine's Scarecrows on Parade contest September 21st.

The Palatine contest will be judged Saturday, September 21 at 12 noon at the Firefighters Memorial in Palatine (corner of Brockway and Slade). It will then be on display with all the other scarecrows along Slate Street between Broadway and Bothwell till October 20.

Bring your ideas and/or decorating skills to our two meetings - date/place TBD - or send ideas if you can't make it. The first meeting will be for ideas, the second will be to decorate the three items. Contact Ann via [lwvpalatinearea@gmail.com](mailto:lwvpalatinearea@gmail.com) Check out scarecrows from previous years! [Photo Gallery Slideshow](#)



## Candidate Forum

Can you believe it's forum time again? We have booked a room at the Schaumburg Library on **Saturday, February 29, from 9-5**. Once we know which races will be contested and require a primary, we will post shift times on SignUp Genius. There may be other forum dates, so if you are a forum volunteer, please keep your dates loose in February for Primary forums, and September for the General Election.

We will be partnering with LWV Arlington Heights this year, so they may also need volunteers. They are having a forum at the AH Library on Saturday, February 22.

## The Library of Congress Needs Your Help Transcribing Suffragist Papers

Nearly 16,000 pages of diaries, letters, speeches and other documents are available on the library's crowdsourcing platform. The Library is now calling on volunteers to help transcribe the digitized papers of suffragists to make these historical materials more accessible. See the article under "Hot Links" for more information on how to sign up and volunteer, or contact us at [lwvpalatinearea@gmail.com](mailto:lwvpalatinearea@gmail.com)

## LWV Cook County Representative Needed!

We are seeking an additional representative to attend monthly Cook County LWV meetings. See job description in Hot Links below!

## Help Register Voters!

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

**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.

**October 10:** Willow Creek South Barrington Job Fair (exact times TBD, approx 11:00 - 4:00, in shifts)

**November 9:** Church of the Holy Spirit, Schaumburg (before and after 5:00 Mass. Shift from 4:30-6:30)

**November 10:** Church of the Holy Spirit, Schaumburg (8:00 Mass-registration from 7:30-9:30; 10:00 Mass- registration from 9:30-11:30; 12:00 Mass-registration from 11:30-1:30 (This is the Spanish Mass, so if we have any Spanish speaking registrars, we could use your help during this shift.)

**February 1:** Palatine Farmers Market (Indoors at Palatine Train Station) 8AM - Noon (2 shifts, 8 - 10 and 10 - 12)

**February 15:** Palatine Farmers Market (Indoors at Palatine Train Station) 8 AM - Noon (2 shifts, 8 - 10 and 10 - 12)

**March 7:** Palatine Farmers Market (Indoors at Palatine Train Station) 8AM -Noon (2 shifts, 8 - 10 and 10 - 12 (2d shift full)

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!

## 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, September 5th

- [Cammy Basak](mailto:cbasak3@msn.com) cbasak3@msn.com
- [Marilyn McCarty-Fulton](mailto:marilynmc426@gmail.com) marilynmc426@gmail.com

We are excited to announce that the author, Elaine Weiss, has agreed to Skype with us during our meeting! While you are reading, jot down any questions you might want to ask the author and we will compile them at the meeting before speaking with her.

### 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.

### Hot Links!

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

LWV Cook County Representative Job Description  
Recycling Guide  
Library of Congress Transcription

### Observer Reports

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

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**Join League Members, Daughters, and Friends as We Continue Our Yearlong  
Celebration Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of  
Women's Right to Vote and Women's Contributions to  
Historical Events and Contemporary Society**

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



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

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

**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

# CLEAN ENERGY TOWNHALL



**SEN. ANN GILLESPIE**



**REP. MARK WALKER**

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7 - 8:30PM**

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## A Public Forum on Criminal Justice Reform: Cook County Initiatives

Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m.

Panelists include: Sharlyn Grace, Chicago Bond Fund;  
Brandon Johnson, Cook County Commissioner;  
Michelle Mbekeani, Cook County State's Attorney's Office; and  
Ben Ruddell, Director, ACLU Illinois

Join us for a comprehensive look at current criminal justice reforms in Cook  
County and the pressing work ahead still to be done.

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garage for the first 2 hours. [lwvoprf.org](http://lwvoprf.org)*

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