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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.

LWVPA Events		
Date	Event	Details
<b>All events are currently on hold due to Covid-19</b>		

### Co-President's Message

A while back I asked my Co- President, Ann Kennedy, if I could write this month's message because I wanted to share two great events that our League is planning. However, in the world we live in today, where we really don't know what the future may bring, I can't tell you now that these will take place. Nevertheless, I have decided to share these with you knowing full well that they may be cancelled or rescheduled.

The first is the "Pollution Solutions" program that our Environmental Committee has planned for May 14 at 6:30 PM at the Spring Valley Nature Center. It is a combination environmental fair, with tabling by environmental groups, and speakers who will focus on ways that we can reduce waste and pollution in our day to day lives.

The second one is our League's most important event of the year, our Annual Meeting. This is the meeting where all of us come together to decide on important League business. It is currently scheduled at Chandler's on June 4 at 6PM. This is a lovely venue and a delicious menu has been selected. If we have to cancel, the Board will decide how our voting will be done. Please watch your email from LWVpalatinearea@gmail.com for updates on these and other League business.

So, in closing, I'll leave with my favorite Irish blessing ...

May the road rise to meet you,  
 may the wind be ever at your back.  
 May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
 and the rains fall soft upon your fields.  
 And until we meet again,  
 may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Jackie McGrath

## Welcome NEW MEMBERS!

Barbara Figlewicz    Monica Keane    Brad Price

### Remembrance of Arlene Clausell

Arlene M. Clausell passed away unexpectedly on February 17, 2020. She was 74 years old. Her health had been slowly declining over the past few years. Arlene joined our League in 2017 after moving to Palatine.

I first met Arlene when we were both volunteering for a Voter Forum in 2018. Arlene had a quiet but friendly demeanor. When you engaged her in conversation, her passion for League activities was evident. She completed Observer training as well as Voter Registration training. She was unable to participate fully in all the activities she loved due to her declining health issues. Whenever she was feeling well, she was an active participant in League programs.

Arlene had a long career as an educator and Reading Specialist. She was deeply involved in her church from her early years up to the time of her recent illness. She enjoyed teaching youth Sunday School, organizing programs with her students and taking them to local and state religious events. Singing in the choir was a particular enjoyment for her.

Arlene is survived by her husband Paul (also a League member), her sons Christopher and Eric and her grandchildren Bennett and Elliette. She was an extraordinary person and she will be greatly missed.

Juanita Kendall

The Voter Engagement Committee had an excellent brainstorming meeting on March 3. We have already started working with the Illinois League to develop yard signs for members to display encouraging neighbors to vote. We hope to have them available for sale at our League's annual meeting in June.

We also have made good progress on developing a talking points handout for why people should vote.

There were so many additional great ideas at the meeting that, realizing we can't effectively do them all, the committee is currently choosing a few efforts to concentrate on. We will be circulating a sign-up email to all committee members in the next few weeks.

If you'd like to get involved, please contact Renee Gladstone [rrgladstone@aol.com](mailto:rrgladstone@aol.com) or Melanie Carter [melanicar@yahoo.com](mailto:melanicar@yahoo.com)

April 2020

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS PALATINE AREA  
NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT, 2020

Elections will be held at the LWVPA Annual Meeting on June 4, 2020.

The nominating committee is pleased to nominate the following candidates for the LWV Palatine Area Officers and Board of Directors. Thank you to all the candidates.

**PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR ELECTION: 2 Year Term 2020-2022**

For Co-President	Vicki Martin
For Secretary	Maureen DeRosa
For Treasurer	Carol Bulakowski

**PROPOSED SLATE OF DIRECTORS FOR ELECTION: 2 Year Terms 2020-2022**

For Membership Director	Lisa Arthur
For Program Co-Director	Cammy Basak
For Program Co-Director	Gayle Banakis
For Publicity Director	Elaine Doremus
For Voter Registration	Renee Gladstone
Co- Director	

Nominations will be taken from the floor. Nominees must be present and consent must be obtained.

**Continuing Officers and Board of Directors: Terms Expire 2021**

Co-President	Ann Kennedy
Vice President	Kim Inman
Co-Director Voter Registration	Melanie Carter
Director Emerging Leaders	Juanita Kendall

**Support:**

<b>Publicity:</b> Tech and Newsletter	Dayle Roberts, Megan Kennedy
Website	Louise Fleming, Dayle Roberts
Forum Videos	Dayle Roberts, Mark Martin

<b>Candidate Forums</b>	Vicki Martin, Laura Davis, Kathy Cortez
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<b>Programs</b>	Pat Ziebart
<b>Membership</b>	Judy Struck

<b>Review and approval of 2020 Annual Meeting minutes</b>	Maureen De Rosa, Sylvia Salazar
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**Serving on other LWV Boards**

LWV Cook County Director	Laura Davis
LWV Cook County LWVPA Representative	Kim Inman

Respectfully Submitted,  
Juanita Kendall, Vicki Martin, Carolyn Roberts  
2020 Nominating Committee

OBSERVERS UPDATE  
March 2020

- Harper College Board meeting opened with a presentation from Dr. Gramlich of the Sociology Department, regarding the project he is working on during his sabbatical from Harper. He is developing an Open Educational Resource (OER) for the Introduction to Social Psychology course. OER's are free to all students (not just Harper students) and available on line. Because current textbooks and other course materials are so costly, OER's are seen as a way to make college more affordable.
- The faculty reported on an effort to get students more involved in the upcoming Primary and in voting in general. The faculty has prepared a flyer about how to register, how to vote by mail and with links to various sites with voting information (copy not provided). It is being delivered to all students.
- There was a report about various student mental health efforts by the school, with an emphasis on prevention and outreach. "Pop up" counseling locations are being tried, for example at the tutoring center.
- Rolling Meadows board of directors has public participation from 10 to 30 people. Regardless how many people may reach to speak during public comments, the total amount of time is limited to 20 minutes. The board discussed the importance of the upcoming census and the effects on revenue for the community for the next 10 years. Four new police officers were installed in Rolling Meadows.

Due to the coronavirus and no public access to view board meetings, there are no reports from observers for the Palatine and Barrington Township meetings.

Thank you to Melanie Carter, Betty Hull and Tressa Glassman for this month's observer reports.

April 2020



**Save The Date!**

# **POLLUTION SOLUTIONS**

**Speaker Panel & Environmental Fair  
Focusing on Individual Action**

**May 14, 7:00 p.m.**

**Spring Valley Nature Center  
1111 E. Schaumburg Road**

**Free & Open to the Public**

April 2020

*The League of Women Voters of the Palatine Area  
invites you to the*

# **62nd Annual Meeting**

*Chandler's Chophouse Grill  
401 N. Roselle Rd, Schaumburg, IL 60193*

*Thursday, June 4th  
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm*

*Save the date! Details to follow.*

April 2020

WALK TO VOTE

I walk a couple of blocks to my polling place in honor of my Aunt Emma, born in 1882 who marched for my right to vote. She was a LWV observer at the Denver City & County Meetings. She never missed a weekly Board meeting or report in fifty years.

I walk for my father and his brothers who rode a mule to a one room school, in the Oklahoma Territory, living, learning American history.

I walk for my great-great Cherokee Aunt whose tribe had to walk from Tennessee to a western reservation.

I walk to vote on a touch-screen machine for my mother who demonstrated "how to use the dial telephone" at the Dallas World's Fair.

I walk for Maria, who bathed me, fed me, dressed me and cooked my family's dinner before she walked over the bridge, to her family in Juarez.

At Schaumburg Library I registered voters, seventy new naturalized citizens, from twenty-seven countries. Men and women, young and not so young. How far did each one walk for the right to vote?

Nancy J. Heggem

Note: LWV (League of Women Voters founded in Chicago 2/14/2020 updated on 100 anniversary)  
The 37th state has passed the ERA amendment to US Constitution but US house and Senate must accept this vote since there was a time limit set for ratification in the 1970's



# CENSUS 101

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

### EVERYONE COUNTS.

The census counts every person living in the U.S. once, only once, and in the right place.

### IT'S ABOUT FAIR REPRESENTATION.

Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.

### IT'S ABOUT REDISTRICTING.

After each decade's census, state officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts.



### IT'S ABOUT \$675 BILLION.

The distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds, grants and support to states, counties and communities are based on census data. That money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital programs.





## 2020 WILL BE EASIER THAN EVER.

In 2020, you will be able to respond to the census online.

## YOUR PRIVACY IS PROTECTED.

It's against the law for the Census Bureau to publicly release your responses in any way that could identify you or your household.

By law, your responses cannot be used against you and can only be used to produce statistics.

## CENSUS DATA IS BEING USED ALL AROUND YOU.

Businesses use census data to decide where to build factories, offices and stores, which create jobs.

Local governments use the census for public safety and emergency preparedness.

Real estate developers use the census to build new homes and revitalize old neighborhoods.

## YOU CAN HELP.

Make sure everyone in your community gets counted:  
**[census.gov/partners](https://www.census.gov/partners).**

