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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
May 14, Thursday	Pollution Solution (Virtual via Zoom)	7:00 – 9:00 pm Registration Required
June 4, Thursday	Annual Meeting (Virtual via Zoom)	6:30 – 8:30 pm Registration Required

Co-President's Message

Who would've thought a tiny invisible micro-organism would shut down our country and world? Who imagined our life as it is today? Life never stops throwing new experiences our way.

And so, our league must adjust. We've started with virtual board meetings. And we're excited that our Environmental Committee has adapted the program, *Pollution Solutions*, to be our first virtual program. The same excellent, informative speakers will give presentations, but in the comfort of your home on your computer, tablet or smartphone. Looking ahead, our Annual Meeting on June 4 is rescheduled to be a virtual Zoom meeting. Please take a look at instructions from Dayle and feel free to join our Zoom "practice" session the week before. We will need to vote on the budget and officers during our virtual meeting. But reports will be sent from the board and committees electronically the week before the meeting - this will keep it short.

Then, hopefully sometime in the future we can gather and celebrate in the good old-fashioned way! Our world may be different in the future. These things we are now "practicing" may become more routine as we find a place for virtual platforms to enhance our traditional programs. In the meantime - hang in there. May you and your loved ones stay safe.

Ann Kennedy

Thanks “SEW” Much!



Members of the LWVPA and students from the University of Chicago Medial School combined efforts to support our healthcare workers. Over 100 masks were delivered to the University of Chicago Medical Center in Chicago and Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights.

The following members lent a hand by sewing masks, or by donating fabric or personal protective equipment (PPE.) Thank you to; Vicki Martin, Carolyn Roberts, Barb Knoff, Juanita Kendall, Melanie Carter, Holly Koepsel, Megan and Ann Kennedy.

And Thank You to anyone who has donated PPE or made masks for any organization during these times to fight the Covid outbreak.

May 2020



*An online meeting to discuss ways **YOU** can help the planet*

**Thursday, May 14, 2020
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

Panelists and Topics

- **Natalie Lichtenbert** (*Chair, Hoffman Estates Sustainability Commission and more*): **Single-use plastics**
- **Renee Blue and Jennifer Kainz** (*founders of Mindful Waste*): **Food waste**
- **Cindy Skrukrud** (*Clean Water Organizer, Sierra Club Illinois Chapter*): **Water pollution**

Free and Open to the Public Bring Your Questions

REGISTER AT:

<https://act.sierraclub.org/events/details?formcampaignid=7013q000002CKa7AAG>

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May 2020

**LWV Palatine Area
July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021 Budget**

	FY 2020 ESTIMATE	FY 2021 BUDGET
MEMBERSHIP		
Member Dues	8,050	7,170
Per Member Payment to IL/USA	(7,184)	(6,552)
NET DUES INCOME	866	618
Per Member	7	8
OPERATING EXPENSES		
PO BOX	80	80
VOTER-Print & Postage	-	-
Website	300	400
Web Transaction Cost	100	119
Quickbook annual license	270	300
Liability Insurance	115	115
Total General Admin.	865	1,014
Per Member	7	9
Voter Service	214	500
Annual Meeting (May)	400	250
Salad Luncheon (Aug)	12	100
Handbook/Directory	-	-
Program Committee	-	-
Let's Talk	93	250
Educational Lectures	120	150
D&D Income	- 273	- 159
D&D Expense	549	500
Candidate Forums	100	400
Facebook Advertising	-	100
MISC / Office Supplies	599	500
AD for State of State	400	275
Total Program/Events	2,214	2,866
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	3,079	3,880
NET OPERATING LOSS	(2,213)	(3,262)
Per Member	(18)	(26)

May 2020

	FY 2020 ESTIMATE	FY 2021 BUDGET
FUNDRAISING		
Wine Tasting	2,509	1,984
Holiday Auction	1,210	794
Member Donations	781	595
In-Kind Donations	470	-
Misc.	60	-
Total Contributions	5,030	3,373
Wine Tasting	1,028	873
Holiday Auction	34	50
Total Expenses	1,062	923
NET FUNDRAISING INCOME	3,968	2,450
Per Member	31	26
ANNUAL CONVENTION EXPENSES		
Illinois 2021 / National 2020	600	500
NET GAIN/(LOSS)	1,155	(1,312)
Per Member	9	(5)

May 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	Carole 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:

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

Candidate Forums	Vicki Martin, Laura Davis, Kathy Cortez
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Programs	Pat Ziebart
Membership	Judy Struck

Review and approval of 2020 Annual Meeting minutes	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

May 2020

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

62nd Annual Meeting

Thursday, June 4th, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

To be held virtually via Zoom

*Attendance instructions
will be sent via email*

Virtual Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held virtually via Zoom. Douglas Rice (Melanie Carter's husband) is graciously allowing us to use his business Zoom account in order to accommodate our league size.

Dayle Roberts will be sending out an e-mail announcing a "TEST DATE" to verify that you are able to join a meeting, the week of May 25. This will be an optional meeting that will be very brief. Essentially once you are satisfied that you can connect with video and audio, you may leave the meeting.

The information on how to register for the Annual Meeting will be sent on Monday, June 1. You will receive an email with the link to the meeting AFTER you register. Therefore, you will NOT be able to attend without registration!

You MUST download and install Zoom for the annual meeting in order to be identified and vote. It is compatible with both PC and MAC computers, all tablets, and smart phones. You will be using both VIDEO and AUDIO. The Audio is through ZOOM – so you will NOT be dialing in via phone.

It is recommended to use the largest screen you have in order to better be able to view the attendees as well as view and respond to the polls (used to vote).

Technical Questions? ASK DAYLE (847) 363-0382 or dayle.roberts@sbcglobal.net

May 2020

Sadly, hatred is being shown toward Asian Americans throughout our country today. This affects me on a deeply personal level, as my daughter is married to a wonderful Korean man who came to this country when he was 11 years old and they have 2 children that I love dearly.

The League Update April 23, 2020 contained information about the League's support of House Resolution 908, denouncing Asian American discrimination. Please take some time to read this (it follows my personal note) if you haven't already done so. When I read it, I was overcome with pride in the LWV and once again filled with gratitude for the leadership it continues to display.

In addition, Asian Americans Advancing Justice has some good information on how to help someone being harassed. <https://www.advancingjustice-aaajc.org/covid19> They are also co- sponsoring one-hour web-based training on bystander responses to harassment situations (registration links are at the bottom of the above page).

Jackie McGrath

League Supports H.Res 908, Denouncing Asian American Discrimination

April 22, 2020

The League joined a letter drafted on behalf of the National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA), the Democracy Initiative, and more than 150 undersigned organizations to denounce the continued increase in racist attacks and discrimination against the Asian American community, and to express our support for H.Res. 908, introduced by Representative Grace Meng (D-NY-6) and its Senate companion to be introduced by Senators Kamala Harris (D-CA), Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), and Mazie Hirono (D-HI) which condemn all forms of anti-Asian sentiment related to COVID19.

April 16, 2020

Dear Member of Congress:

On behalf of the National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA), the Democracy Initiative, and the undersigned organizations, we are writing to denounce the continued increase in racist attacks and discrimination against the Asian American community, and to express our support for H.Res. 908, introduced by Representative Grace Meng(D-NY-6) and its Senate companion to be introduced by Senators Kamala Harris (D-CA), Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), and Mazie Hirono (D-HI); both of which condemn all forms of anti-Asian sentiment related to COVID-19.

Hate and bigotry are not consistent with realizing the promise of American democracy where all of us have an equal voice. COVID-19 is a public health crisis that has fundamentally disrupted our way of life and is saddling our most vulnerable individuals and communities with significant new burdens. Our collective focus must be on overcoming this challenge and caring for one another.

As the number of COVID-19 cases have increased, so too have attacks targeting Asian Americans. On March 14th, the New York Post published an article of a Chinese American father walking his son to the bus stop and was verbally and physically attacked by an angry stranger.¹ Just days later in Texas, a

Burmese man and his son were stabbed at a local Sam's Club by a young man who attacked them because of their race.² As these attacks have continued surging, we are concerned that as our country continues to struggle to overcome COVID-19, anxiety, frustration and fear will intensify before it subsides. This could lead to additional attacks on the Asian American community.

We strongly oppose laying blame for the virus that results in the targeting of a group of people. In this context, we have significant concerns with H.Res. 907, introduced by Representative Jim Banks (R-IN-3), which seeks to place primary blame on the Chinese government for the spread of COVID-19. The rhetoric contained in this resolution only fuels anti-China xenophobia, which in turn, puts the larger Asian American community at risk. For this very reason, the World Health Organization, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director Robert R. Redfield, and U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, Alex Azar, have all advised against using such language and framing around COVID-19.

We believe there will be a time and place to assess the COVID-19 pandemic; including whether world leaders acted responsibly to prepare and protect their people from its impact. However, while the American people continue to struggle with the immediate challenge of keeping themselves and their families safe and healthy, we need our leaders to help unite the country—not stoke fear and confusion.

We are all in this together, and we stand with the Asian American community.

(See Attached for full List of Signers)

1 New York Post. (2020, March 14). Victim of possible coronavirus hate crime in Queens speaks out. Retrieved from <https://nypost.com/2020/03/14/victim-of-possible-coronavirus-hate-crime-in-queens-speaks-out/2> Nextshark. (2020, March 16). Man Arrested for Stabbing Burmese Man and His Son in Texas Sam's Club. Retrieved from <https://nextshark.com/sams-club-man-arrested-charged/>

[COVID4 NCAPA DI Letter](#)

LWV Upper Mississippi River Region ILO Annual Meeting and Conference

Date: May 30 - via Zoom

There will be no cost to join the meeting. We will post information here as soon as possible.

LWV UMRR Annual Meeting - Chicago's Impact on the Mississippi

Like other things these days, LWV UMRR's Annual Meeting will be a virtual event, held via Zoom on May 30. We are just settling the details now, and will post all the information on [our 2020 Annual Meeting page](#) soon. We'll have our business meeting in the morning - meeting packets are being sent out to member Leagues very soon. In the afternoon, we have two marvelous speakers who will talk about Chicago's impact on the Mississippi - Debra Shore, Commissioner from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (right) and Kelly McGinnis, Executive Director of the Mississippi River Network and 1Mississippi. All are welcome to join the Zoom for these speakers - email us at lwvumrr@lwvumn.org for a link! We will post videos of these talks on our website as well.

Registration: <https://www.lwvumrr.org/2019registration-162198.html>

May 2020

OBSERVERS UPDATE March 2020

This is a pretty small observer report as dealing with the coronavirus has thrown us and our communities in disarray. However, school and village meetings are going on and may take a little checking. Most of the villages and schools have live video feeds during the meetings as they are required to have open public meetings. The benefit is you can watch from the comfort of your home with your favorite beverage in hand!

Tressa Glassman has observed a couple of Rolling Meadows Board of Directors meetings dealing with declaring a disaster emergency and then the mechanics of the meeting and handling public comments.

Thank you to everyone who will watch our local governments and share their insights with a quick email to me. Laura Davis Lauramdavis90@gmail.com

Criminal Justice Study

After 3 years of work, the criminal justice study group is finishing up study materials for a criminal justice position update. The current criminal justice position was last updated in 1995 - 25 years ago! A lot of research in criminal justice has happened in those years and without updating our current position the LWVIL is prevented from taking action on many laws being proposed.

The materials will be available within the next few months for local leagues to study. The next steps are to ask each local league to form its own team and read and discuss the materials. The local league team will then present the information to the members of the local league, who will vote on the consensus questions. The consensus decided from each local league will then be sent to LWVIL and will contribute to the updated criminal justice position.

Criminal Justice reform is a very important topic across the country. The United States incarcerates more people than any other country, destroying families and communities, and spending billions of dollars without really improving public safety. There are 17 topic areas to be discussed and I am interested in gathering names of people now who would like to participate. If you have an interest in participating in the Palatine Area league's study group, please send me an email or call me. I think you will find it a very rewarding experience.

Laura Davis lauramdavis90@gmail.com 847-707-2282



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).



May 2020

For those of us who are challenged during the Covid-19 Sequestering rule:

