


June 2020

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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
June 4, Thursday	Annual Meeting (Virtual via Zoom)	6:30 – 8:30 pm Registration Required

Co-President's Message

We all have been challenged these past months because we can't get together with family and friends as we've done in the past. However, we have found new ways to meet that challenge. We celebrate special occasions virtually, definitely differently, but still together.

Our League has also been meeting this challenge. We have continued to hold Board meetings and had our first virtual program, Pollution Solutions, with approximately 100 participants. In addition, on June 4 at 6:30 our League will also be getting together virtually to hold our 62nd Annual Meeting.

This is our most important meeting of the year. However, if not enough of our members choose to get together for this, we can't approve the proposed budget, elect new officers, and provide direction to the Board. It is clearly stated in our LWVPA By-Laws that we have to have a quorum to conduct our Annual Meeting. If you haven't already done so, it's not too late to register.

After installing ZOOM (if you have not previously done so) click below to register for the annual meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0sd-GorDkqGNYZLuu7QDkF2zCgEwpSqpGN>

Year in Review Reports, along with the proposed budget can be found at:

http://www.lwvpalatinearea.org/annual_meeting_items.html

Together We're Better!

Jackie McGrath



Thanks "SEW, SEW" Much Again!

A big thanks goes out to Barb Knoff (again) and Holly Koepsel for stepping up and making many adorable children's masks. And thanks also to Sylvie Salazar for making a bundle! The local hospitals greatly appreciate it!

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LWV Annual Meeting via ZOOM

When: June 4, 2020 06:30 – 08:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Pre-Registration REQUIRED (see below to register)

REQUIREMENTS:

1. **Each participant is required to use their own device** (computer, tablet or phone) with internet connection. Multiple members in the same household must use their own device – no sharing.
2. **Each device MUST have the ZOOM application installed.** This is needed in order to support the use of the polling function that will be used for voting.
 - a. Allows you to enter the meeting with your name (rather than the name of your electronic device).
 - b. Identifies you when you have a question, or wish to make a motion.
3. **Each person must register individually for the meeting.** This will support the board in determining whether or not enough of us have registered for the meeting. The Annual Meeting requires that 25% of our membership actually participate in the meeting.
4. **Each person must enable their microphone on their device for the meeting.** Everything will be coming through the internet.
 - a. Enabling the camera allows to be seen by other attendees. If you wish to hide the fact that you need a haircut you may wish to not enable the video camera on your device.
 - b. Enabling sound (your microphone) allows you to make verbal comments.
 - i. All attendees will be muted by the moderator.
 - ii. Each member must raise their hand to make a comment, the moderator (me) will unmute you in order for everyone to hear your comments.

Installing the ZOOM application (one-time effort):

1. If you already have the ZOOM application installed on the device that you will be using, you do not need to do this again.
2. WINDOWS and MAC: go to www.zoom.us under the RESOURCES menu on the top, select “Download Zoom Client”. Download and install the client.
3. Apple (iPhone, iPad): go to the APP Store, search for ZOOM APP (it will show ZOOM Cloud Meetings) – download and install.
4. Android phones and tablets: Look for the ZOOM APP in your “store”. I was unable to test this, so I do not have better instructions.

Meeting Registration

1. You MUST have the ZOOM application installed on your device.
2. Advance ZOOM Registration is required in order to attend the meeting.
3. Please register as soon as possible so that the board knows how many people are planning on attending.
4. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing your UNIQUE logon for the meeting.
5. Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZ0sd-GorDkqGNYZLuu7QDkF2zCgEwpSqpGN>

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Meeting Confirmation e-mail – KEEP THIS you will need it on JUNE 4

You should receive a meeting confirmation e-mail from Dayle Roberts that resembles the following:

Hi Dayle Roberts,

Thank you for registering for "LWV Palatine Area Annual Meeting".

Please submit any questions to: dayle.roberts@sbcglobal.net

Date Time: Jun 4, 2020 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: [Click Here to Join](#)

Note: This link should not be shared with others; it is unique to you.

[Add to Calendar](#) [Add to Google Calendar](#) [Add to Yahoo Calendar](#)

Joining the Meeting

1. **On Thursday, June 4 after 6:15 pm:**
2. OPEN your zoom application and then click on the “**Click Here to Join**”.
3. The following dialogue will appear:

How to raise your hand or type in a question via CHAT will be addressed at the start of the meeting.

Dayle Roberts

(847) 363-0382

Dayle.roberts@sbcglobal.net

Candidate Forums

As of today, we still have two forums on the calendar, September 19 at the Schaumburg Library, and September 26, at the Barrington Library. During the next several weeks, I will be talking to both libraries to learn how they plan to have events once they are able to welcome the public. We will discuss sanitation, social distance and what our options are for the forums. We have several possibilities, including continuing at the libraries with social distancing. We will also explore hosting the forums via Zoom, or changing to a larger venue, such as a high school auditorium or gymnasium, where we could spread out. We may have to change dates to accommodate location changes, or possible difficulties with candidate schedules, particularly those candidates that are incumbent. It's still too early to be able to do any concrete planning, but I hope to have better information next month.

Stay safe everyone!
Vicki Martin



It's Time to Renew!

It is now time to renew your annual membership. Prices remain the same from last year:

Primary Member: \$75 Additional Household Member: \$40 Emerging Leader: \$20

Please click [HERE](#) to go to the Renewal Form. After submitting the form, you will be redirected to a payment screen. You may return and submit a 2nd form if needed prior to checking out. You may use any credit/debit card (without having a PayPal account).

For members new to our league; please click [HERE](#) to complete the New Member Form.



The League of Women Voters of Illinois Legislative Hour is a virtual 60-minute dialogue with Illinois legislators to discuss issues important to the League. Utilizing the online software, Zoom, each session offers invaluable space for legislators from all levels of government, to speak directly with League members about their League's priority issues and more. Past legislative guests have included: IL Senate President Don Harmon, IL State Senator Julie Morrision, IL State Senator Melinda Bush, and IL Representative Terra Costa Howard.

The previous sessions have been recorded. Click [HERE](#) to view the videos.

From Voter Registration and Engagement: Mail-In Ballots

As you follow the debate about mail-in voting, be sure to notice the distinction between voters being sent "**mail-in ballots**" versus "**mail-in ballot applications**".

For information about what Illinois is doing about this, please see:

<https://capitolnewsillinois.com/NEWS/vote-by-mail-expansion-headed-for-governors-signature-after-senate-passage>

Meet a Member

This is a new feature for the newsletter. We are looking for a few sentences from you so that you may introduce yourself to other league members. Please include: your profession, hobbies, general family information, vacation plans, or other things that you might chat about with a new friend. You may also include what you do for our league if you are involved with one or participate in one of the committees or groups.

Dayle Roberts: I have over 40 years of IT expertise and support our league with technical items. It's true, I started my IT career using punched cards. I was adjunct faculty at Harper for 7 years (computer classes). I completed my masters in 1990. I am now enjoying retirement.

I love to travel and have been to all 7 continents. I also enjoy photography and have won some awards for my amateur photos. I live alone with my fur kids. I plan on returning to reading after my cataract surgery later this month. I enjoy grilling on my deck followed by dining in my screened in Gazebo (What Happens in the Gazebo... Stays in the Gazebo).

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Criminal Justice

The League of Women Voters of Illinois is engaged this year in a consensus study to update our criminal justice position. The participation of local Leagues is essential. The criminal justice position was last updated in the 1990s and our position needs to reflect the research and best practices that we have learned since then. We need to update our position in order to be active voices in improving criminal justice for all.

1. To quote Bryan Stevenson, author of “Just Mercy,” the opposite of justice is poverty. Crime thrives in poverty areas. To really do something about crime, poverty must be addressed. Our first consensus question asks: ***To reduce crime and violence, should there be investment in underserved and/or impoverished communities?***
2. Those entangled in the criminal justice system are disproportionately black, brown, and poor. Why is this? Bias is a strong factor and so we ask: ***Should there be periodic training for individuals working in the criminal justice system to recognize implicit racial and ethnic bias in order to more adequately work toward the goal of equal treatment under the law?***
3. Treatment that is suitable for men is not necessarily suitable for women and/or for those whose gender identity is different. We ask: ***Should a Gender-Responsive Approach be used for all offenders with the goal of equitable and appropriate treatment?***
4. Research and evidence based best practices lead to improved outcomes. In order to achieve these outcomes, relevant data will need to be shared from all Illinois 102 counties and 24 judicial circuits. Accurate and comprehensive data is difficult to collect when computer systems do not talk with each other. The question is: ***Are efficient data collection, data sharing, and transparency critical in an impartial and unbiased criminal justice system?***
5. In order to improve best practice outcomes, the various criminal justice stakeholders need to work together rather than in silos. Increased interaction and communication with stakeholders have shown to contribute to more equitable justice for all. A criminal justice coordinating council (CJCC) is a body of elected and senior justice system leaders (such as police chiefs and judges) that convene on a regular basis to coordinate systemic responses to justice issues. Stakeholders include police officers, judges, probation officers, parole officers, correctional officers, lawyers, court personnel, and could involve others such as substance use and mental health treatment providers; victim’s advocates; those offering housing resources. The question is: ***Should CJCCs include a wide representation from local justice system agencies, other government bodies, service providers, and the community?***

Resource: [Power point at 2019 LWVIL Preconvention Workshop](#)