

# 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

May 17, 2014



League of Women Voters  
Of Wheaton



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PROGRAM FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

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**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WHEATON**

**FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING**

**MAY 17, 2014**

Welcome .....	Missey Wilhelm
Call to Order of 59 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting .....	Missey Wilhelm
Quorum established .....	Missey Wilhelm
Adoption of Rules for Annual Meeting .....	Missey Wilhelm
Minutes of 58 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting .....	Roberta Jacobson
Presentation and adoption of Budget .....	Beryl Jacobson
By-laws Committee Report .....	Martha Barmantje
Consideration and adoption of Local Positions .....	Diane Niesman
Presentation of Marget Hamilton Award .....	Missey Wilhelm
Nomination and Election of Officers and Directors .....	Don Westlake
Introduction of new Board .....	Missey Wilhelm
Direction to Board .....	League Members
Adjournment	
Secretary for the Annual Meeting .....	Roberta Jacobson
Parliamentarian .....	Allene Harding

**PROPOSED RULES FOR 2014 ANNUAL MEETING**

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Parliamentary procedures are tools to expedite fair, full and orderly considerations of business before the annual meeting. These procedures are contained in our by-laws, the Order of Business, and Rules Adopted at the Meeting, and, where applicable, Robert's Rules of Order, revised. Rules of the Meeting are adopted by a majority vote, but may be changed by a two-thirds vote.

<b>Voting</b>	Only members of the League of Women Voters of Wheaton may make motions and vote. The chair will decide which method of voting should be used.
<b>Admission</b>	No member may be admitted to the meeting during the time a motion is being presented, debated or acted upon. This rule is made so that no member may vote on an issue on which he/she has heard only one part of the discussion.
<b>Debate</b>	Debate from the floor shall be limited to three minutes. No one shall speak more than once to a question until all who desire the privilege of the floor shall have spoken. The speaker will give his/h name and will state whether he/she speaks for or against the motion.
<b>Recommended Program</b>	The recommended program items will be presented and each will be separately moved and seconded for adoption. No vote will be taken until all recommended and non-recommended items have been presented. Questions will be asked for clarification only; there will be no debate at this time.
<b>Consideration of Non-Recommended Program</b>	Non-recommended* items shall be presented immediately after the presentation of the recommended items. After the motion has been moved and seconded, the member requesting consideration may make a statement limited for five minutes in explanation of the reason for asking consideration. Only questions for clarification may be asked. Then the vote to consider is taken, a majority is required to pass.  If a non-recommended item is voted consideration by the Annual Meeting, the board shall be allowed five minutes to explain its reason for not recommending the item.
<b>Discussion</b>	There will be discussion and debate on the recommended and non-recommended items, which have been voted consideration. Amendments may be proposed and voted on at this time. Final action on program items will be taken once each item has been discussed.
<b>Adoption of Items</b>	The vote will be taken on each item in the order presented. Recommended program items require a majority vote; non-recommended items require a two-thirds majority vote for adoption.

\*Our by-laws state that, Recommendations for Program submitted by voting members two months prior to the Annual Meeting, but not recommended by the Board of Directors, may be considered by the Annual Meeting.

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MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING MAY 16, 2013

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1. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 P.M. by Vice-President Liz Quigg. A quorum was established
2. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the rules of the annual meeting. The motion carried.
3. A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the minutes from the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and approve the minutes. The motion carried.
4. Nancy Wilen presented the 2013-2014 Proposed Budget and reviewed various changes that were made in expenditures and revenues. The new budget reflects a decrease in membership and resulting decrease in expected revenue, but also a decrease in per member payments to IL and US Leagues. We added an expense line for theatre rental for a program next year, and increased budget for convention, as it will be a national convention in 2014. A motion was made and seconded to accept the budget. The motion carried.
5. Martha Barmantje presented the by-laws committee's recommendation to restore the date of beginning of fiscal year and resulting dues date as July 1 in the by-laws. This had been inadvertently removed, and dues collection had gotten loose over the years. Also, all mention of the DuPage Interleague Organization was removed from by-laws because the DuPage ILO no longer exists. A motion was made and seconded to accept the by-laws changes. The motion carried.
6. Di Niesman reported that no changes had been made to our Local Programs at the Program Planning meeting in February, but the new officers and Board will concentrate on reviewing, revising and updating the Local Programs to present to members in February 2014 at Program Planning, and also at Annual Meeting in May 2014. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Local Programs. Motion carried.
7. Don Westlake presented the following candidates for two-year terms on the Board of Directors. The motion was made and seconded to accept the nominees. The motion passed.

For President	<i>Missey Wilhelm (2015)</i>
For Vice-President	<i>Liz Quigg (2015)</i>
For Vice-President	<i>Di Niesman (2014-completing Missey's term)</i>
For Secretary	<i>Roberta Jacobson (2015)</i>

The following Director positions are for two-year terms:

*Allene Harding*  
*Barbara Laimins*  
*Rosalinda Delgado*  
*Barbara Kilton*

The following are nominees for the 2014 Nominating Committee:

*Don Westlake, Chair*  
*Lori Miller*  
*Frank Goetz*

8. Jane Hodgkinson introduced the Officers and Board of Directors for 2014 to the members.
9. Liz asked those in attendance to provide direction for the 2013-14 Board. There was none.
10. Missey announced that the June Board of Directors meeting would be on June 13th at Gary Church at 7:00 PM with old and new Board members. There would be a Board training conducted by member of Glen Ellyn League on July 27<sup>th</sup> at Gary Church from 7-9:30 PM.

The Wine and Cheese event in the Wilhelm backyard will be on Saturday, September 7th

10. The Annual Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by: Di Niesman, Secretary

BUDGET FOR 2014-2015

EXPENSES	2013-14 Budget	2014-15 Budget	Comments
<b>Affiliations</b>			
Wheaton Chamber	\$150	\$150	
LWVIL per Member Payment	\$1,755	\$1,634	\$27 per member/\$40.50 per household
LWVUS per Member Payment	\$1,937	\$1,876	\$31 per member/\$46.50 per household
Lake Michigan LWV	\$25	\$25	
<b>Delegates and Travel</b>			
National or State Conventions	\$1,500	\$700	To cover registration + part of expense
Workshops or Regional meetings	\$200	\$0	
<b>General Administration</b>			
Board Tools	\$100	\$50	
LWV President	\$100	\$50	
<b>Operating Costs</b>			
Bank Charge & office expense	\$150	\$25	Reduced to actual
Cost of Finance Drive	\$250	\$250	
PayPal	\$50	\$50	Ask those who use PayPal to donate extra \$2.30 to cover cost
Insurance	\$85	\$85	
Postage Expense	\$200	\$200	
Printing Expense	\$350	\$350	
Website Fee	\$200	\$200	
<b>Programs and Activities</b>			
Action	\$0	\$0	
Annual Dinner Expense	\$0	\$0	
Event Rental	\$450	\$0	Cover by charging admission for event
General Meetings & Programs	\$100	\$100	
Member recruitment & retention	\$500	500	
Publications	\$100	100	
Special Events	\$100	0	2013 money was not used
Study/Concurrence	\$0	0	Unused category
Voter Service	\$100	100	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$8,402</b>	<b>\$6,445</b>	

<b>INCOME</b>			
Contingency Income	\$0	0	
Fund Raisers	\$0	0	
Interest	\$0	0	
LWV Dues	\$4,225	3,932	Paid Memberships: 41 individual + 13 household
Member Contributions	\$500	400	Appoint Ways & Means Committee to seek increase in donations
Non-Member Contributions	\$2,750	1,075	Appoint Ways & Means Committee to seek increase in donations
September Meeting	\$0	-	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$7,475</b>	<b>\$5,407</b>	<b>Budget Deficit - \$1,038</b>

<b>ASSETS INFORMATION AS OF 3/28/2014</b>			
LWVIL Education Fund	\$468.91	\$0.00	Not currently using Ed Fund
Certificate of Deposit	\$7,123.08	7125.57	
Checking	\$7,813.42	7685.01	
Savings	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$15,405.41</b>	<b>14810.58</b>	
Liabilities	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Equity	\$15,405.41	14810.58	
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>\$15,405.41</b>	<b>\$14810.58</b>	<b>Represents a reduction of \$594.83 year over year.</b>

**CURRENT:**

ARTICLE I

Section 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be the League of Women Voters of Wheaton. This local league is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States and the League of Women Voters of Illinois.

**PROPOSED:**

ARTICLE I

**Name**

Section 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be the League of Women Voters of Wheaton. This local league is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States and the League of Women Voters of Illinois.

**CURRENT:**

ARTICLE II

Purpose and Policy

Section 1. Purpose. The purposes of the League of Women Voters of Wheaton shall be to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

**PROPOSED:**

ARTICLE II

Purpose and Policy

Section 1. Purpose. The purposes of the League of Women Voters of Wheaton shall be to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government and to act on selected governmental issues. **The League of Women Voters of Wheaton serves the residents of Carol Stream, Warrenville, West Chicago, Wheaton, and Winfield.**

**CURRENT:**

ARTICLE IV

Board of Directors

Section 5. Meetings. There shall be at least nine 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 the written request of five members of the Board.

**PROPOSED:**

ARTICLE IV

Board of Directors

Section 5. Meetings.

(a) There shall be at least nine 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 the written request of five members of the Board.

**(b) Remote Meetings. If circumstances make it inconvenient or impossible for the Board to meet, they may conduct business by holding a meeting through electronic communications, (e.g., e-mail or conference call by telephone). Such meetings shall be referred to as remote meetings. All materials for consideration at a remote meeting must be distributed to all members of the Board. Remote meetings shall count as no more than one half of the nine regular meetings.**



**CURRENT:**

ARTICLE VI

Financial Administration

Section 2. Dues. Dues shall be payable upon initial joining of the League and thereafter annually on the first of July. Any member who fails to pay the dues within two months after they become payable by September 1, shall be dropped from the membership rolls. Any PROPOSED change in the amount of dues shall be submitted in writing to the membership at least one month before the Annual Meeting. Approval of a change shall be by a 2/3 vote of members present and voting at the Annual Meeting. When two members reside at the same address in a common household, their combined dues shall be equal to one and a half times the amount of dues for an individual.

Members who join after January 31st will pay one-half the annual dues for that year.

**PROPOSED:**

ARTICLE VI

Financial Administration

Section 2. Dues. Dues shall be payable upon initial joining of the League and thereafter annually on the first of July.

**For new members only:**

**Join between July 1<sup>st</sup> and January 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Join between February 1<sup>st</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Join between April 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Pay annual dues amount**

**Pay one-half annual dues amount**

**Pay annual dues amount and membership will extend until the end of the following fiscal year**

Any member who fails to pay the dues within two months after they become payable by September 1, shall be dropped from the membership rolls. Any PROPOSED change in the amount of dues shall be submitted in writing to the membership at least one month before the Annual Meeting. Approval of a change shall be by a 2/3 vote of members present and voting at the Annual Meeting. When two members reside at the same address in a common household, their combined dues shall be equal to one and a half times the amount of dues for an individual.

**These revisions are recommended by the Board.**

Respectfully submitted by the By-laws Committee

Martha Barmantje

Roberta Jacobson

Barb Kilton

Denise Niesman

Ellen Noth

## LWV OF WHEATON - LOCAL POSITIONS AS REVISED 2014

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**NOTE: IN THE TEXT BELOW, (except for the titles Local Government and Social Policies, which were not changed), INSERTIONS ARE UNDERLINED, DELETIONS ARE ~~CROSSED OUT~~.**

### Local Government:

Local Government Bodies: Revised May 2014

We believe in representative government by districts when geographic population distribution allows. For the city of Wheaton, we support ~~of~~-Council-Manager government with no fewer than six councilpersons and one Mayor. Four councilpersons should be elected from districts and two councilpersons and one mayor should be elected at large. In drawing district boundaries, the League of Women Voters of Wheaton agrees with present Illinois State Statute (65 ILCS 5/5-2-18.2) (from Ch. 24, par. 5-2-18.2) Sec. 5-2-18.2) which stipulates: "The city council shall divide the city, whenever necessary thereafter, into districts which shall be of as compact and contiguous territory as practicable of approximately equal population."

Home Rule: Revised May 2014

We support Home Rule for the City of Wheaton and DuPage County.

Zoning and Annexation: Revised 2014

We support ~~for~~ professional planning to balance ~~the city's~~ residential and commercial development with substantial open space; the maintenance of a viable central business district and, where compatible, expansion of the ~~city's~~ tax base.

~~Cable TV: Removed May 2014~~

~~The League of Women Voters of Wheaton supports:~~

- ~~• The City of Wheaton maintaining its public educational and governmental channels as part of the Cable TV franchise agreement.~~
- ~~• Broad-based citizen participation in the Community Media Commission.~~
- ~~• Participation in Cable TV by public institutions serving Wheaton.~~
- ~~• Provisions for non-commercial cable TV programming produced by public institutions.~~
- ~~• The continuation of public access television programming produced and/or sponsored by individuals.~~
- All of the positions above even as communication technology evolve.

### Social Policies

Housing: Revised May 2014

- We support ~~of~~ Open Housing.
- We support ~~of additional~~ housing units and housing assistance for low and moderate income families, senior citizens, and the disabled.

Recreation: Removed May 2014

~~Park District Programs and Facilities:~~

- ~~• The League of Women Voters believes the current programs are meeting most of the needs of the community. However, improved programming for junior high age and teenage young people should receive the District's attention.~~
- ~~• The League of Women Voters believes the Park District Board has the responsibility to provide what the community wants; however, the resources must be managed responsibly. The League has some concerns about the appropriateness of subsidizing out-of-community participants in senior citizen activities.~~

- ~~The League of Women Voters believes criteria should be developed by the Park Board to meet the on-going needs of citizens who cannot otherwise participate in the programs. We support increasing the awareness of scholarship programs through community resources who can make referrals as well as through the media.~~
- ~~The League of Women Voters supports the use of a Master Plan to bring cohesiveness to the work of the Park District. We support continued input by the public into the planning. We support an annual review of the Master Plan by the Board of the Park District.~~

Transportation: Revised May 2014

~~The League~~ We supports and encourages bicycling for transportation and recreation wherever and whenever possible. Whenever city streets are upgraded, ~~Wheaton~~ planners should evaluate ways to make cycling safer and implement bike lanes where feasible. Planners at the municipal and county level should coordinate bicycle path routes in order to enable cyclists to travel to different areas, for both transportation and recreation.

~~The League supports a bus system for Wheaton and encourages the coordination of the Wheaton system with systems throughout the region, rather than owned and operated by Wheaton. Ridership might be increased by publishing routes, times and destinations at bus stops or in the local newspaper, newsletter, etc. Pullover lanes might be added on heavily traveled roads, so as not to hinder traffic flow.~~

Health Care: Revised May 2014

We support ~~for~~ improved access to health care ~~in our community~~ and ~~for~~ improved coordination of preventive health service.

Education: Revised May 2014

~~The League of Women Voters of Wheaton~~ We reaffirms our ~~its~~ support of quality education. ~~in Wheaton Warrenville District 200.~~ Quality education should be sufficiently diverse to meet the needs of all students. Public education should provide a foundation for lifelong learning, which includes critical thinking and communication skills, as well as fundamental knowledge to function independently in society.

Some of the ways to achieve these goals include:

- reasonable and appropriate class size
- teachers and administrators who meet high professional standards
- teachers and administrators maintained in positions for which they are trained
- quality and equity throughout the system of physical plant, program and materials
- mutual trust and communication between the community and school system

Adequate resources are necessary to accomplish these goals, and they should include sufficient constitutionally-mandated state funding and exploration of alternative sources of funding. We support a balanced budget, but not at the expense of quality education.

It is in the interest of the entire community to invest in and support public education. Moreover, the League firmly believes it is also the obligation of the citizens of a participatory democracy to support public education to foster an informed electorate.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2014

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The Nominating Committee places the following candidates in nomination for two-year terms (unless otherwise designated) on the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Wheaton:

**Officers**                      **Office**                      **Term will end**

Olga Rammer	Vice President	(2016)
Nancy Wilen	Treasurer	(2016)

**Elected Directors**

Roger Kotecki	(2016)	
Diane Niesman	(2016)	Programs, LWVIL Issues Committee
Pat Schwarze	(2016)	

**Nominees for the 2015 Nominating Committee:**

Lori Miller	Chair
Jane Hodgkinson, Beth O'Malley	2 Non Board members
To be appointed	2 Board Members

**Respectfully Submitted, the 2014 Nominating Committee**

Donald Westlake	Chair
Lori Miller, Frank Goetz	Non Board members
Roberta Jacobson, Barbara Laimins	Board members

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2014 – 2015

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**OFFICERS**                      **POSITION**                      **TERM ENDS**

Missey Wilhelm	President	May 2015	Voter Service
Liz Quigg	Vice President	May 2015	Webmaster
Roberta Jacobson	Secretary	May 2015	Local Data Base
Olga Rammer	Vice President	May 2016	
Nancy Wilen	Treasurer	May 2016	

**ELECTED DIRECTORS**

Allene Harding	May 2015	Voter Service, Registration
Barbara Kilton	May 2015	Program Committee
Barbara Laimins	May 2015	Voter Service, Candidate Forums
Roger Kotecki	May 2016	
Diane Niesman	May 2016	Programs, LWVIL Issues Committee
Pat Schwarze	May 2016	

**OFF BOARD POSITIONS**

Jane Hodgkinson	Membership
Denise Niesman	Voter, Publicity, LWVUS Data Base

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2013 – 2014

<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TERM ENDS</u>	
Missey Wilhelm	President	May 2015	Voter Service
Liz Quigg	Vice President	May 2015	Webmaster
Roberta Jacobson	Secretary	May 2015	Local Data Base
Di Niesman	Vice President	May 2014	Programs, LWVIL Issues Committee
Olga Rammer	Treasurer	May 2014	
<b><u>ELECTED DIRECTORS</u></b>			
Allene Harding		May 2015	Voter Registration
Barbara Kilton		May 2015	Program Committee
Barbara Laimins		May 2015	Candidate Forums
Nancy Wilen		May 2014	Finance Drive
Denise Niesman		May 2014	Voter, Publicity, LWVUS Data Base
Rosalinda Delgado		Resigned	
<b><u>APPOINTED DIRECTOR</u></b>			
Jane Hodgkinson		May 2014	Membership

ACTIVE COMMITTEES 2013-2014

We welcome interested members to join a committee at any time.

<b>Finance Drive</b>	<b>Nancy Wilen, Chair</b> Olga Rammer, Treasurer	<b>Programs &amp; Advocacy</b>	<b>Di Niesman, Chair</b> Barbara Kilton, Barbara Laimins, Roberta Jacobson
<b>Voter Service</b>	<b>Candidate Forums</b> <b>Barbara Laimins, Chair</b> Jane Hodgkinson <b>Voter Registration</b> <b>Allene Harding &amp; member registrars</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Chair, Beryl Jacobson</b> Barbara Laimins, Olga Rammer, Nancy Wilen
<b>Membership</b>	<b>Jane Hodgkinson, Chair</b> Denise Niesman, Data Roberta Jacobson, Data Barbara Kilton, Allene Harding	<b>Viable Downtown Businesses</b>	<b>Chair, none</b> Barb Deli, Jan Kay Jane Hodgkinson, Mary Wachter
<b>Nominating</b>	<b>Don Westlake, Chair</b> Lori Miller, Frank Goetz, Roberta Jacobson, Barbara Laimins	<b>Bylaws</b>	Martha Barmantje, Denise Niesman, Ellen Noth
<b>Observer Corps</b>	City Council – Jan Kay Park District – Jane Hodgkinson DuPage Forest Preserve-Shannon Burns Board of Education-TBD		

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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This was a very busy year for the LWV of Wheaton, as you will see in our reports; you can thank your board of directors and active committee members who helped make it all happen.

After completing board training, graciously provided by Dorothy Hess from the LWV of Glen Ellyn In June of 2013, the Board of Directors of the LWV of Wheaton agreed on goals to direct us and keep us on track in a difficult and changing environment. Our membership is shrinking, in the number of active members, and in the total number of members.

Our first goal was to grow our membership by 10 new members while retaining current members. We began the year with total membership at 73 and ended at 69. Join me in welcoming our 6 newest members who are listed in the Membership Committee Report. We unhappily report that 10 members did not renew. The League members are saddened by the deaths of members, Helen Westlake, Mary Shuemaker and Edie Fitts, who will be long remembered by all of us. The League participates in the LWVUS Member and Leadership Development initiative to help us grow our membership and funding, coach leaders and members for support, ideas and guidance, and mentors our upcoming leaders.

The second goal was to review all local positions to recommend they be retained, revised, dropped, or re-studied, prior to the program planning meeting. At the Program Planning meeting, delayed to late March because of our fine winter weather, members gave careful consideration to each and every position. They focused on making sure the positions are still current, relevant, and sufficiently broad to allow action if needed. Feedback from our general members includes an interest in studies which often result in new positions, so there was some thought given to possible re-study of a position or a new study if general membership has an area of particular concern. No study was recommended as of this writing.

Your Board of Directors also accepted the LWVUS Challenge to EVERY Local League which included:

- Host Voter Registration Events
  - 9/24 National Voter Day of Registration – We registered 80 new voters at local high schools
  - 1 Community Outreach event – Co-sponsored with W. Chicago Community High School & the VFW for the community to meet local officials
- Host Candidate Forums
  - 2/13 - Co-Hosted Primary forum for County Board & Illinois State Representatives with LWV Glen Ellyn & Wheaton Chamber of Commerce
- Meet with Local Election Official to discuss plans and improvements for early & grace period Voting and Communications
  - Contacted the DuPage Election Commission (DEC) who indicated they would
    - Explore additional opportunities to disseminate information
    - Create a stronger partnership with other governmental agencies and organizations
  - DEC also clarified Early Voting Period (specified in 10 ILCS 5/19A-15 (a) of the Illinois Election Code) as:
    - The period for early voting by personal appearance begins the 15th day preceding a general primary, consolidated primary, consolidated, or general election and extends through the 3rd day before election day
    - Voters always have the option to vote no excuse absentee by mail or in the Election Commission office as well. With the passage of HB2418, we are now allowed to send a ballot based on the completion and verification of an online absentee application

The Program and Advocacy Committee insured that we supported LWVIL by hosting programs for GRIT (including Letters to the editor)with other DuPage Leagues) and the Fair Map amendments. We had programs of local interest including *Workforce Development in DuPage County*, a *Legislative update*, and a unique *State of the Communities*, bringing together representatives of 4 communities in our service area to discuss similarities, differences and how they work together for our citizens. Great programs and advocacy!

To the board of directors and all the members who participate in our various activities and necessary behind the scenes work - THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR THE LEAGUE.

Missey Wilhelm, President

**PER MEMBER PAYMENT (PMP) REPORT AS OF JANUARY 2014**

Membership Numbers reported in January 2014 to LWVUS are the basis for our Per Member Payments (PMP)

	<b>Members</b>	<b>PMP Rates and Wheaton LWV Dues (LWVW)</b>
Local individual L1	<b>41</b>	<p><b>LWVUS PMP</b> rate of \$31.00 was set at Convention 2012 for fiscal year 2013-2014 (7/1/2013-6/30/2014). The PMP rate for fiscal year 2014-2015 will be set by the delegates at LWVUS Convention in Dallas in June 2014.</p> <p><b>LWVIL PMP</b> rate of \$27.00 is effective for Fiscal 2013 and Fiscal 2014.</p> <p><b>Total PMP</b> is \$58 per member.</p> <p>LWVW dues are \$65 for one person.</p>
1st Household L2 R2	<b>13</b>	<p>Total PMP for 1<sup>st</sup> person in a household is \$58. Total PMP for both persons is \$87.</p> <p>LWVW dues are \$97.50 per household.</p> <p>When two or more members reside in the same household, the full PMP is charged for the first member and one-half of the PMP is charged for each additional member.</p>
2nd Household L3 R3	<b>13</b>	See charges in box above.
National N1 N2 N3 N4	<b>0</b>	<b>LWVW nets \$7 for individual dues and \$10.50 for household dues after paying PMP's.</b>
Honorary L4 R4	<b>2</b>	No dues from honorary members.
		<p><b>41 Individuals @ \$65.00 = \$2665.00</b></p> <p><b>13 Households @ \$97.50 = \$1267.50</b></p>
<b>Total Members Jan. 2014</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>LWVW Total 2014 dues = \$3932.50</b>

**Per-Member Payment (PMP):** Local Leagues pay PMP to support the national and state levels of our organization. LWVW's PMP obligation for the fiscal year (FY 2014-2015) is based on the January 2014 paid membership count reported to the LWVUS on January 31, 2014, via a member database.

**Individual PMP rate:** The LWVUS individual PMP rate of \$31.00 was voted by Convention 2012 for fiscal year 2013-2014 (7/1/2013-6/30/2014). The PMP rate for fiscal year 2014-2015 (7/1/2014-6/30/2015) will be set by the delegates at LWVUS Convention in Dallas in June 2014.

**Common household PMP Rate:** The LWVIL PMP rate of \$27.00 is effective for fiscal 2013 and fiscal 2014. When two or more members reside in the same household, the full PMP is charged for the first member and one-half of the PMP is charged for each additional member. A 2 member household pays \$97.50 to LWVW.

**Honorary members:** Those who have been members for 50 years or more are full-voting members but are excused from the payment of dues. Therefore, no PMP is charged for them.

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## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

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### New Members

The Membership Committee was very active in 2013-14. Six people joined or re-joined LWV. They are:

1. Pamela Johnson Gallagher
2. Diane Knable
3. James Lanning
4. Eva McCory
5. Dolly Pointer
6. Darlene Ruscitti (rejoined)

Welcome to all of you; let us help you get involved to maximize your membership! We encourage our more experienced members to help make newer members feel welcome at meetings and get-togethers.

There are two more people interested in joining, and we'll continue to encourage them to do so.

### Wine and Cheese Party

The Membership Committee started our year with a Wine and Cheese party hosted again by Missey and Tom Wilhelm in their home. One of the highlights of that event was hearing our LWVIL director Mary Schaafsma discuss the challenges facing the league. In addition to Mary's presentation and one about World Relief, we honored and toasted HELEN WHITE, who is celebrating her 50<sup>th</sup> year in the league. Helen related how important the League has been in her life. Always a League "booster" Helen brought her friend EVA MCCORY to the party and Eva joined shortly thereafter. CHRIS and LIZ QUIGG lent their expertise to the league by selecting and donating the wines for the affair. We thank them for their generosity and knowledge. BARBARA and ART PAPE again brought the most guests. Next year we'll start the League year in a different way so if you have suggestions, please let us know or better yet, join the committee.

### Membership Survey

The Membership Committee surveyed members in September about their interests to help guide the board. Questions asked and answered were:

1. Which Local Issue was of most importance to you? Education, Zoning & Annexation; Local Government Bodies
2. In Program Areas, the most interest is in: Election laws/voter suppression; Campaign Finance and Environment/Natural Resources

### Social Meetings

We also tried to help improve the social nature of our meetings by serving cookies, coffee and tea for members and guests. Thanks to all that helped bake the treats. And a special thanks to PHIL and MARY SUESS who again hosted the our holiday luncheon. Mayor and Mrs. Gresk were able to visit and bring a resolution from the city council declaring it to be HELEN WHITE Day in Wheaton.

### Book Club

The Committee also decided to form a Book Club for league members. New member DIANE KNABLE agreed to host the first meeting. Watch for more information. ROBERTA JACOBSON is heading this effort, with help from DIANE K. and BARB KILTON.

### Membership Matters

You'll be seeing and hearing more about leadership efforts to improve and grow our membership in the coming year, as this is a priority. If this interests you, please feel free to volunteer or offer suggestions. We're listening. Thanks to all of the following who helped with membership this year:

Allene Harding, Jane Hodgkinson, Roberta Jacobson, Barb Kilton, Diane Knable, Denise Niesman, and Liz Quigg

Jane Hodgkinson, Membership Chair



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## FINANCE DRIVE REPORT

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57 letters were sent to potential donors including those who had contributed in the last 3 years.

We received \$1075.00 from 13 supporters which was \$1200.00 less than in previous years.

Postage was donated, and stationery was used from last year.

We did not have an Advisory Board. Possibly we would have received additional contributions with members of the Advisory Board signing the letters as in the past. In the future I would suggest LWV members contact those businesses with whom they have a relationship and request contributions to support the League.

Nancy Wilen, Finance Drive Chairman

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## VOTER SERVICE REPORT

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### ***Candidate Night -***

LWV of Wheaton co-sponsored with the Wheaton Chamber of Commerce and LWV Glen Ellyn a candidate forum before the 2014 March Primary. Candidates in contested races for County Board Districts 4 and 6 and State Representative Districts 42 and 48 participated and had an opportunity to meet with approximately 80 voters during a pre-event reception.

### ***National Day of Registration -***

The League participated in the National Day of Registration by coordinating the voter registration of approximately 80 new voters at high schools within the League's service area. The day was very successful due to the efforts of Social Studies Teachers at West Chicago Community High School, Glenbard North, Wheaton/Warrenville South and Wheaton North who assisted the League with publicity within the schools.

### ***Community -***

The LWV of Wheaton and Community High School District 94 co-sponsored an opportunity for the West Chicago community to meet with their local officials at the VFW in West Chicago. Elected Officials from the West Chicago and Carol Stream Park Districts, Library Districts, School Districts, City Governments and State Legislative Districts meet with students and constituents. The LWV of Wheaton provided voter Registration at the event.

A special thank you has to be given to the Glen Ellyn League of Women Voters. The Candidate Forum and National Day of Voter Registration would not have been successful without their cooperation and support.

### ***Looking to the Future –***

The LWV of Wheaton needs to enlist more members to become registrars so that voter registration efforts will have a larger pool of volunteers.

Barbara Laimins, Voter Service Chair

Allene Harding, Voter Registration

**Advocacy:** Our League was active in two advocacy efforts this year. First, in November 2013, the Wheaton and Glen Ellyn Leagues co-sponsored an informational meeting about the proposed amendment to the Illinois Constitution to change from a flat rate income tax to a graduated rate income tax (**GRIT**). This issue is strongly supported by LWVIL, and issue specialists Kathy Tate-Bradish and Claire McIntyre shed light on this complex issue.. Missey Wilhelm and Diane Niesman testified at DuPage County Board Meetings in February 2014 against a resolution by the County Board to oppose GRIT. We also sent a message to members to participate in a “virtual lobby day” by calling their state reps and senators in Springfield on March 27, 2014.

The second advocacy project was a petition drive, Yes for Independent Maps, to put a redistricting amendment on the November ballot. Members Jane Hodgkinson, Diane Knable and Don Westlake collected more than 200 signatures for this effort.

We depend on TFA (Time For Action) email alerts from LWVIL and LWVUS to remind us of issues we should communicate with our elected officials about.

**Positions on issues:** Due to a weather-forced cancellation of our February **Program Planning** meeting, we were unable to review the LWVUS positions before the report with recommendations was due on March 1<sup>st</sup>. However, enough members expressed support of a study proposed by three Cleveland, Ohio area Leagues, that we were able to send in our recommendation to adopt a study called Alternatives to Partisan Primaries.

A small group of members did meet on March 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss **Local Programs** over a pizza dinner. We had a nice mix of long time and newer members, Board and non-Board members, and Wheaton and non-Wheaton residents. The results of this meeting were presented to the Board in April and will be voted on by the membership at the Annual Meeting in May. We changed the title of this section of our Member Handbook from Local Programs to Local Positions, and also removed the Cable TV and Park District positions. Small modifications and revisions, for consistency and clarity, were made to most of the other positions. We did not recommend any reviews, updates or re-studies of current positions, or any new studies. The revised local programs appear separately in this report.

**Programs:** The Program Committee did an outstanding job planning interesting and informative unit meetings.

In **September** we learned about **Workforce Development** in DuPage County. Thousands of jobs are available in small manufacturing in DuPage, but these jobs require specialized training. DuPage United is working with people who need and want the training, to connect them with schools and employers. Tom Wendorf, of DuPage United, led an informative discussion with 3 panelists: Jim Filipek, Coordinator of the Manufacturing Technology and Welding program at COD, Mary Beth Marshall, the Executive Director of the DuPage Workforce Board, and Greta Salamondo the Associate Director of TMA’s Education Foundation Services. (TMA is the Tooling & Manufacturing Association)

In **October**, at a **Legislative Update** we had a panel of 3 state senators (Cullerton, Connelly and Oberweis) and 2 state representatives (Pihos and Ives). Lori Miller acted as moderator, as the panel answered the League’s and citizens’ questions.

In **November** we cosponsored a meeting about **GRIT**, detailed in Advocacy, above.

At **January’s** first ever **State of Our Communities** program, representatives from 4 of our communities joined our panel: West Chicago Mayor Ruben Pineda, Warrenville Mayor David Brummel, Wheaton Councilman Phil Suess, and Carol Stream Village Manager Joe Breinig. It enabled League members and the public to learn more about the similarities and differences of the communities we live in. This helped us in the Program Planning process for this year.

In **March**, we commemorated the **4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act** with a presentation and lively Q&A by Jillian Phillips who is with the Illinois Campaign for Better Health Care. She is a trained navigator who assists people to get insured through [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov).

In **April**, we learned about **Climate Change-Local Solutions**. We had a panel of experts on conservation and energy efficiency tell us what has been done and what can be done to mitigate the effects of carbon based energy on our environment. Lisa Medearis from Illinois Sierra Club talked about the Cool County project in DuPage. Christopher Oakley from the Village of Carol Stream talked about the success the village has had in becoming greener. Kay McKeen from the Wheaton Environmental Improvement Commission and SCARCE (School & Community Assistance for Recycling & Composting Education ([www.scarcecoed.org/](http://www.scarcecoed.org/))) gave us information about how we, as individuals and households, can help solve the environmental crisis caused by climate change.

Diane Niesman, Program and Advocacy Chair

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## WEBMASTER REPORT

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We continue to use our website created and updated with LWV Easyweb. ([wheatonlwv.org](http://wheatonlwv.org)) It supports our generic email addresses and provides an online presence for the League. Our website also provides a way for non-members, candidates and others to communicate with us when they have questions.

We made very good use of Facebook to inform our membership. We now have fifty members and most posts get at least fifteen readers and often more. Facebook provides a way to let our members know when there are changes like the recent cancellation of our program planning meeting because of bad weather. Of course, we also use email to contact members.

Our Facebook group is at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/wheatonlwv/>

Liz Quigg, Webmaster

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## VIABLE DOWNTOWN WHEATON REPORT

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The director of the Downtown Business Council in Wheaton has the responsibility of promoting Wheaton's business viability. Following public and stakeholder input and analysis, the Council adopted this vision statement in 2/2013:

Elevate the position of Downtown Wheaton as a destination district in the western portion of the Chicago region by pursuing a number of civic improvements and regulatory changes designed to increase the capture rate of retail, office and residential land uses in the Downtown

The Downtown Strategic and Streetscape Plan for the central area of Wheaton was completed. Its primary goals were:

1. to articulate an agreed upon Vision for Downtown Wheaton for the next twenty years
2. to outline a streetscape plan for Downtown Wheaton that will tie with the agreed upon vision and elevate the success of the district
3. to outline associated strategies and policies that the City and the private sector may pursue to implement the ideas outlined in the overall Downtown Plan

You can read the Downtown Wheaton Strategic Plan and Streetscape Plan, approved by the City Council in Feb. 2014 at [www.wheaton.il.us/DowntownPlan/](http://www.wheaton.il.us/DowntownPlan/)

This workgroup will monitor the work of the City and Downtown Business Councils as implementation continues, by attending all related public input meetings and other presentations.

Jan Kay, Chair

Barb Deli; Jane Hodgkinson, Mary Wachter;

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## OBSERVER REPORT FOR WHEATON CITY COUNCIL

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In order to follow the work of the public policy work in Wheaton and the possible support or objection of issues as they relate to the Wheaton League positions, the League has observed each of the City Council meetings, meeting twice each month as well as the City Council Planning Sessions, meeting twice each month as a rule. This year we have not made public comment representing the League due to no conflicts with our positions. In addition we attended the Budget Workshops to understand the possible expenditures for the coming year.

Attendance in person at these meetings demonstrates to the Council our interest in good public policies. League members may also observe the meetings on the Wheaton City web site as well as on Wheaton's public television station, Ch. 10 throughout the week. The meeting agendas are available on line as well.

It has been my privilege to continue to take this responsibility for the Wheaton League of Women Voters.

Jan Kay