



The Voter

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President's Letter

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Important Dates!

- 2/2 Primary election
- 2/4 Board Meeting
- 2/6 LWVIL Issues Briefing
- 2/14 LWV's 90th Birthday
- 2/18 Census and Redistricting
- March is Women's History Month



Greetings! It's snowing again, but there was enough of a splash of green over the weekend to hint at the promise of spring, yet so far away. Really, I saw it!

The early primary generated a flurry of candidate forums all over the county. We co-sponsored two candidate forums with the Glen Ellen LWV and the Wheaton Chamber of Commerce on January 6th & 7th for contested primary races including Forest Preserve,



District 4 & 6, DuPage County Board, District 4 & 6 and County Board Chairman. Candidates for other uncontested races were also able to speak to an audience of over 100 each evening. Both forums were taped for replay on public access and streamed courtesy of the Glen Ellyn LWV at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/glen-ellyn-wheaton-candidate-forum-jan-2010> - which is still available for viewing.

Thank you to all the league volunteers who helped, as well as Bill Edgar, David Frazza and the Government Affairs Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, Julie Nolan, Voter Service Chair for Glen Ellyn LWV and the Wheaton North League of Voters. It's never too early to start, so we will begin planning for the fall general election in a few weeks.



What's going on in the league right now?

February 2nd **GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION**

February 6th LWVIL Issues Briefing –

Main Topics are Redistricting, Illinois Fiscal Crisis and Workshops focus on 2010 Census, Redistricting: Citizen Initiative, Term Limits for Leaders, & the Illinois Budget

February 14th **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to the **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS!**

February 18th Joint Meeting with the Glen Ellyn LWV -

Census 2010 – Three Months and Counting and “Take Back Illinois” - Redistricting and the Illinois Fair Map Amendment and more on the Citizen Initiative and petition drive

What's coming up?

In March we will have an update on the Hubble School property and March is always our Phone-a-Thon Fundraiser for the State League.

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February 2010





**Thursday, February 18, 2010 at Wheaton Park District
Community Center, 1777 S. Blanchard Rd**

**Census 2010 – Three Months and Counting
And**

**“Take Back Illinois” - Redistricting and the Illinois
Fair Map Amendment**

7:00 – 7:30 Reception
7:30 – 7:45 Welcome and announcements
7:45 – 8:15 **Census 2010 – Three Months and
Counting**

What are Complete Count Committees doing to make sure
everyone is counted?

Mark Avery, DuPage County, **Todd Scalzo**, Wheaton
Chris Oakley, Carol Stream, **Rosemary Mackey**, West
Chicago

**8:15 – 9:00 “Take Back Illinois” - Redistricting
and the Illinois Fair Map Amendment / Petition**

What is the LWVIL position on State redistricting?
Why a Petition Drive – what will it accomplish?
What can we do to help?

Mary Schaafsma, True Census Count Project Manager,
League of Women Voters of Illinois

Rep. Mike Fortner, Illinois’s 95th District and a Winner
in Ohio’s Redistricting Map Drawing Contest



*Let Barb Pape know if
you have any
nominations for the
board - including
yourself!*



The League of Women Voters Through the Decades!

Compiled by Kay J. Maxwell

Founding and Early History:

From the spirit of the suffrage movement and the shock of the First World War came a great idea - that a nonpartisan civic organization could provide the education and experience the public needed to assure the success of democracy. The League of Women Voters was founded on that idea.

In her address to the National American Woman Suffrage Association's (NAWSA) 50th convention in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1919, President Carrie Chapman Catt proposed the creation of a league of women voters to "finish the fight" and aid in the reconstruction of the nation. And so a League of Women Voters was formed within NAWSA, composed of the organizations in the states where woman suffrage had already been attained.

The next year, on February 14, 1920, six months before the 19th amendment to the Constitution was ratified, the League was formally organized in Chicago as the National League of Women Voters. Catt described the purpose of the new organization:

"The League of Women Voters is not to dissolve any present organization but to unite all existing organizations of women who believe in its principles. It is not to lure women from partisanship but to combine them in an effort for legislation which will protect coming movements, which we cannot even foretell, from suffering the untoward conditions which have hindered for so long the coming of equal suffrage. Are the women of the United States big enough to see their opportunity?"

Maud Wood Park became the first national president of the League and thus the first League leader to rise to that challenge. She had steered the women's suffrage amendment through Congress in the last two years before ratification and liked nothing better than legislative work. From the beginning, however, it was apparent that the legislative goals of the League would not be exclusively focused on women's issues and that education aimed at all of the electorate was in order. For almost 90 years, the League has helped millions of women and men become informed participants in government. And it has tackled a diverse range of public policy issues.

From the beginning the League took action on its stands; for several years, through effective lobbying, the League got selected issues included in the platforms of both major political parties and worked for enactment of legislation furthering its program goals. Over the years many procedural changes have been made in the way League program is defined, adopted and structured, but through all the changes the basic concept of study-member agreement-action has remained constant.

The League is political, but non-partisan. It never supports political parties or candidates, but it does study issues, develop consensus positions and then actively work to support those positions. As Carrie Chapman Catt noted in 1919, *"Is the (League) political? Certainly, but not partisan. Its members are as free as other women to join and vote with the party of their choice. They make no pledge otherwise in joining the League."*

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2010 Census: Answers to Ten Frequently Asked Questions

1. When can I expect to get a Census questionnaire?

You will receive the census questionnaire in mid-March.

2. How long is the questionnaire?

It contains 10 questions and should take 10 minutes to complete.

3. What are the questions?

1. *How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment or mobile home on April 1, 2010?*
2. *Were there any additional people staying here April 1, 2010 that you did not include in Question 1?*
3. *Is this house, apartment, or mobile home owned by you or someone in this household, rented, or occupied without payment of rent?*
4. *What is your telephone number?*
5. *Please provide the name of each person living in the household.*
6. *What is the sex of each person living in the household?*
7. *What is the age and date of birth of each person living in the household?*
8. *Is the person of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?*
9. *What is the person's race?*
10. *Does this person sometimes live or stay somewhere else?*

Note: Some of these questions have been shortened. Look for the full wording on the [official website of Census 2010](#).

4. How do I return the completed questionnaire?

You should mail it back in the postage-paid envelope provided.

5. What if I don't return the form?

You may receive a visit from a census taker, who will ask you the questions from the form.

6. Do I have to talk to the census taker?

Yes. Your participation in the 2010 Census is vital and required by law.

7. How will my son/daughter who is away at college be counted?

Your son/daughter should be counted where he/she sleeps most of the time and, in this case, that would be at college.

8. Are only U.S. citizens counted?

No. Everyone is counted, including babies.

9. Could I get in trouble with the Immigration service?

No. Your information is kept confidential. Not even the President of the U.S. can see it.

10. What is the purpose of the Census?

Data collected during Census 2010 will be used for the allocation of federal dollars among the states for social and human service programs. Your community loses \$1200 per year for every person not counted. The census is also used for determining the apportionment by state of the 435 seats in the U.S House of Representatives.

Workgroup Synopsis

Education, State Fiscal Policy & School Funding

Joan Fefferman

The committee is interested in following up on the resignation of Dr. Drury, superintendent of District 200, and on the resignation agreement that was signed between him and the board. We requested a copy of the resignation agreement and Dr. Drury's employment contract. These are available to look at by contacting Joan Fefferman.

We had an education committee meeting on the 11th of Jan. and we discussed our concerns in preparation for our meeting with board of education member and League member, Barbara Intihar, on Jan. 26th at Joan Fefferman's home at 9:30 AM. We feel that the board may have let the public down by lack of public disclosure as to why Dr. Drury resigned and what was the philosophical disagreement that the board had with him.

The goal of our meetings is to better understand this situation. We hope to have a stimulating discussion with Barbara and to encourage mutual trust between the education board and the public. An informed electorate is a key to meeting this goal. Join our committee and come work with us.

Environment

Diane Niesman

League Delegation Attends UN COP15 Meetings in Copenhagen (NEW)

Eight League leaders attended the United Nations Framework Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC) in Copenhagen as official non-governmental organization delegates. Click here to read impressions from LWVUS Delegation Chair Carole Conors and here to read her informal take on the ambiance of the meetings. LWVUS Delegate Sarah Diefendorf has been blogging for the Environmental Finance Center at Dominican University of California; you can follow her blog posts by clicking here. Read the LWVUS statement on this delegation here.

On the local scene:

The proposal to build a Navistar diesel testing facility in Lisle on public land has been put on hold pending an environmental impact study.

A public hearing sponsored by the County Board was held Tuesday, January 12th regarding CommEd's cutting of trees along the Illinois Prairie Path and Great Western Trail. (<http://www.dailyherald.com/story/?id=350502>) Nothing was resolved, but some very good suggestions were made.

League members, who were able to attend the Candidates Forum on January 7th, heard the four GOP candidates for County Board Chairman give their opinions on CommEd's tree trimming policy. For those who were unable to attend this article in the Daily Herald give their stands on the subject. <http://www.dailyherald.com/story/?id=349705>

Other News: The City of Wheaton will be discontinuing its pilot battery recycling program effective March 12 due to the costs associated with the program. While the program was successful in collecting more than eight tons of batteries, the City is no longer able to fund the program due to budget cuts.

Healthcare

Gwen Wharton

We want to thank Pat Duhey for her time as Health Care Chairman. She will be taking some time off from these duties.

At this time the Health Insurance Reform Act is still in conference, where the House and Senate leaders are resolving differences between the two bills. A single bill will be voted upon by both chambers, and if passed, will go to President Obama's desk for signing or vetoing. On January 15, we received word of an Action Alert that the health care passage was imminent.

The H1N1 virus continues to be a concern. Vaccine is now available for all. Many drugstores, and the DuPage County Health Department (1-866-311-1123), are now giving the flu shots.

Remember the three C's: **CLEAN** (wash your hands); **COVER** (cough and sneeze into your sleeve); and **CONTAIN** (stay home if you are sick--don't spread it around). Our next meeting of the Health Care Committee will be on February 8, at 1 PM at Gwen Wharton's home. We welcome new members to the group.

Housing Jan Kay

The Housing Workgroup is looking at the legislative agenda from DuPage Housing Action Coalition, of which we are a part, to select our possible action items which will impact the additional affordable housing units in Wheaton. We will be sending this out to the membership as it is decided.

We are observing the February meeting of the Hubble Advisory committee when the proposals or ideas for proposed use of the Hubble property are discussed. This is the first meeting of the Advisory committee for many months as the work has been in the hands of the hired advisors in their efforts to research options to present to the Advisory.

In addition to advocacy on the State level, the Workgroup has been watching for any movement on the part of the Council to move forward with the stated priority to increase the numbers of affordable housing in Wheaton. This priority has not moved up on the Council's agenda as yet. With budget issues and infrastructures prevailing in the Council's discussions, the Council has needed to delay movement and work towards the housing issue as it relates to the stated priority. We do observe and monitor the agendas of the Council.

We continue to participate in the Wheaton Affordable Housing Breakfast, an organizing effort of the late Bob Christ, who was a part of the Wheaton League as well.

The Housing Workgroup will continue to prioritize and plan our League's agenda to increase the affordable housing that is very much needed in Wheaton, even as we have seen a sure result of the recession on housing opportunities. We continue to be fortunate to have the research help from Susannah Levine from Business and Professional People for the Public Interest.



We recommend that members read the sections on Land Use and Social Policies in both LWVIL "WHERE WE STAND" and LWVUS "IMPACT ON ISSUES." These publications are available for purchase from publications chair, Charlotte Murphy. One may also read these online. Many members choose to have hard copies as well as using the online versions.

League of Voters at Wheaton North Rachel Mc Givern

In January, LOV members assisted with the candidates' forums on both nights. They also helped out at Wheaton College's Edman Chapel for the celebration observing Martin Luther King's birthday.

Wheaton City Council Highlights

Meeting: Jan. 4, 2010

City to Use Grant to Make Trucks Greener

The Council approved a bid that will allow the Public Works Department to make 13 of its trucks more environmentally friendly at no cost to the City. The City received an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Grant through the Illinois Clean Diesel Grant Program for \$47,836.52, which is the amount it will cost to convert 13 trucks using diesel oxidation catalysts and diesel multi-stage filter mufflers. The conversion will reduce the emissions and pollutants released from the trucks into the air.

Residents Encouraged to Complete Census

Councilman Scalzo, who is chairman of the Complete Count Committee for Wheaton, encouraged residents to complete the U.S. Census questionnaire when it arrives at their homes in the next few months. The questionnaire consists of 10 short questions, and

filling it out helps ensure that Wheaton receives the benefits and services to which it is entitled. Any residents interested in assisting the Complete Count Committee can contact Scalzo at 630-384-1280 or tscalzo@wheaton.il.us.

Meeting: Jan. 19, 2010

Wheaton to Join Natural Gas Franchise Consortium

The Council approved an ordinance authorizing Wheaton to join other northern Illinois municipalities in a municipal natural gas franchise consortium. This allows the City to cooperate with other municipalities in jointly negotiating a model franchise agreement that is in the best interests of the City, its residents, businesses and land owners for natural gas and utilities.

Council Approves Changes to Courthouse Square Development Agreement

The Council approved a number of changes to a development agreement for Airhart Construction's Courthouse Square development. The changes reduce the number of townhomes the company plans to construct by four and alter some of the designs and engineering of the townhomes. The changes should have minimal impact on the development's value.

Ordinance Issues Bonds for Bridge and North Main Street Projects

To fund the City's Manchester Road/Wesley Street Bridge Reconstruction and North Main Street Flood Control projects, the City Council passed an ordinance providing for the issuance of \$6 million in bonds with a 15-year term. If the costs for the two projects are less than \$6 million, the remaining funds can be added to the Annual Road Program.

Meeting Highlights

- Please see <http://www.wheaton.il.us/government/councilhighlights/2009/> for additional highlights or <https://dm1.wheaton.il.us/meetingview/> for minutes of the meetings or videos.
- Please see http://www.cusd200.org/board_of_education/highlights.htm for District 200 school board meeting highlights.
- Please see <http://www.cod.edu/adminstr/boardmin.htm> for the minutes of the COD Board of Trustee meetings.
- Please see <http://www.wheatonparkdistrict.com/pgs/about/bmeetings.html> for minutes of Wheaton Park District meetings

We Thank Our Local Supporters

Every fall the Wheaton LWV asks businesses and professional people in the community to help support our work. The names on these pages are those who responded to our 2009 Finance Drive. When you patronize them, thank them in person for supporting the Wheaton League of Women Voters.

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