



The Voter

Wheaton LWV March/April 2015

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Important Dates		
When	Where	What
3/3 7:00	CDH Winfield	Candidate Forum
3/7 9:30 AM	West Chgo Comm. Center	Candidate Forum
3/12 7:00	Book Club	Quigg home
3/19 7:00	GE Civic Center	Food Safety
3/24 7:15	Glenbard South	COD Candidate Forum
3/26 6:30	Wheaton North	Candidate Forum
4/16 6:30	WPL	Deconstructing Supper
4/28 6:00	John & Tony's	Discussion /Drinks
5/7 6:00	Ivy Restaurant	Annual Meeting
5/14 7:00	Book Club	Tupper Home
6/5-7	Hilton Lisle	LWVIL Convention
http://www.wheatonlwv.org/calendar.html		

President's Letter

Wow! We had a fabulous turnout on 2/19 for the Program Planning meeting in spite of the record breaking temperature of -8°! I have to give a big "THANK YOU" to the hardy souls who came out in this weather for the meeting and to the 16 members sworn in as Voter Registrars by Mary



Corcoran from the DuPage Election Commission. Members commented that it was very convenient for Allene to arrange to bring the DEC to the members for the swearing and brief training. Diane Niesman will fill you in on the Program Planning details in her report.

Jan Kay and Barb Laimins are organizing the annual **Legislative Interviews** for the LWVIL Issues Committee who encourages interviews with members of the Illinois General Assembly. The goal is to keep lines of communications open with State Reps and Senators, exchange views and information, and set stage for future action. All members can benefit from participating in the interviews. If you are interested please contact Jan or Barb and let them know. They have a set of questions to cover and will report the responses back to the LWVIL. Interviews will be set up at times when the reps are in the district offices.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

The Membership Committee is excited to announce the next **Discussion over Drinks** will be held on **Tuesday, April 28 at 6:00 pm**. At John & Tony's restaurant on North Avenue,

Guest speaker: **Lt. Governor, Evelyn Sanguinetti**

➤ The **2015 Annual Meeting** is early this year and will be dinner at **IVY Restaurant** in Wheaton <http://www.ivyofwheaton.com/> on **Thursday, May 7th**

CANDIDATE FORUMS

- March 3rd – at Cadence Hospital - all **Winfield Village Trustee candidates** are invited (7:00 - 9:00)
- March 7th - Wayne and Helen Fox Community Center West Chicago - all candidates for **D25 school board** and **Aldermanic Candidates for Wards 4 and 7** in West Chicago are invited (9:30 to 11:00)
- March 24 at Glenbard South High School – LWV of Glen Ellyn/Naperville - **College of DuPage Board of Trustees Candidates** - Reception 7:15, forum 7:30 to 9:00.
- March 26th - Wheaton North High School - all candidates for **Wheaton City Council** and all candidates for CUSD 200 Board of Trustee are invited. (6:30 to 9:30)

Finally, please join me in welcoming Paula McGowen, our new member from Glen Ellyn and Kerry Dexter, our new member from West Chicago. I was delighted to meet Kerry at the Program Planning Meeting and discover that we have lived in some of the same cities in California. Where I am soon headed to celebrate an anniversary! I look forward to seeing her at the next meeting.

Missey Wilhelm
President





FAST FACTS ON LWV ILLINOIS CONVENTION JUNE 2015

Dates & Location: June 5-7, 2015; Hilton Lisle/Naperville.

Perks: Observe plenary sessions and participate in workshops as space allows. Visitor registration fee is waived. Meals provided as needed, based on assignments.

TAKE ACTION NOW:

1. **VOLUNTEERS:** Wheaton LWV is on track to field a dozen volunteers. It will be fun and informative. Take this opportunity to meet & mingle, and to help LWVIL to have a great convention. Come for 2 hours or for the day, give LWV a few hours of your time.
2. **PUT CONVENTION ON YOUR CALENDAR:** Noon Friday to noon Sunday 6/5-7/2015.
3. **VOLUNTEER NOW! CONTACT ROBERTAJACOBSON@ATT.NET** Ask for details. Let's work together to make this a terrific convention.



***The League of Women Voters of Wheaton Invites Members and Guests to its
Annual Meeting***

6:00 pm- \$45.00 per person

Thursday May 7, 2015

Ivy Restaurant, 630-665-2489

120 North Hale Street, Wheaton, Illinois

Enjoy a lovely meal while visiting with your League friends, participate in the annual league meeting, and celebrate the year's events. We are trying to arrange some musical entertainment. Parking is available on the street and in the city parking lot behind the restaurant. We will be in the room upstairs and an elevator is available if needed.

- ***6:00 Cocktail hour and socializing (cash bar)***
- ***6:45 Be seated and order dinner***
- ***Annual Meeting after dinner***
- ***Awards Presentation***

Donation to our League

As you may know, less than \$10.00 of your dues goes to our local League's efforts. If you would like to help additionally, please add your donation as well.

_____ ***Yes, I'd/we'll be at the annual meeting. Here's (\$45) per person- Names of attendees*** _____

Dinner choices: Chicken Marsala; Parmesan Crusted Salmon, or Butternut Squash Ravioli; with Field green salad, (order that night)

_____ ***I want to donate to the Wheaton League's important work***

_____ ***Total included in check***

Send your check made payable to LWV of Wheaton:

LWV OF Wheaton

PO Box 1026

Wheaton, Illinois 60187

RESERVE YOUR PLACE BY FRIDAY, MAY 1

YOUR CHANCE TO MEET THE CANDIDATES



Tuesday, March 3rd

Candidates for Winfield Village Trustee
Central DuPage Hospital Auditorium
7:00 PM Meet and Greet
7:30 Forum

Saturday, March 7th

Candidates for Alderman Wards 4 and 7 and District 25 School Board Candidates
Wayne and Helen Fox Community Center
306 Main Street, West Chicago
9:30 Meet and Greet
10:00 Forum for Alderman Candidates
11:00 District 25 Candidates

Tuesday, March 24th

Candidates for Alderman Wards 3 and 4, District 200 School Board and Warrenville Park District
Sweet Potato Café
2 S 505 Route 59, Warrenville
6:30 Meet and Greet and introduction of Candidates

Thursday, March 26th

Candidates for Wheaton City Council and District 200 School Board Candidates
Wheaton North High School
6:30 Meet and Greet
7:00 City Council Candidates
8:00 D200 School Board Candidates

NEWS AND NOTES

Book Club

Members will be gathering at Liz Quigg's home on March 12th at 7:00 PM to discuss **Orphan Train** by Christina Baker Kline. Roberta Jacobson suggested the book, so she will lead the discussion. Don't feel like you must have attended other book club discussions to come on the 12th. Please join us, if you have read this book. Here's hoping the temperature will be milder than the frigid evening in January when the book club last met.

Surely, spring will have sprung by the time we meet on May 14th at Mary Tupper's home (or gazebo...wouldn't that be great!) to talk about **The Underground Girls of Kabul: In Search of a Hidden Resistance in Afghanistan** by journalist Jenny Nordberg. This book was suggested by Liz Quigg, so she will lead the discussion. Speaking of book suggestions, bring your favorites to the May book club, because we will be choosing our next three reads for September 2015, November 2015, and January 2016. There is no book club meeting in July. .

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/10/12/books/review/the-underground-girls-of-kabul-by-jenny-nordberg.html?_r=0

Program Planning Meeting Results

We know Mother Nature has to love the League of **Women** Voters, but Old **MAN** Winter seems to have it in for us, because February 19th, the evening of our annual Program Planning meeting, was another brutally cold night. However, 21 hearty members came to discuss state and local positions. I credit part of our successful turnout to Allene Harding for scheduling training for League voter registrars during the social part of the meeting. Most of the members who came for training stayed for the meeting.

We first tackled the state League's positions to determine our recommendations to retain, update, remove positions and/or to suggest new studies. The group determined that the County Government Structure position needed updating, in light of recent state laws allowing the DuPage County Board to consolidate taxing bodies in the county. After further discussion, members felt a statewide study of consolidation of units of government should be recommended. As many members might recall, recommending a new study is a daunting undertaking. However, Roberta Jacobson and Barbara Laimins did some research and found that the League of Women Voters of New York (state) has a position on consolidation of units of government. We will be recommending a concurrence with New York's position at the LWVIL Convention in June. Members also identified four issues to recommend as action focus items: Redistricting, graduated rate income tax (GRIT), the criminalization of the mentally ill, and children at risk. The first step is to notify LWVIL of our League's recommendations. The next step will be to have the recommendations adopted at the convention. We will probably hold our Program Planning meeting in January next year to allow more time to garner support for recommendations from other Leagues. If you have an interest in any of these issues, let us know.

Next, we discussed our local positions. A study of park districts in our service area was recommended. If you would like to be a member of the study group, please let Jane Hodgkinson know. Because our local program planning is not dependent on receipt of materials from state or national Leagues, we may break it out of the Program Planning meeting and discuss local positions earlier in the League year (fall). Also, our League was asked to support an effort to get the release of promised Federal funds to finish clean-up of thorium in West Chicago. We will utilize LWVUS and LWVIL positions on natural resources to craft our response. Finally, we started the process of planning unit meetings for the fall of 2015 and winter/spring of 2016. We have more topics than dates available, but we welcome more suggestions from members who were unable to attend the meeting. Here are the suggestions from Feb. 19: Money in Politics, COD Status, Human Trafficking, Moderator and Observer Training, Transportation Issues, Criminal Justice and the Mentally Ill, and How to Elect Judges (FYI, League position is judges should be appointed, not elected). If you have any other ideas for unit meetings, let me know.

Di Niesman

March 19, 2015 Unit Meeting in Glen Ellyn

Seventy percent of antibiotics manufactured in the United States are sold to the animal agriculture industry. What effect does this have on the safety of our food? Is the use of antibiotics contributing to the emergence of superbugs (antibiotic-resistant bacteria)? In 2014, the League of Women Voters of the United States updated its Position on Federal Agriculture Policies. This position includes the following statement, "To provide adequate safety of our food supply, government should limit use of antibiotics in animal production to the treatment of disease."

The LWV of Wheaton and LWV of Glen Ellyn are co-sponsoring a unit meeting to provide further answers to these questions. Christine Hoang, DVM, MPH, CPH, Assistant Director of the Scientific Activities Division of the American Veterinary Medical Association, will speak in Glen Ellyn on Thursday, March 19th. The title of her presentation is, "**Veterinarians and the use of antibiotics in animal agriculture.**" At the AVMA, Dr. Hoang's work focuses on providing technical and scientific expertise for policy development, advocacy, and regulatory and legislative initiatives for advancement of the veterinary profession. Her key areas include public health and food safety, as well as zoonotic disease and antimicrobial resistance. Dr. Hoang has dedicated her professional career to the advancement of food safety as well as the roles of veterinarians and the profession in promoting evidence-based national and international food safety policies and programs. In a brief summary of her presentation, Dr. Hoang wrote, "As the only health professionals who routinely work at the interface between human and animal health, veterinarians are the most knowledgeable about the impact of animals and animal diseases on people. Therefore, any use of antibiotics should involve the veterinarian in the decision-making process if we are to protect animal health and welfare, as well as public health and food safety."

The meeting will take place at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center at 535 Duane Street in Glen Ellyn. The date is Thursday, March 19, 2015. Doors will open for networking at 7:00 PM, and Dr. Hoang's

presentation will begin at approximately 7:45 PM. Let us hope for a spring-like evening, so all members can take advantage of being further educated on this important and timely issue.
Di Niesman

April 16th Unit Meeting at Wheaton Public Library

The conversation about food safety will continue in April, when the LWV of Wheaton and the Wheaton Public Library co-sponsor the showing of a documentary, **Deconstructing Supper**. The film's approach is both entertaining and serious as Chef John Bishop takes us on a journey from his five-star restaurant to the source of the food he serves, from North America to Great Britain to India and back. This food travelogue "is a trip every contemporary eater will want to take – a journey into the revolution in modern food production and its effects on our lives."

Members who received the Spring Newsletter from the Wheaton Public Library may have noticed mention of this event on April 16th under "WPL Adult Programs" on page 2. The doors of the media room downstairs will open for meet and greet at 6:30 PM, and the 48 minute movie will begin at 7:00 PM, allowing plenty of time for Q&A following the showing. Wheaton Public Library is located at 225 N. Cross Street in Wheaton.

Di Niesman

Viable Central Business District Workgroup

As part of the League's focus on a viable Downtown Wheaton Business District, one aspect certainly would be the opening of a freshly restored Wheaton Grand Theater.

The restored Theater would help to meet the League's goal for support of our local position..."the maintenance of a viable Central Business District and...expansion of the City's tax base".

To this end, the Workgroup met with Rick Erickson, Project Manager of the Grand Theater Corp., who outlined their comprehensive plan for opening the Theater. He related components which included architectural plans, ticket sales, uses for the Theater [live performances, movies, group meetings, etc.], funding and their business plan. He also stated they have had discussions with Wheaton Drama and both projected the possibility of a "theater district" which would tie into the City's proposed festival street plan.

The Wheaton League Business Workgroup is very encouraged to see the Wheaton Grand Theater project progressing as it is and, therefore, becoming an integral part of downtown Wheaton.

Barb Deli, Emily Consolazio; Mary Wachter, Jan Kay



“Discussions over Drinks” with Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti- April 28th

Our next “Discussions over Drinks” will be April 28, 2015 at 6:00 pm at John and Tony’s Restaurant on North Avenue, one block west of County Farm Road. OUR GUEST THAT EVENING WILL BE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR EVELYN SANGUINETTI. Her topic has not been finalized at this writing but will involve the new governor’s plans and goals for the state. We are pleased that Ms. Sanguinetti will be addressing our group as one of her first presentations since her inauguration. Prior to her election as lieutenant governor, Ms. Sanguinetti served on the Wheaton City Council.

As a membership goal, we will also be inviting members of the several other groups in the area (Carol Stream Women’s Club, Winfield Newcomers, and District 200 PTO).

The cash bar event is open to the public and there is no fee to attend for members but space is limited so please rsvp to the League through Jane Hodgkinson at janeh1213@gmail.com or 639-690-8843.

MEET SOME OF OUR NEW MEMBERS

Susan Drinan

Susan was raised in a small rural downstate Illinois community. She graduated from Northeastern Illinois University with a B.A in Social Science. Later she achieved her M.B.A. in Leadership and Ethics from North Central College in Naperville.

Susan’s career included 20 years with the General Electric Corporation at the Director Level where she managed high performance teams and was responsible for new market development and profitability. She attended the GE Management Development Center, Croton on Hudson, NY. After GE, Susan joined her husband at UBS, (Union Bank of Switzerland) as a financial advisor. Currently Susan works for Seminars International as an International Program Consultant, developing study abroad programs for colleges and universities.

Susan is the chairman of the International Council for Nazareth Academic Institute in Nazareth (NAI) Israel, and the President of NIA, Inc., the US 501 (c) 3 non-profit supporting the college in Nazareth. She has served as an Elder of First Presbyterian Church in Wheaton, and vice chairman of Abraham’s Children, a mission of the church. She is the past chairman of the GE

Leaders volunteer organization in Chicago, and is a member of PEO Chapter NC in Wheaton. Susan's husband Gregory has recently retired from Wells Fargo Advisors. They have lived in Wheaton for more than 30 years. They have 2 children and 2 grandchildren.

Mary McGinty:

A cellist and private cello coach living in Warrenville and teaching in 4 area locations. Her music background includes working in a professional symphony for 12 years. She returned to music after a 20 year "hiatus" during which she received an MBA and worked in the real estate industry for a number of years, most recently in land development.

She is married to Jim, an artist (painting mostly) and they have 2 adult children; Alana, 27 & James (Jamie), 22. Both "kids" have finished college and are trying to figure out how to pay for graduate school. They also have an adopted 3 lb. toy "morkie" named Teddy.

Emily Consolazio



I and my husband, Peter, are 38 year residents of Wheaton. We raised our two daughters here and they continue to live in the surrounding area.

After a 28 year career with the City of Wheaton, approximately four years ago, I retired from my position as City Clerk. During my tenure as City Clerk, I worked with five Mayors, numerous City Council Members and one City Manager. I most enjoyed interacting with the residents of Wheaton as well as business people and other people who were associated with various other governmental entities. I always viewed city hall as the "public's building" and strived to ensure the public had access to city records. I enjoy reading, volunteering at events held at our grandson's school, and tending to my perennial garden – thankfully, the plants tend to take care of themselves! I am enjoying my membership with the League and meeting the professional people associated with it.

Kerry Dexter



My husband and I moved to West Chicago in 2011. In 2013, I retired after 27 years at Nordstrom that included multiple moves across the U.S. The move to Illinois brings us full-circle as we both grew up in Iowa.

Some interests of mine are horse-riding, reading, hiking, knitting, cooking, and amateur photography. Currently, I am working on starting an organizing business. I was recently going through boxes of childhood memorabilia and discovered even as a 9 year old I was using file folders to organize my papers. I guess my love to organize is inherent.

Feb. 17, 2015 Wheaton City Council Meeting Highlights



Liz Corry Appointed to City Council

The City Council approved the appointment of Liz Corry to fill the vacant At-Large City Council seat until a candidate is elected in the April municipal election and seated. The position on the Council was vacated when Evelyn Pacino Sanguinetti resigned to become Lieutenant Governor of Illinois. Ms. Corry was sworn into office.

Council Approves Telecommunications License Agreement

The Council approved a license agreement with Sigecom LLC allowing the company to install underground fiber optic telecommunication cables from the Orchard Road water tower to Naperville Road just north of Danada Drive. The installation will be within the City's rights of way and utility easements, and it will benefit Verizon Wireless. Residents affected will receive notification of the work.

Sanitary Sewer Lift Station to be Repaired

The sanitary sewer lift station at Elm and Blanchard will receive significant upgrades and rehabilitation due to its age and functionality. The Council awarded a contract to Burke LLC for this project. The work will be done without affecting service to residents, as the consultant will bypass the system when needed during construction.

- <http://www.csparks.org/about-us/board-of-commissioners/> for Carol Stream Park District Board agendas and minutes
- http://www.carolstream.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=404&Itemid=80 for Carol Stream Village Board agendas and minutes
- <http://www.warrenville.il.us/agendacenter> for Warrenville agendas and minutes
- <http://warrenvilleparks.org/board/minutes.asp> for Warrenville Park district minutes
- http://www.westchicago.org/government/MeetingsMinutesAndAgendas/MA_CityCouncil_2013.html for West Chicago City Council Meeting minutes
- <http://www.we-goparks.org/board-minutes.asp> for West Chicago Park District meeting agendas and minutes
- http://www.wego33.org/cms/page_view?d=x&piid=&vpid=1276352580306 for District 33 information

- http://www.d94.org/boe/previous_agenda.htm for District 94 minutes and schedules
- <http://www.wheaton.il.us/Government/councilhighlights/2013/default.aspx?id=7532> for Wheaton City Council highlights or <http://www.wheaton.il.us/government/detail.aspx?id=330> for minutes of Wheaton City Council meetings or videos.
- <http://www.cusd200.org/235310123124748440/site/default.asp> for podcasts of District 200 school board meetings.
- <http://www.wheatonparkdistrict.com/pgs/about/bmeetings.html> for agendas, minutes and videos of Wheaton Park District meetings
- <http://www.villageofwinfield.com/index.aspx?nid=128> for Winfield Village Board agendas and minutes
- http://www.cod.edu/about/board_of_trustees/minutes.aspx for the minutes of the COD Board of Trustee meetings.



WE THANK OUR LOCAL SUPPORTERS

Each fall, the Wheaton LWV asks businesses and professional people in the community to help support our work. These are our supporters to-date. When you patronize them, please thank them for supporting the League of Women Voters.

Richard Armbrust	Armbrust Plumbing & Heating	111 E. Illinois St. Wheaton 60187	630-668-6273	armbrustplumbing.com
Tim Benshoof	Benshoof & Co.	PO Box 355 Wheaton 60187	630-462-6780	
Henry Bertalmio	Best-Way Rug & Furniture Cleaners	319 W Front St, Wheaton 60187	630-668-7940	bestwayrug.com
Christopher Barton	Community Bank Wheaton/Glen Ellyn	100 N. Wheaton Ave. Wheaton 60187	630-933-0900	cbwge.com
Dr. Helen Dane	Danada Veterinary Hospital	10 W. Loop Rd. Wheaton 60189	630-665-6161	danadavet.com
Dave Diersen	GOP USA Illinois	915 Cove Ct., Wheaton 60189	630-653-0462	gopillinois.com
Bob Haeger	Langan, Haeger Vincent & Born, Inc.	290 S. County Farm Rd., Wheaton 60187	630-668-6644	langanins.com
Lori Miller, CFP, M.S.	LPL Financial	27W130 Roosevelt Rd. Suite 101, Winfield 60190	630-690-0000	yourwealthdiva.com
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Frank Saverino Sr.	Mayor, Village of Carol Stream			
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Ruth Carlson	Wheaton Bank & Trust	211 S. Wheaton Ave. Wheaton IL 60187	630-690-1800	wheatonbank.com
Robert Inzinga	Wheaton Bowl	2031 N. Gary Ave. Wheaton 60187	630-668-4102	Wheatonbowling.com