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The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Important Dates:

March 3– Candidates' Forum

March 5 – Board Meeting

March 19 – Not in Anyone's Backyard

Last day to register to vote in the April 7 election - March 10

Early voting is March 17- April 2

(Check dupageelections.com for locations)

Grace period to register is March 11-24. Registration during this time is available only at the Board of Election office



March

Women's History Month



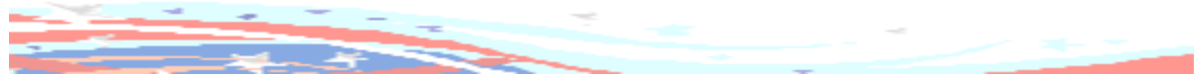
DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday	March 3	6:30 /7:00	Coffee / Candidates' Forum
Thursday	March 5	6:00	Board Meeting – Barb Pape's Home
Thursday	March 19	7:00	Not in Anyone's Backyard
Thursday	April 16	7:00	National Popular Vote
Thursday	May 21	6:30	Save This Date! Annual Meeting - Café Galicia

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Presidents' Message March 2009



Is it Spring yet???? I do think the daffodils and crocus will be showing their buds fairly soon. Someone has already seen a robin so we can check that off! Meanwhile, the work of the League is moving on.

What a terrific program we had on diversity as seen through the schools around DuPage County. Many thanks to Dr. Darlene Ruscitti, ROE Superintendent, and Dr. Olga Rammer, also of the ROE, for opening our eyes and minds to the changing DuPage. Such information gives meaning to the education positions we hold and act upon as well as adding practical meaning to diversity issues. Thanks to the Diversity Action Committee for arranging the presentation.

I hope you have all taken ACTION on the DC VOTING RIGHTS ACT as sent to us by LWVUS. Remember our League had a grant from LWVUS to do education on that act, so let's be certain to follow up by asking Congress to approve the Act now.

The ANNUAL MEETING, our local Convention, is soon coming upon us. The date is MAY 21st, according to the calendar. I would like to thank the By Laws Committee, the Budget Committee, the Audit Committee and the Nominating Committee for taking on their responsibilities.

March is the month our League participates in the LWVIL PHONATHON. This is a fundraiser for State League and by participating successfully, our Unit receives a portion of the money raised. BARB PAPE is the chair of the event which takes place on THURSDAY, MARCH 5th at her home. If you would, try to attend this event, please let Barb know you might be able to do so and bring along your cell phone. A light supper is served and then we make our calls all that same time. Please consider participating this year. It is not a difficult job at all and we also have a good time together as well.

LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEWS are happening soon. If you would like to go to visit your legislator in the local office, please let me know as the appointment dates are being set. The questions have come from LWVIL and are available to you in plenty of time. This is a very fine way to become acquainted with your State Reps and Senators and for them to meet us as well. Please call me if you have questions or would like to go on the visit.

March 19th is the ENVIRONMENT meeting for League. The subject is Nuclear Waste Disposal projects!! Do you want to live around storage places or have the substances travel through our area? Come hear what is happening near you! Thanks to Di Niesman and Jane Taylor for arranging the presentation. Finally, March is Women's History month! What do you know about the origin of this?

As ever,
Jan

Workgroup Synopsis

Diversity

Frank Goetz

Despite bitter cold weather on the Martin Luther King holiday, a large group of people brought food to the People's Resource Center and then carried a candle and sang in a joyful celebratory march to Wheaton College. There they met a much larger group assembled at Edman Chapel. In an inspiring interfaith service, the life of Dr. King was remembered and made vivid by large photographs of his visits to Chicago four decades earlier. Everyone was reminded that although so much racial progress has been made, Chicago remains almost as segregated today as when he was met with such hostility for demonstrating. According to Bernie Kleina, Executive Director of HOPE Fair Housing Center, Chicago is actually 5 percent less segregated. As Martin said, "The arc of history is long but it bends towards justice."

Education

Carol Elias

The Education Committee met Wednesday, February 11, 2009. Members discussed current education issues in our community and what the role of the LWV should be concerning these issues. Many of the committee members mentioned concern regarding the school budget and recent news articles reporting the growing budget deficit.

It was decided that members would attend the both February 11th, District 200 School Board Meeting at Washington School, where the Dist. 200 Finance Committee will present their recommendations, and the February 25th School Board Meeting School Bd. Mtg. is at Longfellow School at 7:30pm where Board members will comment on the recommendations.

The next meeting of the LWV Education Committee will be February 26 at 12:30 pm. meet at Carol Elias' house.

Environment

Diane Niesman

March 19th is now the date for the Environment Group's program. We have an excellent speaker for the program, Maureen (Moe) Headington, who will talk to the group about the dangers inherent in reprocessing spent nuclear waste. The title of the program will be "Not in Anyone's Backyard."

Beryl Jacobson attended a meeting in Carol Stream of the Cool Cities Coalition on January 20th, and copies of his action report will be available at the March meeting.

Housing

Kathy Kregor

On January 28th, the Wheaton League Housing Committee co-hosted a information meeting concerning the Hubble site with DuPage United and the Homeownership: Benchmark for a Vital Community Group. The meeting agenda included a presentation on the Hubble Site Development option created by students from Notre Dame and update on the current progress and timeline for development of the property. The group continues to work to raise awareness of the need for affordable housing options in Wheaton. The affordable housing power point was presented to the Wheaton Housing Commission and John Prendenville.

Viable Downtown Wheaton

Carol Honeywell

The Viable Downtown Wheaton group has identified three main areas for study and concentration. A survey, taken during Cream of Wheaton, will help highlight areas of most interest and concern for Wheaton residents.

League at Wheaton North

Travis Steele, President

This month WNHS' League of Voters set in motion plans to create a gun violence awareness forum in late March. The Illinois Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence is funding and co-sponsoring the event, which is being held to inform voters of a new piece of legislation that will close a background check loophole for private gun transfers. Additionally, the League is still writing and publishing political newsletters that are distributed to the student body in efforts to get young people interested in political matters. The League also plans to continue to hold a variety of discussion forums regarding political topics throughout the semester.

WHEATON CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

<http://www.wheaton.il.us/government/councilhighlights>

Meeting: Feb. 2, 2009

Feb. 12 Celebrates Local Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter



Mayor Gresk presented a proclamation to Karen Barlow-Regent of the Perrin-Wheaton Daughters of the American Revolution. The proclamation makes Feb. 12, 2009 Wheaton Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Day in honor of its 81st anniversary.

Residents Appointed to City Boards

The Council approved the appointment of Suzanne Fitch to a five-year term on the Planning and Zoning Board and Tim Rater to a three-year term on the Wheaton Downtown Design Review Board.

Meeting: Feb. 17, 2009

Winter Market Sublease Extended

The City Council approved a resolution authorizing Bensidoun USA to continue subleasing the downtown Wheaton train station through the end of March for the Winter Market. Bensidoun operates the outdoor French Market each year from April through November, and this year the market was extended by relocating the event inside the downtown train station. The Winter Market takes place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday.

Council Commends Police Department

The City Council recognized the Wheaton and Glen Ellyn Police Departments for their quick action in apprehending the suspect of a recent strong-armed robbery.

BOARD OF EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

For more information, please see http://www.cusd200.org/board_of_education/highlights.htm

February 11, 2009 - Washington Elementary School

Recognitions & Achievements

The Partnership for 21st Century Skills officially launched the P21 Professional Development Affiliate program, which, to date has trained 50 participants from 24 organizations on how to assist stakeholders in infusing 21st century skills into their education systems. District 200 is the first school district in the nation to be recognized as a PD affiliate.

The Affiliate program equips participants with the knowledge and tools necessary for aligning existing professional development offerings with the Partnership's Framework for 21st Learning which makes clear the skills, knowledge and expertise students must master to succeed in work and life.

The focal point for the District 200 Professional Development Program will be the infusion of 21st century skills into current curricula and classroom practice.

The Board took the following action:

- Approved to post for public review and comment high school textbooks and supplementary materials for the following curriculum: Literature, Business, Marketing, Poetry, Architecture, Spanish, French, English Language and Chemistry. The materials will be on display for 30 days.
- Approved bids and awarding of contracts for furniture and equipment for the new Hubble Middle School.

Oral Reports

Scott Brown, a member of the District's Finance Committee presented the Committee's report to the Board of Education. The report is as follows:

Following the appointment and charge by the Board of Education, the District Finance Committee met over a period of five months, beginning September 29, 2008 and holding its last meeting on January 29, 2009. The Committee's charge was to update the District's financial plan for long-term stability. The Committee's interpretation of "financial stability," was to develop a plan for the District to reach a balanced budget within three years. This interpretation served as the foundation and guiding principle of the Committee's work.

The committee studied a wealth of information and data including student enrollment history and projections, District budget figures, bond history and capacity, as well as current financial trends. The Committee examined District salary information of teachers and found them to be comparable with area school districts. Bill Hepworth, from Robert W. Baird, Inc., the District's bond advisor, shared with the committee the debt structure of the District and potential costs of future considerations. Michael Frances of PMA, the District's financial planners, outlined the

District's financial status and using several assumptions related to enrollment, tax revenue, state financial aid, and District expenditures, projected a \$14 million budget deficit for the 2009-10 school year. This deficit is the result of a number of factors. The imbalance in revenues and expenditures that has existed for many years in the District due in large part to the funding structure of public education in the state of Illinois. In addition, the District has experienced declining student enrollments since 2001 that is expected to continue for the next several years. Circumstances in the last three or four months have compounded the District's financial problems. The unprecedented drop in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) from 4.1% in 2007 to 0.1% in 2008 will result in an anticipated loss of local tax revenue, as defined by the Illinois State Tax Cap Law, of roughly \$4 million over the next two fiscal years. A potential freeze in foundation level funding from the state of Illinois would result in an additional loss of \$3 million to the District for the next school year. These factors, combined with the loss of roughly \$1 million in interest earnings, contribute to the projected budget deficit for next year.

The Committee formulated a number of options to fulfill its charge and examined the advantages and disadvantages of each option. Given the current and projected financial factors facing District 200, the Finance Committee unanimously makes the following recommendation:

District 200 should pursue and implement a three-year phased plan to establish financial stability and a balanced budget. Conceptually, this plan should include cost reductions over the next two to three years, issuing working cash bonds, and the exploration of additional revenues in the future. Specifically, the Committee recommends that District 200:

- Reduce expenditures for 2009-10 by \$5.5 to \$7 million. It is important to understand that the reductions made for the coming year will have positive compounding effects in reaching financial stability.
- Issue \$20 million in working cash bonds for 2009-10. The proceeds of these bonds would assist the District's cash flow while waiting for state aid and tax payments and reduce the need for short-term borrowing, abate the remaining 09- 10 budget deficit not corrected by budget reductions, add to the District's fund balance, and improve interest-earning revenue.
- Reach a balanced budget within three years
- Future boards and committees should study additional revenue sources that could include a rate referendum following the establishment of a balanced budget for the District

The Committee makes these recommendations with thanks and appreciation for the opportunity to contribute to the continued success of District 200 and our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Austin, Dr. Lori Belha, John Bomher, Scott Brown, Jill Bullo, Bryce Cann, Penny Coyle, Kathy Davalos, Bill Farley, Dave Kanne, Linda Knicker, Scott MacKay, Dr. Bob Rammer, Marie Slater, Dr. Margo Sorrick, Mark Stern, Dianne Thornburg, Terrie Tudor, Mary Ann Uhen

Next Meeting: February 25 – Longfellow Elementary School

College of DuPage Board Meeting – Selected Highlights
Full Minutes are available at <http://www.cod.edu/adminstr/boardmin.htm>

Regular Board Meeting of 12/08/08

CLOSED SESSION – At 5:01 p.m., Wessel moved, Nowak seconded, THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HOLD A CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSES OF DISCUSSING: (1) THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE, OR DISMISAL OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES OF THE PUBLIC BODY OR LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE PUBLIC BODY, INCLUDING HEARING TESTIMONY ON A COMPLAINT LODGED AGAINST AN EMPLOYEE OF THE PUBLIC BODY OR AGAINST LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE PUBLIC BODY, TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY; (2) THE PURCHASE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE USE OF THE PUBLIC BODY; AND (3) DISCUSSION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS LAWFULLY CLOSED UNDER THIS ACT, WHETHER FOR PURPOSES OF APPROVAL BY THE BODY OF THE MINUTES OR SEMI-ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE MINUTES AS MANDATED BY SECTION 2.06. On roll call, voting aye: Atkinson, Nowak, Wessel, and McKinnon. Motion carried unanimously.

RESUME OPEN BOARD MEETING – At 5:50 p.m., Wessel moved, Nowak seconded, THAT THE OPEN MEETING BE RESUMED. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

- 3.01 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD PRESENTATION TO MARGET HAMILTON, RETIRED MANAGER OF THE COLLEGE OF DUPAGE OLDER ADULT INSTITUTE
Marget (Margy) Hamilton served as the Manager of the Older Adult Institute (OAI) for 20 years before her retirement in 2008. The Board of Trustees presented her with a Distinguished Service Award for her outstanding work with OAI. In addition, she received the 1993 YWCA Pathfinder Award as DuPage County's Most Outstanding Woman, the Association for Continuing Higher Education's 1997 National Exemplary Model Program Award, the Illinois Alliance on Aging's 1998 Illinois Treasures Award, and the 2002 DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference's Intergovernmental Cooperation Award.
- 4.06 ISSUING \$60 MILLION IN ALTERNATE REVENUE BONDS: PRESENTATION BY JAMES RACHLIN FROM BMO CAPITAL MARKETS – The presentation and Board discussion took place under Items #7.05, Financial Advisor Services, and Item #7.06, Approval of Bond Counsel Services for the Issuance of up to \$60 Million General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2009.
- 6.04 APPOINTMENT/EMPLOYMENT/DISMISSAL OF PERSONNEL – (A) THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE APPOINTMENTS OF *MICHAEL RILEY* AND *NATALEE GRIGOLETTI* TO THE FACULTY EFFECTIVE JANUARY 12, 2009 AND AUGUST 19, 2009 RESPECTIVELY, AT A SALARY IN ACCORDANCE WITH BOARD POLICY #4418, INITIAL SALARY PLACEMENT OF FACULTY; AND (B) THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE EXTENSION OF AN INTERIM ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT FOR *PAUL SVOBODA* EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2010, AT A SALARY IN ACCORDANCE WITH BOARD POLICY #4504, ADMINISTRATORS' REMUNERATION.
- 6.07 RESOLUTION OF NOMINATING PETITIONS – THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE RESOLUTION OF NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR PUBLICATION IN

ONE OR MORE NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED IN THE DISTRICT NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 9, 2009.

- 6.08 AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT STATEMENTS OF CANDIDACY/NOMINATING PETITIONS – THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AUTHORIZE *KAREN V. NEELY*, DULY APPOINTED SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COLLEGE OF DUPAGE, COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT #502, TO DESIGNATE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COLLEGE STAFF TO RECEIVE AND RECORD STATEMENTS OF CANDIDACY AND NOMINATING PETITIONS DURING THE FILING PERIOD OF TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2009 TO FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2009, AND MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2009, IN THE EVENT OF HER ABSENCE FROM THE OFFICE.
- 6.09 RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR HOLDING LOTTERY TO DETERMINE BALLOT PLACEMENT – THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES DESIGNATE THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2009 AT 5:00 P.M. TO HOLD THE LOTTERY TO DETERMINE BALLOT PLACEMENT. THE LOTTERY WILL BE HELD IN ROOM 2071 OF THE STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER BUILDING AT THE MAIN CAMPUS OF COLLEGE OF DUPAGE.
- 6.10 COLLEAGUE FINANCIAL SYSTEM– THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF SOFTWARE AND SERVICES FOR DATATEL COLLEAGUE FINANCIAL SYSTEM TO DATATEL, INC., FAIRFAX, VA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$855,410.00; AND THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL HARDWARE FROM SYSIX COMPANIES, DOWNERS GROVE, IL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,937.00; AND THE PURCHASE OF MCS E-PROCUREMENT APPLICATION SOFTWARE AND SERVICES TO MERCURY COMMERCE, HORSHAM, PA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,604.00.
- 6.11 TERMINATION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH VILLAGE OF GLEN ELLYN– THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AUTHORIZE THE COLLEGE TO EXERCISE ITS RIGHT TO TERMINATE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF GLEN ELLYN WHICH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVED ON MAY 14, 2007. On roll call, voting aye: Nowak, Wessel, Wozniak, Atkinson, and McKinnon. Motion carried unanimously.
- 7.01 NON-RENEWAL OF FACULTY APPOINTMENTS – Nowak moved, Wessel seconded, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISMISSAL OF *JESSICA DYREK*, *KENT HUFFMAN*, *TRACY KOPECKY*, AND *GAIL LAURENT*, NON-TENURED FACULTY MEMBERS, AT THE END OF THEIR CONTRACT PERIODS FOR 2009, AND THANK THEM FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE. On roll call, voting aye: Wessel, Wozniak, Atkinson, Nowak, and McKinnon. Motion carried unanimously.
- 7.02 SIGNAGE DESIGN – This item was removed from the agenda to allow new C.O.D. President Dr. Robert Breuder the opportunity for his input into the College signage design.
- 7.05 FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES– Board Chairman McKinnon, Interim President McAninch, and Vice-President of Financial Affairs Thomas Ryan recently met with the College’s Financial Advisor, *James Rachlin* of BMO Capital Markets, to discuss issues related to the College’s finances and bond sales.
- Mr. Rachlin presented a general overview of the market in anticipation of the final bond sale from the 2002 Referendum. The College has \$122 million from the prior bond issues that

must be spent by July 2010. The Facilities Master Plan (FMP) project needs another \$60 million which must be spent by July 2012. Long-term bond rates have recently increased while short-term rates have remained low. Mr. Rachlin presented several scenarios and options; he also provided information on Regular Board Meeting bond counsel services for the issuance of general obligation bonds (refer to item #7.06).

Atkinson moved, Nowak seconded, THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE A CONTRACT FOR FINANCIAL ADVISOR SERVICES WITH BMO CAPITAL MARKETS GKST INC. (FORMERLY GRIFFIN, KUBIK, STEPHENS & THOMPSON) FOR A TOTAL EXPENDITURE OF \$12,500.00 FOR THE PREPARATION OF AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT FOR A BOND ISSUANCE UP TO \$60 MILLION. On roll call, voting aye: Nowak, Wessel, Wozniak, Atkinson, and McKinnon. Motion carried unanimously.

- 7.06 APPROVAL OF BOND COUNSEL SERVICES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$60 MILLION GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2009 – Atkinson moved, Wessel seconded, THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE ADMINISTRATION’S RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT THE FIRM OF ICE MILLER, AT THE FEE OF \$30,000.00, AS BOND COUNSEL FOR THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$60 MILLION GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2009. On roll call, voting aye: Wessel, Wozniak, Atkinson, Nowak, and McKinnon. Motion carried unanimously.
- 8.01 MONTHLY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT SUMMARY – The Board reviewed this summary.
8.02 BIC SRC PROJECT UPDATE: LSH PROJECT UPDATE – The update by Loebel, Schlossman & Hackl (LSH) on the exterior wall, atrium, and the layout for the Academic Affairs area was tabled. 9.
- 9.01 WEST CAMPUS STORMWATER: POND 6 IRRIGATION PUMP – Wessel moved, Nowak seconded, THAT THE BID FOR WEST CAMPUS STORMWATER—POND 6 IRRIGATION PUMP BE AWARDED TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, PAT MCNALLY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, 3642 ACORN LANE, FRANKLIN PARK, IL 60131, FOR A TOTAL EXPENDITURE OF \$148,800.00.
- 12.01 CONSULTING CONTRACT – Wessel moved, Nowak seconded, THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE A NON-BID CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES WITH DR. H. D. MCANINCH, FOR ADVISING THE BOARD AND PRESIDENT, FOR AN EXPENDITURE OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) PER MONTH FOR A PERIOD OF TWELVE (12) MONTHS, TO BE SERVED DURING THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2009 THROUGH MARCH 1, 2010. On roll call, voting aye: Wessel, Wozniak, Atkinson, Nowak, and McKinnon. Motion carried unanimously. Dr. Robert Breuder has requested that Dr. McAninch remain in a consulting capacity to the Board and the President. On behalf of the Board, Chairman McKinnon thanked Dr. McAninch for the reorganizational plans which he has put into place resulting in a savings to the College of close to two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) annually. Dr. McAninch thanked the Board for the confidence they have placed in him. He reported that he has met twice with Dr. Breuder and has great faith in his ability to do the job needed by the College as its fifth President.
- 13.01 COMMENTS FROM COLLEGE CONSTITUENCY GROUPS– Comments were made by Faculty Senate President Glenn Hansen and Faculty Senate Vice-President Lisa Higgins regarding the Proposed Board Policy Manual and the Academic Bill of Rights (ABOR). They thanked Dr. McAninch for his leadership during these last seven months.

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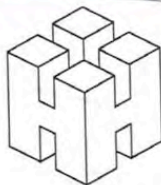


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