



The Voter

Wheaton LWV June/July 2015

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President's Letter

Thank you to everyone who came to the LWV Wheaton's 60th Annual Meeting at **Ivy Restaurant** in downtown Wheaton (winner of the 2015 Best of Wheaton Restaurant of the year!). A special thanks to Jane Hodgkinson for organizing the venue and to Roberta Jacobson for bringing together the material for the business meeting.

Look for the committee reports, the new budget, changes to by-laws and more on www.wheatonlwvil.org as soon as that information is updated.

Please welcome and congratulate the new board of directors for 2015 to 2016:

Executive Committee

Liz Quigg, Vice President
Olga Rammer, Vice President
Pat Schwarze, Secretary
Nancy Wilen, Treasurer

Members of the Board

Allene Harding
Diane Niesman
Barb Kilton
Diane Knable



The board of Directors will appoint Shannon Burns and Barb Laimins to one year terms at the June board meeting.





MARGET HAMILTON: Celebrating 100 years

On June 27, 2015, Marget Hamilton will celebrate her 100th birthday. In addition to being the founder member of the League of Women Voters of Wheaton, she served as the first women mayor of the City of Wheaton in 1969.

Marget Hamilton has had a very long and distinguished career in public service on many levels and served as the first woman Mayor of Wheaton. After moving to this area in the early '50's, she discovered there was no League here in Wheaton and soon after joining the Glen Ellyn League with her mother-in-law, Nell, she embarked on the procedural work to establish the Wheaton League of Women Voters. "Margy" embodies every part of what the League is all about.

The LWV of Wheaton honors her with an award given in her name and the Marget Hamilton Award is given in a year of some particular reason to honor a long term/time member who has contributed in ways outside of direct leadership or honoring the work of a member who personifies the original purposes of the League of Women Voters organization. The award might be looked on as honoring icons of the League. Recipients include Betty Hamilton, Helen White, Ruth Riha, Barb Pape and Betty Bradshaw.

The City Of Wheaton will honor Marget with a proclamation at the city council meeting on June 16, 2015.

For more information about the founding of the LWV of Wheaton go to page 24 in the members handbook. <http://www.wheatonlwv.org/files/2014-2015-handbook-web.pdf>

NEWS AND NOTES

WHEATON LWV ANNUAL MEETING NOTES



Twenty nine members gathered for the Wheaton LWV annual meeting at Ivy in downtown Wheaton. We enjoyed an hour of cocktails and chat, then had a delicious dinner.

The business meeting was called to order about 8 o'clock. We adopted a new budget, adopted the bylaws changes, and elected board members on the nominating committee slate.

From our winter program planning meeting came a recommendation that we consider studying parks and recreation issues, in order to produce a new position. That recommendation was approved. This is your opportunity to be on a study committee on issues near and dear to our communities.

Member direction to the board came from our retiring president, Missey Wilhelm, who suggested that we reestablish our observer corps, where our members observe local board meetings, such as parks, schools, and city councils, and keep us informed about them.

Some dates you should know:

June 11 The new and old boards will meet together.

July 1 2015-16 membership dues are due.

September 17 Reserve the 3rd Thursday in September for our 1st autumn meeting

Roberta Jacobson

WHO WANTS TO DO A STUDY?

I have heard, ever since I joined in 2006, that League studies are fun. I have also heard from some members that they miss the good old days, when League did a lot of studies. Now is your chance to do a fun study, and we're looking for volunteers to be on the study committee.

At the 2014 Annual Meeting, when adopting our Local Program (Positions), the position for Parks and Recreation was removed. At the 2015 Annual Meeting on May 7th, a motion to study Parks and Recreation was adopted, with the goal of creating a position that was broad enough for all the park districts in our service area (Wheaton, Winfield, Carol Stream, Warrenville and West Chicago).

These are the very basic steps to do a League study: 1) form a committee; 2) gather study materials; 3) present study materials in a interesting, informative, and hopefully enjoyable way

to members and public, if possible; 4) design consensus* questions and hold a consensus* meeting ; 5) committee writes a position based on results of consensus and presents position to Board of Directors for approval; 6) motion to adopt position is presented to members at 2016 Annual Meeting. *If we cannot field enough people to be on a study committee, an alternative method to a consensus study is to adopt another League's local Parks and Recreation position by concurrence.

Jane Hodgkinson, who will be President of the Wheaton Park District Board, new member Carrie Fullerton, who is the Executive Director of Bloomingdale Park District, and former DuPage County Forest Preserve Commissioner Shannon Burns have all said, "Yes" to being on a study committee. The committee can be made up of members and non-members. We'd love to have someone from each one of our service areas represent their community on the committee. Maybe there are members who were on the committee that created the original position, who would like to participate. I would like to act as an advisor to the committee. I envision the final position being as well written as our local education position, so if there are members who did the education study, we'd love to have you on this committee. If you have questions, want to volunteer yourself, or have an idea of someone we could ask (member or non-member) to be on the committee, please contact Jane, Carrie, or myself by July 1st. Remember, the more the merrier!

Di Niesman, Programs & Advocacy Chair

LWV BOOK GROUP

Eight members gathered at Mary Tupper's home on Tuesday, May 12th for a discussion of Jenny Nordberg's The Underground Girls of Kabul: In Search of Hidden Resistance. Liz Quigg led off the discussion asking the group to compare this book with our January book, Jimmy Carter's A Call to Action: Women, Religion, Violence and Power. While both books dealt with the same subject (the position women hold in the world, their treatment and often mistreatment), because the Nordberg book delved into the lives of real women and girls, the group gave the nod to The Underground Girls of Kabul. While Carter's book was global in scope and Nordberg's was centered in a country that seems to be culturally and politically centuries behind the rest of the world, both books gave us a lot of historical perspective. For example, some girls in Afghanistan dress up and act like boys to gain the respect and privileges afforded boys in that country, and during the American Civil War, women dressed as men to join the Army and fight alongside the men. Both books are recommended to anyone interested in women's rights, and what self-respecting League member isn't interested in women's rights.

Part of the evening in May was devoted to selecting our July, September and November League book titles and the dates, times and locations for the discussions. We will be trying a **brand new approach** to the League book group in July. On **Sunday, July 12th, from 2-4 pm** members will gather at **Prairie Path Books** Reading Room to discuss **The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt**. The Reading Room at **Prairie Path Books, 350 E. Front Street in Wheaton**, is furnished like a large

living room with a greater capacity than most of our own living rooms. We can use PPB's kitchen, so there will be refreshments. We hope that many more League members will join us on a summery Sunday afternoon. And, bring a friend. Non-members welcome. PPB is tucked in the back of Tom-Price Furniture, and they now have an entrance to the book store from Wesley Street. Parking is available on Front St, Cross St, Wesley St, and in the Wheaton Public Library parking lot just across the street. If you haven't visited this independent book store, it is a real gem. See more at www.prairiepathbooks.com. If you plan to join us, you may RSVP at rsvp@wheatonlwvil.org.

Rounding out the year, we'll be discussing:

The Glass Castle by Jeanette Walls on **Monday, September 16th**, from 7-9 pm at Nancy Bielawski's home in Wheaton.

The Book of Unknown Americans by Christina Henriquez on **Tuesday, November 9th**, from 7-9 pm at Kerry Dexter's home in West Chicago.

Please mark your calendars for all three dates. Happy Reading!

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



Our “Discussions over Drinks” was held on April 28th at John and Tony's Restaurant. With almost sixty (60) attendees, the event was a success. LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR EVELYN SANGUINETTI spoke about her background, her efforts to work on behalf of women and Latina women, and her charge of heading the Consolidation Commission that Governor Rauner has appointed.

The daughter of immigrants (that included a fifteen-year old mother) Mrs. Sanguinetti rose from a background that depended on food stamps when her parents arrived in Florida, to a path that led her to attend law school in Chicago, and ultimately move to Wheaton, where she ran for city council. Besides her Lieutenant Governor duties, she is the mother of three children and a law professor. Before she spoke, she invited the League to testify to the Consolidation Commission once our position is developed and approved. We were pleased that Ms. Sanguinetti addressed our group as one of her first presentations since her inauguration.

From a membership goal, we had several people thank us for hosting event and discuss membership. We also had eight elected officials from the western half of the county



attend. The League paid for some of the appetizers, but John and Tony's sponsored the rest. If you patronize that restaurant, please remember to thank them for their support of the Wheaton League. We had photos in two different newspapers advertising the event. My recommendation, the League board reaffirmed, that we should continue this type of series in the future.

Jane Hodgkinson and Barbara Laimins, Membership Committee



League of Women Voters of Illinois State Convention 2015

The LWV of Wheaton sent a full complement of delegates to the convention this year; Jan Kay, Barb Laimins, Missey Wilhelm, and new member Paula McGowen. The League also provided volunteers to help assist with local arrangements, which Roberta Jacobson organized for LWVIL including – Allene Harding, Beryl Jacobson, Marilyn Kroll, Denise Niesman, Diane Niesman, Pat Schwarze. Nancy Wilen, and Tom Wilhelm – covering everything from registration, monitoring the microphones, taking counts, etc! Job well, done to everyone. Barb Laimins, in addition to being a delegate was responsible for all the auction items from collection to the auction itself – Barb Kilton and Missey Wilhelm put together a basket with books from Prairie Pat Books, a bottle of wine, coffee from River City Roasters and tea from SereneTeaz to showcase the Wheaton community. The funds to do that were donated by the Board of Directors. It looked great. Thank you all for putting it together.



The order of business includes, workshops on the first afternoon that we will share more information about at a later time, various caucuses & chats each day, and the plenary. The plenary covers all the usual business activities of League business including various board and convention reports, nomination of the new slate of officers, presentations and discussion of the proposed budgets, membership awards, issues and action updates, the presentation and discussion of the proposed program, & presentation of the non-recommended programs, **including the proposal from the LWV of Wheaton for a concurrence with the LWV of New York position on *Consolidation of Governmental Units and Sharing of Governmental Services*.** Much more information on all this will be available on the LWVIL Website, <http://www.lwvil.org/> soon.

What you should know now is that the LWV of Wheaton motion passed with more than enough votes to carry!!!! Credit for the success of the vote goes to Barb Laimins, Roberta Jacobson, Diane Niesman, and Shannon Burns, who all worked to put the material together with a full complement of pros and cons, a great presentation at the Sunday morning caucus and some pretty good lobbying for support from other Leagues resulted in our success. We were all very excited with the results and so very proud that our League sponsored a tool that will help local Leagues all over state advocate appropriately their communities need to address issues of consolidation, dissolution, sharing, or even creation of new governmental units. Congratulations.

Also important to know is that the budget committee recommended an increase of PMP (per member payment) after not raising it in nearly 5 years and, after some discussion, amending and vote, the PMP will be increased \$3 (to \$30) for 2016-2017.

Finally, Pat Donath, Treasurer, LWVUS informed the convention attendees that the LWVUS Biennial Convention will be held in Chicago in 2018 as the LWVUS prepares for both the 100th Birthday of the League of Women Voters and 100th anniversary of the passing of the 19th Amendment.

Missey Wilhelm

League of Women Voters of Wheaton

MEET SOME OF OUR NEW MEMBERS

Marilyn Kroll

I've been interested in government since a little girl.

I love to make changes for the better. I like making a difference in people's lives.

A grandmother of 2 and 6 year old and a 4 year old.

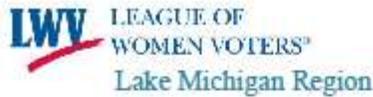
I love gardening and am just about to dabble a water color painting.

Currently, I'm an advocate for people with special needs, handicaps, and disabilities. I am trying to make changes on this topic. I would like to see a centralized location for this category. I would like to see it located in the county seat of Wheaton.

I am a graduate of COD with majors in marketing and psychology. I lived in Wheaton's Briarcliffe area from 1990 to 2003 before moving to West Chicago.

Marilyn Kroll joined LWV of Wheaton in October 2014.





LWVLMR 48th Annual Meeting and Conference
Friday evening and Saturday, September 25-26 2015
Wyndham Suites Hotel, Glenview IL

Terrific Speakers, Stimulating Workshops, and League Friends from 4 states!



Dr. Abigail Derby Lewis
Conservation Ecologist
The Field Museum
Co-Chair: Chicago Wilderness
Climate Change Task Force



Molly Flanagan
Policy Director
Alliance for the Great Lakes
Former Senior Program Officer
Environmental Program, Joyce Foundation

Friday Evening Reception and Banquet *Optional Afternoon Field Trips
Saturday Workshops * Policy Luncheon* Business Meeting *Nature Walk

Conveniently Located • Many Nearby Attractions • Affordable Accommodations

Wyndham Suites, Glenview IL, An all-suites hotel with swimming pool and fitness room, convenient to train, airport, expressways and many major attractions, including: Chicago Botanic Garden (in Glencoe), the great city of Chicago, **Lake Michigan**, Rosemont Outlet Stores, Six Flags Great America, great restaurants and hikes! **LWVLMR special rate of \$99.50** per night includes full breakfast for two people (sleeps 4) and offers free local van service.

Extra nights at this rate are available.

Reserve rooms by calling the Wyndham at 847/803-9800 and mention us before August 26
Conference Registration Information: LWVLMR.org OR [on our Facebook page](#)



48th Annual Meeting and Conference – “On the Divide”

Friday evening and Saturday, September 25-26, 2015

Wyndham Suites, 1400 N Milwaukee Ave., Glenview IL 60025

REGISTRATION FORM (NOTE: Hotel reservations must be made by August 26 to get group rate.)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number (in case there are questions) _____

e-mail address _____

Local LWV or Organization _____

Are you the delegate from your local league? Yes No Not sure yet or Don't Know

Registration choices:

Friday Banquet (inc. soup, salad, coffee or tea, and dessert) 50

Meal selection Baked Herbed Chicken Breast in sage/wine sauce

Grilled Portabella Steak with Squash in Phyllo

Saturday Morning Workshops 25

Saturday Luncheon (inc. soup, dessert and coffee or tea) 30

Meal selection Togarashi Crusted Ahi Tuna and Salad

Grilled Vegetable and Provolone Panini

Annual Business Meeting (no charge)

All of the Above (please indicate meal choices) 100

Amount enclosed \$ _____

*Make check payable to **LWV Lake Michigan Region**. (additional donations are appreciated!)*

Mail check and registration: Pat Graunke, 980 Lake Shore Drive, Apt. 3-C, Chicago IL 60611-1701

Questions? Call Pat at 312/238-9489 or email LWVLakeMichigan@gmail.com

Reminder: Individuals are responsible for making their own hotel reservations by August 26.

****Call the Wyndham 847/803-9800 and mention LWV Lake Michigan Region for special rates.***

Please indicate interest in potential Field Trips

Friday afternoon Sep 25, approximately 1 pm

- [Wilmette Locks](#), with time to visit [Baha'i Temple](#)
- [Fuller Prairie and Tyner Nature Center](#), in Glenview, across from Train Station
- [Waukegan Harbor](#) (an Area of Concern which will soon be delisted)

Friday afternoon Sep 25, 3-4 pm

- [Abt Styrofoam and Electronics Recycling Center, and store](#) (next door to hotel)
(bring your Styrofoam and electronics from home!)

Saturday morning, 8 – 9 am

- Guided Nature and Bird Walk, highlighting the Continental Sub-Divide at the [Grove National Historic Site](#), which is across the street from the hotel. (Open and available for free on your own as well during the course of the weekend.)

Meetings and Highlights

- <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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Michael Gresk	Mayor, City of Wheaton			