



The Voter

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Important Dates!

- 9/15 - Membership Dues
Reminder
- 9/17 - FALL FEAST
- 10/1 - Board Meeting
- 10/7 - DuPage Counts
- 10/15 - Unit Meeting on
School Funding and
Fiscal Policy

The only way to make sure people you agree with can speak is to support the rights of people you don't agree with.

Eleanor Holmes Norton

President's Letter

Greetings! Summer just flew by, didn't it? Best part for me is that now is the time to enjoy the bounty – home grown, vine ripened tomatoes, fresh off the farm corn on the cob and all that wonderful fruit! I hope you are enjoying the local farmers markets, too!

Also, I hope you all took advantage of the summer recess to contact your congressional senatorial representatives to weigh in on the health care debate. Take a minute to read Mary Wilson's article on the importance of public opinion in this debate at <http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=13925>.



What's going on in the league right now?

It's time to pay your membership dues, sign up for an action committee, and make reservations for the **Fall Feast** where **David Morrison**, Assistant Director of the **Illinois Campaign for Political Reform**, will speak about what has been accomplished—and what is left to do! Don't forget to bring a friend! See you there on 9/17.

Last month I told you about working with Mary Schaafsma, the project manager from LWVIL, and the other leagues in the county on the **True Census Count 2010 and Redistricting Reform** project. The result is **DUPAGE COUNTS**, which partners us with DuPage County, College of DuPage, and the Citizens Advocacy Center to ensure a complete census count, particularly in the hard to count areas of the county. Our goal is to educate organizations that reach out to all parts of the county on the importance of the census. We are planning a kickoff event at College of DuPage on October 7th.

I thought you'd be interested to know that Wheaton North is being honored as a Democracy School on Sept 18th. You can find more out about Democracy Schools at <http://www.freedommuseum.us/democracyschools>. Congratulations to Wheaton North High School!



Newly registered voters
at Wheaton North.

What's coming up?

CASA announced the 2009 Super Heroes Gala, Champions of Hope, to be held on Friday, October 30, 2009. The event will take place at Le Jardin at Cantigny Park and Betty J. Bradshaw will be presented the Friend of CASA Award. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Betty for this lovely honor!

The October meeting topic is school funding and fiscal policy with presentations by Kathy Nesburg, LWVIL specialist, and Bill Farley from District 200 covering the state budget, the local budget in District 200, and the ARRA funds. Plan to attend what should be a very informative meeting.

Oh, and I expect there will be more on health care....stay tuned!

Missey
September 2009

On the Bulletin Board



DUPAGE COUNTS is sponsoring an event to spread the word on the importance of the Census 2010 to all of us in DuPage County.

Help will be needed with sign in, ushering, handing out material, etc. **DUPAGE COUNTS** is a collaboration of DuPage County, The Citizens Advocacy Center, the College of DuPage, the LWVIL, and the 5 LWV units of DuPage County.



Do you like the tradition of having coffee & cookies at our meetings?

Contact Missey to volunteer to handle that for 1 or more meetings.

0 volunteers = 0 coffee + 0 cookies!



Help Wanted:

A member who can observe the school board meetings in person or online, and report on them for the Voter. Anyone who has children, has had children, or will have children in District 200 or who is interested in the education of the children in District 200.

See Workgroup Synopsis for further details. Call or email Joan Fefferman if you can help.



Congratulations to Betty Bradshaw, who will be presented the Friend of CASA Award at CASA's 2009 Super Heroes Gala, Champions of Hope, to be held on Friday, October 30, 2009, at Le Jardin at Cantigny Park.

For more information about CASA and the Gala, please go to www.dupagecasa.org.



**LWV OF WHEATON INVITES YOU
AND YOUR FRIENDS TO A
FALL FEAST**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH 2009
6:30 PM**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW

NO POSTCARDS THIS YEAR

**DUPAGE COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM, 2ND FLOOR
102 E WESLEY ST (AT MAIN)**

BRING A FRIEND OR TWO, AND INTRODUCE THEM TO LEAGUE.

Come “Thai” in to the League at the Fall Feast at our first members’ meeting of 2009-2010. Wheaton’s own My Thai Café will provide several delicious chicken dishes, with fragrant white rice and cut fruit.

Besides savoring a great dinner, you can tour the DuPage County Historical Museum, including great permanent exhibits chronicling a history of the county’s early settlers, its agriculture, Civil War soldiers, medicine, science and transportation. Extensive photographs, a serious costume collection and a major HO-gauge model train complete this gem in our community.

Our program for the evening will be on political reform in Illinois, a topic that is sure to stimulate some lively discussion. David Morrison, Assistant Director of the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform, will speak about what has been accomplished—and what is left to do.

We need a count, so we are ready for you and your guests.

RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 10TH TO TELL US IF YOU ARE BRINGING A FRIEND.

CALL OR EMAIL JOAN FEFFERMAN (SUBJ: FRIENDS FOR THE FEAST)

VOLUNTEER TO HELP SETUP OR CLEANUP-CALL JOAN

Workgroup Synopsis

Diversity

Frank Goetz

A meeting was held in late July at the College of DuPage to discuss a possible collaboration to meet goals of both organizations. COD would like to see its faculty and staff more closely resemble the diversity of its student population, while the Wheaton League would like to engage with a more diverse population as a precursor to a more representative membership. The next step will be the formation of a multicultural steering committee to plan and implement Colorful Discussions, where every segment of DuPage society has an opportunity to hear and discuss a spectrum of viewpoints on current issues. Support for the steering committee will be provided by our diversity team as well as volunteers from the COD faculty and staff.

Education, State Fiscal Policy & School Funding

Joan Fefferman

Our program for the October 15th unit meeting at 7PM at the Community Center covers state fiscal policy and school funding. The first speaker will be Kathy Nesburg from Oak Park, an Illinois LWV specialist in school funding and fiscal policy. Following her will be Bill Farley, District 200 Assistant Superintendent of Business Operations, within Superintendent Drury's office. He will speak on the state budget, the District 200 budget, American Recovery & Reinvestment (ARRA) funds and other federal incentives. A question and answer session with the LWV members completes the program.

We are looking forward to a stimulating and informative evening. By the time of this meeting, we expect the District 200 budget to have passed, which will add to the interest of the talks. And both speakers should be at the coffee before the meeting, so members can talk with them personally. Please attend to help your understanding of the current situation with our schools' funding!

Our Education committee will develop some questions for the Q&A session on Oct 15th. We are also looking for members who would like join the committee, which is devoted to following and learning about different issues in education. We need a member who can observe the school board meetings in person or on line, and report on them for the Voter. We need anyone who has children, has had children, or will have children in District 200 or who is interested in the education of the children in District 200. We have much to discuss, from Hubble Middle School land issues to Advanced Placement courses and Gifted Placements, from the general educational themes of full year round schooling to shortened weeks and No Child Left Behind.

Give Joan a call or email her for more information. Please consider working with us to make our schools the best.

Environment

Diane Niesman

The RxBox for unused and old medications has been removed from the Wheaton Police Department. State funds for the program have been redirected.

The Environmental Improvement Commission, an advisory group for the Wheaton City Council, meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:30 PM at City Hall. If any League members are interested in attending a meeting, email Diane Niesman or call her. The next meeting of the EIC will be on September 22, 2009.

Quick Facts On Health Care Costs

- Total health spending in the U.S. reached \$2.1 trillion in 2007 – or \$7,026 per capita.
- By 2016, total health spending is projected to rise to \$4.2 trillion.
- Between 2005 – 2006, total health spending increased 6.7 percent, more than double the rate of the 2.9 percent increase in overall economic growth.
- Total health spending remained relatively constant at about 16 percent of gross domestic product from 2003 – 2006, but is projected to increase to 19.5 percent by 2017.
- Spending for home health care increased at a faster pace from 2005 – 2006 (9.9 percent) than any other category of health spending; however, its impact is limited because it accounts overall for only 2.5 percent of total health spending.
- Yearly prescription drug spending growth accelerated in 2006 to 8.5 percent from a low of 5.8 percent in 2005, in part because of full implementation of Medicare Part D.
- Between 2006 and 2007, premiums for health coverage offered by employers increased 6.1 percent, the fourth straight year of declines in the rate of premium growth, from a peak of 13.9 percent in 2003. Even so, this was more than twice the rate of growth in the Consumer Price Index.
- Of every dollar spent on health services in the U.S. in 2006, 46 cents came directly from government sources.
- Costs for program administration and the net cost of private health insurance were about 7 percent of total health spending in the U.S. in 2006 and grew 8.8 percent, a marked increase over the 3.6 percent rise in 2005.

This list (without the original endnotes) is from “A Reporter's Toolkit: Health Care Costs” (an Alliance for Health Reform Toolkit produced with support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation) and is reproduced here courtesy of the Alliance for Health Care.

The entire toolkit can be found at

http://www.allhealth.org/Publications/Cost_of_health_care/health_care_costs_toolkit.asp#keyfacts.

Resource provided by the LWVUS Health Care Education Task Force, 2009.

**Wheaton City Council Highlights
Meeting: August 3, 2009**

Police Officers Receive Awards For Saving A Life and Nabbing A High Profile Suspect



Mayor Gresk and Deputy Chief of Police Meloni presented Lifesaving Awards to Police Officers Edward Waterous and Nicholas Hattabaugh for their quick and decisive efforts related to administering lifesaving measures to a Wheaton resident. They also presented the Police Star to Auxiliary Officer Curt Kiebles for his outstanding judgment and decisive actions in apprehending suspect Michael Delaney for the homicide of Mike Scalzo.



Northside Pool Lifeguards Receives An Award For Saving A Life



Mayor Gresk and Fire Chief Berk presented Lifesaving Awards to Northside Pool Lifeguards Jack Blanchard and Taylor Patterson and Aquatic Manager Tom Grace for their efforts which saved the life of a three year old child.

Council Makes Wheaton's City Flower Official



Council Passed an Ordinance amending the Wheaton City Code to recognize the Endless Summer Hydrangea as the City of Wheaton's Official Flower

Please see <http://www.wheaton.il.us/government/councilhighlights> for additional highlights of Wheaton City Council meetings.

Meeting Highlights

- 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 2008 Finance Drive. When you patronize them, thank them in person for supporting the Wheaton League of Women Voters

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