



The Voter

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From the Executive Committee

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Important Dates!

9/22	Legislative Update
9/24	Moving Planet
10/20	State of our Community
10/24	Finance Drive Begins
11/17	Consensus on Study of Federal Funding for Education



As summer ends and autumn approaches, September brings school days for our future generation and a new LWV calendar year for us. The two are related, because our November 17, 2011 unit meeting will be a Consensus Meeting for the LWVUS Study: The Federal Role in Education. This is a very important subject and results of the study could markedly change the League's positions on education. We hope you take some time to read all the information posted on www.wheatonlwv.org The 15 consensus questions are posted there, and the Education Study committee plans to send information and the consensus questions by email, also.

Our unit meetings in September and October also relate to education. On September 22, 2011, League members and the public will have an opportunity to question their Illinois Representatives, and one of the hottest topics **should** be the appalling shortfall of funding to our public schools by the State. This is putting a tremendous strain on our local schools' budgets and should be addressed. On October 20, 2011, the State of the Community meeting will feature Wheaton League member and new CUSD200 Board of Education President, Rosemary Swanson.

Before we leave the topic of schools and education, we are still looking for a member to volunteer to be the Wheaton LWV liaison for League of Voters at Wheaton North High School and someone to observe and report on CUSD200 Board of Education meetings.

Hope to see you all at our 2011-2012 kickoff meeting on September 22nd. Until then, drive carefully...school is in session.

Denise, Liz, Di and Olga



\$\$\$ FINANCE DRIVE \$\$\$

The 2011-2012 WLWV Finance Drive is scheduled for the week of October 24 – 28. This is the time of year that we asked local businesses for their support of our League. Our member dues are used primarily to pay state and national dues. We would not be able to continue our programs and efforts without the generous contributions of our supporters and members.

At the end of the Voter, you will find the current businesses that support our League. Please let them know that you recognize and value their support. If you are interested in participating in this year's Finance Drive, please contact Beth O'Malley.

You can now
follow us on
[FACEBOOK](#)



Our program year
kick off will be
“An Evening With
Your
Representatives”
on September 22.

See Page 5 for more
details



BOARD NEWS

Shannon Burns has resigned as Board Director to run for elected office in 2012. Good luck, Shannon.

Maria Owens has been approved by the Board of Directors to fill Shannon's vacancy until Annual Meeting in May, 2012. Welcome aboard, Maria.



NEW AND IMPROVED WAY TO PAY DUES!

In our continuing effort to save the planet from excess paper, save the League from printing and postage costs, and save the members 44 cents, it is now possible for you to pay your membership dues, or make a donation to the general fund, electronically via PayPal.

Pay your dues at the PayPal buttons at the bottom of http://wheatonlwvil.org/join_form.html. If you prefer snail mail, please print and complete this form and include it with your check for:

- Single Membership \$65.00
- Household Membership \$97.50

to: **LWV of Wheaton Membership**
P.O Box 1026
Wheaton, IL 60187

If you have any questions, write to membership@wheatonlwvil.org or call Denise Niesman, membership chair. Thank you!

Optional (You will not be contacted for a donation to the Wheaton LWV Finance Drive):

- Donation to Wheaton LWV General Fund (http://wheatonlwvil.org/donate_form.html)
- _____
➤ Donation to Wheaton LWV Education Fund (tax-deductible) _____

Please make dues and general fund donation checks payable to Wheaton League of Women Voters and mail to the address above.

Note: For a tax deductible donation, a separate check payable to the LWVIL Ed Fund is required. Mail checks to the address above. The funds will be credited to the Wheaton LWV Ed Fund by the LWVIL.

PLEASE LIST YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION BELOW

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NOTES FROM LWVIL CONVENTION

Roberta Jacobson attended a presentation by Elisabeth McNamara, President of LWVUS, and shared these highlights. The power point presentation is posted on www.lwv.org

Points:

We need to think about the fact that the number of nonprofit organizations has grown from less than 100,000 in the 1940's to more than 1.6 million today. People have many choices.

With all League issues we need to incorporate visibility, membership and fundraising.

Focus efforts, and do a few things well. If we succeed on an issue, we can gain visibility, fundraising and membership

Be externally oriented, reaching out beyond the League to others.

Tips for success:

Identify visibility opportunities on all LWV activities, develop relationships with media, and convey compelling messages to your audience; know their values.

Actions: Tell people why it is needed, what is needed and how to do it.

Include a "join us" message.

If you do an interview, prepare for it. Define your goal, your audience, and your message.

Advocacy

Focus on a few issues, involve experts, use lobbyists as ambassadors for LWV, and set rules for emergency action.

Join a coalition; insist on credit for your role in activities.

Save valuable LWV grassroots efforts for YOUR priority issues.

Keep your web site current.

Fundraising:

Focus on fund development rather than fundraising. This is the responsibility of all on the board.

To make the case for support, define the need, solution, beneficiaries, self-interest, your capacity, and make the ask.

Membership:

To grow, you must have interesting programs, issues and activities. All of these can lead to growth. Always include the "join us" message. Set membership goals. Also, try to get on the agenda of retirement seminars.

Other topics:

There was quite a bit of discussion on the controversial ads about the votes of Senators Scott Brown and Claire McCaskill. She tried to make a distinction between being (League being) transparent speakers, and transparent money. We are not required to tell where our money is coming from, as we are not covered by disclose laws. She said, when asked why we did not reveal the funding, which was from a consortium of environmental groups, "we did not think it through". She also said they did not want to change the subject, by addressing the criticism, and they tried to stay on message.

Action Roundup

An Evening with Your Representatives

The public is encouraged to attend "An Evening with Your Representatives" co-sponsored by the Wheaton League of Women Voters and Wheaton Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, September 22.

We will begin the evening with a meet and greet over light refreshment at 6:30 PM in the Memorial Room of the Wheaton Park District Community Center, 1777 Blanchard Road, Wheaton. At 7:00, we will begin a town hall style meeting. State representatives Franco Coladipietro (District 45), Mike Connelly (District 48), Mike Fortner (District 95) and Sandy Pihos (District 42) will attend. These four Republican legislators all represent a portion of Wheaton, as well as the communities of Glen Ellyn, Carol Stream, Winfield, West Chicago and beyond. Residents from a good portion of DuPage County can look to these representatives for answers to their Springfield questions. Topics will likely include the issues facing the Illinois legislature in the upcoming veto session, such as pension reform, Quinn's budget not funding pay increases for state workers despite the contract; the regional superintendent elimination, gambling, and the freedom of information act.

Environment Committee

- ✓ **Electronic recycling**, including household batteries, will be 9:00 AM- Noon on Saturday, September 10th, at the Public Works Facility on Liberty Drive.
- ✓ Contribute Items for **Library Book Sale**
The books, DVDs and cassettes sitting on your bookshelves can help support the Wheaton Public Library at 225 N. Cross Street. The library is accepting donated items for its annual book sale now through Sept. 18. Find out what types of items are being accepted. Book Sale dates and times are: 9/22, 9-9; 9/23, 9-5; 9/24, 9-5, and 9/25, 1-5.

- ✓ Circle September 24, 2011 on your calendars. The Wheaton Environmental Commission is planning a **Recycling Extravaganza** and an event at Cantigny. Details of these two events will be sent to members as soon as they are available.
- ✓ LWWUS and LWWIL are supporting and promoting

**MOVING PLANET -- SEPTEMBER 24, 2011 --
A DAY TO MOVE BEYOND FOSSIL FUELS**

See this link from LWWUS to learn more about the project.

http://participate.lww.org/c/9217/p/salsa/web/common/public/content?content_item_KEY=8761



In our area, LWW of Wheaton will have a checkpoint set up on the Prairie Path for bikers and walkers participating in **MOVING PLANET DUPAGE**. Leagues from Elmhurst, Glen Ellyn, Elmhurst and Elgin are all participating.
<http://www.moving-planet.org/events/us/villa-park/771>

Please contact Di Niesman if you would like to be involved.

Education Study

Committee's part: The Education Study sub-committee met in August, to plan for the consensus meeting. Pam Belfor, Roberta Jacobson, Beryl Jacobson Diane Niesman and Helen White are on the committee which will meet at 10 AM Thursday September 22nd, at the Jacobson's home. This is a great way to get more involved with League work, without spending a great deal of time. Please join us.

Your part: All the LWWUS materials are easy to get to, through links on Wheaton's website. Prepare yourself for the consensus discussion by doing a little reading over the next few weeks.

The consensus meeting on November 17th which **will begin at 6:30 PM**, to allow time to provide background and to have all the discussion needed.

Missey Wilhelm will be our Facilitator and Beth O'Malley will be our Recorder. The sub-committee members will present the history of the federal role in education, common core standards, and funding and equity issues. We'll also review the local, state and national policy positions that are relevant to the study.

Then we will all take part in a discussion on the issues. There are 15 consensus questions: 3 are general and there are 6 each on Common Core Standards and on Equity and Funding.

After the consensus meeting, the committee will present the results to the board for approval, and when approved, submit the results to LWVUS.

Aug. 1, 2011 City Council Meeting Highlights

Residents Reappointed to Commissions

The City Council approved the reappointment of Chris Ellerman, Thomas Hudock and Elsa Miller to three-year terms on the Housing Commission.

Planned Unit Development Approved for Church

The Council approved a zoning request to redevelop the former Alcoa Flexible Packaging Plant at 935 W. Union Ave. as a church with a maximum sanctuary size of 990 seats. The Planned Unit Development request was submitted by Church of the Resurrection. City staff recommended the Council approve the request if six conditions are met relating to parking, landscaping, sidewalks and the consolidation of plats with appropriate stormwater management and easements. The Council discussed a minor adjustment to the ordinance prohibiting parking on one side of Lincoln Avenue from Lyon Avenue to the end of the street to ensure emergency vehicles can access the area.

Council Considers Changes to Ambulance Fees

The Council received a first reading of an ordinance that would adjust the ambulance user fee for residents based upon the Medicare allowable reimbursement rate and would adjust the non-resident user fee to a rate that is the average of nearby communities studied.

Aug. 15, 2011 City Council Meeting Highlights

Council Adjusts Ambulance Fees

The Council approved an ordinance adjusting the ambulance user fees for both residents and non-residents. The new user fee for residents is based upon the Medicare allowable reimbursement rate, and the fee for non-residents is adjusted to a rate that is the average of nearby communities studied.

Church Receives OK to Redevelop Packaging Plant

In response to an application from Church of the Resurrection, the Council approved a Special Use Permit to redevelop the former Alcoa Flexible Packaging Plant as a church. The property is located at 935 W. Union Ave. Plans call for a maximum sanctuary size of 990 seats.

City Approves Agreement with Wheaton Sanitary District

The City Council approved an intergovernmental agreement with the Wheaton Sanitary District outlining certain tasks and conditions for both agencies relating to the Wheaton Sanitary District's project to construct a new sanitary interceptor sewer. The agreement states the District will repair all roadways disturbed by the project and coordinates additional curb replacements to coincide with the City's Annual Road Program. The agreement also turns over responsibility of certain reconstructed portions of the sanitary sewer from the Wheaton Sanitary District to the City, as these portions will now be located within the City's right-of-way.

McDonald's Remodeling Request Approved

To modernize its appearance and enhance the restaurant's accessibility for those with disabilities, McDonald's submitted a request to remodel the exterior of its Danada Square location on Naperville Road. The Council approved the request.

Parking Restricted on portion of Lincoln Avenue

The Council voted 4-3 in favor of a 24-hour parking restriction on the north side of Lincoln Avenue from the Winfield Creek bridge to Sherwin Street. The restriction was requested as part of a zoning approval of the Church of the Resurrection redevelopment at 935 W. Union Ave.



City Proclaims Literally Ending Hunger Together Day

Mayor Gresk presented a proclamation making Sept. 15, 2011 Literally Ending Hunger Together Day in Wheaton. The day is a partnership between Loaves and Fishes and Literacy DuPage, as literacy and education are seen as key to reducing poverty and hunger.

ALSO:

- Please see <http://www.wheaton.il.us/government/councilhighlights/2010/> 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 2010-2011 Finance Drive. When you patronize them, thank them in person for supporting the Wheaton League of Women Voters.

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