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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF WHEATON

Serving the people of Wheaton, Winfield, West Chicago, Warrenville, and Carol Stream

September 2016

Agatha Christie in September



We will be kicking-off the League year on Thursday, September 22, with a presentation from WomanLore -- bringing to life powerful women of bygone eras.

Our program will be "Agatha Christie: The Mystery of Living"

adapted and performed by Betsey Means.

The program will be held at Prairie Path Books, 302 E. Wesley, Wheaton at 7:00 p.m.

(Networking at 6:30 p.m.) While space is limited, we encourage you to invite prospective League members as your guests.

Getting out the vote!

Thank you

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to our 2015-16
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Our League Voter Service volunteers are the best!

From activity chairs to registrars, they are determined to get out the vote:



- Eight voters were registered at the Wheaton Public Library last week alone.
- Allene Harding registered voters at Sunrise Senior Living..
- Look for League registrars at the Wheaton French Market on September 17, 24 and October 1.
- September 26 is National Voter Registration Day and League has reached out to Wheaton College to register students the following day.
- Instructional information will be provided to our high schools on registering to vote online.
- Mock elections will be held at the high schools on October 6. More information and a call for volunteers is below.
- On October 16, the Wheaton League and five other Leagues will sponsor a Candidate Forum being arranged by LWV Glen Ellyn. Candidates invited are DuPage Forest Preserve Dist. 4, DuPage County Board Dist. 4, DuPage County Recorder, 46th and 48th Dist. State Representatives, 23rd Dist. State Senate, and 6th U.S. Congressional Dist.
- A candidate Meet & Greet will be sponsored by the Wheaton League on October 18. Candidates will be invited to informally mingle and talk to League members and guests that evening.

C. James Carr,
former Mayor,
City of Wheaton

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Frank Saverino,
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Erik Spande,
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and all our League
members who
made donations this
past year!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 13 BOOK CLUB

7:00 p.m.

Home of Diane
Niesman
Wheaton

September 21 LWVIL STATE OF THE STATE

Where you can help ...

Your League needs you ...

- Volunteers are needed to register voters at Wheaton's French Market on September 17, 24 and/or October 1. Contact [Allene Harding](#) if you are a registrar and can help out.
- The LWV of Wheaton in cooperation with the DuPage County Election Commission will participate in the 2016 Illinois Student Vote (Mock Elections) on Thursday, October 6. This is made possible by a grant from the McCormick Foundation to LWVIL. Eighteen high schools, including four local schools, will participate, as they have since 2008. Two or three League volunteers are needed at each of these four local high schools.

For you to plan your day, Wheaton North and West Chicago will hold elections during lunch hours and Wheaton-Warrenville South and Glenbard North will hold elections all day. Further details will be provided to participating volunteers. Students who have not yet registered to vote will be encouraged to use the online voting method.

Training will be provided on October 5 at 10:00 a.m. at the DuPage Election Commission office in the large meeting room. One league volunteer from each school must participate in the training, but all volunteers are welcome. Please contact [Barb Laimins](#) or [Missey Wilhelm](#) if you are willing to volunteer at one of the schools.

- Be on a committee. Communications, Education, Membership, and Voter Service are looking for participation. Contact [Pat](#)

LUNCHEON

11:30 a.m.

Union League Club

Chicago

[More information](#)

September 22

SEPTEMBER

PROGRAM

'Agatha Christie'
from WomanLore

7:00 p.m.

(6:30 p.m. Social)

Prairie Path Books

Wheaton

October 11

DRINKS &

DISCUSSION

6:00 p.m.

Cooper's Corner

Winfield

October 13

BOARD MEETING

Wheaton

October 16

CANDIDATE

FORUM

1:00 to 5:15 p.m.

Spring Avenue

Recreation Center

Glen Ellyn

October 18

CANDIDATE MEET

& GREET

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Location TBD

October 20

OCTOBER

Schwarze who will forward to the chairs.

- We would like to have greeters and someone to help with coffee/tea at meetings. Contact Pat Schwarze.

PROGRAM
On the Judiciary
7:00 p.m.
Warrenville Public
Library

From League Leadership

It's been a busy month for League leadership:

- Membership renewals are ahead of last year. Thank you everyone who has renewed.
- The new LWV Coalition for the College of DuPage is off the ground. This was initiated by the Wheaton League and brought to fruition through the efforts of Diane Niesman. Look for their report in this newsletter.
- As you can see, Voter Service has been very active, but so have other groups. I was at Cafe on the Park when two committees were meeting -- same time, same place. Loved all the work and sharing done!
- The Salad Supper is back. It will precede the October Program meeting as a special event for members and their guests before doors are opened to the public. Our October program will be on the Judiciary.
- An updated Member Directory and Members Handbook will be send on October 3. Be sure your information is up-to-date.

Patricia Schwarze, President
League of Women Voters of Wheaton

News you need to know

Drinks & Discussion

Mark your calendar now for Drinks & Discussion on Tuesday, October 11 when we will talk about "The Future of Municipalities" with Don Rose, newly retired Wheaton City Manager, and Greg Bielawski, former Carol Stream Village Manager. They will discuss and lead a discussion on the municipality and its future, noting the trends: financial, legal, labor issues consolidation and national

models. How will consolidation play out as government seeks to streamline, yet provide resident-desired services at an acceptable cost? How will cost/income trends change?

We will meet at Cooper's Corner, 27W150 Roosevelt Road, Winfield. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., presentation at 6:00 p.m. This program is free for League members; \$10 for nonmembers and guests (can be credited toward membership dues if joining in October). Cash bar.

Coalition for the College of DuPage

The Coalition held an organizational meeting on September 1. There were 9 of the 13 members in attendance, and it was a very productive two hour meeting.

Jan Dorner, from the Elmhurst League, provided observer training. We approved a mission statement and scheduled observers for the next six months of Board meetings (Sept. 2016 - Feb. 2017). We also are designing an updated observer report form.

We have a goal to send, within two weeks of each meeting, an objective monthly report to all the local League Presidents within COD District 502. Our aim will be to make the monthly reports informative enough to be posted on websites and social media pages.

The Coalition will also hold quarterly meetings and send all the League Presidents quarterly reports, which may recommend some form of advocacy.

Mission Statement: 'Ensure the governance of the College of DuPage is transparent and accountable.'

WANTED: Your input on PR

We are reviewing how we communicate with the community. When we outlined our priorities for this year, we determined ...

- to be visible and to be identified as a nonpartisan organization
- to include all the communities we serve

- to become involved in local activities

This is a challenge. Times have changed. We don't have the local media that existed years ago, nor do we have as many local business owners as we once had in our towns.

Here is what we are doing now:

- We belong to three chambers of commerce and utilize their newsletters, announcements and events to make our activities known to business people.
- We send media releases and calendar dates to The Daily Herald, Patch, My Suburban Life, Carol Stream Press, and local Tribune.
- We post information on Face Book. (Be sure to friend us.)
- We send event information to the libraries.
- We also send event information to people who have attended our programs in the past.
- We are placing mini-posters in those businesses that will allow it.

Do you have other suggestions and ideas to share? Comments? We want to hear from you at president@wheatonlwwil.org.

Advocacy Update from LWVUS

League Sends Letter to Major Party Leadership on Claims of Voter Fraud

The League joined the Election Protection Coalition and its member groups on an [open letter](#) to the Democratic, Republican, Green and Libertarian parties. The letter addresses political calls for increased presence of law enforcement officials and election observers at polling places in November. The League and others believe that a continued call for protection against voter fraud will dissuade voters, especially communities of color, from participating on Election Day.

League Sends Comments to Census Bureau

The League sent [comments to the U.S. Census Bureau](#) regarding the decision to continue using the “usual residence” rule. The rule counts incarcerated citizens at their prison addresses rather than their home address. The League believes that the Bureau’s decision undermines the redistricting process in states across the country by distorting state and federal legislative districts. This upsets the balance of power and disproportionately underrepresents

minority populations in communities across the country.

League Joins Letter to Senate Urging Aid for Flint

The League joined [a letter to the U.S. Senate](#) urging them to deliver much needed federal aid to the community of Flint, Michigan in response to the devastating lead contamination its citizens continue to suffer.

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