



The Voter

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From the Executive Committee

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Important Dates!

11/17	Consensus on Study of Federal Funding for Education
12/3	Holiday Brunch



The leaves have turned, the air is crisp....it must be autumn....it must be autumn, a time when we turn our attention to family, holidays, and another year flown by. Don't forget your League family. We'd like to see many of you on November 17th at the consensus meeting for the LWVUS Education Study: The Role of Federal Government in Education. This is an important process which could refine and define the League's position for years to come. If you've never been to a consensus meeting, try it; you'll like it.



Lori Miller did another outstanding job as moderator of the "State of Community" meeting on October 20th. Mayor Mike Gresk, Park District VP Terry Mee, and District 200 Board President Rosemary Swanson all gave short and informative talks, and then took questions from the audience of 30 or more. For members who could not attend, the City of Wheaton website and Channel 10 TV will be rebroadcasting the evening.

To finish our 2011 League calendar, the ever popular Holiday brunch is scheduled for Saturday, December 3rd at Phil and Mary Suess' home. The Board of Directors will once again treat our members to delicious food and delightful company. Bobbi Walsh is our new Special Events and Projects Chair. If any members want to lend a hand, please contact Bobbi.

Hope you all had a fun Halloween and have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Your Executive Committee
 Liz, Denise, Di and Olga



Welcome New Members!

Bev Becker
Lisa Brennan
Sandy Pihos
Catherine Rajcan
Charice Shiana



Privatization Study

The LWVUS is starting to send materials for this study. I will Chair a Study Committee, if any members are interested in the topic. Just let me know.

Di Niesman



You can now follow us on FACEBOOK





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**
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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.

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To all Wheaton LWV members

The Wheaton LWV board invites you to our annual holiday
brunch.

This is our treat to you.

Join us at 10:00 am
Saturday December 3, 2011
At Phil & Mary Suess' home

No need to RSVP
The board will provide the food.
Come, relax and enjoy the company of the league.

The LWV Board

Contact:

Bobbi Walsh

For more information

Or to help with set up or clean up

Action Roundup

EDUCATION STUDY CONSENSUS MEETING @ 6:30 PM Thursday November 17th

Why is LWVUS doing this study and consensus?

- Without a position on the Federal role in education, we cannot comment on or encourage change to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, which includes No Child Left Behind.
 - Do we want a voice in improving the failing policy of NCLB?
- Without a position on funding and equity, we cannot speak to the role the Federal government should have in ensuring that all children have access to decent schools, including funds for early childhood and special education.
 - Do we want a voice in ensuring that education is well-funded for all children?
- Without a position on common core standards, we cannot comment on any national curriculum that may be proposed. LWVIL currently supports local control of education, to reflect the individual needs of a district, as well as basic state-set standards for educational attainment.
 - Do we want a voice in discussing a national curriculum and standards?

Missey Wilhelm will facilitate the meeting; Beth O'Malley will record the discussion. Joan Fefferman, Pam Belfor, Roberta Jacobson and Diane Niesman will present background material on history, common core standards, and funding and equity issues. We'll touch on LWV positions as well. These will be brief reminders—no substitute for your own review of the materials.

Don't wait another moment to engage with the education issues and questions.

Help us raise our voices in this important national debate. Read the wealth of material available at <http://www.wheatonlwvil.org/edstudy.html>

The evening's plan:

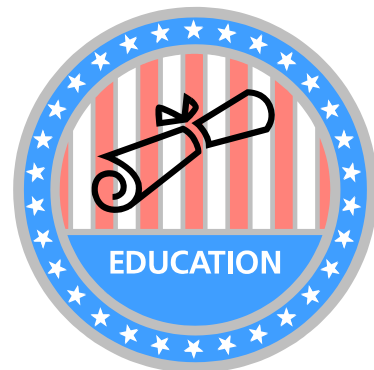
6:30 Introductions and presentations

7:30 Consensus questions' discussion

8:50 Recorder reviews/reaffirms sense of the meeting.

9:00 Close

Questions: Call or email Roberta Jacobson



LWVIL Sustainable Food and Water Subcommittee Tours

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2011

9:30 am Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences
3857 W 111th St in Chicago, (111th and Pulaski Rd.)

1:00 pm IIT Institute for Food Safety and Health
6502 South Archer Road, in Bedford Park

RSVP at LWVFood@gmail.com

The Sustainable Food and Water subcommittee is proud to offer a unique opportunity to members interested in food production. The two venues are about 10 miles apart and transportation is on your own. You may attend either or both tours but RSVPs are mandatory.

Morning Tour

CHICAGO HIGH SCHOOL FOR AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES -- RSVP BY NOVEMBER 3

CHAS is a unique high school emphasizing a wide range of ag sciences. This last working farm in Chicago focuses on both crop and livestock production and management including large animals, a closed loop aquaponic system raising tilapia and basil, greenhouses, orchard, and a golf course among other features. See www.chicagoagr.org/ for more information about the school and its curriculum.

The student-led tour runs approximately 45 minutes to an hour. You can visit their farm stand after the tour to purchase items.

Afternoon Tour

IIT INSTITUTE FOR FOOD SAFETY AND HEALTH -- RSVP BY OCTOBER 27

IIT's Institute for Food Safety and Health (<http://www.iit.edu/ifsh/>) is a one-of-a-kind applied food research institute that works with the FDA, USDA, and food processors. It provides stakeholders the opportunity to develop and exchange knowledge, experience, and expertise to address key issues in food safety, food defense, and nutrition. Two examples of recent research include development of a test method for simultaneously detecting up to 40 pesticide residues on produce, and migration of plastic packaging constituents into food. A recently produced report provides an overview of the Institute's work (http://www.iit.edu/ifsh/about/pdfs/ifsh_6pager_links_singles.pdf).

This 1.5 hour tour led by professional staff includes a Good Manufacturing Practices pilot plant and a Biosafety Level 3 (BSL-3) biocontainment space—the only working facility of its kind in the U.S. where researchers can study the behavior of pathogens in real-world food processing conditions. Closed-toe shoes are a must, walking shoes are highly recommended; hard-hats will be supplied. As the Institute is a secured facility, no walk-ins will be permitted. The RSVP deadline is necessary to schedule the appropriate number of staff.

Oct. 3, 2011 City Council Meeting Highlights

Residents Appointed to Commissions

The Council reappointed for three-year terms: Renée Webb to the Community Relations Commission; Joseph Tyna to the Environmental Improvement Commission; Pat Schwarze and Chris Ellerman to the Group Care Home Commission; and Emelie Engling to the Historic Commission.



Chamber Stuff a Truck with Food Campaign Kicks Off

Mayor Gresk encouraged the community to support the Chamber of Commerce's Stuff a Truck with Food campaign, which is also a part of Make A Difference Day. Collection boxes are in place throughout the community at local businesses, City Hall and other locations to collect healthy non-perishable food for the People's Resource Center. Laurie Swanson and

Kerry O'Brien accepted a proclamation from Mayor Gresk regarding the Chamber's Make A Difference Day project.



Council Recognizes Illinois Junior Week

Wheaton Junior Woman's Club President Kimberly Smith accepted a proclamation from Mayor Gresk recognizing the group's service to the community and declaring Oct. 23-29 Illinois Junior Week. The volunteer service organization's objective is to train young women to be leaders and to encourage a sense of service in young women. Among the

group's programs are Buddy Baseball and a Tribute Night to support the Wheaton VFW.

Oct. 17, 2011 City Council Meeting Highlights

Council Approves Repairs to Parking Garages

To address structural maintenance needs at the Wesley Street and Cross Street parking garages, the Council approved a bid for \$212,577 to complete the repairs. Last year's snow fall and snow removal operations accelerated the need for repair of the parking structures, and City staff believes some of the repair work must be completed before the upcoming winter season. Repairs include concrete repair; expansion joint repair and replacement; and brick and masonry repair. Because some of the damage occurred during snow removal, the City will attempt to recoup repair costs from the snow removal contractor.



Telephone Services Contract Approved

The Council approved a seven-year contract with Call One for telephone services and equipment for municipal buildings. The contract will replace outdated equipment, address service problems of increasing frequency and

severity the City has experienced, and save the City \$52,500 over the length of the contract.

Ordinance Removes Property from Proposed Special Service Area

The Council voted 4-2 in favor of removing the properties at 218 E. Wesley St. and 232 W. Willow Ave. from proposed Special Service Area 7. The Downtown Wheaton Association intended for the Special Service Area not to include residential properties. The property at 232 W. Willow Ave. is a former commercial site that was rehabbed and divided into residential units, and the contract purchaser of the 218 E. Wesley St. site is working on plans to construct a future residential project.



League of Women Voters Week is Oct. 24-30

In honor of the Wheaton chapter of the League of Women Voters' efforts to promote participation by an informed electorate, Mayor Michael Gresk presented a proclamation to Beth O'Malley making Oct. 24-30 League of Women Voters Week in Wheaton. O'Malley noted the chapter would host its annual State of Our Community forum at 7:30 p.m. Oct.

20 at the Wheaton Park District Community Center.



Fire Personnel Honored for Saving Two Trapped Firefighters

Wheaton Fire Chief Berk presented Unit Citation Awards to Lt. John McDonnell, Firefighter Kevin King and Firefighter Matthew Berk for their efforts during a fire July 11, 2011 in saving two trapped firefighters.



Fire Chief Berk also presented a Citation Award to Deputy Chief William Schultz, who remained in the building and ensured all individuals made it out safely.

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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