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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF WHEATON
Serving the people of Wheaton, Winfield, West Chicago, Warrenville, and Carol Stream

Summer 2016

Thank you



What happened at the League Annual Meeting?

1. The Budget for 2016-17 was adopted.
2. An increase in dues was approved. See *'Time to Renew'* below.
3. The bylaws were amended to better define committees.
4. The League's Transportation position was

**Thank you
to our 2015-16
sponsors:**

Tim Benshoof
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Joseph Cantore,
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Forest Preserve
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of DuPage County

C. James Carr,
former Mayor,
City of Wheaton

amended to address "travel routes and parking options."

5. The League adopted a new Parks and Recreation position.
6. Elections were held.
7. The Marget Hamilton Award was presented to Jan Kay for her years of outstanding service to the League and the community.

Meet your new Board

President*	Patricia Schwarze
Vice President*	Shannon Burns
Vice President	Liz Quigg
Secretary*	Barbara Laimins
Treasurer*	Nancy Wilen
Director*	Liz Corry
Director**	Kate Forhan
Director*	Carrie Fullerton
Director	Allene Harding
Director	Barbara Kilton
Director	Diane Knable
Director*	Paula McGowen

The 2017 Nominating Committee:

Chair	Olga Rammer
Members*	Jane Hodgkinson Roberta Jacobson
Members**	Shannon Burns Liz Corry

* Elected, ** Appointed

Time to Renew

David Diersen
GOP USA Illinois

Alan Murphy
Forest Preserve
District 6
of DuPage County

Frank Saverino,
President
Village of
Carol Stream

Erik Spande,
President,
Village of Winfield

and all our League
members who
made donations this
past year!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

July 12
BOOK CLUB
7:00 p.m.
Pat Schwarze's
home
Wheaton

August 11
and
September 8
LWV BOARD
MEETING
7:00 p.m.

Later this month you will receive your renewal statement from Treasurer Nancy Wilen. The new dues year begins July 1 and your dues investment would be appreciated on or near that date. These are the new dues levels:

- \$85.00 per member
- \$127.50 per household
- \$42.50 for students

When renewing, please tell us what committee you would like to work with, either all year or on a one-time basis. Your League depends on the quality of volunteers like you!

Agatha Christie in September

We will be kicking-off the League year with a presentation from WomanLore -- bringing to life powerful women of bygone eras. Our program will be "Agatha Christie: The Mystery of Living" on Thursday, September 22.

News you need to know

Honoring Jan Kay

Long-time League member Jan Kay was presented with the Marget Hamilton Award at the Annual Meeting in May. Jan began her local League career as Publicity Chair, but you may better know her as Housing Chair and Economic Development Chair today. She has been president of the Wheaton League on more than one occasion and served as Social Policies specialist for LWWIL for many years.

But it doesn't stop here for Jan. She has worked with the Wheaton Housing Commission, District 200 Engage Committee, St. Mark's Food Pantry, as well

Gary United
Methodist Church
Wheaton

**September 21
LWVIL STATE OF
THE STATE
LUNCHEON**

11:30 a.m.
Union League Club
Chicago

[More information](#)

**September 22
SEPTEMBER UNIT
PROGRAM**

from WomanLore
7:00 p.m.
(6:30 p.m. Social)
Prairie Path Books
Wheaton



as several DuPage County, Chicago and state-wide organizations. We are pleased to be able to add this award to her shelf of honors! (*Right, Liz Quigg presents the Marget Hamilton Award to Jan Kay. Jan's husband Tom is in the foreground.*)

Book Club schedule

LWV Wheaton's Book Club schedule is set for the next six months:

July 12, Tuesday

My Life on the Road by Gloria Steinem (October 2015, 320 pp)

Discussion Leader: Mary Tupper, at the home of Pat Schwarze

September 13, Tuesday

Angle of Repose by Wallace Stegner (1971, 674 pp)

Discussion Leader: Diane Niesman at the home of Mary Tupper

November 15, Tuesday

Ordinary Grace by William Krueger (2014, 336 pp)

Discussion Leader: Roberta Jacobson at the home of Barbara Wonser

Don Westlake: You can't make this stuff up!

On Wednesday, June 15, popular author and presenter (and League member) Don Westlake will present a new collection of delightful stories taken from every phase of his life: boyhood, college, the U.S. Army, marriage, parenthood, professional life, and retirement. The program runs from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at The Leisure Center, Memorial Park, 208 W. Union, Wheaton. Enjoy an old-fashioned ice cream social afterwards. There is a \$5 fee. Register at 630-665-1415. This event is sponsored by CareLinx.

Career Fair

DuPage Pads first annual Career Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, June 10, at 703 West Liberty in Wheaton. Admission is free and open to the public.

Attendees will have the opportunity to network with representatives from 12 local employers from a variety of fields including healthcare, manufacturing,

security, tech support and more. Click [here](#) to learn more about the Career Fair.

Drawing from our League Survey

A majority of our survey respondents (84%) indicated that they were aware of the Wheaton League's long-and short-term committees, but only 21% indicated that they knew what committees were indicated within League. Fifty-three percent (53%) indicated that they knew of "some but not all" committees, while 19% had no awareness of existing committees.

The majority of members (83%) knew that they "can become a member of" a committee, while 17% either never thought about becoming a committee member or did not know that committee membership was an available option.

When asked if they knew that they could provide input into a committee without being a member of the committee, 60% indicated in the affirmative and 26% "never thought about it." Only 14% were unaware of this option.

Seventy-seven percent (77%) of members indicate awareness of the fact that some committees are short-term and exist only for a specific, short-term purpose. Most members (72%) were aware that "some committees are long term, designed to manage LWV-Wheaton business".

Not all members are aware that some committees and tasks are dictated by LWV state or national policies (27% were not aware) while 63% were aware of this fact. Sixty-seven percent (67%) knew "that local committees have a great deal of flexibility in what they study or promote" while 33% were either unaware or never thought about it.

Advocacy Update from LWVUS

League Opposes the FY2017 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill

The League joined [a letter](#) opposing FY2017 for the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, H.R. 5055, because of

bad environmental riders. This legislation would cut funding for energy innovation, promote irresponsible use of water and ocean resources and undermine safe nuclear waste storage.

League Opposes Riders to 2017 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations

The League joined [a letter](#) with coalition partners calling for members of the House and Senate to oppose riders, especially campaign finance riders, to the 2017 Financial Services and General Government (FSGG) Appropriations bill.

TAKE ACTION: Fix the Federal Election Commission (REMINDER)

Based on our [new position on Money in Politics](#), the League has endorsed legislation by Senator Tom Udall (D- NM) that would create a new independent agency to replace the Federal Election Commission. The Federal Election Administration Act of 2016, would restructure the Federal Election Commission (FEC) as a five-member commission. The League sent a [letter](#) to the U.S. Senate in support of this bill and members of the Lobby Corps will be visiting Senate offices throughout May. League members can also [contact their members of Congress](#) to address this issue using our latest action alert.

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