



Weekly Newsletter

January 5, 2020

New Fun Fact of the Week Feature at the End!

No Drinks & Discussion This Month

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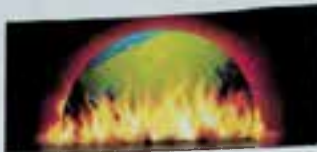
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Save the Dates for the "Great

Decisions" Series

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Jan 28	Climate Change and the Global Order
Feb 11	India and Pakistan
Feb 25	Red Sea Security
Mar 10	Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking
Apr 14	US Relations with The North Triangle
Apr 28	China's Road into Latin America
May 12	Philippines and the US
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Program Planning - Your Voice Needed!

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS! Program (our set of positions and action foci) is a big part of what League is all about, and we need YOUR input to help us make sure we're representing our membership.

We held a preliminary local program planning session last Thursday, and while it was a stimulating and productive conversation about our priorities for the coming year, we need more members represented.

Please take this quick poll to help us choose a date for our next Program Planning Workshop.

Our Role in National Program Planning

The LWVUS Biennial Convention is coming up this summer, and local Leagues get a say in National program decisions.

There are two big, and related, issues that we are being asked to weigh in on.

1. Concurrence on new LWVUS voter representation/electoral systems position: LWVUS is asking all Leagues to consider *concurrence* on a new national position intended to "provide a clear, flexible base of principles for evaluating electoral options to enhance the voice of more voters." [Get the details here.](#)

2. LWVUS Position to abolish the Electoral College: For more than 50 years LWVUS has had a position to abolish the Electoral College. However, because it's not a National action focus, state and local Leagues are not able to advocate for it. The State League's Electoral College Committee is looking to change that by proposing it as an action focus at the LWVUS Convention. The State committee is asking local Leagues to support this effort. [Get details and be prepared to vote vea or nay on this.](#)

So, when are we discussing and voting on the LWVUS Program? We're thinking of having an online meeting for this:

- There **WILL** be opportunities for open discussion during the meeting.

- You **DO NOT** need any special equipment to participate. You'll get a link to open in your web browser that will allow you to see discussion documents.

- You **DO NOT** need a camera or microphone on your computer.

- You will be given a phone number so you can call in to the meeting on your phone.

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ISSUES BRIEFING

FEB. 15, 2020 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 2020 VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Sat Feb 15th 10:00am - 4:00pm

Northeastern Illinois University, 5500 N St Louis
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Mark your calendars for the 2020 LWVIL Issues Briefing scheduled for Saturday, February 15th, 2020 from 9 am - 4 pm at Northeastern Illinois University in Lincoln Square. This event is designed as a full day including lunch, but you can attend just the morning or afternoon session. There are many interesting speakers who are experts on the issues at state and local levels, and it's a great opportunity for networking. Details for the program may be found on the LWVIL website. Act quickly since early bird discount ends 2/1.

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Register for Alice Paul

Area Leagues to Co-host Women's History Month Luncheon on Sunday, March 8

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Wilmette Golf Club Restaurant, 3900 Fairway
Drive, Wilmette

*Topic: Title IX: Did Legislation Level the Playing
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Saturday, Feb. 15th, 9:00 am - 4:00
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Northeastern Illinois University, 5500 N St Louis
Ave, Chicago, IL 60625

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February 3 marks the anniversary of two Constitutional Amendments:

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1913 - The 16th Amendment was ratified, granting Congress the authority to collect income taxes.





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February 14, 2020
10:00 - 11:15 AM
Congress Plaza Hotel
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Chicago, IL 60604

Register for the LWVIL 100th Celebration



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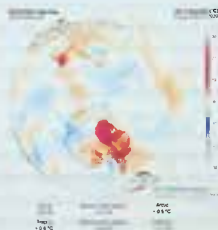
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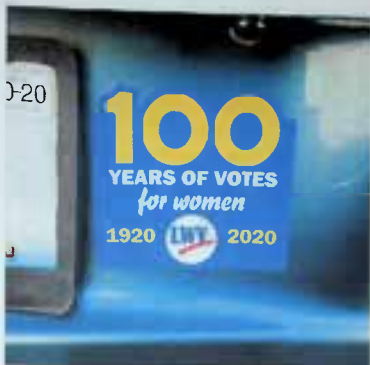


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Weekly Newsletter

February 23, 2020

BREAKING NEWS!

Our League Will be the Lake Bluff 4th of July Parade Marshall!

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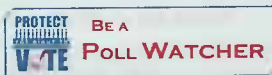
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reject any proposed changes to the bylaws, and to
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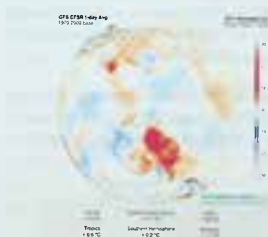
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Julius Caesar introduced the first leap year around

46 B.C., but his Julian calendar had only one rule, which was that any year evenly divisible by four would be a leap year. It turns out that the extra day every four years was an over-correction, but the error wasn't discovered until Pope Gregory XIII introduced his Gregorian calendar more than 1,500 years later. So there's a leap year every year that is divisible by four, but century years also must be divisible by 400. So, the year 2000 was a leap year, but the years 1700, 1800 and 1900 were not, nor will 2100 be.



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Weekly Newsletter

March 1, 2020

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and Trivia Contest**

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League of Women Voters. There will be light snacks provided, and prizes will be awarded for correct answers. We hope to see you there!



Area Leagues to Co-host Women's History Month Luncheon on Sunday, March 8

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Wilmette Golf Club Restaurant, 3900 Fairway
Drive, Wilmette

Topic: Title IX: Did Legislation Level the Playing
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NARRATED BY
JEFFREY WRIGHT

Tuesday, March 10, 6:30-8:30 PM
(film will start promptly at 6:45 PM)
Winnetka Public Library, Lloyd Room*

RIGGED:

A new documentary film by Jeff Wright, titled "RIGGED: The Voter Suppression Playbook," is being shown at the Winnetka Public Library on Tuesday, March 10, 6:30-8:30 PM. The film will start promptly at 6:45 PM. The film is a powerful and timely work that explores the tactics used by the political establishment to suppress the vote of African American and other minority voters. It is a must-see for anyone interested in the history of voter suppression and the current state of the American political system.

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HELLO!

New Members!

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16**

Join us for lively league conversation. Learn about

our chapter, chat with other new members, Board members, and ask any questions about the League of Women Voters.

Please select **OPTION 1** or **OPTION 2**, then kindly send an RSVP to Emily Watts (ewatts@ilstu.edu) by Wednesday, March 11, 2020. We will respond with location directions.

OPTION 1:

What: Coffee & Conversation

When: March 16, 2020 from 9 to 10 AM

Where: Home of our League President, Laurie Rose

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Fun Fact of the Week

Politician and playwright Claire Boothe Luce was born in New York City on March 10, 1903. She served in the House of Representatives from 1943 to 1947 and then became the first woman appointed as U.S. ambassador to a major country (Italy).



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RSVP to jwvcentennialgala@gmail.com





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LF-LB Canceled**

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We hope to reschedule the event in the fall.





Weekly Newsletter

March 15, 2020

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE LWV-LF/LB AREA

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS'
OF LAKE FOREST/LAKE BLUFF AREA

Weekly Newsletter

March 22, 2020

ARE YOU OK?

If you find your self all alone and in despair during this time of seclusion, please do not hesitate to reach out to your fellow LWV members. We are here for each other as much as we are here to fulfill our mission. Sometimes all we need is a friendly "hello" to brighten our day. If you need assistance, or if you are available to provide assistance, please send an email to Lynette Foss at lfoss621@sbcglobal.net. Together we can do anything!

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Weekly Newsletter

March 29, 2020

A Message from Our League President

Members,

In this extraordinary and unusual time, rest assured that the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Area will continue to work together to find extraordinary and unusual solutions to the challenges posed by COVID-19. The Board of Directors is monitoring and updating our response plan on an ongoing basis in order to determine how we should operate throughout the duration of the pandemic. Please be sure to check your email and our web page for updates on rescheduled and reformatted meetings and events.

#stayathome Stuck at home and feeling like you can't take action? You can! Make sure to complete the 2020 Census and email your contacts to remind them to do the same. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for information and

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Currently, we have a total of 155 members. 75 reside in Lake Forest and 38 in Lake Bluff, impressive numbers given the size of these communities. The remaining 42 members reside in an additional 19 villages, towns, unincorporated areas, or cities: Chicago, Deerfield, Grayslake, Green Oaks, Gurnee, Hainesville, Highland Park, Highwood, Kildeer, Knollwood, Lake Villa, Lake Zurich, Libertyville, Morton Grove, Mundelein, Northbrook, Vernon Hills, Wadsworth and Waukegan. That's quite an extensive reach! These members help to bring valuable perspective to our decisions.

We hope this closer look reveals some more about our chapter. Ask your neighbors to join the League! For more information go to www.lwy-llfb.org

Sad News About a Local Leader

It is with great sadness that we share with you the current health status of past Village Board President Chris Letchinger. She has been under treatment for ovarian cancer for two years and is now in hospice care at home.

Because of the pandemic, the family does not want food delivered, and visits are out of the question, so if you know her it would be wonderful to send a card or letter or email letting her know you're thinking of her. Please help spread the word to others. Her contact information is:

Chris Letchinger, 535 E. Scranton Ave., Lake Bluff, IL 60044

Fun Fact of the Week

Some historians speculate that April Fools' Day dates back to 1582, when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar, as called for by the Council of Trent in 1563. People who were slow to get the news or failed to recognize that the start of the new year had moved to January 1 and continued to celebrate it during the last week of March through April 1 became the butt of jokes and hoaxes.

These pranks included having paper fish placed on their backs and being referred to as *poisson d'avril* (April fish), said to symbolize a young, "easily hooked" fish and a gullible person.

April Fools' Day spread throughout Britain during the 18th century. In Scotland, the tradition became a two-day event, starting with "hunting the gowk," in which people were sent on phony errands (gowk is a word for cuckoo bird, a symbol for fool) and followed by Tailie Day, which involved pranks played on people's derrieres, such as pinning fake tails or "kick me" signs on them. - *History.com*



Dear Valued LWV-LF/LB Area Members,

Winston Churchill once observed that "It is no use saying we are doing our best. You have got to succeed in doing what is necessary."

In the spirit of Churchill's recommendation, **I am requesting that you vote online TODAY on some clarifications to our bylaws.**

While we all prefer the camaraderie of in person meetings and the delicious meals that often accompany them, these clarifications will provide us with the flexibility we need to proceed with the remainder of our meetings during the duration of the pandemic. As we begin to enjoy virtual lunches and happy hours with family and friends, I invite you to enjoy an appetizer or cocktail during a virtual LWV meeting!

The clarifications were recently created by our 2020 Bylaws Committee and approved by both the 2020 Bylaws Committee and the League of Women Voters-Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Area Board of Directors.

Please respond TODAY (we have a deadline under IL law) by **reviewing the changes online and casting your vote ASAP** if you approve of these clarifications. I urge your prompt approval (there are deadlines under the IL non-profit law) and I (and the Bylaws Committee) stand ready to address any questions you may have regarding this matter.

Stay healthy,

Laurie Rose

President

League of Women Voters-Lake Forest/Lake Bluff
Area

RESPOND NOW





Weekly Newsletter

April 5, 2020

MEMBER ACTION ITEMS



A Message from Our League President

Members,

As the earth turns to green, we are excited to partner with Green Minds, a local environmental group, as we participate in their Green Circle initiative. Spend less than 10 seconds with your phone, iPad or laptop before April 10th to show your support for all things "green minded." It's easy and safe! Check out the following link for full directions and a simple "how to" video.

<https://marcus0264.wixsite.com/greenminds>

Our League takes action on "positions"-- or statements relating to policy issues. Did you know that the League of Women Voters has been supporting initiatives and legislation relating to clean air and clean water since the 1970's? Decades ago, the environment was a Republican issue. Today, it's typically part of a Democratic platform. The League is non-partisan. We maintain our positions without regard to party and, at the local level, we support policies to reduce solid waste and the stewardship and preservation of our natural resources. Learn more about these issues tonight - by watching on a PBS documentary tonight about the use of plastics.

<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/plastic-wars/>

Laurie Rose, Esq.

President

League of Women Voters-Lake Forest/Lake Bluff
Area

Join the LF/LB Earth Day event!

A community-built video montage in appreciation
of the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day

Submission due April 10

(Earth Day is April 22).

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Lake Forest Lake Bluff

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FEATURES



Social Distancing...

This photo, submitted by board member Emily Watts, perfectly captures the current situation--the mood is gray and lonely, with the people having seemingly disappeared from the beautiful Lake Forest Beach. Even though we've been asked to stay home whenever possible, health officials also recommend getting outside for exercise and fresh air. The benches in this photo are a good guideline for remembering to stay at least six feet apart from

others while you enjoy the outdoors.

Fun Fact of the Week

On April 8, 1913, the 17th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified requiring direct popular election of U.S. senators. Previously, they had been chosen by state legislatures.





Weekly Newsletter

April 12, 2020



MEMBER ACTION ITEMS

STAY INFORMED BY FOLLOWING LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS VIRTUALLY

The City of Lake Forest, the Village of Lake Bluff and the Boards of Education in our communities have been meeting virtually following the implementation of Governor Pritzker's order. This is an excellent time to attend these meetings from the comfort of your home and stay informed on important local issues. No one knows what local

funding will look like in the near future – following these meetings is the best way to stay informed in a time when media coverage is dedicated to the pandemic.

The next virtual Lake Forest School District 115 (Lake Forest High School) Board of Education meeting will take place tomorrow:

At 5:30, the Board workshop begins, and is open to all.

At 7:00, the Regular Meeting begins, and is open to all.

The agendas for both of these can be found here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1C3_QL6nqGzRChM6EFcVdVTPI_UreTfWZ-LmGGorpnzE/edit

If you would like to speak at either the 5:30 or 7:00 sessions, you must sign up by noon on Monday the 13th. Contact Chief Technology Officer Jordan Salus at: jsalus@lfschools.net no later than 12:00 noon on the day of the meeting. The afternoon of the meeting, Mr. Salus will be in contact with those individuals regarding how to call in.

The live stream link will appear on the D115 Board of Education page between 4:00 and 4:30 PM on Monday.

<https://www.lakeforestschoools.org/board-of-ed/district-115-boe>

Important Reminder: If you haven't done so already, please visit the D115 [Facilities Master Plan](#)

Update page on the website for information on the Community Open House Overview, the four areas of future construction focus, provide your input, and review community feedback. *Please take a look over the weekend prior to the meeting Monday evening!*

You can also subscribe to the Board Meeting Highlights, a monthly e-newsletter that includes videos and summarizes discussions from the Board of Education meeting.

Also Tomorrow -Virtual Lake Bluff Village Board Meeting:

Monday, April 13, 2020, 7:00pm

Agenda, Packet, Minutes, and Video

Members of the public may view and participate in the meeting via:

Online (strongly recommended): lakebluff.org/VirtualMeeting

OR

Dial-in: [\(312\) 626-6799](tel:3126266799). Enter meeting ID 479 767 178. Press # when prompted for a Participant ID.

IMPORTANT: Additional instructions are available in the agenda packet immediately following the agenda.

The meeting will be live-streamed at lakebluff.org/Channel19 and broadcast live on Comcast Channel 19 with the most recent meeting

rebroadcast on Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. and
Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

The Lake Forest City Council (and its Finance Committee) Will Meet Virtually on April 20th

Our next newsletter will include details about
agendas and access to those meetings. If these
meetings intrigue you, consider becoming a part of
the LWV-LF/LB Observer Corps. We had planned to
hold in person Observer Corps training this spring.
Please contact LWV-LF/LB Board President Laurie
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Change to LWV-LF/LB Bylaws Regarding Meeting Virtually

The Board of Directors would like to thank those members who took the time to vote online and approve bylaw clarifications which will enable us to continue our work via electronic communications. We may have to hold our annual meeting virtually, so please stay tuned for more information on that.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Weekly Newsletter

April 19, 2020

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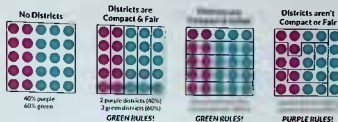
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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS'
OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Weekly Newsletter

April 26, 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Meeting to be Held Virtually on Thursday, May 21

Now that Governor Pritzker has extended the shelter order through the month of May, the LWV-LF/LB will hold its annual meeting virtually on Thursday, May 21, in the afternoon (time to be determined soon). Instructions for attending this Zoom meeting will be emailed to you along with a link to the downloadable agenda and meeting packet.

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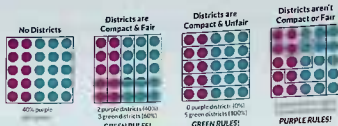
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Lake Bluff July 4th Parade Books to be Printed and Distributed

Despite the cancellation of the parade due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Lake Bluff 4th of July Parade Committee has decided to go ahead with the printing of the traditional parade book. Look for our League's submission of a letter from President Laurie Rose, and wonderful photo art from board member Nicki Snoblin. Lake Bluff Troop 42 Boy Scouts will deliver the books in late June.

Fun Fact of the Week

During this week in 1963, Gloria Steinem's expose' on the working conditions of Playboy Bunnies was published in "Show" magazine. This helped to launch Ms. Steinem's career as a leader in the feminist movement. Steinem has maintained that she is proud of the work she did publicizing the

exploitative working conditions of the bunnies and especially the sexual demands made of them, which skirted the edge of the law, even though nobody would hire her for a while after the article appeared.



A Bunny's Tale

Snow's First Expose
for Intelligent People
by Gloria Steinem

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Annual Meeting Invitation

We Need YOU!

Please Respond by May 6

Dear League Members,

It's time to get ready for our Annual Meeting! Please consider participating since we need a quorum to move forward with our yearly Program, approve bylaws changes, and approve the slate for the Board of Directors. (Budget approval will occur at a continuation of our meeting after businesses reopen.)

Due to the extended shelter order, we will meet virtually via the online meeting platform Zoom on Thursday, May 21st, at 5:00 PM. The "Zoom Room" will open fifteen minutes early for a bit of socialization beforehand, where you may feel free to enjoy your own food and beverages. We may also linger online after the meeting to continue to enjoy each others' virtual company.

Click the button below by May 6 to automatically register for the meeting, and to get a copy of the 2020 Annual Meeting Packet, which contains the meeting agenda and materials for you to review. The Zoom link to join the online meeting will be sent to all registrants in a separate email before the meeting.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you in our Zoom Room!

Laurie Rose, President

League of Women Voters-Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Area

Register for the Annual Meeting

P.S. If you haven't used Zoom yet, we encourage you to check out this short You Tube video to learn more:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lfqo8whfL3g>





Dear Member,

Thank you for registering to participate in our virtual Annual Meeting on May 21!

We understand some people have had difficulty downloading the Annual Meeting packet, which is essential to your informed participation in the meeting. We apologize for the inconvenience. Please try this link instead:

<https://www.lwv-lflb.org/sites/default/files/2020-annual-meeting-packet-final-online.pdf>

If you continue to have problems, respond to this email and we will send the packet to you directly.

More information on the meeting and how to participate will be coming soon, so please watch for our emails!

Thanks - "see" you on the 21st!





LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS
OF LAKE COUNTY, LAKE COUNTY AREA

Weekly Newsletter

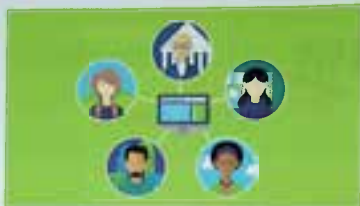
May 3, 2020

WE NEED YOU--ONLINE-- FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING!

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[Annual Meeting Registration and Packet](#)



FEATURES

Puns for Educated Minds

Introducing an amusing feature suggested by Lifetime Member Ann Grant. Our quip of the week:

"In a democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes."

Fun Fact of the Week

May 4 marks the 50th anniversary of the Kent State Massacre, during which the Ohio National Guard opened fire on student protesters, killing four and injuring 9.

It is also the 134th anniversary of the Haymarket Riot, during which a labor demonstration got out of hand when a bomb exploded.





Weekly Newsletter

May 10, 2020

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Annual Meeting Registration and Packet



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If a clock gets hungry, it goes back four seconds.

Fun Fact of the Week

Tuesday is the 200th anniversary of the birth date of Florence Nightingale. "The Lady with the Lamp" is considered the founder of the art of nursing, and rose to fame by developing hospital sanitation methods that saved hundreds of lives before it was widely understood that germs caused disease and infection. She was a supporter of science and statistics in a time when it was not popular for women to do so. She died in 1910 at the age of 90.





Weekly Newsletter

May 17, 2020

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING ON THURSDAY: TODAY IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!

We will hold our Annual Meeting virtually on this coming Thursday, May 21, at 5:00 PM. We sincerely hope you will join us since we need a quorum to complete our agenda. We had previously requested that you register by May 6, and then we extended that deadline so that more of you could join us, however we must close off registration after midnight today to prepare for the meeting.

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Annual Meeting Registration and Packet



UPCOMING EVENTS

2020

GOOD NEWS--Great Decisions is Back!

We have added the Great Decisions series back on our calendar as a virtual program. This is a collaboration between Lake Forest Library and the League of Women Voters-Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Area for the Foreign Policy Association's Great Decisions Program.

The next session is on **Tuesday, May 26, at 3:00 PM**. This is a time change from the usual in-person evening meeting time.

The topic under discussion is "The Philippines and the U.S." Participants must read the assigned topic from the briefing book. If you do not have the Great Decisions briefing book, please ask for a copy of the reading material when you register at the library.

The material provides background information, expert analysis and suggested discussion questions for our discussion. In addition there is 20 minute video that needs to be viewed prior to the meeting. The YouTube video link is on the library site when you register.

Registration is critical to receive the reading material and the video as well as the link to join the discussion on the platform, Windows 365 TEAMS that the library supports.

There is one more topic on Tuesday, June 9, "Artificial Intelligence and Data" to conclude this series. For more information please call Wyn Cain at 847-913-5730, or Happie Datt at 847-668-3608.

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FEATURES

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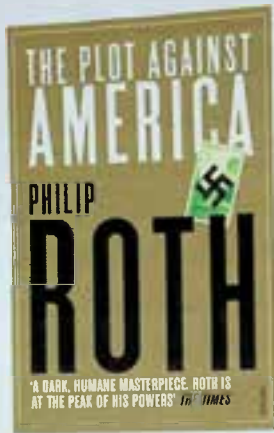
Fun Fact of the Week

This Wednesday marks the anniversary of Charles Lindbergh's departure on the first trans-Atlantic solo flight. "Lucky Lindy" was a very popular cultural hero in the late 1920s, gaining the nation's sympathy when his infant son was kidnapped and

murdered in 1932. In 1935 the Lindberghs moved to Europe, where Charles became a Nazi sympathizer. He returned to the US as World War II broke out, and became the spokesperson for the America First Committee, an Isolationist movement that would have essentially allowed the Nazis to take over Europe unchecked..

Author Philip Roth imagines what life in the US would have been like if Lindbergh had run for President and defeated Franklin Roosevelt in 1940 in his book, *The Plot Against America*.





Puns for Educated Minds

How do you comfort a grammar fanatic? Their,
they're, there.





Dear Member,

Thank you for registering to participate in tonight's virtual Annual Meeting! Below is the link for the online (Zoom) meeting at 5 pm:

<https://lakeforest.zoom.us/j/92254888742>

The Zoom "waiting room" will open at 4:45, so feel free to join in early for a little socializing!

If you are new to Zoom, here is a short video that demonstrates the basics:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lfqo8whfL3g%C2%A0>

You do NOT have to download any special software to join the meeting (*see note below). You can use Zoom on a computer or laptop that has a camera, a tablet, or even a smartphone.

Here is the link to the Annual Meeting packet, in case you should need it again:

<https://www.lwv-lflb.org/sites/default/files/2020-annual-meeting-packet-final-online.pdf>

Please review the packet before the meeting. You may wish to print out a copy to refer to during the

meeting.

"See" you shortly!

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May 24, 2020

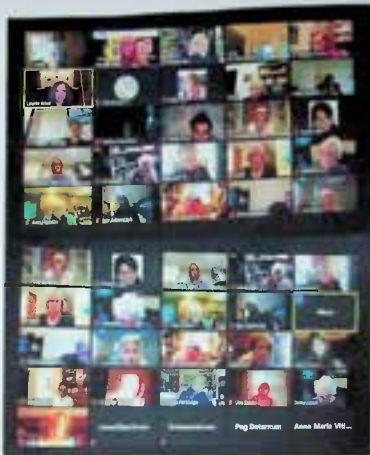
TOP STORIES

LWV-LF/LB Area Hosts Annual Meeting Virtually

On Thursday, May 21, our League held its Annual Meeting online via Zoom. There were 45 members in attendance ranging in age from 17 to 92! Attendees voted to accept the proposed slate of new Board members, the proposed program and action foci, and the bylaws amendments. For details on these items, please visit our League's web page at <https://www.lwv-lfjb.org/>.

The meeting was not officially adjourned since we still have to approve the budget, but until we have a better grasp on when we can return to "business as usual", it is difficult to plan. We hope to reconvene in the early fall to finalize the budget.

We thank all who attended since having a quorum was necessary, and hope to see the rest of you soon!



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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

GREAT
DECISIONS
SERIES

2020

Great Decisions

The Great Decisions series is back on our calendar as a virtual program. This is a collaboration between Lake Forest Library and the League of Women Voters-Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Area for the Foreign Policy Association's Great Decisions Program.

The next session is on **Tuesday, May 26, at 3:00 PM**. This is a time change from the usual in-person

evening meeting time.

The topic under discussion is "The Philippines and the U.S." Participants must read the assigned topic from the briefing book. If you do not have the Great Decisions briefing book, please ask for a copy of the reading material when you register at the library.

The material provides background information, expert analysis and suggested discussion questions for our discussion. In addition there is 20 minute video that needs to be viewed prior to the meeting. The YouTube video link is on the library site when you register.

Registration is critical to receive the reading material and the video as well as the link to join the discussion on the platform, Windows 365 TEAMS that the library supports.

There is one more topic on Tuesday, June 9, "Artificial Intelligence and Data" to conclude this series. For more information please call Wyn Cain at 847-913-5730, or Happie Datt at 847-668-3608.

Climate Change Interest Group Meeting-VIRTUAL

Thursday, May 28, 2020, 5:30 - 6:30 PM

The next meeting of the LWV LF/LB Area Climate Change Interest Group will take place on Thursday, May 28, 2020 from 5:30 - 6:30 PM on Zoom. You will be able to participate on video via your computer, phone or tablet, or simply call in on a

conference call line. There will be much to discuss!
Drop by virtually for stimulating conversations
about this important topic! If you have any
questions or would like the link and call-in
information, please call Joy Guscott-Mueller
(847.682.0699 or ejg@guscottmuellerlaw.com) or
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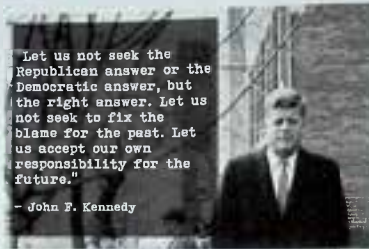
A Notice from LWV-LF/LB President Laurie Rose Regarding Criminal Justice

A true participatory democracy challenges and engages. The early history of the LWV included both unjustified arrests and inhumane treatment of imprisoned women who fought for suffrage. While we celebrate the passage of the 19th Amendment during this LWV Centennial year, we pause to remember that racism colored its eventual adoption.

Later this summer, I will convene and lead a LWV-LF/LB Zoom study group to examine the criminal justice system in Illinois. More information on exact dates and how you can participate will be forthcoming. I hope you will consider joining in this worthwhile effort.

The words of Representative John Lewis will guide us in this effort: "I see you, and I hear you. I know your pain, your rage, your sense of despair and hopelessness. Justice has, indeed, been denied for

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WEAR ORANGE

Moms Demand Action against Gun Violence

Wear Orange Day is Friday, June 5th!

The 6th National Gun Violence Awareness Day is when we honor the people shot and killed or wounded by gun violence, and survivors of gun violence. We honor them and renew our commitment to ending gun violence in America by taking action and taking part in Wear Orange. And for the entire weekend (June 5-7), we're holding virtual events across the country to raise awareness for gun violence prevention.

Moms Demand Action against Gun Violence is a fellow member of the **Illinois Council Against**

Handgun Violence

For more information, go
to <https://momsdemandaction.org/>

LWWIL Position (1976) Handgun Control

To curb the proliferation of the private ownership of handguns and their irresponsible use, the League supports a ban on the further manufacture, sale, transportation and importation of handguns and their parts.

LWWIL Position: (1989) Assault Weapons Control

- *The League advocates restricting access to automatic and semi-automatic assault type weapons by private individuals. These weapons present a clear and unequivocal danger to public safety. Therefore, the League believes that it is essential to restrict or prohibit the possession and sale, manufacture, importation and transportation of semi-automatic assault type weapons for private ownership. Additionally, the sale of ammunition for these weapons should be restricted or prohibited.*
- *The League favors restrictive legislation at both the state and federal levels.*

Virtual Mental Health Program Planned for June

Since the pandemic hit, there have been many areas of concern for all of us. Becoming sick with the virus, feelings of isolation, financial worries, and

more have weighed heavily on many, especially those who suffer from anxiety or depression. As we wrap up Mental Health Awareness Month, our League is putting together a virtual program, tentatively scheduled for Thursday, June 11, at 7:00 PM. You will hear from a licensed therapist about the types of issues that people might have given the circumstances, some coping strategies, and then you will be able to ask questions. More information and an opportunity to register will be given in next week's newsletter.



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Thanks to donations from Diane Lloyd, Linda Bartmes, Cindy Morehead, Marilyn Turchi, Emily Watts, Wyn Cain and Ann Grant, who is serving on the Lake Bluff 125th Committee, our League purchased a dog to decorate. We gave the task to our young member Pauline Droege, who is seen here with the finished product!

The Lake Bluff History Museum will be giving tours beginning in mid July so that participants can see where all 76 dogs are placed. More information will be given here as soon as we have more details!



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--The History Channel



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Have you ever tried to eat a clock? It's very time consuming.



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OF THE UNITED STATES

Weekly Newsletter

June 7, 2020

TOP STORIES

A Conversation with
Lisa Blumberg, LCSW
Affiliate in Coimbatore, Northbrook



Bring your questions!

Preparing for COVID Reentry

Dealing with the
Mental Health Fallout

Thursday, June 11, 7:00 pm



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LWV Observer Corps Needs You!

The League has been a champion of government transparency since our founding in 1920. It is one of our core principles and a vital part of our mission. Our efforts in this area reinforce our reputation of fairness, nonpartisanship, and trust. As an advocacy organization, we must monitor our government. League members attend governmental meetings as members of the **Observer Corps** to learn what their government is doing and to monitor whether those meetings are conducted in an open and transparent way. Experience has shown the importance of the League being present to watch—and to take action when necessary.

If you are looking for a way to become involved in local government, consider the possibility of participation in the **LWV-LF/LB Observer Corps**. Decisions such as determining how our schools will

be run, the level of community safety funding, and how the land in our towns will be used impact our lives and are vital to our well-being. These kinds of decisions need to be made with public input and oversight. Observer Corps makes a statement that the community is watching the process of government.

The League Observer is a representative of the public at these meetings. They attend meetings, note what happens at the meeting, and report back to the League and (hopefully) the community. By attending public meetings of local governmental bodies/agencies, Observers learn more about what their government is doing. They learn about the issues facing their community and are empowered to take action, if warranted. They also learn how issues are being addressed. Observers keep elected and appointed officials on notice; they let them know that someone is watching what decisions are being made and how they are being made.

This summer, we are offering you the opportunity to participate in our League's free online **LWV Observer Corps Training**. If you are interested in observer corps training, please contact Vice President Emily Watts for more information about what is expected of an observer. It does not usually require a significant time commitment since most governmental units only meet once a month.

At this time, we seek League trained observers for the following entities:

City of Lake Forest City Council

City of Lake Forest Environmental Sustainability

Committee

City of Lake Bluff Village Board

Lake Forest School District # 67

Lake Forest School District # 115

Lake Bluff School District # 65

Lake County Board

Lake County Board of Health

If there is sufficient interest, we hope to add entities like the Parks and Recreation Board and Library Board as well as the committees of larger boards.

If you would like to enroll in this free online Observer Corps training, contact President Laurie Rose at laurosey@hushmail.com as soon as possible. She is working with LWVIL and the Winnetka, Northfield and Kenilworth Leagues to set up an online training session that will be convenient for all interested parties.



News from the Climate Change Interest Group!

We are pleased to share with you the
information and invitation we received from the
City of Lake Forest!

As many of you are aware, the LWV-LF/LB Area Climate Change Interest Group has been discussing and exchanging information and ideas over the last several years regarding the idea of a municipal framework for addressing Climate Change and preservation of the environment. League member and Alderman Melanie Rummel has been attending these meetings and participating in these discussions, throughout this time.

Earlier this year, to our delight, Melanie shared with us that the City of Lake Forest was forming a City Council Committee focused on Environmental Sustainability. Melanie will be Chair of this City of Lake Forest Environmental Sustainability Committee.

Below please find information and links related to the inaugural meeting of the City of Lake Forest City Council Environmental Sustainability Committee, to be held virtually this Wednesday, June 10, at 6:30 PM. We are invited to "attend:"

The Environmental Sustainability Committee is planning to host its inaugural meeting on Wednesday, June 10, at 6:30 p.m. As this is a new standing Committee of the City Council, we are notifying you of this meeting as a courtesy. To learn more about the Environmental Sustainability Committee, you may visit The City of Lake Forest's website at: <https://www.cityoflakeforest.com/environmental-sustainability-committee/>.

You may also view agendas and minutes for this Committee online via the City's website at: <https://www.cityoflakeforest.com/agendas-minutes/?CategoryId=35&Year=2020>.

Due to current public health concerns, the Committee will be meeting virtually on Wednesday using the ZOOM platform. You may Join this meeting by Accessing the Zoom Meeting Link below:

<https://us02zoom.us/j/84427795024>

Also, please plan to "attend" our next virtual Climate Change Interest Group meeting on Thursday, June 25, at 6:30 PM. Information on joining the virtual meeting will be forwarded with the meeting notice.

Many thanks to Melanie Rummel for her work on this initiative and to all of our Climate Change Interest Group participants who continue each month to share valuable information, insights and ideas regarding climate-change and environmental policy developments, locally and nationwide, including the importance of cohesive global/national/local approaches to climate-change policy.

If you have any questions or for more information please feel free to call Co-Chairs, Elizabeth "Joy" Guscott-Mueller 847-682-0699, or David Mueller [847-431-2404](tel:847-431-2404)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Virtual Legislative Update

with State Senator
Julie Morrison

Wednesday, June 24
11:00 am



Join Us for a Live Legislative Update with State Senator Julie Morrison

Wednesday, June 24, 11:00 AM

Our March legislative interview with our State Senator Julie Morrison had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 shelter order, so a modified virtual legislative update has been rescheduled for Wednesday, June 24, at 11:00 AM via Zoom. The meeting will last for approximately 45 minutes.

LWV-LF/LB President Laurie Rose will give a brief welcome and introduce Senator Morrison, who will then speak for approximately 15 minutes on what happened in Springfield during this last session, and possibly what to expect in the veto session. The session will proceed with the moderator asking questions, which will have been submitted in advance by those wishing to participate. As with our candidate forums, questions may be edited for clarity, conciseness, and appropriateness. All attendees will be muted by the meeting host. The chat box will be open if anyone wishes to attempt a late question, but it is doubtful that there will be time to take additional questions.

Members who want to attend must notify Mary Mathews at timmary747@aol.com by June 22. Please include the question you would like asked of Senator Morrison.

LWV-Lake County Annual Meeting

Wednesday, June 17, Noon

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Ellen Annette Martin Documentary to Air Beginning Today

"All Citizens", the documentary about Illinois' first female voter, Ellen Annette Martin, and the other Illinois women who voted before the 19th amendment passed, will begin airing on ABC7 every Sunday in June on their digital channel, the [Live Well Network](#) in the Chicago Market. They are also planning to release the program on YouTube and [Facebook](#) with live launches at noon on June 7 to coincide with the broadcast release. June 10 is the anniversary of Illinois ratification of the 19th Amendment.

Ellen's [Wikipedia page](#) has been updated to include a photo of her grave marker, graciously staged by the [League of Women Voters of Cook County](#) and Mary Croxto.



These Pretty Flowers Can Cause Damage!

In keeping with our Environmental Stewardship Action Focus, we have some helpful information from Lake Forest Open Lands Association on Lesser celandine (*Ficaria verna*), which is an invasive species that can really take over and bully out native plants. Small pretty yellow flowers above ground but tubers and bulbils below make it hard to eradicate. The following video shares ways to identify and combat this problem plant.

<https://www.facebook.com/247521185164469/videos/541942170018829/>

Please ensure safety when using herbicides. Consult professionals for assistance. Ensure that your herbicides only apply to invasive plants so that other plants aren't hurt by overspray.



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Fun Fact of the Week

On June 13, 1966, Chief Justice Earl Warren delivered The Supreme Court landmark *Miranda vs. Arizona* decision, which held that the admission of an elicited incriminating statement by a suspect not informed of their rights violates the Fifth and Sixth Amendments. Thus, if law enforcement officials decline to offer a *Miranda* warning to an individual in their custody, they may interrogate that person and act upon the knowledge gained, but may not use that person's statements as evidence against them in a criminal trial.

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OF LAKE FOREST/LAKE BLUFF AREA

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Helpful Resources from Our Recent Mental Health Program

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Stress and Coping in the Time of COVID-19:
Pathways to Resilience and Recovery

How to Understand Different Points of View in a
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June is National Pollinators Month

Insects and animals pollinate over 75% of our flowering plants and nearly 75% of our crops. However, they face numerous threats to their survival like habitat loss, degradation and fragmentation. When native vegetation is replaced by roadways, manicured lawns, crops and non-native gardens, pollinators lose the food and nesting sites that they need for survival. Planting pollinator gardens of native, non-invasive pollen and nectar-producing plants attract bees, birds,

bats, and other natural pollinators thrive.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We have added two new members this past week: **Nicholas Alutto**, a Student Member from Lake Forest, and **Kristin Pearson**, also from Lake Forest. Please reach out to say hello soon!

Fun Fact of the Week

On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress took a break from writing the Articles of Confederation and passed a resolution stating that "the flag of the United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white," and that "the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

Over 100 years later, in 1916, President Woodrow Wilson marked the anniversary of that decree by officially establishing June 14 as Flag Day.



Puns for Educated Minds

A rubber band slingshot was confiscated in algebra class for being a weapon of math disruption.



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A Message with Good News from President Laurie Rose

In recognition of our League's long-standing support of the environment as a local program item, I have been asked to represent our League as member of the City of Lake Forest Environmental Sustainability Committee Focus Group. Our first focus group meeting will take place this week and I look forward to sharing focus group news and initiatives with you.

As an initial matter, I urge you to take action and complete a short City of Lake Forest survey regarding environmental and sustainability awareness. The results of this survey will be used to help shape the Committee's future policy initiatives, outreach and engagement priorities. The survey should take 5 minutes to complete, and all responses are anonymous.

You can complete the survey at the following link:

[Environmental Awareness Survey](#)

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Observers Needed for LWVUS National Convention, June 25 - 27

Like all large gatherings since the pandemic arrived, the Annual Convention of the LWVUS will be virtual. If you have the time to attend, you'll have an opportunity to learn a lot about the way League issues and program are determined at the national level. You can learn more about what will happen at the convention, as well as register, using the button below.

LWVUS National Convention Info



Climate Change Interest Group Meeting-VIRTUAL

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At this meeting, we look forward to sharing information and ideas exchanged at the inaugural meeting of the Lake Forest Environmental Sustainability Committee, as well as other interesting developments. "See" you then!

FEATURES

Around Town in the League

Submitted by Katie Anderson

On June 18, 2020, the LWV of Wheaton presented "Major Issues Before the Supreme Court" with featured speaker Professor Steven Schwinn. He is a faculty member of UIC John Marshall Law School, teaching Constitutional Law, First Amendment, Comparative Constitutional Law and Human Rights. He is a co-founder and co-editor of the Constitutional Law Prof Blog and an occasional contributor to other blogs and publications. This

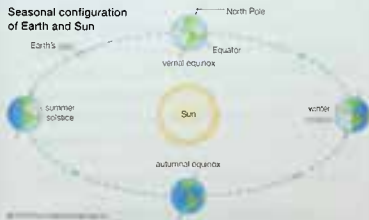
great presentation includes the recent rulings and trends of the Supreme Court.

[Watch the Presentation Here](#)

Fun Fact of the Week

Yesterday was the Summer Solstice, the longest day of the year. The solstice is usually on June 21, but can occur between June 20 and June 22. It's never exact due to the calendar not being exact to the Earth's rotation. You may wonder why, if the solstice is the longest day of the year—and thus gets the most sunlight—the temperature usually doesn't reach its annual peak until a month or two later. It's because water, which makes up most of the Earth's surface, has a high specific heat, meaning it takes a while to both heat up and cool down. Because of this, the Earth's temperature takes about six weeks to catch up to the Sun.

Seasonal configuration of Earth and Sun



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Smaller July 4th Parade to Happen After All!

Submitted by Carol Russ

Though the big parade in Lake Bluff for July 4 this officially cancelled, there IS indeed a parade! The parade committee knows that enticing crowds into town just won't do this year. Their plan, instead, is to bring the parade to the people.

As the 2020 Parade Marshal, LWV will be part of this elite group. Two different mini-parades with a police car in the lead, our parade marshal car, a band, a parade committee car with a photographer, and a fire truck would criss-cross the streets, visiting the porches entered in the decoration contest. This year's parade theme is "Liberty Alive

for 125" which is a reference to the village's 125th birthday. As our "float" we will have a member costumed as the Statue of Liberty.

Look for photos in next week's newsletter!



Summary of Legislative Update with State Senator Julie Morrison

LWV-LF/LB held a legislative interview with our State Senator Julie Morrison on Wednesday, June 24, at 11:30 AM via Zoom, with over 30 participants. The effort was coordinated by our Vice President of Voter Services, Mary Mathews.

LWV-LF/LB President Laurie Rose gave a brief welcome and introduced Senator Morrison, who then spoke briefly on what happened in Springfield during this last session, and a bit about what to expect in the veto session. She noted that she had personally purchased a dog for the Lake Bluff 125th Anniversary, which she has fondly named "Artie". The moderator, Director of Communications Lynette Foss, then asked the wide variety of questions that had been submitted in

advance by those who registered to participate.

Senator Morrison stated that \$30 million has been allocated for mental health care, as well as an increase of 20% for the DCFS budget, as a result of COVID-19 related stresses. She discussed efforts to balance the state budget in the wake of the pandemic. While the Vote by Mail efforts have been largely successful, she clarified that it is only for the 2020 election, and that further legislation would be required for the measure to hold in the future. The "Fix the FOID" efforts will probably have to wait until the "lame duck" session, as well as some criminal and pension reform efforts.

In closing, Senator Morrison stated her top priorities for the next legislative session. They are:

1. Fix the FOID, 2. increase funding and oversight for DCFS, 3. balancing the budget and restructuring state debt, and 4. improving ethics in the General Assembly, with a focus on campaign contributions and conflicts of interest.

FEATURES

Know When Pesticides Are Applied in Your Area!

Submitted by Katie Anderson

Many people have concerns about pesticide applications because they do not wish for their children or pets to be exposed. If you are interested in being notified when pesticides will be applied in your area, here is a list of contacts:

Lake Forest

School Districts 67 and 115 - Carol White
at cwhite@lfschools.net

Lake Forest Parks - Miguel Camarena at [847-613-0145](tel:847-613-0145) or through the City website email portal

Lake Bluff

School District 65 - Jay Kahn at jkahn@lb65.org

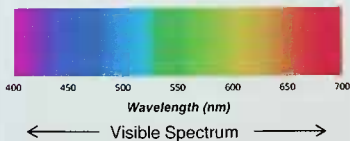
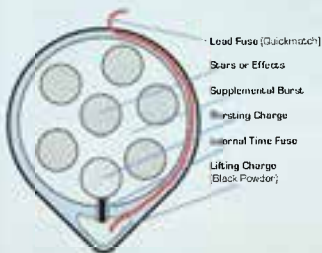
Lake Bluff Parks - Noah Mach
at nimach@LakeBluffParkDistrict.org

Fun Fact of the Week

The Chinese invented fireworks centuries ago, but the Italians figured out how to make them colorful and propel them in an aerial shell as early as the 1830's. Firework color concoctions are comprised of different metal elements. When an element burns, its electrons get excited, and it releases energy in the form of light. Different chemicals burn at different wavelengths of the visible light spectrum. Strontium and lithium compounds produce deep reds; copper produces blues; titanium and magnesium burn silver or white; calcium creates an orange color; sodium produces yellow pyrotechnics; and finally, barium burns green. Combining chlorine with barium or copper creates neon green and turquoise flames, respectively. Blue is apparently the most difficult to produce. Pyrotechnic stars comprised of these chemicals are typically propelled into the sky using an aerial shell.



Contents of an Aerial Shell



Here's the Latest from Your LWV

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July 5, 2020

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Lake Bluff Mini Parades a Success!

Although the traditional parade was cancelled, the Village's Parade Committee decided that July 4th would simply not be the same without something to offer the residents, so they decided to organize two mini parades, one for the east side and one for the west. League members Carol Russ and Lynette Foss dressed as Lady Liberty and acted as Parade Marshalls on behalf of the League for the east and west sides respectively. These small processions drove down nearly every street in Lake Bluff, and were met with cheers, smiles, and thank-yous!



LWVUS Convention Summary

by President Laurie Rose

The resounding slogan "Women Power the Vote for 100 Years" of the 54th Biennial and first virtual LWVUS Convention energized Leaguers present at a peak attendance of 1,749 at the Plenary Session June 25 - 27, 2020!

Before recapping highlights of the Convention, shout outs are due to our new LWVUS President, Dr. Deborah Turner, and the new LWVUS Board of Directors! Our first African American LWVUS President, Deborah hails from Iowa where she received her M.D. and J.D. and has been a gynecologic oncologist while amazingly finding time for community engagement. [This is her acceptance speech.](#)

The Plenary Session was preceded by 30 different Caucuses June 22 - 24, which non-delegates, as well as delegates, were welcomed to attend. Laurie Rose, Emily Watts and Happie Datt represented our League as Delegates. Katie Andersen and Mary Mathews attended as virtual Observers. For more information on Program and Caucuses for this incredible event, please go to lww.org.

Main Plenary Session items included Plenary Report by outgoing President Chris Carson; [inspiring message from LWVUS CEO Virginia Kase](#); Financial Report by Treasurer Jessica Lowe-Minor and Budget Report by Elaine Wiant, both of whom affirmed LWVUS financial health despite increased spending on Vote411 and voter mobilization although Per Member Payment remains the same; Convention Awards for Building Equitable Partnerships to LWVSouthern Monmouth County, NJ, for Storytelling to LWV New York City and for Strengthening Democracy to LWV Oakland and to State LWVNY and much appreciation of fine work and great efforts by outgoing President Chris Carson and LWVUS Board. Thus, an upside to COVID-19 was its requiring virtual conferencing on the LWVUS Convention so that many more League members

could attend this important event!

APPRECIATION, GRATITUDE AND WELCOME!

from President Laurie Rose

Thank you to our outgoing Board Members Ann Grant, Diane Lloyd, Cindy Morehead, Nicki Snoblin, and Marilyn Turchi. All of them have served our League well in various Board positions over many years.

We welcome incoming Board members members Katie Andersen-VP Program/Advocacy, Peg Determan-Fundraising, Maria Pasquesi and Lisa Spano-Hospitality, and Nominating Committee members Linda Bartmes-Chair, Lisa Dietrich and Wiebke Droege to our LWV LF/LB Board of Directors. Although they assume their positions at a challenging time, their energy and creativity will sustain our League in the coming years.

FEATURES

Environmental Stewardship Action Focus

submitted by Katie Andersen

Participate in "Plastic Free July"!

Join this global movement to be part of the solution of plastic pollution. Take the challenge and see what changes you can make. Here are a few starter tips:

- 1) Avoid buying single-use plastic water bottles: use your own reusable alternative.
- 2) Choose paper bags over plastic at the grocery stores
- 3) Choose eggs in packaged in cardboard boxes not Styrofoam or plastic
- 4) Need to clean up after your pet on a walk? Use compostable plastic bags, which are available at several local stores.

Recycle That Styrofoam!

The Highland Park Recycling Center is accepting #6 Styrofoam from all Lake County residents. Please consult the following link for details: www.cityhphil.com.



City of Highland Park

Recycling Center • 1180 Half Day Road



Foam Drop-off

Open to all residents of Lake County, IL!
Every Tuesday & every 1st Saturday of the month • 7 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Recycling foam is a partnership between the City of Highland Park, Dart Container Corporation, and Pactiv, LLC.

Pactiv provides the storage container for the City and Dart provides transportation and recycling of the material.

- 1) Citizens of Highland Park collect their foam, remove labels, food and drop-off their foam to be recycled.
- 2) Once the storage container is full, the City of Highland Park calls Dart to collect the material.
- 3) Dart collects and transports the material to their recycling facility located in North Aurora, IL, where contaminants are removed and the foam is compacted in special machines called densifiers.
- 4) Next, the material is delivered to companies that use it to make new products such as picture frames.

Be on the lookout for recycled foam polystyrene picture frames at a store near you.

Fun Fact of the Week

On July 5, 1775, The Continental Congress adopted the Olive Branch Petition expressing hope for a reconciliation with Britain. However, King George III refused to look at the petition and instead issued a proclamation declaring the colonists to be in a state of open rebellion. (The photo here depicts the king as portrayed by Euan Morton in the Broadway cast of "Hamilton".)





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July 13, 2020

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Fair Tax Amendment/ Illinois Constitutional Amendment Overview, from LWVIL

For more than 40 years, the League of Women Voters has supported a graduated rate income tax for Illinois. In May of this year the General Assembly determined that the public deserves to vote on whether the state constitution should be amended to remove the requirement that income shall be taxed at a flat, non-graduated rate. This change would permit income to be taxed at different rates, with higher income taxed at higher rates, and lower income at lower rates, as in the federal income tax system.

In the general election in November 2020, at the top of the ballot, we will have the opportunity to amend the constitution in this way. All it takes is our votes - there is no need for a Constitutional Convention. To amend this section of the state constitution, approval is needed by either the majority of those voting in November 2020, or 3/5 of those who do not skip the question and vote on the proposed amendment.

Why does the League believe that a progressive income tax is a "Fair Tax", and why have we supported it for so long? The Fair Tax meets League criteria in Where We Stand:

- **Equity and Progressivity:** The Fair Tax is based on the ability to pay. This is not the case with the current flat tax. According to the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, currently, the bottom 20% of wage earners in Illinois have twice the tax burden of the top wage earners, and the bottom 20% pay more than they would in any other Midwestern state.
- **Stability and Responsiveness:** Taxing our lowest wage earners at a higher percentage is counter-productive since they generally must spend most of what they earn, returning it to the economy. Furthermore, most of our economic growth since 1970 has benefited our top wage earners, but they have only paid taxes at the same flat rate as low wage earners.

The state has about \$6.5 billion in unpaid bills despite serious funding cuts. Since 2000, cuts in spending on core services (healthcare, human services, and public safety) - have exceeded 20% and cuts to higher education have exceeded 50%.

The constitutional amendment resolution passed by the General Assembly was paired with a law that sets out what the new tax rate structure will be upon passage of the amendment. With that rate structure, a Fair Tax should raise more than an additional \$3 billion each year, while 97% of Illinoisans - people earning \$250,000 or less - will not see their income taxes increase in 2021. The state's need for additional revenue stems in

part from past decisions to shirk its pension obligations. For decades, the state has kicked the can down the road, passing mounting debt to future generations. With our flat income tax structure, the wealthiest Illinoisans have benefited most from those decisions over the years, paying less than their fair share. It is time to put the state on a steady path to meet its obligations with a modern income tax structure.

Check out this 60 second video on the Amendment.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GvC-zlkgNQY&feature=youtu.be>

Here is the wording that will be on the ballot:

The proposed amendment grants the State authority to impose higher income tax rates on higher income levels, which is how the federal government and a majority of other states do it. The amendment would remove the portion of the Revenue Article of the Illinois Constitution that is sometimes referred to as the "flat tax," that requires all taxes on income to be at the same rate. The amendment does not itself change tax rates. It gives the State the ability to impose higher tax rates on those with higher income levels and lower income tax rates on those with middle or lower income levels. You are asked to decide whether the proposed amendment should become a part of the Illinois Constitution.

YES

NO



Legislative Update with State Senator Julie Morrison Available on Our Website

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Watch Legislative Update with Senator Morrison

Mental Health/ Healthcare Action

Focus Program Planning Needs You!

It's time to make plans for our Mental Health and Healthcare Action Focus! If you have an interest in mental health and healthcare, and would enjoy working with a small group, contact Katie Andersen, VP of Program Action and Advocacy, at katherineandersen@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Climate Change Interest Group Meeting

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or eig@guscottmueller.com or David Mueller
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Environmental Stewardship Action Focus: Plastic Free July Challenge

Continue to challenge yourself with finding ways to reduce plastic use. Here are some new tips:

- 1) Refuse the plastic cutlery that comes with restaurant takeout orders and use your home cutlery.
- 2) Choose paper or metal straws over plastic straws.
- 3) Choose eco-friendly boxed laundry and dishwasher detergents over plastic bottled detergents.

Fun Fact of the Week

On July 18, 1947, President Harry Truman signed an Executive Order determining the line of

succession if the president becomes incapacitated or dies in office. Following the Vice President, the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate are next in succession. This became the 25th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, ratified on February 10, 1967.



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Voting Information

Due to the coronavirus and the many uncertainties associated with it, the League is encouraging voters to request a mail in ballot for the upcoming General Election on November 3rd. Simply complete an "Application for Ballot" online at www.lakecountylvil.gov, and a ballot will be sent to you after Sept. 24. If you complete the form before August 1, you will save the Lake County Clerk's office time and money for postage and printing since after then the Clerk's office will be sending out a paper "Application for Ballot" to everyone who voted in one of the last three elections. If you complete the "Application" online, they will not send you a paper form.

Please consider voting by mail this fall. It is safe,

secure, and convenient. You can be comfortable at home and avoid waiting in line with other people.

Here is a calendar with important dates for registering and voting:

GENERAL ELECTION CALENDAR

July (all month) - If you are not registered to vote or need to update, go online <https://ova.elections.il.gov> or see a deputy registrar.

To vote by mail, request a ballot by completing an electronic "Application for Ballot" online at <https://www.lakecountyil.gov/4472/Vote-by-Mail-in-November-2020> No excuse or reason is needed.

Or request a paper "Application for Ballot" which will need to be completed and returned to the Lake County Clerk's office. For form, call [847-377-2406](tel:847-377-2406), or email votingbymail@lakecountyil.gov Include your name, address, and birthdate.

Saturday, August 1 - Per recent legislation, the Lake County Clerk's office will mail ballot applications to voters who have not yet requested one. Everyone who voted in at least one of the last three elections or who registered to vote after March 17, 2020 should receive an "Application for Ballot" which can be completed and mailed back in.

September (all month)- Watch for information about League Candidate Forums

Tuesday, September 22 - National Voter Registration Day

Thursday, September 24 - Lake County Clerk's office begins sending out official ballots according to received "Applications"; early voting available at Lake County Clerk's office

Tuesday, October 6 - Last day for regular voter registration by a Deputy Registrar or by mail

Wednesday, October 7 - Grace Period voter registration and voting at Lake County Clerk's office

Sunday, October 18 - Last day to register to vote online by 11:59pm

Monday, October 19 - First day of early voting at designated early voting sites; voters can use any Lake County location

Thursday, October 29 - Last day for ballot requests to be received at the Lake County Clerk's office by 5:00pm

Monday, November 2 - Early voting ends.

Tuesday, November 3 - General election: polls open from 6:00am to 7:00 pm. Voters must use assigned polling location. Voter registration available. Voted mail in ballots must be postmarked no later than Nov. 3rd, 2020, or hand delivered to the Lake County Clerk's office by 7:00 pm. The Lake County Clerk's office is located at 18 N. County Street, Room 101, Waukegan, IL 60085. Call 847-377-2406 for more information.

Be an Informed Advocate for Voting!

A three part series, *What will the November Election Look Like: Ensuring Safe and Secure Elections During COVID19*, was co-sponsored earlier this summer by League of Women Voters of Naperville, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People DuPage, and the National Council of Jewish Women. State Senator and LWV-LF/LB member Julie Morrison is featured in the series! If you missed any of the programs in the series or would like to watch them again, you will find links to all three by visiting: <https://nciwcn.org/actions/summer-series>

If you are interested but haven't already applied for your Vote-By-Mail Ballot, please use the following link: <https://www.lakecountvil.gov//163/Elections>

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The Dangers of Coal Tar Sealants

Coal tar sealants are asphalt pavement sealants that contain high levels of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). PAHs are known carcinogens, and they cause birth defects and learning problems like ADHD. They are a danger especially to young children and to fetuses growing in moms with high levels of PAHs in their bodies.

How do PAHs from coal tar sealants get into our bodies?

- through skin contact--for example, kids sitting on a driveway drawing with sidewalk chalk have direct contact with sealed surfaces,
- by breathing fumes while the sealant is fresh, and
- through ingestion, or swallowing dust containing sealant particles.

The sealant wears off over time as sun and rain break it down, and cars and foot traffic abrade it, creating fine dust. The dust enters nearby homes and also runs into nearby streams and rivers through storm water runoff.

In waterways, the dust settles in the sediment where it is toxic to small aquatic creatures at the bottom of the food chain. Sediment in many locations has been tested for PAHs, and elevated levels of the pollutant have been found.

People who want to seal their pavement can use sealants that do not contain coal tar. Consumers can choose asphalt sealants, which are readily available at similar cost. Big box stores know that high PAH products are bad and they no longer sell them. However, some smaller retailers may sell high PAH sealants and commercial applicators may use them. Consumers, including schools, houses of worship, and park districts, have no way to ensure that they aren't getting poisonous sealants.

Source: <https://www.lwvlnr.org/coal-tar-sealants.html>

The following nearby communities have banned coal tar sealants: Highland Park, Deerfield, Riverwoods, Vernon Hills, Northbrook, Glenview, Winnetka, Wilmette, Evanston, Mt. Prospect.

The City of Lake Forest has created an educational brochure on coal tar sealants.

https://www.cityoflakeforest.com/assets/1/7/LF_Coal-Tar_Sealant_Brochure.pdf

Anecdotal experience reveals that a number of commercial companies do offer asphalt sealant options but the consumer must firmly and specifically request them.

The League's Position:

LWVUS Position: Support measures to reduce pollution in order to protect surface water, groundwater and drinking water

LWVIL supported efforts to develop a state comprehensive groundwater protection plan based on a policy of non-degradation and continues to work for stronger legislation to protect groundwater quality. Local Leagues have sponsored educational forums and successfully waged groundwater protection and water quality campaigns.

Tests in DuPage County indicate that, as in other urbanized areas, more than half of the PAHs in the waterways come from coal tar sealants. In 2014, the LWVIL signed on to three letters supporting bans on coal tar sealant use and sales, and continued annual support for state legislation which would ban their use through 2019.



Plastic Free July Continues

The challenge to Reduce/Refuse/Reuse Plastic this month continues with the following tips:

1) Return empty plastic garden pots and trays to be reused or recycled by nurseries.

- Home Depot
- Lowes
- Leider's Greenhouse and Garden Center

2) Encourage a plastic recycling plan at your workplace

Fun Fact of the Week

On July 19-20, 1848, a women's rights convention was held at Seneca Falls, New York. Topics discussed included voting rights, property rights, and divorce. The convention marked the beginning of an organized women's rights movement in the U.S. that ultimately led to the passage of the 19th Amendment.

Female Quakers local to the area organized the meeting along with Elizabeth Cady Stanton, who was not a Quaker. They planned the event during a visit to the area by Philadelphia-based Lucretia

Mott, a Quaker known for her oratorical ability, which was rare for non-Quaker women during an era in which women were often not allowed to speak in public.

Photos: Top - Endorsers of the Declaration of Sentiments, which was a list of resolutions to be debated and modified ; Bottom - Lucretia Mott, whose signature is the first on the list

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Criminal Justice Study Group to Debut This Fall

This fall, our League will begin to reevaluate our Illinois criminal justice position. Members will be asked to form a consensus on many issues related to criminal justice. What can be done to mitigate the violent and racially motivated incidents within prisons? How does a lack of respect for incarcerated individuals fuel violence within and outside of prison walls? Should a focus on the mental health of prison populations be a factor in prison and sentencing reform?

Other countries have provided novel solutions. This video about the Norwegian system demonstrates an intriguing approach to the psychology of prison life. <https://youtu.be/5v13wrVEQ2M>

If you would like to help our League think about criminal justice in Illinois, please consider joining our Zoom Criminal Justice Study Group this fall. We will watch movies, engage with experts and learn together. Contact President Laurie Rose via email for more information.

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Justice Study Group



Voting Information

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Here is a calendar with important dates for registering and voting:

GENERAL ELECTION CALENDAR

July (all month) - If you are not registered to vote or need to update, go online <https://ova.elections.il.gov> or see a deputy registrar.

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Saturday, August 1 - Per recent legislation, the Lake County Clerk's office will mail ballot applications to voters who have not yet requested one. Everyone who voted in at least one of the last three elections or who registered to vote after March 17, 2020 should receive an "Application for Ballot" which can be completed and mailed back in.

September (all month)- Watch for information about League Candidate Forums

Tuesday, September 22 - National Voter Registration Day

Thursday, September 24 - Lake County Clerk's office begins sending out official ballots according to received "Applications"; early voting available at Lake County Clerk's office

Tuesday, October 6 - Last day for regular voter

registration by a Deputy Registrar or by mail

Wednesday, October 7 - Grace Period voter registration and voting at Lake County Clerk's office

Sunday, October 18 - Last day to register to vote online by 11:59pm

Monday, October 19 - First day of early voting at designated early voting sites; voters can use any Lake County location

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Monday, November 2 - Early voting ends.

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Plastic Free July Continues

As we wind down our month of special efforts to reduce plastic usage, we hope you will continue these practices beyond July and make them part of your lifestyle. Here are some more ideas:

1. Choose ice cream cones over ice cream served in a plastic cup with a plastic spoon.

2. Download the Recycle LFLB app (App Store and Google Play) to easily research any item to find the most sustainable and refuse options.

3. Watch this important video on plastics from the Shedd Aquarium and their plastic free initiatives. <https://youtu.be/526gMLHDVLg>



Download the new LF/LB Recycling app!

- 1 Search "Recycle LFLB" on the app store
- 2 Input your address
- 3 Voila!

- Find when your next pick-up day is
- Set alerts for your pick-up days
- Search items to learn about local sustainable recycling or refuse options



Green Minds




Shedd
AQUARIUM



Car Magnets For Sale!

Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote by displaying our League's custom car magnet. There are still plenty available, and at only \$5 each, why not get one for each car in your household? Contact Emily Watts if you are interested.



Our League would like to extend a warm welcome to new member **Dionne Leonhardt** from Grayslake.

Fun Fact of the Week

On July 28, 1932, the Bonus March eviction in Washington, D.C., occurred as U.S. Army troops under the command of General Douglas MacArthur, Major Dwight D. Eisenhower and Major George S. Patton, attacked and burned the encampments of unemployed World War I veterans. About 15,000 veterans had marched on Washington, demanding payment of a war bonus they had been promised. They camped for two months before forced eviction was ordered by President Herbert Hoover.



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August 2, 2020

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Conservation in the United States

This article is the first in a series of articles on conservation in the United States and the people who have been in the forefront of the conservation effort. Some of these people are well-known, but many are not.

When we talk of conservation, we are generally referring to the protection and wise use of the land and its natural resources, both organic (protecting wildlife and plants) and inorganic (protecting and conserving our supply of water, soil, and minerals). The earth has a limited supply of many of its natural resources even though to many, these resources seem like they are endless. Factories, mines, and farms have been dumping contaminated substances including human and animal wastes, toxic chemicals, metals, and oil into rivers and streams making its way to groundwater and into the oceans.

Early European settlers to the country seemed to believe that the supply of wildlife, of trees, was limitless. Animals were slaughtered by the tens of thousands. Early settlers killed wolves, blaming the wolves for the decline in game populations, and later for killing cattle on ranches. In the 1800s,

there might have been as many as 15 million buffalo living at the end of the Civil War. But by the 1880s, they were on the very verge of extinction. An estimated 100,000 buffalo could be slaughtered in a single day for their hides. Mountain sides were clear-cut of trees for their lumber, leading to massive erosion and avalanches since there was no longer a flourishing root system to hold the soil.

An important conservationist in this country's history is John Muir, a Scottish-American naturalist and environmental philosopher who was an early advocate for the preservation of wilderness in the United States. Muir was a cofounder, in 1892, of the Sierra Club, a conservation organization which was one of the first large-scale environmental preservation organizations in the world. He helped to persuade President Theodore Roosevelt to set aside 148 million acres of forest.

Muir authored letters, books, and essays describing his adventures. He was an environmental activist who campaigned for the conservation of land, water, and forests in the United States. His activism helped to preserve and establish Yosemite Valley and Sequoia National Park. Muir exemplified what it means to respect, cherish, and preserve our nation's natural resources.



Who Were Those Masked Women?!?

The Climate Change Interest Group gathered outdoors for a socially distanced and masked meeting at North Croft Park in Lake Forest on July 23, 2020. Everyone brought their own chair and mask, sitting at least 6 feet apart, in a very large circle. The discussion was engaging and informative, as the group exchanged news items, information and ideas about the environment and climate change. We take a hiatus in August, but will gather again on September 24, 2020 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for another outdoor, socially distanced, and masked meeting, weather and pandemic conditions permitting. Join us!

Many thanks to Ann Grant for taking and submitting photos! If you have any questions, please contact either Co-Chair of the Climate Change Interest Group, Elizabeth "Joy" Guscott-Mueller ([847.682.0699](tel:847.682.0699)) or

eig@guscottmuellerlaw.com) or David Mueller
(847.431.2404 or
dmueller@guscottmuellerlaw.com).

(Not So) Fun Fact of the Week

August 6, 1945 - The first Atomic Bomb was dropped over the center of Hiroshima at 8:15 a.m., by the American B-29 bomber *Enola Gay*. The bomb detonated about 1,800 ft. above ground, killing over 105,000 persons and destroying the city. Another estimated 100,000 persons later died from the effects of radiation.

Three days later the second atomic bombing of Japan occurred as an American B-29 bomber headed for the city of Kokura, but because of poor visibility chose a secondary target, Nagasaki. An estimated 70,000 persons were killed, and half the city was destroyed.

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we call a rose by any other
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*- William Shakespeare's
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Our Weekly Newsletter is Now **The Voter**

In keeping with the tradition of the national, state, and other chapters of the League of Women Voters, we have changed the name of our weekly newsletter. The Communications Committee feels that our organization was founded on the right to vote, so especially in an election year, we should be always reflecting that in our communications.

Want to submit an article? Here's how:

If you would like to submit an article to be included in the newsletter, please send a Word document and any accompanying JPG or PNG images by noon

on the Sunday of publication to Director of
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lfoss621@sbcglobal.net.



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Chicago's Silent Sentinels

(Chicago History Museum) The Silent Sentinels were a group of suffragists organized by the National Woman's Party (NWP), who began picketing outside the White House on January 10, 1917. After daily silent protests and facing antisuffragists who shouted insults, threw fruit at them, and tore their banners, the first arrests came in June 1917. Two of the women arrested in these protests were from Chicago.

Lucy Hyde Ewing was born in 1885 in Chicago and was a relative of Adlai Stevenson, who served as the twenty-third vice president of the US. Ewing was arrested on charges of obstructing traffic for picketing with a banner and served thirty days at Occoquan Workhouse, a prison facility in Lorton, Virginia. Madeline Upton Watson, who was born in 1885 in Illinois, served as treasurer of the Illinois branch of the NWP. She was arrested twice, first for picketing the White House in August 1917 and again in 1918 for her participation in meetings at Lafayette Square. She served time in Occoquan for both arrests.

In the photo, we see Madeline Watson (far left) and Lucy Ewing (far right) with a group of suffragists, c. 1915. Photograph by Harris & Ewing, [Library of Congress](#)

[Read More from the Chicago History Museum](#)

Fun Fact of the Week

This is the Centennial Week! On August 18, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, granting women the right to vote. Take a moment on Wednesday to raise a glass to the efforts of the brave Suffragettes!

Here's the Latest from Your LWV

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Lake County Mental Health First Aid

The Health Department's Mental Health First Aid initiative has resumed operations and is now offering classes virtually. This includes a 2-hour self-paced course, followed by 4 hours of instructor-led training delivered virtually.

Mental Health First Aid is an education program that teaches adults how to recognize the signs and symptoms of a mental health challenge, how to listen non-judgmentally and give reassurance to a person who may be experiencing a mental health challenge, and how to refer a person to appropriate professional support and services. For more information and to sign up for classes, visit www.mentalhealth.today.



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THE GRADUATED INCOME TAX		
Tuesday, August 25th 10 - 11:15am		
Featuring Ralph Martire & Leslie Munger		

The SBAC and the Illinois Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (IACCE) will host a virtual town hall regarding the ballot initiative for the proposed graduated income tax.

This will be a nonpartisan town hall that will have perspectives in favor and opposition to the proposed initiative.

Our panel includes Leslie Munger, former Deputy

Governor and Comptroller of Illinois, and Ralph Martire, Executive Director of the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability.

The town hall will take place virtually on August 25th, from 10:00 AM through 11:15 AM.

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Here is a link to register for the event.

<https://www.smallbusinessadvocacycouncil.org/21519-2/>



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A Way Out of Substance Abuse

"A Way Out" is a Lake County, Illinois Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion pilot program designed to fast-track those who need treatment to substance abuse programs and services. This program is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at participating police departments across Lake County and ensures no criminal charges will be sought for those that may be in possession of narcotics or paraphernalia as long as assistance is sought out by the prospective program participant. Participants will not be turned away even if they are unable to pay for treatment due to lack of insurance or financial resources.

"A Way Out" is a program developed by the Lake County Opioid Initiative to create additional treatment access points, reduce crime, reduce substance-related harms, re-frame the role law enforcement plays in community safety, and unite the community. For too long, substance use has been stigmatized and dealt with as a criminal issue. Substance use is a public health problem that needs to be addressed as such. Lake County Opioid Initiative is committed to developing innovative ways to create positive change in our community as

it regards substance use and mental health.

Find A Way Out in a few easy steps:

1. Locate any police department in Lake County
2. Walk in through the main doors of the participating police department nearest you
3. Tell the clerk at the reception window that you want to participate in "A Way Out". If you are seeking help after open lobby hours, locate the call box on the wall and tell dispatch you want to participate in "A Way Out." A program representative will be with you to take you through the next steps. **will NOT be turned a**

For more information,

see <https://youtu.be/7hZCg01V0u>

Around Town in the League

Mary Mathews recently spoke on behalf of the LWV Lake County to the Illinois Pollution Control Board, Springfield, IL, during public comment on proposed new 35 ILL. ADM. Code 845 on the disposal of coal combustion residuals.

Here are excerpts of her testimony.

"Four and ½ years ago, I testified on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Lake County. I'm back today to follow up and advocate again for strong regulations regarding coal ash. It is polluting our air, water, and harming our health. Coal ash contains toxic metals including arsenic, boron, chromium,

lithium, and sulfate, and more. The toxics in coal ash can cause cancer, heart disease, lung and kidney disease, and birth defects. Illinois is one of the worst states for pollution from coal ash.

"Because of the federal government's withdrawal from environmental protection, strict measures are called for at the state level. Robust and enforceable rules for the **Coal Ash Pollution Prevention Act** must require the safe disposal or storage of coal ash, actively involve the public, and promote a healthful environment."

"In Waukegan, Lake County, Illinois sited next to Lake Michigan is NRG's subsidiary Midwest Generation coal burning power plant. For decades coal ash has been stored in impoundments (ponds) or historical coal ash storage areas. The toxic coal ash is contaminating the groundwater and the drinking water locally and for millions of residents in Illinois and surrounding states. We need to stop future contamination and clean up the pollution already in our water caused by these active and inactive coal ash dumps."

"In order to protect the groundwater's chemical integrity, rules for cleanup and closure of coal ash sites must provide permanent protection from coal ash pollution. When coal ash gets wet, heavy metals drain into the groundwater. Even ponds with high-quality liners have leaked due to cracks or tears. Rain on coal fill leach metals into the groundwater. Cleanup cannot be considered complete as long as the coal ash can get wet. This applies to not only the impoundments but also to coal ash landfills, dumps, and scattered fill."

"As Waukegan is considered an environmental justice community, it should receive priority in closure of impoundments. To facilitate the decision-making process, the League believes that public understanding and participation are essential. The public has the right to know about pollution levels, dangers to health and environment, and proposed policies and options. Accordingly, the rules should include expanded outreach and require that opportunities, materials, and documents be made available to non-English speaking stakeholders. Additionally, hearings should be held in easily accessible locations, at convenient times, and, when possible, in the area concerned."

"The League supports inspections and monitoring and is pleased with the proposed rules regarding the frequency of monitoring and its continuation until groundwater meets the protection standards."

19th Amendment Centennial Cookbook!

The American Bar Association released a free [digital cookbook containing 100 recipes](#) to mark the centennial of the 19th Amendment. Recipes were contributed by legal figures who include Judge Diane P. Wood of the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals (meatloaf); retired 7th Circuit judge Ann Claire Williams (African cornbread); professor Kim Yuracko of Northwestern Pritzker School of Law (easy chocolate chip muffins); professor Eric Posner of the University of Chicago Law School (chicken miso soup with spring vegetables); and Jack Rives, ABA executive director (green marshmallow salad).

Fun Fact of the Week

On August 28, 1963, the March on Washington occurred as over 250,000 people attended a Civil Rights rally in Washington, D.C., during which Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. made his now-famous *I Have a Dream* speech.

Listen to MLK's "I Have a Dream" Speech



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Help Make the Election Run Smoothly and Accurately

Election judges are needed! Usually most judges are retirees with time available during the week. Due to COVID concerns, many are not signing up for this election.

Voting participation is expected to be high, and the new safety protocols may slow down the process at polling sites. A shortage of judges will exacerbate the situation.

Recently, the consequences caused by a lack of election judges had deleterious effects on polling sites. In other parts of the county, due to the

unavailability of workers, polling sites had to be closed and consolidated. Very long waiting lines were another result. These shifts made voting very difficult and a potential health risk. Attempting to vote was too much of a struggle for many voters.

Here in Lake County, the Clerk's office is taking every step to safeguard the health of both judges and voters at the polling sites. But to safeguard our democracy, by ensuring that every qualified voter is permitted to vote, and every person permitted to vote is qualified to vote, more help is crucial.

Please step up if you can and encourage your friends and family members to join you. This year, school will be closed on November 3, making it easier for students at least 16 years old to work. And the pay is a nice incentive.

Training classes will be held in September in convenient locations. For more information or to apply, go to <https://www.lakecountyi1.gov/326/Election-Judges> or call the Election Judge Department at [847-377-2408](tel:847-377-2408).

While the League is encouraging voters to use vote by mail ballots, many people prefer to vote in person. That option should be readily available, efficient, and safe. Please help make it so!

UPCOMING EVENTS



LWV Lake County to Host Virtual COVID Forum

LWV-Lake County will be hosting a virtual community forum on Sunday, September 13, 2020, from 1:30 to 3:00 PM, discussing emerging trends in preventable deaths during COVID-19. To find out more and to register, visit <https://bit.ly/LWVCommunityForumLake>.

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Fun Fact of the Week

On September 5, 1774, the First Continental Congress assembled in Philadelphia with 56 delegates, representing every colony, except Georgia. Attendants included Patrick Henry, George Washington, Sam Adams, and John Hancock.

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September 6, 2020

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Make Your Voice Heard!

Start by Registering to Vote

The start to making your voice heard is by participating in our democratic process through voting. But if you are not registered, you cannot vote. Are you registered? Do you need to re-register due to an address or name change?

The qualifications to vote in this upcoming Illinois election are - you must:

- be a United States citizen,
- be at least 18 years old by November 3, 2020,

- live in your election precinct at least 30 days prior to the election,

- not be convicted and in a penal institution, and

- not claim the right to vote anywhere else.

If you meet those qualifications, registering online at the Illinois State Board of Elections website is quick and easy <https://OVA.ELECTIONS.IL.GOV> The instructions will ask you for a valid Illinois Driver's License or an Illinois State Identification number, and the date it was issued. Other requirements include the last four digits of your social security number and your birth date.

For this election, online voter registration is available until Oct. 18th.

Voter registration is nonpartisan. A voter does not register for a political party.

If you cannot provide the information needed for online registration, you may register either in person or by mail. Go to the Lake County Clerk's website for more information <https://www.lakecountvil.gov/361/Voter-Registration>

After you register, a Certificate of Registration Card will be mailed to you. It indicates where to vote, what your voting districts are, and your precinct number which is helpful when you go to a voting site. You are not required to present the card in order to vote.

If you have any questions, call the Lake County

Clerk's office [847-377-8683](tel:847-377-8683)



Postage-Free Drop Boxes for Vote by Mail Ballots Open September 24

**News from Lake County Clerk Robin M.
O'Connor**

If you received a ballot by mail and do not want to return it through the U.S. Postal Service, take advantage of the many postage-free drop boxes around the County. Election judges will collect ballots daily and bring them to the Lake County Clerk's office for processing. On November 3, all drop boxes will be locked at 7 PM. [Click here for the complete list](#)

Branch Court Drop Boxes

You will have 24/7 access to OUTSIDE drop boxes located at the exterior main entrances of four Lake County Branch Court buildings. These locations are well-lit, have 24-hour recorded video surveillance, and offer nearby parking.

Early Voting Drop Boxes

All seventeen Early Voting sites will have drop boxes INSIDE the voting sites while open. You will need to park your car and walk into the building.

Election Day Drop Boxes

Only two voting sites will offer INSIDE drop boxes on Election Day while the polls are open.

Additional Options for Returning Your Vote by Mail Ballot

By Mail

Your ballot must be postmarked no later than November 3, 2020 and received in the Lake County Clerk's Office by November 17, 2020 at 5 PM.

Hand Deliver to Lake County Clerk's Office Not Placed in a Drop Box

Please call [847-377-VOTE](tel:847-377-VOTE) for office hours or appointment times. You may hand deliver your ballot to the Lake County Clerk's office in Waukegan on or before 7 PM on Tuesday, November 3.

If you are returning someone else's ballot to the Lake County Clerk's office, the voter must complete the back side of the certification envelope giving you authorization. Before we can accept the voter's ballot, you must present valid identification with the same name as the voter indicated.

Surrendering Your Ballot

If you received a ballot by mail and wish to vote in person, you may take your mailed ballot to the voting site (options below), surrender your ballot, and receive a new ballot to mark and deposit in the voting site's ballot counter.

This option is available at any Early Voting site.

On Election Day, you may surrender your ballot at any of these locations:

- Your assigned neighborhood voting site,
- Lake County Fairgrounds, or
- Lake County Main Courthouse Lobby.

Track Your Ballot

Track the clerk's receipt of your mailed ballot by visiting LakeVoterPower.info or calling [847-377-2406](tel:847-377-2406) or [847-377-VOTE](tel:847-377-VOTE).

For more information on Lake County Clerk services and up-to-the-minute election news, visit LakeCountyClerk.info, follow us at twitter.com/LakeCountyClerk, join our page at facebook.com/CountyClerk, or call [847-377-2400](tel:847-377-2400).



Environmentally Safe Pool Drainage

Swimming pool maintenance involves chemicals that may be harmful to the environment, so it's important to consider the use of proper procedures when draining pools. Before you drain your swimming pool or hot tub, remember these easy instructions from the City of Lake Forest:

1) First, ensure that the water is de-chlorinated by allowing the pool to be fully exposed to the sun for 2-3 days without adding chlorine.

2) Once de-chlorinated, allow the water to slowly discharge across your own lawn and not into a storm drain, ravine, or neighbor's property, over a period of 2-3 days.

UPCOMING EVENTS

COVID-19 Community Forum

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September 13, 1:30 - 3:00 PM

The League of Women Voters Lake County is convening a virtual community forum to discuss 'excess deaths' during Covid-19.

Details and Registration can be found [HERE](#)

Across the country, the evidence is emerging that COVID-19 is exacerbating underlying health problems among vulnerable populations. Taking the latest Lake County data, Dr. Maryann Mason (Feinberg School of Medicine - Northwestern University), will highlight areas of concern within our community, including overdose, suicide, and stroke.

Our high-level panel will convene Sunday, September 13, 2020, at 1:30 pm to discuss what their organizations are experiencing, and how best to keep our community safe.

Join Lake County Board Chair, The Honorable Sandy Hart; Lake County States Attorney, Mike Nerheim; Lake County Sheriff, John Idleburg; Lake County Coroner, Howard Cooper; and other community leaders for this important discussion.

Please help us spread the word by sharing this invitation!



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FEATURES



Conservationists of the United States

We continue our monthly series on those who have made a significant contribution to conservation in the U.S. by featuring Aldo Leopold, who was an author, philosopher, scientist, ecologist, forester, conservationist, and environmentalist. His philosophy of nature and wildlife preservation was a belief that while people should enjoy wilderness areas, the "wildness" of these areas should be preserved. He believed in the importance of biodiversity and the ecological importance of the interactions among organisms and their environment. He is considered to be one of the founders of the science of wildlife management.

While working for the Forest Service, Leopold had been assigned to hunt and kill bears, wolves, and

mountain lions in New Mexico. The local ranchers wanted these predators eliminated because of livestock losses. Leopold, however, came to respect the animals. Humans have always felt the need to be dominant over their environment. The approach has been to just completely eradicate that which you don't want. His realization of the importance of predators in the balance of nature has resulted in the return of bears and mountain lions to New Mexico wilderness areas. In 1935, he helped found the Wilderness Society, which is dedicated to expanding and protecting the nation's wilderness areas.

Leopold's A Sand County Almanac was published in 1949. The book is a collection of essays regarding Leopold's idea of a land ethic, the responsible relationship between people and the land they inhabit. One of the well-known quotes from the book is "A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise."

Fun Fact of the Week

In the late 1800s, at the height of the Industrial Revolution in the United States, the average American worked 12-hour days and seven-day weeks in order to eke out a basic living. Despite restrictions in some states, children as young as 5 or 6 toiled in mills, factories and mines across the country, earning a fraction of their adult counterparts' wages. Workers often faced extremely unsafe working conditions, with insufficient access to fresh air, sanitary facilities and breaks.

As manufacturing increasingly supplanted agriculture as the wellspring of American employment, labor unions, which had first appeared in the late 18th century, grew more prominent and vocal. They began organizing strikes and rallies to protest poor conditions and compel employers to renegotiate hours and pay.

Many of these events turned violent during this period, including the infamous Haymarket Riot of 1886, in which several Chicago policemen and workers were killed. On May 11, 1894, employees of the Pullman Palace Car Company in Chicago went on strike to protest wage cuts and the firing of union representatives. On June 26, the American Railroad Union, led by Eugene Debs, called for a boycott of all Pullman railway cars, crippling railroad traffic nationwide. To break the Pullman strike, the federal government dispatched troops to Chicago, unleashing a wave of riots that resulted in the deaths of more than a dozen workers.

In the wake of this massive unrest and in an attempt to repair ties with American workers, Congress passed an act making Labor Day a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories. On June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed it into law.

- *The History Channel*





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Questions about Registering or Vote by Mail? We Have Answers!

Every year for National Voter Registration Day (September 22) we work with community partners to remind and educate eligible students, neighbors, friends, and guests to register to vote. Usually our deputy registrars sit at tables at high schools, retirement homes, libraries, and other locations. Because of COVID-19, this year we have been advising eligible citizens to register online rather than in person. However next weekend Sept. 19 & 20 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, deputy registrars will sit outside Starbucks on Western Ave. in Lake Forest to answer questions and provide voting materials while practicing safe distancing. If you have questions about how to register by mail,

online, or during early voting, or how to apply for a vote-by-mail ballot or the drop boxes, they will be able to answer your questions.

If you would like to go online to find the answers yourself, please see the League's Illinois Voter Guide using the button below. It is simple to use. Soon, information about the candidates and our candidate forums will be included. The Illinois Voter Guide is a great resource.

[Go to Illinois Voter Guide](#)



Lake County Clerk's Office Needs Your Help

You may have read that Election Authorities all across the county need more election workers. The same is true here in Lake County. There are two different jobs: one paid, one volunteer.

Election Judge is a paid position. Election judges are the friendly people who check you in when you vote and help throughout the process. You probably know some. It is a long day but interesting and fulfilling. There is training. Please call Isorelia Hernandez at [847-377-2306](tel:847-377-2306) for more information.

The volunteer position is to help send out the mail-in-ballots. You can see first-hand how it works! The

Clerk's office can use people starting immediately, Monday through Friday, between 8:30am to 4:00pm. You can work as many or few hours as you want. The Clerk's Office is following safety protocols. Please call Mary Peavey at [847-377-2310](tel:847-377-2310).

Deputy Registrar Training

There is one class remaining this fall for deputy registrar training. If you would like to become a deputy registrar or take a refresher class, please contact Mary Mathews, Vice President of Voter Services, at timmary747@aol.com and she will register you for the class. It will be held on Thurs. Sept. 25, 2:00pm at the Lake County Fairgrounds, 1060 E. Peterson Rd, Grayslake.

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Six months post COVID, we are more knowledgeable about the ways in which our budget and operations have been impacted by the pandemic. Our Board approved our 2020-2021 Budget BUT THE BYLAWS STATE THAT WE NEED YOU TO APPROVE IT TOO! Come for a short discussion of the budget (which you can access using the button below, and which will also be sent via a PDF link in a separate email later today)--and stay to catch up with other League members and enjoy the post meeting entertainment. We need a quorum to approve the budget and we encourage new members to introduce themselves on Zoom. **Be sure to register in advance for the ANNUAL**

MEETING PART 2 AND HAPPY HOUR when you receive an email with the registration link.

LWV-LF/LB Area Budget

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Fun Fact of the Week

On September 17, 1787, at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, delegates from twelve states voted unanimously to approve the proposed United States Constitution.



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Budget Approval

Wednesday, October 7, 4:00 PM

Dear Members,

We will meet via Zoom on Thursday, October 7, at 4:00 PM to conduct our Annual Meeting-Part 2, a continuation of our May Annual Meeting.

The only item on the October 7th agenda is the approval of the 2020-2021 LWV LF/LB Area Budget. Please follow this link to view the budget prior to the meeting <https://www.lwv-lf.org/sites/default/files/LWV-LFLB-2020-2021-Budget-for-distribution.pdf>. A link to the budget was also included in today's issue of The Voter, our weekly newsletter.

We encourage all members to attend and stay for the Happy Hour that will follow the budget vote. Please click the button below to register for the meeting.

Sincerely,

The League of Women Voters of Lake
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Notorious RBG: The Life and Times

of Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Special Opportunity

We mourn the death of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg (of blessed memory) and stand in awe of her many contributions to voting rights, women's rights and a panoply of other issues valued by the League. We are considering a private virtual or in-person group tour of the highly acclaimed "Notorious RBG" exhibit at the Illinois Holocaust Museum. Depending upon the degree of interest, we may join other local Leagues. As part of our planning process, we need a preliminary indications of interest. Please take a look at the description below and email LWV LF/LB Area President Laurie Rose at lww.lflb.president@gmail.com if you are interested. Make sure to specify the "virtual tour" or "in-person tour" in your response.

For more information about the exhibit, please visit the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center's website at www.ilholocaustmuseum.org.

*Notorious RBG book cover illustration by Adam Johnson.
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Supreme Court of the United States.*



LWV-LF/LB Area Seeking "Great Decisions" Program Co-host

This will be the third year that our league will collaborate with the Lake Forest Library to present the Foreign Policy Association's Great Decisions program. Happie Datt would like a league member to co-host the program that consists of eight topics and will take place every other Sunday afternoon at the Lake Forest Library.

The purpose and mission of this discussion program is to provide space to have a dialogue on Foreign Policy positions of the United States. We read the material provided in a briefing magazine by FPA, view a 20-25 minute video update and discuss the options available using the suggested questions.

Please call Happie at [847-668-3608](tel:847-668-3608) or email happiedatt@gmail.com if you are interested in co-hosting this stimulating program.

Who Are These People on My Ballot?

Find out at the Candidate Forums!

Sandy Hart vs. Lauren Fleming, and Mike Rummel vs. Paras Parekh will meet on our first candidate forum Thursday, October 1, 2020, at 7:00 PM. The forum will be a zoom webinar allowing you to stay home safely and comfortably. Registration is required to receive a link to the event. When you register, you will be able to submit a question for the candidates. See and hear the candidates explain why they are running, what are the important

issues, and what they have planned if they win.

Sandy Hart (D) and Lauren Fleming (R) are running for Lake County Board and Forest Preserve District 13, which covers Lake Bluff, Wildwood, unincorporated Grayslake, and portions of North Chicago, Waukegan, Libertyville, and Gurnee.

Mike Rummel (R) and Paras Parekh (D) are running for Lake County Board and Forest Preserve District 12, which covers most of Lake Forest and Knollwood, and parts of Highland Park and Deerfield.

In addition to the candidate forum, you can learn about these candidates on the LWVIL Illinois Voter Guide <https://illinoisvoterguide.org>

Watch for information about registering for this forum and for other candidate forums!



Vote by Mail Ballots

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- hand deliver to the Lake County Clerk's office by 7 PM on Election Day,
- mail to the Lake County Clerk's office with a postmark no later than November 3, 2020,
- take to the voting site and surrendered to the election judges in order to vote in person, or
- place in a postage-free drop box.

Drop boxes will be **inside** the early voting sites. In our area, those are Lake Forest City Hall, West Deerfield Township Hall, Highland Park Country Club, and North Chicago City Hall. These sites are available beginning **October 19 and through November 1, 2020.** Hours are Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM, and Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

In addition, on November 2, North Chicago City Hall will be open for early voting and have inside drop box accessibility from 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM.

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You can go on the Lake County Clerk's website for more locations and hours

VoterRegistration@lakecountyil.gov

Voting can be completed by: a vote by mail ballot, in person early voting, or voting in person on Election Day. **There is no online voting.**

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<https://www.lakecountytill.gov/351/Voter-Power-for-Registered-Voters>

The Clerk's office will be sending out more information about voting locations and hours. There only have been one or two changes in Lake County polling sites.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Open House Event for Lake Bluff's Oriole Grove

Tuesday, September 22, 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Lake County Forest Preserves is hosting a Public Open House at Greenbelt Cultural Center to unveil two Master Plan options for Oriole Grove in Lake Bluff!

Locally known as Jensen Woods, this important 84-acre site provides a critical ecological link between the Lake Forest Open Lands property to the south and the Lake Bluff Open Lands to the north, creating 250-acres of open space along the Skokie River. Conservation biologists document that protecting and restoring these large,

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LWV-LF/LB Area Budget

FEATURES

Our League in Action!



League members Hattie Datt and Monica Yaun made themselves available to answer voter questions in downtown Lake Forest on Saturday. Passers by could take a selfie with Susan B. Anthony if they wanted!



**NATIONAL
SUICIDE**
prevention month

September is National Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month

Per the National Alliance on Mental Illness, suicidal thoughts, much like mental health conditions, can affect anyone regardless of age, gender or background. In fact, suicide is often the result of an untreated mental health condition. Suicidal thoughts, although common, should not be considered normal and often indicate more serious issues.

Here are a few warning signs of suicide:

- Increased alcohol and drug use
- Aggressive behavior
- Withdrawal from friends, family and community
- Dramatic mood swings
- Impulsive or reckless behavior

Suicidal *behaviors* are a psychiatric emergency. If you or a loved one starts to take any of these steps, seek immediate help from a health care provider or call 911:

- Collecting and saving pills or buying a weapon
- Giving away possessions
- Tying up loose ends, like organizing personal papers or paying off debts
- Saying goodbye to friends and family

From the City of Lake Forest: Crisis Intervention

Over the past few decades, the disproportionate involvement of persons with serious mental illnesses in the criminal justice system has captured the attention of advocates, policy makers, practitioners, and news media. While mental health budgets are being slashed, resources are being devoted to approaches intended to stem the flow of persons with serious mental illnesses in the criminal justice system.

With the assistance of the Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor Linda Porter, Lake Forest Police have built a Crisis Intervention Team program for Lake Forest. The program was started

to recognize and identify those consumers within the City who could benefit from the service. Working with the families, these CIT officers are often able to provide services instead of arrest. Officers who may come into contact with these individuals on a daily basis are made aware of any special circumstances or contact information that is available through the dispatch center. The individuals can be identified by name or address. This allows officers to have the information prior to arriving on scene and allows them the ability to contact a CIT officer, if needed. Individuals, parents, guardians and caregivers can complete a Special Needs Awareness Profile which provides public safety personnel with important information about a special needs person when responding to a specific address.

For more information about the Lake Forest Police Department's CIT program, contact Rick Anderson (by email at AndersoR@cityoflakeforest.com or by phone at (847) 810-3811, or Linda Porter at PorterL@cityoflakeforest.com or (847) 810-3856).

Fun Fact of the Week

On September 20, 1973, the much-hyped "Battle of the Sexes" took place in the Houston Astrodome as tennis player and women's rights activist Billie Jean King defeated self-styled male chauvinist Bobby Riggs in three straight sets. Riggs, a retired tennis champion, had been critical of the quality of women's tennis.



Annual Fall Kickoff on Sunday!

Sunday, September 27, 4:00 PM on Zoom



"(Almost) Everything You Need to Know About Hacking an Election - But Were Afraid to Ask"

Mark Rasch, Esq., will enlighten us about the various (cyber and non-cyber) ways an election can be compromised and provide us with guidance on what we should communicate to voters.

Mark has worked as prosecutor for the U.S. Department of Justice, where he prosecuted computer hackers and a U.S. Presidential

candidate for election fraud, and is an adjunct law professor, author, cyber security consultant and media commentator.

Mark has been a frequent commentator in the media on issues related to information security, appearing on BBC, CBC, Fox News, CNN, NBC News, ABC News, the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal* and many other outlets.

Our Fall Kickoff will feature a presentation by Mark Rasch on Zoom with a question-and-answer period to follow. Please join us and invite a friend! Registration is required; please complete the form below to receive the meeting link.

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Busy, Busy, Busy!!!

We are entering a very active next few weeks leading up to the election, so you have been and will be receiving several notifications for events via email in addition to your weekly issue of The Voter. We hope you aren't overwhelmed—we just want to make sure you're aware of all of the opportunities available to you as a League member. Please don't hesitate to reach out to the contacts for each of these events if you have questions or concerns. The LWV-LF/LB Board hopes you'll take advantage of at least some of these opportunities to socially network, learn some history, and get to know your candidates.



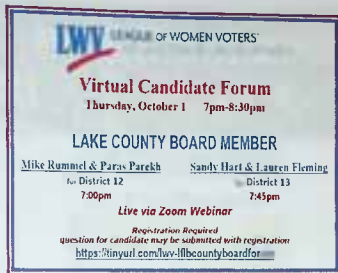
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Lake County Board Districts 12 and 13 Virtual Candidate Forum

Thursday, October 1, 7:00 and 7:45 PM

Join us for this virtual Candidate Forum featuring two Lake County Board member races. Mike Rummel and Paras Parekh are candidates for the #12 District. Their event starts at 7:00 PM on Thursday, October 1. Sandy Hart and Lauren Fleming are candidates for the #13 District. Their event starts at approximately 7:45PM

Registration for this zoom webinar is required. You may use the button below to register. One question for the candidates can be submitted with registration. You can find more information about the candidates and voting on our nonpartisan [IllinoisVoterGuide.org](https://www.IllinoisVoterGuide.org).

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First Annual LWV-LF/LB Area Suffrage Stroll

(A Live, Socially Distanced Event)

Saturday, October 3, Lake Forest

(Rain Date is Sunday, October 4)

A safe and socially distanced 5K walk/run tour featuring the many places in Lake Forest that represent the history of suffrage and the League of Women Voters. This event is part of our ongoing Centennial celebration; Centennial Committee members Wiebke Droege, Monica Yaun, Diane Lloyd and Laurie Rose have worked with The History Center for several months to create a route that is historically accurate, architecturally significant and filled with stunning natural beauty. Optional additions to the route have been provided to enable you to fulfill various fitness goals. We encourage you to adhere to local and state COVID-19 guidelines.

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For questions please contact Wiebke at
wdroege@pharmaconcepts.com

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Environmental Stewardship Action Focus

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Donations of new and gently used clothing and textiles will be reused. Any worn-out/stained items will be recycled into usable new products.

More information is available at

<https://www.pawsforpatrick.org/187/Clothing-Textiles>



Mental Health Action Focus

Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month initiatives continue in our community with purple ribbons tied to trees around town. The effort is led by Paws for Patrick, a local organization dedicated to connecting young people to emotional support and therapy animals as they cope with mental health issues. Paws for Patrick was created to honor the memory of Patrick Roemer, who succumbed to depression and anxiety by suicide in May.

For more information on animal therapy, see

<https://www.pawsforpatrick.org/>



Fun Fact of the Week

Filling a Vacancy on the US Supreme Court

Article II section 2 of the US Constitution states that the President "shall nominate, and by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, shall appoint ... Judges of the Supreme Court..." U.S. Const. art. 2 § 2, cl. 2.

1. The President usually will consult with Senators before announcing a nomination.
2. When the President nominates a candidate, the nomination is sent to the Senate Judiciary Committee for consideration.
3. The Senate Judiciary Committee holds a hearing on the nominee. The Committee usually takes a month to collect and receive all necessary records, from the FBI and other sources, about the nominee and for the nominee to be prepared for the hearings.
4. During the hearings, witnesses, both supporting and opposing the nomination, present their views. Senators question the nominee on his or her qualifications, judgment, and philosophy.
5. The Judiciary Committee then votes on the nomination and sends its recommendation (that it be confirmed, that it be rejected, or with no recommendation) to the full Senate.
6. The full Senate debates the nomination.
7. The Senate rules used to allow unlimited debate (a practice known as filibustering) and to end the debate, it required the votes of 3/5 of the Senate or 60 senators (known as the cloture vote). In April 2017, the Senate changed this rule and lowered the required votes to 51 to end debate on Supreme Court nominations (this is commonly known as "the nuclear option").
8. When the debate ends, the Senate votes on the

nomination. A simple majority of the Senators present and voting is required for the judicial nominee to be confirmed. If there is a tie, the Vice President who also presides over the Senate casts the deciding vote.

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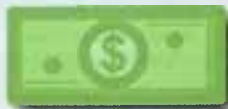
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Thursday, October 8th at 6pm

is limited. The event will be live streamed, on recorded and available for later viewing.

Scan to Register for Zoom Webinar
<http://nextword.createsend.com/1/ViewEmailArchive/jf/54522CF43865A855/C07FD2F38AC4859C/>

Conditions for the candidate nomination process:
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LAKE COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS VIRTUAL CANDIDATE FORUM

Lake County Coroner: Jennifer Banek (D) vs. Howard Cooper (R)
Lake County State's Attorney: Michael Nerheim (R) vs. Eric Rinehart (D)

Lake County Circuit Court Clerk Candidate Erin Weinstein will give a statement; Gloria Rodriguez declined the invitation to the forum.

Taped live on October 11, 2020. Available on YouTube via: <https://www.facebook.com/LWV-LakeCounty/>
QR code for Voter Information on <https://IllinoisVoterGuide.org>



Lake County Candidate Forum

Sunday, October 11

On Sunday, October 11, the candidates for Lake County Coroner, and for Lake County States Attorney, will meet to answer questions submitted by the county Leagues. This event will be taped and then available to view on YouTube as soon as possible. This is not a webinar with attendees, so no registration is required.

FEATURES

Welcome
New Members

Our League would like to take this opportunity to welcome new member Kathleen Boehm of Lake Forest!

Fun Fact of the Week

The LWV and Presidential Debates

After last week's chaotic Presidential debate, many pundits stated that they longed for the days when the LWV moderated them. Here is a bit of history where that issue is concerned from the national website.

There was a 16 year period in which there were no public presidential debates, but then in 1976 the League of Women Voters Education Fund (LWVEF)

sponsored three presidential debates. These debates between Jimmy Carter (D), former governor of Georgia and Gerald Ford (R), President of the United States, were the first to be held since 1960. In 1976 the League also sponsored one vice presidential debate between Senator Walter Mondale (D-MN) and Senator Bob Dole (R-KS).

The League continued to sponsor the presidential and vice presidential debates every four years through the 1984 elections. Following that election cycle, the Democratic and Republican national parties came together in a decision to move sponsorship of the debates under the purview of the parties.

Between 1985 and 1987 the League challenged this move and sparked widespread public debate on the matter. The LWVEF argued that a change in sponsorship that put control of the debate format in the hands of the two dominant parties would deprive voters of one of the only chances they have to see the candidates outside of their controlled campaign environment.

In 1987 the parties announced the creation of the Commission on Presidential Debates. The Commission chose LWVEF to sponsor the last presidential debate of 1988, but placed so many rules and restrictions on the possible format of the debate that the LWVEF was finally unable to agree to participate. In a press release at the time, Nancy Neuman, then LWVUS President, stated that the League had "no intention of becoming an accessory to the hoodwinking of the American public."

The nonprofit Commission on Presidential Debates sponsored all the presidential debates since 1988 (1988, 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008 and 2012).

However, the League continues to directly ask the candidates questions through our online election source www.VOTE411.org. VOTE411.org provides information on how to watch debates with a critical eye, information on candidates, contact information for your election officials and much more. VOTE411.org not only provides information on the presidential candidates, but also on all candidates running for U.S. Senate, U.S. House, gubernatorial offices, and state legislative offices in specific communities across the country.

State and local Leagues across the country continue to host debates for candidates running at all other levels of government, from U.S. House of Representatives and Senate to statewide offices, to city government and everything in between. The grassroots nature of the League enables us to engage communities in the process by hosting debates and other election activities."

Here www.c-span.org is the link to the press conference when the League President announced the League's withdrawal. It is a highlight of our history!






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Mail-In Mayhem?

Ballot FAQs

Summarized by LWV-LF/LB Member Carol Russ

Is it better to vote by mail or to vote in person? Both voting methods allow your vote to be counted. Your choices are to vote on election day (this must be in person), early voting (which is also in person), and vote by mail ("absentee", "snowbird" "student" and "military" voting all have mail in options).

Is mail in voting reliable? Forty-six states now use mail in voting. American troops abroad have relied on it since the Civil War. Five states successfully conduct all-mail elections. This year our election authorities had a huge increase in the mail in vote

requests due to COVID. In some cases, election procedures changed rapidly to accommodate this surge, and local election administrators were overwhelmed by the extra hours needed to process and count mail-in votes in the primaries. The resultant legal challenges and court rulings are still being appealed.

How do I get a mail in ballot? You can request your ballot online at LakeVoterPower.info or in person at the County Clerk's Office, 18 N. County St. in Waukegan. Or you can call the Clerk's Office at [847-377-2406](tel:847-377-2406). The deadline to request a mail-in ballot is October 29th. If you apply for a vote by mail ballot after Oct. 1, the Clerk's Office must mail it out within two business days of receiving the application.

How can I make sure my application to request a mail-in ballot was received? For Lake County voters, go to LakeVoterPower.info, and after filling in your personal information, click the button, "Track My Mail Ballot."

How do I return my mail-in ballot, and what's the deadline? When you receive your ballot, there are complete instructions and the options for returning it.

A ballot placed in the U.S. mail and postmarked by Election Day will be valid as long as it is received within 14 days after Election Day, Nov. 3. The Lake County's ballot takes a regular first-class stamp. Returning the completed ballot as soon as possible is advisable.

Another option is to return your mail-in ballot by

placing it in any of the official ballot drop boxes. The instructions include a sheet with the dates and hours drop boxes are available. This information also can be found online at

<https://www.lakecountvil.gov/DocumentCenter/View/36233/Drop-Box-Locations-all>

If you choose, you can hand-deliver your mail in ballot to the Lake County Clerk's office, 18 N. County St., Waukegan, see the dates and times online or in the instructions.

What if I don't understand how to fill out and return my VBM ballot? Your VBM ballot will come to you with clear instructions, including illustrations.

Why is there so much concern nationally that the mail-in ballots won't be counted this time? The most common reason that mail-in votes are not counted is that they weren't returned in time, or weren't requested in time. Mail yours in PDQ. The Lake County government website recommends that you send back your ballot a whopping two weeks before election day. Another difficulty evidenced by the spring primaries was that many jurisdictions couldn't upscale their mail-in services for the covid-induced demand.

What happens if I decide to vote in person instead of using my mail in ballot? Don't lose that ballot! It's best if you take your mail-in ballot and its certification envelope with you to vote in person. An election judge will give you a regular ballot. Without your previously-issued mail in ballot, you will be asked to sign an affidavit to vote. Your in-person vote will be classified as provisional, which will be held until all mail in ballots are processed.

Provisional ballots will not be counted until after all the mail in ballots have been counted. As ballots are tracked, this process ensures that no one can vote twice.

If you applied for a ballot but didn't receive it, you can vote in person if you fill out an affidavit attesting you didn't receive a mail in ballot and wish to vote in person. If you have any questions, you can contact the Voting by Mail Department at 847-377-VOTE or votingbvmail@lakecountvil.gov.

Why is there talk that the election won't be decided on election day? Not all votes are cast on election day. In 21 states the mail-in ballots are accepted long after the election, up to 17 days after November 3rd. In 16 states the mail-in ballot count doesn't start until after the election day polling places close. Nationally, the number of mail-in votes to be counted this fall could be a third of the total votes cast.

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The title of the video is
**Zoom10thCongressionalCandidateForum 10-8-
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Lake Michigan: the Good, the Bad and the Ugly

HURRY--REGISTRATION CLOSES TODAY!

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10/17, 9:00 am-1:00 PM

The League of Women Voters Lake Michigan Region is an Inter League Organization comprised of local and state Leagues of Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan. We educate about and advocate for Lake Michigan. This year's annual conference will focus on issues facing communities along the lake's southern shore. Please **register by October 12.**

Photo: Grand Mere State Park, Lisa Harris



Beyond the Ballot Series: Abolish the Electoral College

**Wednesday, October 28, 5:30-6:30 PM on
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Welcome
New Members

Our League would like to take this opportunity to welcome new members Katharine Hatch of Lake Bluff, and Lydia

Wilson of Long Grove!



Fun Fact of the Week

Columbus Day

On October 12, 1492, after a 33-day voyage, Christopher Columbus made his first landfall in the New World in the Bahamas. He named the first land sighted as El Salvador, claiming it in the name of the Spanish Crown. Columbus was seeking a western sea route from Europe to Asia and believed he had found an island of the Indies. He thus called the first island natives he met, 'Indians.'

The anniversary of this date has been celebrated in the US since the late 18th century, especially by Italians, who consider the day important to their heritage. Columbus Day became an official federal holiday in 1968.

Many reject celebrating him, saying that he represents "the violent history of the colonization in the Western Hemisphere", and that Columbus Day is a sanitation or covering-up of Christopher Columbus' actions such as enslaving Native Americans.

Now many celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day

instead. This movement began in 1989 in South Dakota and has gained popularity over the years as more people learn the detailed history of European colonization of the New World.



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LWV-LF/LB Criminal Justice Study Group to Convene This Week

Our Criminal Justice Study Group ("CJ Study Group") begins work this week! Since our entire League will meet to consider a consensus regarding updates to our Criminal Justice position in January 2021, the CJ Study Group will be providing weekly resources for all members through links in The Voter.

This week, the CJ Study Group invites you to view a resource about the intersection of mental health

and incarceration:

The Book Stall presents Dr. Christine Montross in a virtual Crowdcast event, discussing her new book, *Waiting for an Echo: The Madness of American Incarceration*. Dr. Montross spent her career treating the most severely ill psychiatric patients. Several years ago, she set out to investigate why so many of her patients got caught up in the legal system when discharged from her care--and what happened to them therein. *Waiting for an Echo* is a riveting, rarely seen glimpse into American incarceration. It is also a damning account of policies that have criminalized mental illness, shifting large numbers of people who belong in therapeutic settings into punitive ones. Please support our independent bookstore and our free programming by purchasing *Waiting for an Echo* from The Book Stall. This webinar is free but registration is required: click [here](#).



Elections Have Consequences – Show Up!

As we recognize the 19th amendment which allowed women their right to vote, remember “elections have consequences”. Do not be blasé this year after women had fought for so long and hard for their right. Elections are decided by those who show up, and your input is vital.

Educational resources about this election are available. If you need more information about the candidates and other voting information, go to the League's voter guide, IllinoisVoterGuide.org. Also, Lake Forest Library has on their website a voter guide with a wider range of topics, but no candidate information. The Lake Bluff Public Library produced two short videos, one explains how to register to vote and one how to vote by mail. The Illinois State Bar Association provides judicial evaluations for the retention of judges.

Beginning on Monday, October 19, you will be able to vote early locally in person. Lake Forest City Hall is an early voting site and will be open from October 19 through Sunday, November 1. The hours are M-F, 8:30 AM - 7 PM, and Saturday and Sunday, 9 AM - 5 PM. Or if you choose, you may put your mail-in ballot in a drop box located inside City Hall during early voting hours or at other early voting sites.

If you prefer, you may wait until Election Day, November 3, to vote in person at your assigned polling site from 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Your polling location can be found on your Voter's Certificate of Registration Card.

If you have any questions about locations, hours, or other issues related to voting, call the Lake County Clerk's office at [847-377-8683](tel:847-377-8683) or go to their website LakeVoterPower.info

Just be sure to vote!



The LWV-LF/LB Area Needs You—

To Understand and Help with Our Fundraising Needs

Our local LWV-LF/LB members benefit from the substantial resources of our national and state organizations, which provide invaluable knowledge and research on policy and legislation and support operational needs through insurance and other programs.

While most of us are aware of the benefits of this institutional support, most of us are unaware that local League dues largely support the state and national organizations. Of your \$75 membership dues, our local League retains only \$9. We keep 12% of the dues that local members pay.

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, our League has worked hard to provide voters with candidate forums and voter education. League members are working hard to develop programs that can be shared virtually and to launch a new web site that will better serve our organization.

To achieve a vibrant, active League presence, our local League needs to supplement our membership dues with fundraising efforts. We welcome any League members who wish to help in this initiative. Contact Peg Determan, at troutnpike@aol.com to

help in this effort.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Black Suffragettes, Then and Now

October 19, 7:00 PM (Open to the Public)

As we continue to celebrate the Centennial of the adoption of the 19th Amendment, we also recall that the struggle for suffrage was not always equitable. Take time to learn about the women of color who worked to further the cause. Historically all but ignored, the descendants of these women continue the struggle.

Register

at: <https://balibrary.librarycalendar.com/events/black-suffragettes-then-now>



Beyond the Ballot Series. Understanding the Judicial Election Process

Sunday, October 25, 4 PM on Zoom

Join us for a discussion with Judge Wallace B. Dunn, of the Illinois 19th Circuit Court (retired), to explain the judicial election process.

A dynamic speaker, Judge Dunn will address the selection, evaluation, and retention steps. Statements by judges up for retention on our November ballot may be available.

**Register for Understanding the Judicial Election
Process**



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Clean Energy Jobs Act

Repowering Illinois For All

Clean Energy Jobs Act: Get Ready, Be Informed

Our League position supports environmentally sound policies that reduce energy growth rates, emphasize energy conservation and encourage the use of renewable resources. The LWVIL is a strong supporter of Clean Energy Jobs Act (CEJA) .

CEJA is comprehensive clean energy legislation (Senate Bill 2132/House Bill 3624) currently before the Illinois General Assembly. CEJA would boost energy efficiency standards, take advantage of the falling cost of wind and solar power, and protect the state from a federal regulatory ruling. CEJA is the only energy legislation in Springfield that could secure savings for consumers while significantly ramping up renewable energy development in the state—and it does all this while holding Illinois utilities accountable to their customers. This legislation may come to a vote around November

17.

To learn more about CEJA:

October 28 at 8pm via Zoom hosted by the LWV of
Arlington Heights/Mt. Prospect/Buffalo Grove

<https://www.facebook.com/events/348143826623544/>

<https://www.citizensutilityboard.org/clean-energy-jobs-act/>

Reach out to our legislators to encourage their
support for CEJA

<https://ilcleanjobs.org/clean-energy-jobs-act/>



Fun Fact of the Week

October's Scary Stock Market History

Tomorrow marks the 33rd anniversary of "Black Monday" which occurred on October 19, 1987, on Wall Street as stocks plunged a record 508 points or 22.6 per cent, the largest one-day drop in stock market history. The original "Black Monday" refers to the stock market crash of 1929, considered the worst economic event in world history. It began on Thursday, October 24, 1929, with skittish investors

trading a record 12.9 million shares. On October 28, dubbed "Black Monday," the Dow Jones Industrial Average plunged nearly 13 percent.



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FEATURES

Election Night Cocktail Recipes

Here are some drink recipes that you can mix up to celebrate Election Day and the 100th Year of the Women's Right to Vote! (Coincidentally, 2020 is also the 100th anniversary of Prohibition...) They are included today so you have time to shop for ingredients, and will be included again next week so you can have the recipes handy for election night (or day--it's always five o'clock somewhere!)



Blue State Citrus Martini

Moisten the rim of chilled martini glass with lime wedge. Sprinkle coarse sugar onto small plate, and dip moistened rim into the sugar to coat lightly.

Fill cocktail shaker with ice. Add 1/4 cup cranberry juice, 1 shot of vodka, 1 shot of blue curacao liqueur, and 1 tablespoon lime juice. Shake and strain into a chilled martini glass.



Red State Raspberry Martini

Fill a cocktail shaker with ice. Add 1 shot of raspberry or plain vodka, 1/2 shot of Chambord raspberry liqueur, 1/2 shot of triple sec, and 1/4 cup of cranberry juice. Shake and strain into a chilled martini glass. Add raspberry garnish.



Suffragette Sling

This spin on the classic Singapore Sling will add a kick to your celebration of the 19th Amendment!

In a cocktail shaker, mix the following ingredients except the club soda, and pour into a tall glass over ice. Top with the club soda and garnish with a pineapple slice and cherry.

- 1 shot of gin
- 1/2 ounce Grand Marnier
- 1/2 ounce cherry liqueur

- 1/2 Chambord raspberry liqueur
- 1 ounce pineapple juice
- 1/2 ounce fresh lime juice
- 1 dash bitters
- club soda. to top



HER-ricane

This adaptation of the classic Hurricane claims equal rights for being boozy, so do not drive or operate heavy machinery after consumption.

Mix the following in a cocktail shaker, then pour over ice into a hurricane glass. Garnish with orange slice and cherry.

- 2 ounces light rum
- 2 ounces dark rum
- 1 ounce fresh lime juice
- 1 ounce fresh orange juice
- 1/2 ounce passion fruit puree
- 1/2 ounce simple syrup
- 1 tablespoon grenadine



Nonalcoholic Red White and Blue Spritzer

Fill your glass with ice and insert straw if desired. Slowly pour cranberry juice into the glass over the ice until the glass is 1/3 full. Repeat the process with Sprite or 7up for the middle layer, and blue Gatorade for the top blue layer.



Star Spangled Spritzer

Lightly mix 1 part Pinnacle® Citrus Vodka and 2 parts lemon soda in a cocktail shaker with ice and set aside.

In a tall glass, add 1 part grenadine slowly to the bottom. Fill the glass with crushed ice and strain the

vodka soda mixture over the back of a bar spoon,
followed by 1 part DeKuyper® Blue Curacao
Liqueur.

Garnish with fresh mint and berries



Star Spangled Berry

Pour 2 parts Skinnygirl® Bare Naked Vodka into a
highball glass, then add 5 strawberries. Add ice, 15
blueberries, and top with 2 parts club soda.



Wine Sparkler

Place 2 cups watermelon stars and 1 cup
blueberries in the bottom of a 1-gallon pitcher. Pour
in 1 bottle chilled dry white wine such as Fume
Blanc, Chenin Blanc, or Vinho Verde, and 1 liter of
Sprite or 7up. Gently mix to combine. Serve with a

few fruit pieces in each cup. (You can delete the wine to make it non-alcoholic.)

Welcome

New Members

Our League would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest member, **Juliana Furlong** of Green Oaks.



Fun Fact of the Week

On October 28, 1886, the Statue of Liberty was dedicated on Bedloe's Island in New York Harbor. The statue was a gift from the people of France commemorating the French-American alliance during the American Revolutionary War. Designed by Frederic Auguste Bartholdi, the entire structure stands 300 feet tall. The pedestal contains the words: *"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"*

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Facial Recognition in Policing and Beyond

This Thursday, November 5, 7:00 PM

Are there any limits regarding the police usage of an image of your face? Your digital presence at a public or private event? How accurate is facial recognition technology? Does it enable racial bias in criminal cases? What have courts decided about the right to privacy in facial recognition? As our society embraces the enhanced use of cameras, these questions are increasingly important.

This Thursday, nationally renowned and former DOJ prosecutor Mark Rasch, Esq. (who addressed election hacking at our Fall Kickoff) returns by

popular demand to guide us through this complex topic. Participate through the following Zoom link (no pre-registration required) that you can copy and paste into your browser, or simply click the button below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85150821902?pwd=cUJNTWFtVGJSDZYRHhuQnNTd3ZZZz09>

Zoom Link for Facial Recognition Program



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watch candidate forums.

Don't be surprised if there is not a clear winner announced on election night for any of the key offices. There were many mail-in ballots this year, and those may still have to be counted.

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And for more Happy Hour fun ...

Compete in the "Bet the Ballot" Contest!

All eyes are on the Presidential race, but to make some of the lesser known races down ballot more interesting, join our **Bet the Ballot** contest! Come to the League Lounge Election Day Virtual Happy Hour from 5:30-6:30 on Tuesday and [fill out the contest form](#) with who you think will win each race, as well as the tie-breaking trivia questions. The person with the most correct answers will win a gift certificate for \$25 to Sunset Foods! *You must be present for at least a portion of the League Lounge to win.*

Click to enter the contest!

Hope to see you online Tuesday with your election day drink in hand!

(Special shout-out to Monica's 11-year-old son, Evan, for creating the contest form for us!)

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Nominations Being Accepted for the Carrie Chapman Catt Local Leadership Awards

**Please Submit Nominations by Thursday,
November 12**

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters - Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Area established the Carrie Chapman Catt Local Leadership Award in 2013. The award was named in honor of the founder of the League of Women Voters.

Carrie Chapman Catt was a prominent leader in the fight for women's suffrage. With her great

leadership and organizational skills, she pressured Congress to pass the 19th Amendment.

The Carrie Chapman Catt Award is given to a LWV-LF/LB member who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and significant, ongoing personal effort in promoting the League's mission. The nominee's efforts should benefit Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Area residents and focus on promoting awareness of public issues and/or wider participation in the democratic process.

Members should submit their nominations to Laurie Rose, President of the LWV-LF/LB Board of Directors, at lww.lflb.president@gmail.com by November 12. All submissions should include the name of the nominee and a complete but concise description of her/his League activities. Laurie will present the submissions to the LWV-LF/LB Board of Directors. The LWV-LF/LB Board of Directors will approve a final selection. Members of our Board of Directors are not eligible to receive the award.

The honoree will be recognized and awarded a certificate of appreciation at our Holiday League Lounge in December.

You Can Have Confidence in Our Voting System!

Amid efforts to cast aspersions on the democratic process in the US by some candidates who lost their election, it is worth reminding everyone that the procedures this year are no different than they have been in the past. The difference was in the greater number of mail-in ballots due to the

COVID-19 pandemic, which of course has prolonged the counting process.

According to Ballotpedia, the online encyclopedia of US politics, "election results are finalized through processes called canvassing and certification. *Canvassing* generally refers to how state and local officials confirm the validity of ballots cast in an election. *Certification* is the process authorities use to formalize the election results based on the canvass. However, some states, localities, and commentators use the terms interchangeably to describe the entire process of counting ballots and formalizing results." Visit their website for information on when results will be official in each state: ballotpedia.org

UPCOMING EVENTS



Movie Screening: "The Story of Plastic"

Monday, November 9, 6:30 – 9:00 PM via Zoom

The Story of Plastic takes a sweeping look at the human-made crisis of plastic pollution and the worldwide effect it has on the health of our planet and its inhabitants. Spanning three continents, the film illustrates the ongoing catastrophe - fields full

We will start our screening together in a Zoom meeting at 6:30pm. At approximately 6:45, we will watch *The Story of Plastic* film. We will then reconvene on Zoom by 8:30pm for a post-screening discussion.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join?pwd=Zm9udGJlTGdScUo0eDZkdjRldz09>

<http://nextword.createsend.com/ViewEmailArchive/y/C86EC7F1D2DFF109/C67FD2F38AC4859C/>



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Liberty the Dog Moves from Lake Bluff Library

Liberty, the LWV-LF/LB Area's entry into Lake Bluff's 125th Anniversary celebratory dog show, has been rescued from her guard in front of the Lake Bluff Library, and will spend the winter resting after a busy election season.



Fun Fact of the Week

November 11 is celebrated in the U.S. as Veterans

Day with parades and military memorial ceremonies. It was first called Armistice Day. On November 11, 1918 at 5:00 AM, in Marshal Foch's railway car in the Forest of Compiègne, the Armistice between the Allied and Central Powers was signed, silencing the guns of World War I effective at 11:00 AM – the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. In many places in Europe, a moment of silence in memory of the millions of fallen soldiers is still observed.

Twenty years later, on November 11, 1938, Irving Berlin's *God Bless America* was first performed. He had written the song especially for radio entertainer Kate Smith, who sang it during her regular radio broadcast. It soon became a patriotic favorite of Americans and was one of Smith's most requested songs.

Watch & Listen to Kate Smith Introduce "God Bless America"



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Volunteer to Get Out the Vote in Georgia!

As you likely already know, two influential U.S. Senate seats are headed for runoff elections, and millions of Georgia voters need to know how best to participate. This is why the League of Women Voters is teaming up with the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights this week on **November 18th and 19th, starting at 4:30 PM ET** for statewide get-out-the-vote text-a-thon in Georgia!

We will be texting voters across Georgia to remind them about important runoff election dates and information. Interested volunteers can sign up for a specific shift on either Wednesday or Thursday and

join a training starting at 4:30 PM ET or 5:30 PM ET on either day. We will be using a tool called Hustle. You can find more information about it [here](#).

Hustle is a two-way texting platform that will allow you to have a real conversation with the person you are texting. We will have a script and answers to common questions to pull from along with basic engagement guidelines. Again, there will be in-depth training you can sign-up for, and each training will be limited in size to ensure everyone is ready to go.

Ready to get started in helping Georgia voters create their voting plan? Then [sign-up here](#) today!

Visit the [sign-up page](#) for more details. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the LWWUS Organizing Team at organizing@lww.org.



League Poll Watching on Election Day

While accounts swirled around the country about voter suppression, some local voters were concerned about potential intimidation tactics here. In spite of COVID-19, LWW-LF/LB members sought to relieve voters' concerns. League poll watchers were stationed at all voting sites in Lake Forest, Lake Bluff, and Knollwood on Election Day.

The Voter Services committee is pleased to report that the voting process went smoothly on Nov. 3rd. As usual for our area, just a few glitches or small errors were noted. Our volunteers were pleased that there were a good number of new voters who took advantage of same day registration just prior to voting on site. They noted there was no shortage of friendly election judges. At a few sites, a couple of poll watchers from other organizations sat. The health safety precautions were evident. Additionally, if any situations arose, the local police were readily available, as was a lawyer from the State's Attorney office. LWV Illinois had provided a hot line phone number to call for questions needing clarification. There was only one story of perceived electioneering. A small group of people wearing partisan clothing started to enter to vote. The rules were explained and they left, no argument. A number of voters were confused about how to vote in person after receiving a vote by mail ballot. Some went home to retrieve the ballot, and some voted provisionally. Many experienced election judges explained the relatively low turnout on Election Day to the massive number of people who voted early.

Thanks goes to Happie Datt, Lynette Foss, Ann Grant, Mary Mathews, Nancy Novit, Laurie Rose, and Marilyn Turchi for their time and efforts.

Finally, we await the Lake County Clerk's final tabulations due on November 17.

EVENTS



Criminal Justice Presentation from Lake County Law Enforcement

**Wednesday, November 18, 12:00 PM Central
Time**

The Criminal Justice Study Groups of LWV LF/LB and LWVLC invite you to join us as Anthony Vega, Chief of Staff Lake County Sheriff's Office, addresses us on the topics of Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils and post-incarceration/successful reentry. This will be a Zoom meeting hosted by LWV Lake County w/ Anthony Vega, Lake County Sheriff's Office. **Registration IS REQUIRED** for this informative presentation.

Register in advance for this meeting using the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/zoom/register/6Z0tawuuu4RzGdHs07w-1a0dF7ILXX0LwQdL>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



Last Four Days to See "Represent" at Gorton!

Ends This Thursday, November 19!

The Gorton Center has been running a fantastic film as part of their Virtual Cinema series that you won't want to miss, and it's nearing the end of its run.

About the film: Local elections in Middle America are not often fodder for national news coverage. While 24-hour news cycles keep us focused on national partisan battles, there are multilayered, interpersonal dynamics at play in local elections that mirror – and sometimes predict – the ebb and flow of America's large scale political landscape. Leading up to the 2018 midterm elections in the heart of the Midwest, three women take on entrenched local political networks in their fight to reshape politics on their own terms.

Learn more by following this link to the Gorton Center: gortoncenter.org



Climate Change Interest Group Meeting-VIRTUAL

Thursday, November 19, 5:30 - 6:30 PM

The next meeting of the LWV LF/LB Area Climate Change Interest Group will take place on Thursday, November 19, from 5:30 - 6:30 PM via conference call. You will be able to participate via your telephone by simply calling in on a conference call line. There will be much to discuss! Drop by virtually for stimulating conversations about this important topic! As usual, we will be on hiatus in December, due to the holiday season. We will resume meeting in January, 2021, via Zoom. (January 28 at 5:30 PM) .

If you have any questions or would like the call-in information, please call or email Joy Guscott-Mueller (847.682.0699 or ejg@guscottmuellerlaw.com) or David Mueller (847.431.2404 or dmueller@guscottmuellerlaw.com)

Food and beverage will be available for sale at the event and is not included in the ticket price.

FEATURES



Advocacy in Action-Our League Influences Environmental Policy In Lake Forest!

The Finance Committee of the Lake Forest City Council recently considered projects relating to ravines, parks, water and sewer, and bridges.

Six of the projects included sustainability components such as bioswales, permeable surfaces, native plantings, and hybrid vehicle replacements in order to protect the environment.

The City of Lake Forest Environment Sustainability Committee, chaired by Alderman and former League Vice President of Program Melanie Rummel, worked to expand the sustainability feature of capital projects. Our League President, Laurie Rose, advocated at the Environmental Sustainability Committee meetings by expressing support for environmental goals that align with our local positions of effective comprehensive planning and conservation of our natural resources. Our Program, Action and Advocacy Committee, chaired by current Vice President of Program Katie

Andersen, is coordinating environmental program efforts with our Climate Change Interest Group and other local environmental groups. Stay tuned for updates on future programs and these important projects!

Fun Fact of the Week

On November 19, 1868 , New Jersey suffragists attempted to vote in the presidential election to test the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution which states, "no State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States." A total of 172 suffragists, including four African American women, were turned away. Instead they cast their votes in a women's ballot box overseen by 84-year-old Quaker Margaret Pryor, pictured below with the women's ballot box.



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November 22, 2020

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Community Solar Update

The League of Women Voters position is that climate change is a serious threat facing our nation and our planet. The League believes that an interrelated approach to combating climate change—including through energy conservation, air pollution controls, building resilience, and promotion of renewable resources—is necessary to protect public health and defend the overall integrity of the global ecosystem.

The Village of Lake Bluff and the City of Lake Forest have partnered with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus to offer Community Solar

Subscriptions for residents on a first-come first-serve basis. Consumers will receive net metering credits on their monthly ComEd bills for their share of the electricity generated by a Community Solar Farm.

<https://www.lakebluff.org/village-news/11-village-news/1053-subscribe-and-save-community-solar-comes-to-lake-bluff>

<https://www.cityoflakeforest.com/community-solar/>

There is no cost or obligation to sign up on the CS² Program waiting list. The CS² Program Administrator – MC Squared Energy Services – will review your account for the following:

- Ensure that your account qualifies under ComEd's rules; and,
- Identify the Subscription size that is right for your account.

MC Squared Energy Services will inform you by email once your account has been confirmed, and again when a community solar farm that is participating in the CS² Program is ready to commence operations. At that time, you may choose to **complete the enrollment process and paperwork** and start receiving your net metering credits. There is no enrollment fee. There is no termination fee. Once you are enrolled in the program, the subscription lasts for 2 years.

Homeowners and ComEd customers have other solar options. The Citizens Utility Board has information on evaluating solar programs.

<https://www.citizensutilityboard.org/community-solar-illinois/>

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Squanto, also known as Tisquantum, was born circa 1580 near Plymouth, Massachusetts. Little is known about his early life. In 1614, he was kidnapped by English explorer Thomas Hunt, who brought him to Spain where he was sold into slavery. Squanto escaped, eventually returning to North America in 1619. He then returned to the Patuxet region, where he became an interpreter and guide for the Pilgrim settlers at Plymouth in the 1620s. He died circa November 1622 in Chatham, Massachusetts.



Dear Fellow League Members,

I'm writing today to thank you. Thank you for being part of the LWV-LF/LB community as we stand united for voting rights and voter education. Thanks to your support (and the miracle of evolving technology), we have been able to educate and inform more voters than ever. For the first time, we were able to introduce judges on the ballot and provide social studies teachers with a civics module that gave first-time voters a reason to vote --and ensure that our children and grandchildren will have the tools and knowledge to keep both a republic --and a democracy.

Though the world will continue to change and challenge us, I am gratified that supporters like you will remain steadfast in the tireless pursuit of our mission.

Thank you for being part of our vital work. May you and your loved ones take the time to enjoy the blessings of liberty and a safe and peaceful holiday.

After Thanksgiving, please join me in thanking and honoring **Ann Grant**, a League Legacy Member and beloved mentor in all things League, as we award her the Carrie Chapman Catt Local Leadership Award via Zoom on **Wednesday, December 2nd, at 7:00 PM**, using the link below. The history of our

League has been shaped by her tireless and consistent donations of time and talent, as exemplified in the photos below. Let's celebrate Ann and raise a glass to her during our Holiday League Lounge.

Happy Thanksgiving!!

Laurie Rose, Esq.

President, League of Women Voters-Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Area

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PM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86582557483>





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Ann Grant Wins Carrie Chapman Catt Award

Each year our League bestows the Carrie Chapman Catt Local Leadership Award upon the member they feel has been exemplary in their service to the community and the League's mission. The LWV LF/LB Area is pleased to announce that the 2020 recipient of the Carrie Chapman Catt Award is Ann Grant!

Ann has been in the League for more than 50 years, and she has been active in every one of those years!

She has served on the Nominating Committee several times. She has been the Voter Services Chair. She has been on the Hospitality Committee many times. She has also served on other Board positions.

Ann answers the call for volunteers every time she is needed. She is our resident expert on League positions and bylaws. She organizes questions for candidate debates and forums, being especially valuable in this capacity because she knows the community and its issues so well. She is and always has been there for our League. The very history of our League has been shaped by her tireless and consistent donations of time and talent.

Normally we would present the award at our annual Holiday Luncheon, however we can't gather this year. Therefore we will celebrate Ann and raise a glass to her during our Holiday League Lounge* on Zoom on December 2nd at 7:00 PM! Please use the following link to join the Zoom meeting--no registration is required: us02web.zoom.us

Meanwhile, please enjoy the photo montage of Ann representing our League at many events.

**More details about the League Lounge can be found in the Events section below.*



Lake Forest Book Store

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Lake Forest Book Store to Offer 10% of Sales to Our League from December 2-6

Support our League and local merchants! The Lake Forest Book Store is pleased to announce that they will donate 10% of sales from League member purchases December 2- December 6. People who are also members of the bookstore's discount club would forgo their 10% off to themselves as the 10% would go to the League.

To take advantage of this, please note, that if you are shopping in the store you will need to say it's for the League. That is also true for online

ordering by making a note in the comment section. Lisa Dietrich will be highlighting a few of her favorites and answer any questions during the Holiday League Lounge on Wednesday, December 2, at 7:00 PM.

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**Holiday "League Lounge" to Feature
Carrie Chapman Catt Awards
Ceremony, Lake Forest Bookstore**

Presentation

Wednesday, December 2, 7:00 PM via Zoom

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We will also hear from Lisa Dietrich of the Lake Forest Bookstore, who will talk about their special partnership with our League, share some gift ideas, and answer any questions you may have.

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An Update on Ethylene Oxide (EtO) Issues in Lake County

On November 4, the Legislative Committee of the Lake County Board presented its draft of its Legislative agenda for 2021. The purpose of the Agenda is to formalize the County's positions on legislation both anticipated and sought to be considered and serves as a guide when considering legislation that would impact Lake County. The draft includes a change whereby it will shift its position from "monitor" EtO regulation-related legislation to "support" and deem the issue of EtO an "initiative of interest", giving a wider range of advocacy possibilities. Board members summarized an overall desire of stronger environmental

regulation. The Legislative committee intends to reconvene in January 2021.

The Agenda can be found here:

<https://www.hartfordvt.gov/25044/Legislative-Program>

Congressman Brad Schneider is working to protect our communities from EtO exposure at the Federal level.





Fun Fact of the Week

The date of December 1 marks the anniversary of several achievements for women in history. In 1918 Lady Nancy Astor became the first woman in the British House of Commons. In 1955 The birth of the modern American civil rights movement occurred as Rosa Parks was arrested in Montgomery, Alabama, for refusing to give up her seat to a white man and move to the back section of a municipal bus. Her arrest resulted in a year-long boycott of the city bus system by African Americans and led to legal actions ending racial segregation on municipal buses throughout the South. Then in 1988 Benazir Bhutto was nominated to become prime minister of Pakistan, the first woman to govern a Muslim nation.



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December 6, 2020

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Shared Services Study: Get Involved!

Our League has undertaken a Study, which asks:

- Does a transparent and cooperative process by the District and Boards of Education in Shared Services exist?
- Does a public disclosure of the Shared Services arrangement offer opportunities for citizen participation and decision making in important financial and education issues?

On Monday, December 7 at 7:00 PM the District 115 Board of Education will meet in a regular

session. Its agenda includes 2 items for approval, the Superintendent 2020-2021 Compensation and the Shared Services Staff 2020-2021 Compensation.

A link to the meeting can be found at

<https://www.lakefordcityboe.org/boe/district-115-boe>

League members are encouraged to watch this Board meeting to observe the Shared Services process. Share your thoughts with the Study Committee at ProgramLWVFLB@gmail.com.

Our LWVIL supports the efficient and effective operation of government. Consolidation of governmental units and the sharing of major governmental services may be a way of promoting the efficient and effective operation of government. In achieving this goal, the League supports a cooperative and transparent process, in which citizens have sufficient and timely information with which to make informed decisions about proposed actions, and well-defined channels for citizen input and review.



A Letter from Carrie Chapman Catt Award Winner Ann Grant

Dear League Members,

What an honor to receive the Carrie Chapman Catt Award on Wednesday night! Many thanks to those members who attended and to those who couldn't and sent congratulatory emails. I even received some Hansa Coffee gift cards from one member.

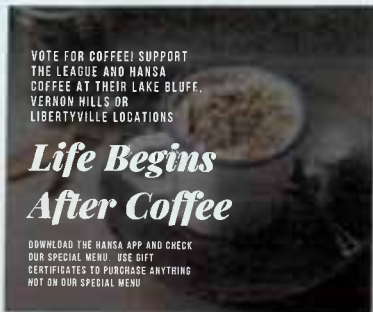
It has been my pleasure to get to know all of you over the last 59 years and to work for a common purpose. Although we couldn't carry out some of our activities to commemorate one hundred years of serving the public, we were able to start 2020 off with a bang. Diane led the way and we did make our presence known in a shortened 4th of July parade and our dog "Liberty" stood out front of the Lake Bluff Library for four months.

We can now look forward to 2021 and a vaccine and maybe we can even take off our masks and share some real time together. In the meantime, we can buy some books from the Lake Forest Book Store and some gift certificates from Hansa Coffee to boost our fundraising campaign.

Happy holidays to all and stay safe.

Gratefully,

Ann



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Programs to Prepare for the Consensus Meetings in January

The LWV LF/LB has joined with other local Leagues in Lake County, sharing resources, to present several programs on selected study topics and prepare us for for the consensus meetings in January. The remaining programs, listed below, will feature local experts from the Lake County and Chicago areas.

December 3: An excellent program with Joy Gossman, Lake County Chief Public Defender, speaking on Pre-Trial Procedures and Courtroom Procedures and Access. The Program was recorded

and is available on You Tube at this
link: www.youtube.com.

December 7 at 2 PM: A webinar with Sarah Staudt, Senior Policy Analyst and Staff Attorney at Chicago Appleseed Fund for Justice, will discuss Gender Issues, Emerging Adults, Bias, Investment in the Community and Restorative Justice. NO Registration is required. The webinar link is:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89624518039#success>

December 9 at 7 PM: Mike Nerheim, Lake County State's Attorney, 2012-2020, will be speaking on the topics of Sentencing Laws and Procedures, Police Licensing and Funding. Register in advance for this meeting using this
link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZpc-6uqz0iEt1ihI5-DUQggmja-XzLzd9>

December 16 at 12 PM: Dr. David E. Olson, Professor, Criminal Justice Department, Loyola University, will address the topic of Policies and Procedures of the Illinois Dept. of Corrections. Register in advance for this meeting using this link: us02web.zoom.us

Consensus Meetings will be January 7 and 12 at 6:30 PM. More information will follow.



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A VISION FOR CHANGE:
AN EVENING WITH
LAKE COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY
ERIC RINEHART, ESQ.



*Join our discussion with
newly elected State's
Attorney Eric Rinehart on
the topic of criminal justice
reform. There will be a
question & answer session
after his presentation.*

THURSDAY
DECEMBER 13TH
6:00PM - 8:00PM
SEE THE QR CODE
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EVENT.



Register for the Eric Rinehart Event



Our Holiday Event is Sold Out!

Our Lightscape LWV LF/LB ticket allocation has SOLD OUT! Thanks to Lisa Spano, our Hospitality Co-Chair, for coordinating this magical socially distanced event. Our entry time is 5-5:15PM on 12/16. If you purchased and received a ticket, watch your email about details for gathering together before the event begins.

Many faiths celebrate this season with a focus on light- Diwali, Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa all have traditions related to light. Whether you celebrate one or more of these holidays or simply enjoy the beauty of the season, may 2021 bring light into your life. Happy Holidays to all!



Taking a Stand Against Gun Violence

From Our Friends at GVPAC (Gun Violence Prevention Action Committee)

Currently, the Illinois Senate is preparing for the upcoming lame duck legislative session in early January. We've lost too many lives to wait any longer for our lawmakers to take action. Senate President Harmon has an opportunity to lead the last vote needed to pass SB1966 the BIO Bill to Fix the FOID before this legislative year comes to a close.

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Topics to discuss include: Global Supply Chains and National Security; China's influence; roles of international organizations in a global pandemic; and others. The reading material provides background and expert analysis and suggestions for

discussion questions which are led by members and rotating leaders. For more information or any other questions contact:

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We look forward to hearing from you!



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LWV-LF/LB Area President's Message

We rarely stop to consider that poets lend their voices to current events. Shelley believed poets were "the unacknowledged legislators of the world". Plato thought poets should be banished since they made lies seem like the truth. JFK, Clinton and Obama invited poets to read at their inaugurations. As we prepare for the Presidential inauguration in January 2021, let us pause to celebrate the poetry selected by past Presidents. This week, the poetry of Robert Frost, selected by President Kennedy. - Laurie Rose

The Gift Outright

BY ROBERT FROST

The land was ours before we were the land's.

She was our land more than a hundred years

Before we were her people. She was ours

In Massachusetts, in Virginia,

But we were England's, still colonials,

Possessing what we still were unpossessed by,

Possessed by what we now no more possessed.

Something we were withholding made us weak

Until we found out that it was ourselves

We were withholding from our land of living,

And forthwith found salvation in surrender.

Such as we were we gave ourselves outright

(The deed of gift was many deeds of war)

To the land vaguely realizing westward,

But still unstoried, artless, unenhanced,

Such as she was, such as she would become.



Fun Fact of the Week

December 16 marks the birth of philosopher George Santayana (1863-1952), who was born in Madrid, Spain. As a child he emigrated to the U.S. and eventually became a teacher at Harvard University. He is best known for stating, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."



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**New Year, New Ideas: LWV-LF/LB
Area to Launch Book Club in 2021!**

Seeking Volunteers to Coordinate and Lead

At our holiday League Lounge gathering earlier this

month, we enjoyed hearing from Lisa Dietrich on behalf of Lake Forest Bookstore about some of the most popular and interesting books to give as gifts. The discussion led to a suggestion that our League start a book club, perhaps featuring books that connect to our Mission, Foci and Program. We had twenty attendees indicate their interest. If you are also interested in being part of this, please send an email to Lynette Foss lfoss621@sbcglobal.net. Please indicate whether you would be interested in leading a discussion, and include a book recommendation if possible. No experience is necessary. Please also indicate if you would be willing to coordinate this effort each month by securing a book and discussion leader, and setting up the Zoom meetings.

The club will meet on Zoom until it's safe to meet in person, probably on a monthly basis. There is no commitment involved--if a book interests you then you can join the discussion. If not then you can pass. Look for more details after the first of the year!



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Fun Fact of the Week

Christmas wasn't always such an elaborate celebration in the U.S. In fact, in Puritan culture it was illegal to celebrate Christmas. It did not become a federal holiday until 1870. Our modern way of celebrating can be traced to Queen Victoria's reign, when her German husband, Prince Albert, brought his country's custom of decorating a tree to Windsor Castle. Pictures of the Royal Family around the tree were published all over Europe and America, starting a tradition that we still honor today.



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The Voter

January 3, 2021

Happy New Year!

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CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO

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AUDRA WILSON, ESQ. PRESIDENT/CEO OF THE
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 5TH

7 - 8 P M VIA ZOOM

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via fbep@vsnw11gwws001.n.etc

Zoom Link for January 5 Event



New Year, New Ideas: LWV-LF/LB Area to Launch Book Club Soon!

Seeking Volunteers to Coordinate and Lead

At our holiday League Lounge gathering in December, we enjoyed hearing from Lisa Dietrich on behalf of Lake Forest Bookstore about some of the most popular and interesting books to give as gifts. The discussion led to a suggestion that our League start a book club, perhaps featuring books that connect to our Mission, Foci and Program. If you are interested in being part of this and have not already submitted your name, please send an email to Lynette Foss at lfoss621@sbcglobal.net. Please indicate whether you would be interested in leading a discussion, and include a book recommendation if possible. No experience is necessary. Please also indicate if you would be willing to coordinate this effort each month by securing a book and discussion leader, and setting up the Zoom meetings.

The club will meet on Zoom until it's safe to meet in person, probably on a monthly basis. There is no commitment involved--if a book interests you then you can join the discussion. If not then you can pass.

Look for more details soon!



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