



**The League of Women Voters of Elmhurst**  
**Over 75 Years of Public Policy Debate and Voter Education in our Community**

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# Shop Talk

## **Cool Cities: The State of Our City**

**Dennis Streicher**

Director of Water/Waste Water for the City of Elmhurst

Thursday, April 17 at 7:00 pm

Elmhurst Public Library

Cool Cities Coalition representative Dennis Streicher will outline the steps various Elmhurst municipal departments have taken to reduce the city's carbon footprint. Some of these actions were in effect before Elmhurst became a Cool City in January while others are a direct result of the Coalition and the City of Elmhurst's decision to aim for CO2 reduction and sustainable practices.

Mr. Streicher has worked at the Waste Water treatment facility since 1972 and has been its director since 2001. He is also a member of the Illinois Association of Wastewater Agencies Executive Committee and serves as President of the DuPage River/Salt Creek Work Group

## **Great Decisions**

Barbara Swords

**Thursday, April 3, 2008 at 9:15 am**

At the home of Barbara Swords

Discussion will be based on the materials and ideas presented in Chapter 3, "Blacklisting the Enemy."

The author, David Morrison, writes a daily column for Congressional Quarterly Homeland Security online magazine.

Our discussion will, in part, focus on two policy options for the United States:  
(a) Shall we forego the practice of formally listing states as sponsors of terrorism and

simply deal with them on a case-by-case basis as merited by their international behavior? and (b) Shall we make a stronger effort to arrive at some sort of national and international consensus on a definition of what "terrorism" actually comprises?

For each option, there are pros and cons to consider and issues to examine in regard to U.S. relations with Syria, Cuba, Iran, Sudan, North Korea, Libya, and Iraq.

## Voter Registration Drives

Myrrha Guzman

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On March 13, the League registered **10** voters at the Technology Center of DuPage. Thanks, **Jan Dörner!**

On March 18, at the invitation of Willowbrook High School's Civitas Social Science Honor Society, League members registered **63** voters during the lunch hours.

Thanks goes to **Marta Davy, Jan Vanek, Ileen Rubinstein, and Gail Anderson.**

We anticipate many more opportunities before the general election in November for our registrars to participate in this community service!

## Membership

Sue Williams

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This month we welcome new and rejoining League members:

### Bill Gooch

Chairman, Community Bank of Elmhurst

**Nancy Hotchkiss** of Hinsdale has rejoined us through the National League.

## Local Dues to be paid next month

**Danee Polomsky** has joined League and the Cool Cities Coalition.

**Remember, annual dues are to be paid by June 1<sup>st</sup>.** A renewal notice will be in next month's Call to Annual Meeting. You may go online at any time to renew at [www.lwvelmhurst.org](http://www.lwvelmhurst.org)

## LWV Moderator Training

Sponsored by LWV of Illinois

Hosted by LWV of Evanston

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**Sunday, May 4, 2008 2:00 – 5:00 pm**

King Home, Evanston

RSVP Required by May 1st

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Conducting candidate and issues forums is one of the most important educational services the LWV offers. If you are interested in becoming a forum Moderator, Timer, or Audience-Questions Reviewer, or if you are interested in sharpening your skills in any of these areas, please join us for this training session.

Experienced Moderator **Diane Lloyd** will conduct the training. Many of you may remember her from the outstanding job she did as moderator of the 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional Roskam-Duckworth forum we conducted at College of DuPage in October 2006.

Anyone attending this event will surely learn something from one of the best moderators around.

A \$5.00 fee will be collected at the door to cover refreshments; instructional materials will be provided.

**RSVP** by May 1<sup>st</sup> via email to [RSVP@LWVE.org](mailto:RSVP@LWVE.org).

**Location:** Please contact the Evanston League for driving directions.

### League Going "Totally" Electronic – Are You Connected?

Did you get an email from "Elmhurst LWV" on March 18 telling you about our **Women's Health Care** meeting at the library on March 20? If you have an email address, but did not get that announcement, it could be that the email went to your "Bulk Mail" folder. In order to receive these League emails you will need to tell your email program that **Elmhurst LWV** with the address, [webmaster@lwvelmhurst.org](mailto:webmaster@lwvelmhurst.org), is a "safe sender" and messages from that address are not "spam."

Why is this action so urgent? The Elmhurst League will discontinue mailing hard (paper) copies of *Shop Talk* and *Observer Reports* to members who have internet access after our Annual Meeting in May 2008. We will send a test email on April 1 – no joke! – and ask you to reply to it. That way we will know for sure whether you are getting the information going out to members. If you have questions, email me at [webmaster@lwvelmhurst.org](mailto:webmaster@lwvelmhurst.org).

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### Cool Cities Coalition

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#### LWV Elmhurst Receives Grant

Congratulations to Laura Kratz and the Cool Cities Coalition for securing an \$850 grant from the League of Women Voters of the United States and OxFam. The funds will be used to support programming at Green Fest on August 9<sup>th</sup>. The festival is the current project of the Cool Cities Coalition

and will feature exhibits, speakers and activities for the community that focus on ways individuals can reduce their carbon footprint. Look for details in the summer *Shop Talk*

Elmhurst LWV is one of five Leagues in Illinois selected to receive one of the grants.

#### Opportunities for Recycling and Proper Disposal of Household Items

**Batteries:** Elmhurst Camera Shop, 535 Spring Road is now a drop-off site for non-rechargeable batteries except car batteries. They will take them to the hazardous waste recycling center each month. Rich Rosenberg is excited to do this for the community. The Cool Cities coalition identified a battery drop-off site as a real need for Elmhurst and, when Rich heard about it, he was happy to step up and perform this ongoing service for the community.

**Newspapers:** The Elmhurst Veterinarian Clinic on Rte. 83, south of St. Charles Road, will take your old newspapers for use in the cat cages.

**Electronics:** SIMS in West Chicago will have another electronics collection on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. The facility is located at 1600 Harvester (1 mile south of North Avenue, east of Powis and the DuPage County Airport). They will accept computers and computer systems, televisions, scrap metal, telephones, VCRs, fax machines, scanners, answering machines, printers, and electronic games.

**Hazardous Household Waste:** On Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm the Elmhurst Public Works Department, on Riverside Drive, off Highway 83 south of St. Charles Road, will collect items for proper disposal by the DuPage County Hazardous Waste Collection site.

**Acceptable Items:** Expired/Leftover Medicines, Cleaning Solvents, Acids, Thermostats, Wood Stain & Varnish, Pool Chemicals, Fertilizers/ Pesticides, Poisons, Household Batteries, Automotive Fluids, Mercury, Oil-Based Paints, Insecticides, Asbestos, Fluorescent Light Ballasts, Fluorescent Light Bulbs, Mercury Thermometers & Thermostats, Unwanted Cellular Phones will also be collected for recycling

**Do Not Bring:** Electronics, Fireworks, Agricultural Wastes, Regular Garbage, Ammunition, Radioactive Material, Auto Batteries, Compressed Gas Cylinders, School Wastes, Business Wastes, Explosives, Fire Extinguishers, Smoke Detectors, Medical Waste, Latex Paint, Propane Tanks

***\*Waste should be kept in the original container whenever possible.***

### **Local League Issues and Action Discussion**

All Members Welcome

**Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

At the home of Laura Kratz

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Local League members will meet to discuss our Action Foci and Studies in preparation for our Annual Meeting (see below). Our Cool Cities action item needs rewording to reflect the current situation. Are there any

new items you would like us to adopt or study in 2008-2009? This is where we lay the groundwork for League program for the coming year.

### **News from LWVIL**

Jan Dorner

### **Illinois Student Vote Mock Elections**

Fall, 2008

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LWVIL has received \$23,900 grant from the McCormick Tribune Foundation for an Illinois Student Vote (ISV) mock election to be conducted in conjunction with the National Student Vote Mock Election next fall. A separate website, **[www.Illinoisstudentvote.org](http://www.Illinoisstudentvote.org)**, is under construction and will include curriculum for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders and an auto-vote-counter.

Another grant opportunity is being pursued for a High School only mock election through the Election Assistance Commission (EAC, which is part of HAVA – Help America Vote Act). LWVIL is investigating whether local election authorities will allow local Leagues to use the scanning equipment and print federal-only ballots. **If our local League participates, we will be looking for volunteers to facilitate mock elections in September and October.**

### **In Our Community**

On April 25<sup>th</sup>, **Anna Quindlen**, columnist, best-selling author, and Pulitzer Prize winner will deliver the Roland A. Quest Lecture on

### **Elmhurst College Lecture**

the topic “Choices and Changes” at 7:30 pm in Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel on the Elmhurst College Campus.

**Save the Date:**  
**LWV Elmhurst Annual Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm at the home of Colette Kubiesa**

Once a year, the Elmhurst League gathers to set our course for the coming year by electing officers and adopting our issues and action items. We also pay our dues, vote on new policies and approve the budget. We acknowledge our accomplishments and honor those who have worked hard to achieve them.

Next month's *Shop Talk* is our Call to Annual Meeting. Please read it, save it, and bring it with you -- it will contain information and documents you'll need to participate fully in the business discussions.

Once we have finished our formal duties, we will have time to socialize and enjoy refreshments with fellow Leaguers. It is truly one of the high points of the year. We look forward to seeing you there.

## CALENDAR

- April 1<sup>st</sup>      LWV Elmhurst all member Email test. Please respond.
- April 3<sup>rd</sup>      Great Decisions, 9:15 am at the home of Barbara Swords
- April 10<sup>th</sup>     Local Issues and Action Items Planning, 7:00 pm at the home of Laura Kratz
- April 12<sup>th</sup>     Board Meeting at the home of Gail Anderson

LWV Elmhurst presents  
**April 17<sup>th</sup>      City Water Manager Dennis Streicher: "Cool Cities: State of our City"**  
7:00 pm   Elmhurst Public Library

- April 19<sup>th</sup>     Electronics Recycling, SIMS, West Chicago
- April 25<sup>th</sup>     Author Anna Quindlen at Elmhurst College
- May 1<sup>st</sup>        RSVP for Moderator Training in Evanston
- May 3<sup>rd</sup>        Elmhurst Hazardous Household Waste Collection, City Garage
- May 4<sup>th</sup>        Moderator Training in Evanston
- May 15<sup>th</sup>      Elmhurst LWV Annual Meeting** at the home of Colette Kubiesa
- August 9<sup>th</sup>    Cool Cities: First Annual Elmhurst Green Fest, at Wilder Park/Elmhurst College