



# Shop Talk

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## **Next League Meeting: The Status of Women in Cuba** **Thursday, January 10, 7 pm, Elmhurst Public Library**

In May 2012, two Elmhurst LWV members - Susan Rose and Peggy Tschetter - traveled to Cuba with the Florida League of Women Voters' *Sisters Across the Straits* delegation to study the political and social conditions of Cuban women and to experience the country more personally. Susan and Peggy will share their experiences and impressions of the people, the built environment, the economic climate, and the social settings they found in Cuba. Their talk will be richly illustrated with pictures of their time in the country. This program is free and open to the general public.



Come Early! 6 pm - Voter Registrar Training - by DuPage Election Commission  
6:30 pm - Social Time prior to Meeting.

## **LWV Candidate Forum** **Sunday, February 24, 1-5 pm, Elmhurst City Hall**

Candidates running in the Consolidated Elections on April 9, 2013, have been invited to an LWV Candidate Forum on Sunday February 24, 2013, 1 - 5 pm, at Elmhurst City Hall - 209 N. York Street in the Council Chambers on the second floor.



City positions on the ballot include: Mayor, Aldermen, Treasurer, City Clerk.  
Elmhurst Community School District 205 Board Members (3 open)  
Elmhurst Park District (Board President and 2 board members)

Further details on participating candidates will be available on our website [www.lwvelmhurst.org](http://www.lwvelmhurst.org) in mid-January. Please contact Sue Whitworth ([voterservice@lwvelmhurst.org](mailto:voterservice@lwvelmhurst.org)) with your questions for these candidates or to help with the forum.

## **LWVIL Issues Briefing** **Saturday, February 9, 8:30 am - 3 pm, University Center – Chicago**

The Morning Session will feature these topics:

- LWVIL: Leading the Way to a Graduated Rate Income Tax for Illinois
- Challenges to Women's Health Care

The Afternoon Session (following lunch, which is included) will cover this topic:

- Voting in Illinois: Stories from the Front Lines

Attendees will also choose one workshop:

- The Impact of Climate Change on the Midwest: Droughts and Deluges
- After the Pension Study: Next Steps
- What's New in Criminal Justice



Register online at <http://www.lwvil.org/ticketsIB2013.asp>. Contact Susan Rose ([president@lwvelmhurst.org](mailto:president@lwvelmhurst.org)) if you are interested in carpooling with other Elmhurst League members.

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## Illinois Women Celebrate 100 Years of Voting for President



In 2013 the League of Women Voters of Illinois will be celebrating the anniversary of 100 years of women being allowed to vote in Illinois for President of the United States. The pins (pictured at left) will be available for sale (\$5/each) at the February 9 **Issues Briefing**. Watch future issues of the *LWVIL E-News* and the *Illinois Voter* for announcements of other celebrations.

### **2013? Didn't women get the right to vote in 1920?**

On June 26, 1913, Illinois Governor Edward F. Dunne signed a bill granting Illinois women the suffrage. It would take another 7½ years for ratification of the 19th Amendment. During the ensuing 100 years, the League of Women Voters has actively encouraged voter engagement.

The story of suffrage for Illinois women is unique and important in our nation's history for several key reasons:

- Illinois was the first state east of the Mississippi to expand the vote to women;
  - Illinois was a more populous state than any previous state to give women the vote; and,
  - Because it was neither prohibited in the U.S. or Illinois constitutions, Illinois women were able to vote for Presidential electors, shifting the balance of power in national elections. This propelled the national suffrage movement into its final phase, leading to the 19th amendment in 1919.
  - The 250,000 Illinois women who voted in the election in April 1914 proved the point that women could exert important political power.
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## Final Notes, Short and Sweet:

- **WEBSITE:** Visit our website, [lwvelmhurst.org](http://lwvelmhurst.org), regularly for all the latest info on our issues and events.
- **MEMBERSHIP:** Contact Sue Williams ([membership@lwvelmhurst.org](mailto:membership@lwvelmhurst.org)) to join the LWV Elmhurst or to update your address, phone number or email address. Members can pick up their 2012-2013 Directory at our meeting on January 10.