



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

The Impact of Climate Change on Our Great Lakes

THURSDAY October 23rd at 7:00 pm
Elmhurst Public Library

We are blessed in the mid-west with a valuable natural resource, the Great Lakes, which require our protection. The lakes are the single largest source of fresh water in the world, support our economy, and are part of a vast network of ecosystems both on and off shore. Come learn how climate change is impacting this resource and what we can do to make a difference. Speaker to be announced.

Please mark your calendar for a new League event!

Get to Know the League of Women Voters Wine Tasting

Thursday November 20, 2008

Tannins, 112 N. York Street, Elmhurst

Drop in, anytime from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

A new membership event has been planned. Please join us for a wine tasting and to learn more about the League of Women Voters. All are welcome and new members are especially encouraged to attend.

Please invite several friends or neighbors to the wine tasting. If every member invites a few people, we will have a very successful event! Printed invitations will be available at our September and October meetings.

Going green? We will send an e-invitation. Forward the names and email address for your guests to Sue. Posters will also be available at our upcoming meetings. Take a poster and drop it off at a business you frequent.

Have questions, need printed invitations or want to send someone an e-invitation? Please email or call our Membership chairman Sue Williams, membership@lwvelmhurst.org.

October 2, 2008: Chapter 7: "US-China economic relations: evolving rivalry"
Some questions to think about: Do the benefits of getting cheap manufactured goods from China outweigh the drawbacks? How useful a role does the World Trade organization (WTO) play in intellectual property rights issues? Should the U. S. buy goods from countries that do not have acceptable human rights and worker safety standards?

November 6, 2008: Chapter 8: "Foreign aid: new players, new goals?" Author Barbara Crossette, former foreign correspondent and United Nations bureau chief for *The New York Times*, points out that the concept of foreign aid is undergoing a transformation with new forms of assistance, new donors, and new ways of measuring success. Will a different approach produce better results?

DuPage County Candidates Forum
Districts 2 & 3 and the Forest Preserve District 3
Gail Anderson

Wednesday October 15 5:00 to 7:00 pm
Downers Grove Village Hall
801 Burlington Avenue, Downers Grove

District 2 and 3 County Board candidates will answer questions in a forum format. Forest Preserve District candidates will present

statements but will not be asked to answer questions.

Directory and Yearbook
Jan Dorner

The directory is finished and distribution is ongoing. If you were one that said that you would be renewing your membership (and be included in the directory), please follow through! You can go to <http://www.lwvelmhurst.org/joinLWV.asp> and

pay online or print out the form and follow the directions on that page.

If you would like to help distribute the directory let me know! I'll be delivering directories on my bike as long as the weather holds out so honk as you drive by!

Voter Registration
Myrrha Guzman

voterregistration@lwvelmhurst.org

Our Fall Registration Drive is now in full swing! We have scheduled numerous dates to register citizens at the Elmhurst Public Library, Oak Brook Public Library, Elmhurst College, York Community High School, Westmont High School and Thanks to all the member deputy registrars who have generously offered their time to make sure that citizens can register to vote at convenient times and locations. We could still use more registrars for the remaining registration dates! Please contact Myrrha to help out.

Elmhurst Public Library
October 5th 1 pm to 4 pm
October 7th 5 pm to 9 pm

Oak Brook Public Library
October 4th 1pm to 4 pm
October 7th 5 pm to 8:30 pm

CompTIA
Oak Brook Terrace
October 6th afternoon

President's Corner

You will soon be receiving our League's new *Directory* thanks to **Jan Dorner** who compiled this important document containing membership and other valuable League and voter information.

This month we welcome new members **Darlene Heslop, Marlene Bartels**, and students **Bonnie Anderson, Alex LoCicero and Noelle Williams**.

Thanks to **Myrrha Guzman** and our League registrars, nearly 500 people have registered to vote in the upcoming election! The vast majority of them are new voters. With more drives scheduled in the coming weeks we will certainly exceed this number. What a great contribution to the League's commitment to Making Democracy Work!

Jan Dorner and her team of volunteers will attend training in early October to get ready to conduct Student Mock Elections at high schools throughout the area.

Gail Anderson and I have assisted the LWV of Downers Grove/Woodridge/Lisle and the Downers Grove Area Chamber of Commerce with a County Candidate Forum on October 15th. Details follow in this newsletter. As the best voter is the informed voter, please plan to attend and bring your friends.

Along with our partners, the LWVs of Glen Ellyn, Wheaton, and Arlington Heights/Mt. Prospect/Buffalo Grove, and the Union League Club of Chicago, were looking forward to another **6th Congressional District Candidate Forum** with Jill Morgenthaler and Peter Roskam in early October (Sunday, October 5th or 12th). Invitations were sent to the candidates in June. Ms. Morgenthaler accepted our invitation in a

timely manner. However, even after we extended the deadline (at the Roskam campaign's request) and made repeated efforts to reach them via phone and email, the campaign did not reply to our invitation. Thus, we were forced to cancel the Forum. It is of interest to note that Mark Kirk, the 10th Congressional District incumbent, committed several weeks ago to an LWV/Union League Forum. We have publicly announced why we will not be holding a 6th Congressional District Candidate Forum for this election and numerous local papers have picked up the story.

In addition to voting for candidates this November, Illinois voters will be asked whether to call for an Illinois constitutional convention. Based on the consensus of local Illinois Leagues, the LWVIL opposes calling for a convention at this time and urges voters to vote No. Information on the League's position can be found on our website, www.lwvelmhurst.org. Many voters are unaware that this question is mandated in our constitution for consideration every 20 years and need education on this issue. Please join your League in educating your friends and neighbors on this question.

Along with other Leagues around the state, we will soon be starting our Annual Finance Drive. Our dues barely cover the per member payments to the national and state Leagues. Our Finance Drive funds just about all of our League activity including voter education, outreach, membership events and leadership training activities. Please consider that when asked to contribute to the Finance Drive.

Donna

Keeping it green.....tips and techniques for living in a greener world

With all the rain we've had, it's good to know that undiluted white vinegar kills 82% of mold strains. Spray the area to saturation and let it sit for a few hours. The harsh smell will dissipate in a few hours and take the offending mold with it, according to the *National Geographic's Green*

Guide. For more stubborn varieties, 2 cups of water with 2 tsp tea tree oil or 20 drops of grapefruit seed extract will also do the trick. The tea tree oil does have as strong odor that will last for several days, however.

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Lobby Day in Springfield Thursday, November 13th

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