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THE VOTER

DECEMBER 2018

LWV PRESIDENT'S POST: Take a look ahead with us into 2019!

LWV VOTER SERVICE RECAP: *Upcoming voter registrar event on **12/12/18 at 6:30 PM!***

LWV INAUGURATION OF DUPAGE COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS:
Find out who was sworn in on **12/3/18**.

LWV PROGRAM AND ELECTION UPDATES: Get a preview of our next program on **1/24/19** and learn about the Consolidated Election on **4/2/19**.

LWV OBSERVE AND REPORT: Check out our Observer Reports to stay informed about what's happening in local government.

LWV FOR YOUR CALENDAR: Get your planners and/or phones ready; these events are not to be missed!

LWV TRIVIA TIME AND OTHER REMINDERS: Test your knowledge of suffrage history and learn how to stay up-to-date with the **League**.

PRESIDENT'S POST

Sue Whitworth

PLANNING AHEAD FOR 2019

All voter registrars must renew their credentials. There will be a representative from the county at the home of Sue Williams (733 Benton Avenue in Elmhurst) on Wednesday, **December 12, 2018**, at 6:30 PM. Contact Kathy Quinn for further details at voterregistration@lwvelmhurst.org or click [HERE](#). New registrars are welcome to join us. This will save you a trip to Wheaton.

Local consolidated elections are in April, and we will host a Candidate Forum on Sunday, **February 10, 2019**, at Elmhurst City Hall. Positions up for election include City Council, Park District Board, and Community Unit School District 205 Board members. Attending is a great opportunity to learn about local government. The deadline for candidates to file their petitions is **December 17, 2018** . . . so we will learn who the candidates are soon.

DuPage area leagues are looking into getting non-partisan poll watcher credentials for our interested members. The challenge is getting the non-partisan status. Email president@lwvelmhurst.org if you are interested.

Leaguers, please consider becoming a member of our Observer Corps! We are looking for members to attend Elmhurst government meetings, take notes, and report back to fellow-members. For more information, contact observerreports@lwvelmhurst.org.

Thank you to Ed and Jan Dorner for hosting the **LWV-Elmhurst** Holiday Party. Jeanne Davik provided some fun games that tested our knowledge of quirky stories in the news. It was wonderful to gather and celebrate our commitment to defending democracy.

Happy Holidays and all the best in 2019.

Yours in League,

Sue Whitworth

VOTER SERVICE RECAP

KATHLEEN QUINN

VOTER REGISTRAR EVENT: DECEMBER 12, 2018

We will be having a voter registrar event at Sue Williams's house (733 Benton Avenue in Elmhurst) on **December 12, 2018**, at 6:30 PM. ***THIS EVENT IS THIS WEDNESDAY.*** Anyone is welcome to come.

BIRTHDAY BOXES

At present, we are in talks with York High School regarding the birthday boxes. We'll soon be in touch with all the organizations that expressed interest in participating. If they want, they can reach out to me now, and I'll keep them in the loop.

Happy Holidays from Voter Service!

INAUGURATION OF DUPAGE COUNTY

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Sue Williams

Sue and Dave Williams—along with four members from the Naperville and Wheaton **LWVs**—attended the 2018 inauguration of DuPage County elected officials on Monday, **December 3, 2018**. The event was presided over by DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin. DuPage County Chairman Dan Cronin delivered the inaugural address.

Elected officials sworn in to serve four-year terms included County Board Chairman Dan Cronin, Treasurer Gwen Henry, County Clerk Jean Kaczmarek, Sheriff James Mendrick, and Regional Superintendent of Schools Dr. Darlene Ruscitti.

The 12 County Board members elected in November and recently sworn in for four-year terms were:

- **District 1:** Ashley Selmon and Sam Tornatore
- **District 2:** Elizabeth Chaplin and Peter DiCianni
- **District 3:** Greg Hart and Julie Renehan
- **District 4:** Grant Eckhoff and Mary FitzGerald Ozog
- **District 5:** Sadia Covert and Dawn DeSart
- **District 6:** Sheila Rutledge and James Zay

Ashley Selmon, Julie Renehan, Mary FitzGerald Ozog, Sadia Covert, Dawn DeSart, and Sheila Rutledge are all new to the Board. It was exciting to see the mixture of members, as well as the number of women elected.

PROGRAM AND ELECTION UPDATES

Jan Dorner

PROGRAM: WINTER 2019

Our next scheduled general membership meeting is **January 24, 2019**, when we will hear from Anne Houghtaling, Executive Director of HOPE Fair Housing Center. We're calling our program "Fair Housing with HOPE: Creating Opportunities for All."

We are working on a presentation on refugees for February but are having a hard time contacting the organization with which we are hoping to collaborate.

We have lots more planned for 2019, so keep engaged!

GENERAL MIDTERM ELECTION: NOVEMBER 6, 2018

See <https://www.dupageresults.com/IL/DuPage/> for the certified ballot count from the General Midterm Election. Leading up to this **November 6, 2018**, it appears that 320 Elmhurst voters utilized the Illinois Voter Guide!

CONSOLIDATED ELECTION: **APRIL 2, 2019**

On **April 2, 2019**, races in the Consolidated Election will include:

- ♦ **Elmhurst City Council**
(one seat in each of the seven wards, four-year terms)
- ♦ **Elmhurst Community Unit School District 205 Board of Education**
(four seats, four-year terms)
- ♦ **Elmhurst Park District Board of Commissioners**
(two seats, six-year terms)
- ♦ **College of DuPage Board of Trustees**
(two seats, six-year terms)

Candidates are still circulating petitions, which will be submitted **December 10–17, 2018**. After nominating petitions are filed and the signatures have been reviewed, we will post names of the candidates. We have already scheduled a Candidate Forum for Sunday, **February 10, 2019**. Save the date!

MOCK ELECTIONS: APPRECIATION CEREMONIES

On Monday, **November 26, 2018**, Missey Wilhelm and Jan Dorner presented a certificate of appreciation to the DuPage County Election Commission (DEC) to thank them for their support of the DuPage Student Vote (Mock Elections).

The next day, **November 27, 2018**, Missey and Jan attended the DuPage County Board meeting to present another certificate to Jim Zay, County Board member (District #6) and Vice Chair, who arranged for the final \$1,400 to be paid by the county.

A third certificate of appreciation presentation is planned to thank Government Business Systems (GBS)—the ballot printing company—for providing such a great discount.

OBSERVE AND REPORT!

If you're struggling to keep up with local government, convenient recaps of the latest meetings are a click away! Head to our online Observer Reports at <http://www.lwvelmhurst.org/Observerreports.asp>.

As stated on our website: "The Observer Reports were written by volunteer observers who are members of the **Elmhurst League of Women Voters**. The reports are presented here as a public service. They are in no way 'official,' but are intended solely as an informal means of enabling citizens to monitor the meetings of local government bodies. Every effort has been made to make these reports accurate; however, like all materials of this nature, they are subject to human error."

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

DECEMBER 12, 2018

Voter registrar event THIS WEDNESDAY at Sue Williams's home (733 Benton in Elmhurst) at 6:30 PM

JANUARY 24, 2019

“Fair Housing with HOPE: Creating Opportunities for All” (an **LWV Elmhurst** program) from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Elmhurst Public Library

FEBRUARY 10, 2019

Candidate Forum from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM at City Council Chambers at the Elmhurst City Hall

MARCH 2, 2019

2019 Issues Briefing from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM at University Center (525 South State Street, Chicago)

APRIL 2, 2019

Consolidated General Election: Be sure to vote!

RECAP OF DATES TO MARK DOWN

2018: 12/12

2019: 1/24, 2/10, 3/2, 4/2

TRIVIA TIME AND OTHER REMINDERS

Q&A FOR THE PREVIOUS EDITION OF *THE VOTER*

On **November 5, 1872**, which famous suffragist was arrested for attempting to vote?

Did you guess **Susan B. Anthony**? If you did, you're right!

Q&A FOR THIS EDITION OF *THE VOTER*

How did suffrage become a hot topic on Washington's political scene in December 1868? See if you're correct in our next edition and happy holidays!



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