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### **PRESIDENT'S POST**

***President: Sue Whitworth***

League members have been busy in September registering voters, hosting mock elections, and running candidate forums. Special thanks to our many volunteers, including Board members Kathleen Quinn, Voter Registration Director, and Jan Dorner, Vice President of Program, for organizing the mock elections throughout DuPage County with Missy Wilhelm from the **LWV–Wheaton**.

On **September 16, 2018**, the **LWV–Elmhurst** hosted a candidate forum covering the following races:

- DuPage Circuit Court judges (who made statements):  
*Jeffrey Jacobson (D), Karen Wilson (R), Linda Davenport (D), Jeff MacKay (R)*
- State House of Representatives District 47: *Jim Caffrey (D), Deanne Mazzochi (R)*
- DuPage County Board District 1: *Zahra Suratwala (D), Sam Tornatore (R), Ashley Selmon (D), Dino Gavanes (R)*
- DuPage County Board District 2: *Peter DiCianni (R), Elizabeth Chaplin (D), Steve Nero (R)*
- State Senate District 24: *Suzy Glowiak (D) (made a statement), Chris Nybo (R) (declined our invitation)*
- DuPage County Clerk: *Jean Kaczmarek (D) (made a statement), Paul Hinds (R) (declined our invitation)*

If you did not attend the candidate forum, you can catch it throughout the month of October on Comcast Channel 6 or AT&T U-Verse Channel 99 on Wednesdays at 5:00 PM or Sundays at 7:00 PM. It is also online at [ElmhurstTV.com](http://www.elmhursttv.com), as well as via the homepage of our website (<http://www.lwvelmhurst.org/>).

Visit the **LWV** Voter Guide at [IllinoisVoterGuide.org](http://IllinoisVoterGuide.org) for a complete list of candidates that will appear on your ballot on **November 6, 2018**. This guide covers the entire state, so please share it with all the voters you know. We will be reviewing its usage on Thursday, **October 25, 2018**, at 7:00 PM at the Elmhurst Public Library (125 S. Prospect Avenue, Elmhurst IL 60126).

Early voting for the General Election on **November 6, 2018**, has already begun at the DuPage County Election Commission (DEC) Office, which is located in the Administration Building in the DuPage County Government Campus (421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187). It will start at Elmhurst City Hall (209 N. York Street, Elmhurst IL 60126) on **October 22, 2018**, and will run thru **November 3, 2018**, from 8:30 AM to 7:30 PM Monday thru Friday and from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Saturday.

*"Always vote for principle, though you may vote alone, and you may cherish the sweetest reflection that your vote is never lost."*—John Quincy Adams

Yours in League,

Sue Whitworth

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## **MARCH TO THE POLLS 2018**

The **LWVIL** is a sponsoring partner of the March to the Polls 2018. Let's have fantastic **LWV** visibility at the march to encourage voter turnout and participation in our democracy.

**Voter Village: 9:00 AM–1:00 PM** (*new this year - a festival-style village for*

activist organizations and others) The **LWVIL** and **LWV-Chicago** are hosting a booth in the Voter Village to talk to voters and promote the Illinois Voter Guide. . . . Our mission needs you, Leaguers! [Sign up for a two-hour slot to talk with voters and promote the Illinois Voter Guide in the booth or in the Voter Village crowd.](#)

**Rally: 10:00 AM**

Main Stage Rally activities begin.

**March: 12:30 PM**

March to the Voting Supersite and on to Federal Plaza

Need more specifics? [See Women's March Chicago \(WMC\) website.](#)

*Note: There is a fake January 2019 event posted on Facebook. It is not affiliated in any way with WMC or the national Women's March organization.*

**Rally/March Participants**

**Registration:** The [WMC needs numbers to plan; if you will be one person or 25, register here.](#)

**Signs:** The **LWVIL** will have signs on a first come, first served basis at the Voter Village when the Village opens at 9:00 AM, **or** make your own signs ahead of time, **or** [print your own copies of our "Voting is People Power" sign.](#)

**Meeting Place:** Plan to meet up with your fellow-Leaguers on the west side of Buckingham Fountain between 9:45 AM and 10:00 AM. There are two main entrances for the march, Congress Parkway and Balbo Drive. Check both if you hit a crowd!

**Want to Do a Little More:** Be a WMC day-of-the-march volunteer—marshals are especially needed. [Sign up to volunteer with WMC.](#)

**Spread the Word about the march and the LWV Illinois Voter Guide:**

Please generate excitement through your social networks. Let's generate lots of enthusiasm for March to the Polls 2018 and encourage voters to be educated about their ballots!

[Remind first-time voters to sign up for the First-Time Voter Experience.](#)

[Remind groups to register for the march, so WMC can plan for the crowd.](#)

[Use social media and printer-friendly materials from WMC to spread the word.](#)

Promote the LWV Illinois Voter Guide. [The Illinois Voter Guide Dropbox toolkit has graphics and tools to share the news about our candidate/ballot tool.](#)

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## **UPCOMING PROGRAM, MOCK ELECTIONS RESULTS, AND LWILEF STATE OF THE STATE RECAP**

*Vice President: Jan Dorner*

### **Upcoming Program**

Our meeting on **September 27, 2018**, included about 30 attendees and featured a presentation on the Elmhurst Community Unit School District 205 referendum, which will be on the **November 6** ballot. It was a great opportunity for questions to be answered.

During our meeting on **October 25, 2018**, we will review [IllinoisVoterGuide.org](http://IllinoisVoterGuide.org). We will also host a representative from the Citizens' Climate Lobby, who will

speak to the climate change resolution that will be on voters' ballots in York Township.

We'll probably plan a holiday party for **December 6, 2018**. More details to come, as we are still looking for a venue for this.

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

### **Mock Election Results**

Mock elections were held this year in DuPage County, with 14 high schools participating. The **LWV-Elmhurst** hosted them at Addison Trail High School and York High School. We are so grateful to the Suzanne Fahnestock, Interim Executive Director of the DuPage County Election Commission (DEC), the DEC, and Government Business Systems (GBS)—supplier of the ballots—for their commitment to the high-school students in DuPage County.

We scheduled these elections two weeks earlier than normal, per the DEC's request, but all the Leagues and school staff involved were extremely accommodating. One of York's social studies teachers said, "Democracy is not a spectator sport! We are so privileged at York High School to have a positive and sustainable relationship with the Elmhurst League of Women Voters and [the] DuPage County Board of Elections, allowing our students to have opportunities for both civic engagement and exposure to the responsibilities of being a citizen."

### ***Mock Elections at Addison Trail High School***

***September 18, 2018***

Special thanks to Gail Anderson for helping with this. Addison Trail preferred to schedule elections just during the lunch period and limited participation to only those students who *wanted* to vote.

**8th Congressional District**

Diganvker: 95

**Krishnamoorthi: 158**

**Governor**

Rauner: 82

**Pritzker: 132**

Jackson: 24

McCann: 13

Write-Ins: 2

**Attorney General**

Harold: 96

**Raoul: 102**

Harsy: 53

**Secretary of State**

Helland: 47

**White: 175**

Dutner: 29

**Comptroller**

Senger: 67

**Mendoza: 130**

Ball: 49

**Treasurer**

Dodge: 79

**Frerichs: 107**

**Leheney: 46**

### ***Mock Elections at York High School***

***September 20, 2018***

Special thanks to Sue Williams, Marsha Baker, Betsy Aldred, Grace Clear, Carol Landou, Diane Lans-Kautz, Mandy Puchalski, and volunteers from Moms Demand Action—Kristin Whitehurst, Jeanne Plaisted, Sarah Porterfield, and Colleen Hanna. York prefers that every student has the opportunity to practice voting, so all students were scheduled to fill out a ballot. We started with 2,000 ballots but ran out about 30 minutes before school ended. There were students that were disappointed they could not vote.

Before the elections, teachers had been told that the **LWVILEF** online voter guide, [IllinoisVoterGuide.org](http://IllinoisVoterGuide.org), would be going live on Monday, **September 17, 2018**. Many teachers reviewed this guide with their students. We also had palm cards advertising the site to hand out to staff and provided extras to those teachers with seniors in their class. All volunteers, staff, and students were thrilled with this *authentic* learning tool.

### **5th Congressional District**

**Hanson: 753**

**Quigley: 1,186**

### **Governor**

**Rauner: 571**

**Pritzker: 835**

**Jackson: 128**

**McCann: 56**

**Write-Ins 127**

### Attorney General

Harold: 703

**Raoul: 782**

Harsy: 429

### Secretary of State

Helland: 601

**White: 1,086**

Dutner: 233

### Comptroller

Senger: 725

**Mendoza: 867**

Ball: 327

### Treasurer

**Dodge: 853**

Frerichs: 741

Leheney: 266

### LWVILEF State of the State (SOS) Recap

This year, the **LWVILEF** tried to be more inclusive of League members and held the SOS event in the *evening* on *Saturday*, **September 29, 2018**. The venue—Arlington International Racecourse—was beautiful. This year's theme was: "How Do Women Manage the Politics of Politics?" In addition to enjoying more time for networking, attendees heard from Sheila Simon, the former lieutenant governor of Illinois and the 2018 SOS keynote speaker.

Representative Elaine Nekritz (D) (retired) moderated a panel consisting of Representative Beth Coulson (R) (retired), State Senator Karen

McConnaughay (R) (retired), and Deerfield Mayor Harriet Rosenthal (nonpartisan). Each panelist spoke of her greatest accomplishments and how to deal with bullies.

Carl and Katie Marsico, Jeanne Davik, and Ed and Jan Dorner enjoyed the evening with each other and many additional Leaguers from throughout Illinois.

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## **OVERVIEW OF THE ILLINOIS VOTER GUIDE**

The **LWVIL** recently announced the full availability of the Illinois Voter Guide in anticipation of **November 6, 2018**. The online tool, available at [www.IllinoisVoterGuide.org](http://www.IllinoisVoterGuide.org), provides Illinois voters with candidate information up and down the ballot. Per the the **LWVIL**, the guide "aggregates information from candidate websites, endorsements, local League questionnaires (if submitted), and media publications."

The guide makes it easier for voters to find their ballot, educate themselves about candidates, and opt-in for electronic election reminders and updates. It also allows voters to save their choices to smartphone or print, which makes for a more organized voting experience.

If you entered your email to access all the benefits of the Illinois Voter Guide, you will receive an electronic courtesy reminder that the service is now fully available.

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## **A SUCCESSFUL VOTER-REGISTRATION SEASON**

***Voter Registration Chair: Kathleen Quinn***

Voter registration has been in full swing! ***I'm excited*** to say that we have

registered more than 30 people in the last month. I've also worked a registration event at the YWCA and am pleased to announce that we have been invited back, either next year or during the next election. Since the YWCA helps others in need and empowers women, I believe this is an important partnership for the **LWV-Elmhurst**. Our events at Brewpoint were also a success. I can't stress enough how thankful I am for the amazing people that have stepped up to assist with voter registration.

In the next few months, I will be meeting with other organizations to finalize our plans for birthday boxes. I am blown away by the enthusiasm for our efforts to encourage the youth of America to vote!

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## **WELCOME AND A NOTE ABOUT DUES**

*Membership Chair: Carol Landou*

### **Welcome!**

Welcome to all our new members! Please be sure to keep up with us on our [website](#) and via [Facebook](#) to learn about upcoming events and breaking news at state and national levels. Also check your email for eBlasts and other important information, including your copy of *The Voter* (**which is published the second Monday of each month**).

### **Did You Remember Your Dues?**

**As a reminder, LWV-Elmhurst** membership dues were required by **June 30**, before the end of our fiscal year. If you missed the deadline, please get your checks in; you can make them payable to the **LWV-Elmhurst**. Our mailing address is: The **LWV-Elmhurst**, PO Box 12 Elmhurst, IL 60126.

Another option is to pay online via PayPal. See our [Membership Page](#) for

further details.

- **Basic Membership:** \$70.00 per person
- **Two-Member Household:** \$100.00
- **Student Membership:** \$35.00 per person

Dues are not tax-deductible. For a tax-deductible donation, a separate check made out to the **LWVIL** Education Fund would be appreciated (with a note in the memo line to Elmhurst).

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## SAVE THE DATE!

### Mark Your Calendar

Also check the [Activity Calendar](#) on our website for the latest updates.

- **October 13, 2018:** *March to the Polls 2018*  
(See <http://womens121marchonchicago.org/> for details.) Later in the day, consider attending Town Hall for Our Lives at Congregation Etz Chaim from **6:00 PM to 9:00 PM**; this event is open to the public.
- **October 17, 2018:** *Candidacy Q&A Panel Co-Hosted by the LWV–Elmhurst and the Parent Advocacy Group for Elmhurst (PAGE) from **7:00 PM to 9:00 PM** at the Elmhurst Public Library (Meeting Room A); attendees will learn about the logistics of running for and serving on the Elmhurst CUSD 205 Board of Education.*
- **October 22, 2018:** *Early voting begins at Elmhurst City Hall.*
- **October 25, 2018:** *General Meeting from **7:00 PM to 9:00 PM** at the Elmhurst Public Library; attendees will receive an overview of [IllinoisVoterGuide.org](http://IllinoisVoterGuide.org) and hear from a representative of the Citizens' Climate Lobby.*
- **November 6, 2018:** *Midterm Elections; **don't forget to vote!***

- **December 6, 2018:** Holiday Party; details TBD
  - **February 10, 2019:** Candidate Forum from **1:00 PM to 5:00 PM** at City Council Chambers at Elmhurst City Hall
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## TRIVIA TIME AND OTHER REMINDERS

### **Question and Answer for the Previous Edition of *The Voter***

On **September, 30, 1918**, which U.S. president addressed Congress on the subject of suffrage? Was he in support of or opposed to giving women the right to vote?

*Did you say "Woodrow Wilson"? Correct! Bonus point if you guessed he spoke in support of giving women the right to vote when addressing Congress on the aforementioned date.*

### **Question for This Edition of *The Voter***

On **October 23, 1915**, how did women in New York City take a stand in support of suffrage?

*Be sure to check your inbox on Monday, **November 5, 2018** (the eve of Election Day). That's when you'll receive your next edition of *The Voter* and will learn whether you were correct! In the meantime, please do the following:*

***Like us on Facebook:***

**<https://www.facebook.com/LeagueOfWomenVotersElmhurstIll/>**

***Visit our website:***

**<http://www.lwvelmhurst.org/>**

