



LWVN Calendar

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May

13-LWV-N Annual Meeting

11.30-2.30p; Francesca's Passaggio, 2134 South Route 59, Naperville, IL

19-1p, LWV Book Club, Pancake Café, Naperville

20-Pioneer Park River Sweep

29 – Memorial Day Holiday

June

9-11 - LWV-IL State Convention, Hilton

Garden Inn Chicago O'Hare Airport, 2930 S. River Rd., Des Plaines, All day

July-TBA

August

18-Commemorating Women's Right to Vote (Details coming...)

September

TBD-Labor Day Parade, possibly

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings Leaguers!

This has been an eventful year, to say the least! An influx of new members has given us a tremendous boost with new committees forming and 21st century Website, Facebook and Twitter up and running. Networking and collaboration enhanced candidate forums. Twelve voter registrars were reinstated at our Program Planning meeting in January. Even the Book Club is being revitalized!

Public meetings have been well attended, with robust questions and thoughtful discussions. The City Hall lower level location has made access easy. Under the umbrellas of LWVUS, LWVUIL and LWVN position statements, programs touched on townships, policing in Naperville and voter rights among other issues. Quigley's 'cigar room' with fireplace blazing has provided a social gathering spot for Drinks and Dialogue, using topical issues as starting points for discussion.

With so much interest and energy, activity will continue during the summer. Look for announcements in your inbox! Hope to see you at our Annual Meeting!

In League,

Leslie Hayward

President, LWV-N



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Now on Twitter, too!



**League of Women Voters of
Naperville
Annual Meeting
Sat., May 13, 2017
11:30-2.30**

Location: Francesca's Passaggio

(just south of 95th St, east off Rt. 59)
Family Style Lunch, drinks , included

Discussion items:

- **LWV-N Revised Budget**
- **New Board Nominations**
- **Recommended Program**

Note: Bylaws will not be updated this time. Also attendees will receive a copy of our By-laws in the Annual Meeting Packet distributed at the meeting. Want a copy emailed earlier? Please contact: Leslie Hayward, President, LWV of Naperville at lesliebhayward@aol.com.

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See pages 3-5 for Proposed budget, Board Nominations, and Suggested Program

MENU: Francesca's salad, Penne con Pollo (chicken), and Profiteroles for dessert. Coffee, tea, soda, & bread are included. Other drinks can be ordered individually. Meal, tax & tip are included in the \$26 tab.

RSVP to lesliebhayward@gmail.com, especially if you pay via PayPal via our social media. Please combine \$26 with your dues renewal of \$66 individual and \$93 couple. ***Feel free to round up.*** Jeff Knezovich (jpknez@comcast.net) can provide prorated dues figures for those who joined after December and prior to May. **Mail checks and any updated email and/or home address information to Leslie Hayward, 1524 Fender Road, Naperville, IL 60565.**

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NAPERVILLE

2017-18 BUDGET - ANNUAL MEETING

2017 - 2018 Budget

Fiscal Year July 1 - June 30

	2016/17 (B)	2016/17 (A)	2017/18 (P)	Budget Assumptions
Revenue				
Annual Meeting		910.00	910.00	<i>35 attendees @ \$26</i>
Donations	250.00	190.00	250.00	<i>Gifts to LWV Naperville</i>
Dues	3000.00	2840.00	3960.00	<i>60 dues @ \$66</i>
Interest	20.00	0.00	0.00	<i>Checking Acct</i>
Special Events	300.00	700.00	250.00	<i>Fee collected (Ice Cream Social/Other)</i>
TOTAL	3570.00	4640.00	5370.00	
Expenses				
Annual Meeting		910.00	910.00	<i>35 attendees @ \$26</i>
Committees	80.00	23.00	75.00	<i>Reimbursements</i>
Insurance	72.00	72.00	85.00	<i>Sponsored by LWV-Illinois</i>
League - Illinois	1107.00	1215.00	1650.00	<i>55 PMP @ \$30</i>
League - Inter Organizations	25.00	50.00	25.00	<i>Upper Mississippi River Region</i>
League - USA	1312.00	1296.00	1760.00	<i>55 PMP \$32</i>
Meeting Rental		120.00	180.00	<i>6 mtgs \$30 ea</i>
Meeting Supplies	50.00	43.00	100.00	<i>Items required to promote/host meetings</i>
Postage	50.00	24.00	30.00	<i>Mailings</i>
Printing	300.00	380.00	200.00	<i>411, brochures, copies</i>
Registration	174.00	210.00	280.00	<i>Payments to attend approved meetings</i>
Supplies	200.00	36.00	75.00	<i>Office Supplies</i>
Website	200.00	200.00	150.00	<i>Monthly charges/other charges</i>
TOTAL	3570.00	4579.00	5520.00	

(B) = Budget	dues remain the same (\$4 to LWV Naperville)	\$150
(A) = Actual	dues increased by \$2 (\$6 to LWV Naperville)	\$270
(P) = Proposed	dues increased by \$4 (\$8 to LWV Naperville)	\$390
	dues increased by \$7 (\$11 to LWV Naperville)	\$570
	dues increased by \$9 (\$13 to LWV Naperville)	\$690

Jeff Knezovich, LWV-N Treasurer

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NAPERVILLE
2017-18 Annual Meeting**



LWV-N Bylaws require the following for Board of Director positions:

Even years: President, Secretary – 2 year terms
Odd years: Vice President, Treasurer – 2 year terms
Up to six elected Directors - 2 year terms

The Nominating Committee is pleased to offer the following line-up for 2017-18:

Vice President: Jan Guider
Secretary: Mary Keating (*no secretary last year*)
Treasurer: Jeff Knezovich
Director: Peggy Heilig
Director: Caroline Lewis (*1 year, replacing Mari MacGregor*)
Director: Maria Manhart
Director: Annette Smith
Director: Barb Snyder

Nominating Committee: Tomi Johnson, Committee Chair and Susan Greenwood

Thanks to the Nominating Committee for their great work in selecting the slate of candidates to be nominees for the 2017-18 LWV-N Board of Directors.



League of Women Voters of Naperville 2017-18 Annual Meeting

RECOMMENDED PROGRAM

CIVICS AND GOVERNMENT

- Civics Activism Workshop
- Government 101 – understanding the complex overlap of government entities
- Running for Office for Women and Minorities – three part series
- Real/Fake News (Facebook, elsewhere)

ENVIRONMENTAL

- Coal Tar Driveway Sealant – educate City Council
- Support for Great Lakes and Upper Mississippi Watershed ILOs
- Sportsman Park, lead clean up and new ruling on use of lead shot

HEALTH & HUMAN WELFARE

- Mental Health
- Healthcare options and current delivery (ACA/insurance, pre-existing conditions, women's reproductive health/choices)

MEMBERSHIP

- Lunch & Learning
- Drinks & Dialogue
- Book Club (daytime & evening)
- New Member meetings

FUN

- Parades, Picnics, Parties, Conventions
- May 20 – Pioneer Park, River Sweep
- June 9-11 – LWVIL Convention, Des Plaines
- August 18 – Commemorating Women's Right to Vote
- Labor Day Parade possibly
- December – Holiday Party

LWV-N Recap and Report on the Education Funding Workshops

Submitted by Annette Smith, LWV-N Voter Service Chair

Continuing the Discussion: An Educator's Perspective on Evidence-Based Funding

Presenters: Larry Frank, PhD, Director of Research, Illinois Education Association, and Gary Tipsord, LeRoy Community Unit School District

Dr. Frank answered questions about **Evidence-based Funding** as a follow-up from the morning plenary. Mr. Tipsord spoke of the experience of his school district using Evidence-based funding. He had been reluctant to embrace the concept but is now a big proponent.

Higher Education Funding in Illinois: *Defining the Problem and Creating Tools for LWVIL*

Advocacy was presented by Dr. Elaine P. Maimon, President of Governor's State University. She began her presentation with a statement from the National Center for Educational Statistics: "The lowest achieving, highest income students are more likely to complete college than the highest achieving, lowest income students". These high achieving, low income students are the students sought and served by state colleges such as GSU. The majority of the student body are 1st generation college students. 55% are students of color. 54% are Pell eligible. These are the students who are using the MAP grants to help pay for college. These are the schools hardest hit by the budget impasse. In Fiscal Year 2002 GSU's appropriation from the state was 75% of its operating budget. In FY2015, the last year GSU received its full appropriation, the state funds amounted to 44% of its operating budget. And since 2015 GSU has received only stopgap appropriations from the state.

Seven majors and 35 programs have been eliminated to save money and keep afloat, but unless something happens soon in Springfield, they may have to close one of their 4 colleges (Arts and Sciences, Health and Human Services, Business, and Education). They have managed to shift some professors and staff to other programs to honor their contractual agreements and to ensure that students in the eliminated programs and majors can finish their required coursework to graduate.

Dr. Maimon said they hope to re-instate some of the programs when the budget impasse is finally settled. However, re-starting any programs will be extremely difficult. In addition to program challenges, GSU and other state universities have serious deferred maintenance issues. Repair of equipment, buildings, roads and other infrastructure has been postponed. Last November at Governor's State an underground pipe burst causing a flood and forced closure of the campus for a day. This resulted in the need for emergency repairs to the 50-year-old water supply pipeline system that had been scheduled to be replaced. The repairs are a short term solution with money wasted that could have gone to new equipment that would last for decades to come. Dr. Maimon reported that GSU is just one such event away from catastrophe. They have no resources left to respond to facility failure. They have promised the students with Map grants that they will find a way to cover their expenses. They have worked hard to attract new students, and so far, their hard work has paid off with almost as many incoming students as in past years.

Dr. Maimon asked for immediate League help to lobby our legislators to pass the "Grand Compromise" that was proposed by Senators Cullerton and Radogno. This legislation would have allowed a real budget for Illinois. She also asked for help lobbying for a separate bill that would provide \$5.7M of the \$6.7M needed to fix their pipes. At the time of the workshop that bill HB2586 had just been voted out of the Rules Committee and had proceeded to the House Higher Education Appropriations Committee. Dr. Maimon stated that whatever is finally agreed upon in Springfield, GSU and other state universities are left to deal with the damage done by two years of completely inadequate stop gaps—for GSU that amounts to a 70% cut in appropriated funds in FY16 and a 50% cut in FY17.



League of Women Voters of Illinois
58th Biennium

Hilton Garden Inn Chicago O'Hare
Des Plaines, Illinois

Saturday and Sunday, June 10th & June 11th 2017
CONVENTION REGISTRATION

The registration is two pages; please complete **both and** submit a separate copy for each delegate, alternate and visitor.

- Return to the League office: LWVIL, 332 S. Michigan, #634, Chicago, IL 60604 by **Monday, May 22, 2017**.
- Register online [here](#) by May 22nd.

REGISTRATION FEES (check one) Convention Registration Deadline is May 22, 2017

- _____ Delegate \$125.00 (includes full convention packet and voting credentials)
- _____ Alternate \$125.00 (includes full convention packet; alternate may substitute for voting delegate)
- _____ Friday Workshops \$45 Choose two workshops. **(descriptions on second page/reverse side of this form).**
- _____ Saturday Visitor \$45 (includes convention packet and floor pass).
- _____ Sunday Visitor \$15 (includes convention packet and floor pass).

Name as you would like it to appear on your nametag: _____

Local League _____ Board position / function, if applicable _____

Daytime telephone _____ E-Mail _____

MEAL PACKAGES: No meal package substitutions, please.

- _____ Full Meal Package \$135 (Saturday breakfast, buffet lunch and dinner; Sunday breakfast)
- _____ Saturday lunch buffet \$40 Speaker: Wylecia Wiggs Harris, PhD, CEO, League of Women Voters of the US
- _____ Saturday dinner only \$60 Speaker: Kyra Kyles, Editor-in-Chief, *Ebony Magazine*; Carrie Chapman Catt Award; Silent Auction

SATURDAY DINNER ENTRÉE (select one)

_____ Beef tri-tips with madeira demi-glaze sauce

_____ Roasted vegetables and mushroom risotto

_____ Carolina pecan encrusted Atlantic cod

Let us know of any dietary requirements _____

HOTEL SLEEPING ROOMS

\$109/per night, single or double plus taxes. | Rooms available both Friday night the 9th and Saturday night the 10th. | Please make your reservation directly with the hotel: follow this link to make your reservation: <http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/O/ORDCHGI-LWV-20170608/index.jhtml>.
If you are unable to access the link, please call the hotel directly at **1.847.296.8900 with the code: LWV**.

NOTE: THE RESERVATION DEADLINE FOR THIS HOTEL RATE IS TUESDAY, MAY 16th. This rate is available until the cut-off date or when all rooms within the LWVIL block have been sold; whichever happens first. After that date, guest rooms that are available in the hotel's general inventory will be charged at the regular hotel best available rate. Note: Parking at the hotel is \$8.00 per day.

FRIDAY, JUNE 9th Pre-Convention Program

The LWWIL Convention, Issues and Membership Committees have worked hard to put together interesting and useful pre-convention workshops on Friday, June 9, 2017. Please select ONE topic for each Session. The \$45.00/person covers the cost of both. Check the LWWIL website for updates as additional speakers are confirmed. Here is the line-up:

SESSION I: 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

_____ **Environmental Justice: Past, Present.** The problems of environmental justice have existed as long as industrialization and will continue as long as people and governments fail or choose to ignore the “others” in our society who unfairly bear the human costs of the waste caused by our economic engines and the chemicals we create to improve America. "How did we arrive at environmental inequalities in America?" and "How we can address this issue in Illinois?" will be the focus of the presentation. Sylvia Hood Washington, PhD, is an environmental epidemiologists, engineer and historian who was the first African-American scholar to publish a formal history of environmental injustices in the United States, will present.

_____ **Using Social Media Effectively.** AnnMarie Lawrence (LWV Homewood-Flossmoor Publicity Chair) will demonstrate how to use Facebook to schedule posts, add links, publicize events, obtain followers — and more. Bring your charged cell phone or laptop to this interactive and practical presentation.

_____ **Discussing Controversial Topics.** Barb Laimins (LWV Wheaton, Voter Service Chair) and liaison for the mentoring program and a curriculum trainer with the McCormick Foundation Civics Education program, will, during this session, explore strategies teachers are using to engage students in productive discussions of controversial topics: techniques to serve us well in many settings.

SESSION II: 3:00—4:30 p.m.

_____ **Engaging New Members & Developing Tomorrow’s League Leaders:** In the past few months local leagues have seen an increase in their memberships. How can leagues engage these new members effectively to keep them as members and encourage them to become productive members? What strategies can be used to develop future leaders? Melissa Currence, Ruth Shur National Membership Leadership Development (MLD) coach for LWWIL along with members of local leagues in Illinois, will offer suggestions and strategies to answer these questions.

_____ **Advocacy Through Alliances and Collaboration** —Learn tips, techniques, and tools for community collaboration and empowerment based on the experiences of the LWV of Jo Daviess County. Bonnie Cox, former LWV Jo Daviess President and founding leader of the Upper Mississippi River Region (UMMER) ILO will share her LWV story and the engagement with an ever-widening circle of concerned citizens to address water issues in the Upper Mississippi River Watershed. Kelly Nicholas, organizer for Mom’s Clean Air Force, will share best practices she has utilized in Illinois, particularly in her work in Lake County with, among others the LWV of Lake County.

_____ **Consolidation of Government Units Local Program Toolbox.** After delegates to the 2015 LWWIL Convention adopted a position on consolidation, the LWWIL Issues Committee formed a sub-committee made up of members from leagues throughout Illinois to study what is happening regionally and legislatively on this hot topic. Members of the sub-committee will share a legislative update and suggest ways to engage, education and advocate locally on the topic. State legislators focused on the issue have been invited to share their insights.

FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 9TH DINE-AROUND OPPORTUNITIES

Pre-convention “dine-arounds” at area restaurants; these have been identified as possibilities:

- Carlucci Rosemont (carlucciosmont.com), 611 N River Road, Rosemont | Italian Cuisine
- Maria’s Mexican Restaurant (mariasmexicanrestaurant.com), 9440 W. Foster Avenue, Chicago | Mexican Cuisine
- Ram Restaurant and Brewery (theram.com), 9520 W. Higgins Rd, Rosemont | Burgers, salads, sandwiches

So that we can get an accurate count of Leaguers interested in this dining experience, please let us know..

I am definitely interested in participating in the Dine-Around on Friday, June 9th and my tentative restaurant choice is: _____

Registration	\$
Friday June 9th pre-convention sessions (\$45 for two)	\$
Meal package or individual meal costs	\$
TOTAL	\$

This registration form will be available on the LWWIL website along with other Convention 2017 information, including the ability to pay registration, pre-convention sessions, and meal plan options via PayPal.

All registrations must be received at the LWWIL office no later than Monday, May 22, 2017

For those mailing a registration, all forms, including payment, must be returned to the League of Women Voters of Illinois, 332 South Michigan Avenue, Suite 634 Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Refunds/Late Charges: a \$25 late charge will be applied to all registrations postmarked after May 22, 2015. No registration changes will be accepted after June 5th. A \$25 processing fee will be deducted from any refund. Any charges incurred by LWWIL because the refund request was received after any hotel deadline cannot be refunded.



Voter Service

A message from Annette Smith, Chair

As always with Voter Service, March came in like a lion and went out...well, like a lion!! We were crazy busy all month!

www.VOTE411.org

We published a Voter Guide for the Naperville Township Republican Primary with all the candidates in contested races participating. Waiting for the Primary results to be finalized by the Board of Election Commissioners delayed the publication of the Guide for the General Election, but the full Guide was published in early March. All the candidates for COD Board, D203 School Board, D204 School Board, and City Council participated. Many but not all of the Lisle and Naperville Township candidates submitted responses. If you know any of the candidates who participated, please thank them. If you know any of the candidates who did not participate, please tell them you were disappointed.

In addition to publishing the guide on Vote411.org, we advertised it by handing out business cards with the web site at the Rt. 59 and Naperville train stations. We had some rain but at least the temperatures were warmer than in the past! Thanks to everyone who helped with this enormous undertaking!

CANDIDATE FORUMS

We co-sponsored 3 candidate forums in March. All were well attended and links to the videos of the forums were on our website and Facebook pages. On March 7th, in conjunction with the Indian Prairie Parents Council, we held a forum for candidates running for D204 School Board. On March 13th we co-sponsored a forum for D203 School Board candidates with the District Home and School. And March 22nd, well over 100 voters attended the AAUW and LWV sponsored City Council Forum. All the forums were well received by the public and the candidates as well.

Thanks again to everyone who helped with these forums from those who helped with writing and editing the questions to those who worked at the forums! We could not have done it without you!!!!

Don't forget our online voter guide always available at www.VOTE411.org.



MEMBERSHIP'S EASY ...Join us today!

We are addressing a number of important community issues. For updated information about membership, upcoming events, or volunteering please visit our website, [click here](#) or visit www.lwv.org/get-involved/local-leagues/illinois/lwv-naperville

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CALLING ALL MEMBERS... VOLUNTEER TODAY!

We are looking for volunteers to serve in a number of great areas! Chair a committee, organize an event, serve as a greeter, participate in a forum, and work during an event. If you can help, please us. Of course, voter registrars are always needed! Join us...won't you? Contact: Annette Smith, prspt@aol.com or call 630-420-2764.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NAPERVILLE RECENT EVENTS
Sincere thanks to members, volunteers, and friends for your support and participation! We hope to see you again soon!

On March 21 LWVN had its first ever **Quiz Night: Citizenship Jeopardy!** We met at Quigley's and broke up into two teams - The Winners and The Supremes. The questions for the answers were all taken from the official U.S. Citizenship oral examination. We had lots of fun and even learned a little bit!

Jumping ahead one month, on Monday, April 24, League of Women Voters Naperville invited the **Better Government Association** to present its **Citizen Watchdog Training** in Naperville, and the DuPage Unitarian Church generously provided the space for our meeting. 86 people from all across northeastern Illinois came to learn about how to effectively file a Freedom of Information request. If you are interested in the training, it is offered regularly and it is free.

The **Chicago March for Science** was held on April 22, and LWVN was there to take part! Thursday night we had a sign-making party, and on Saturday we rode the train into Union Station. Weather was cool but dry and sunny. Who knew protests could be so much fun? The next week LWVN was back at it, taking part in the Chicago Climate Change March.

So look for us soon, at a protest near you!

Submitted by Becky Simon, LWV-N Board Member



HAVE YOU SEEN OUR NEW WEBSITE?

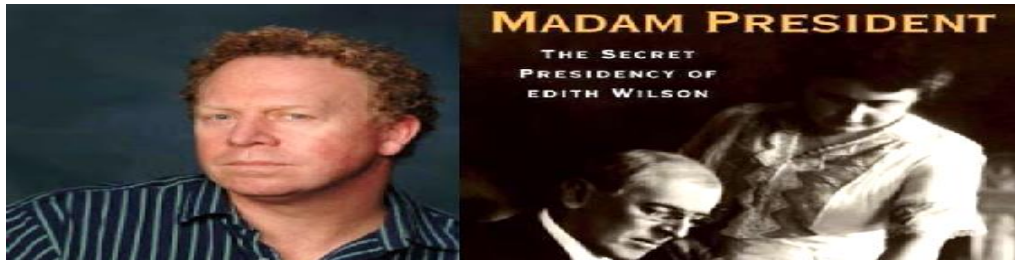
Our website has a brand new look and feel! Bright...Informative...Awesome! Check us out at: www.lwvnaperville.org. Sincere thanks to Becky Simon and Mary Keating for making us look good! Your hard work and diligence has paid off!

And now follow us on Twitter@LWVofNaperville – thanks to Liz Sturm for setting us up!

LWVN Book Group News

**Next Book Club Meeting:
Friday, May 19, 2017 at 1 pm**

Location: Pancake Cafe, 75th St and Rickert/West Streets



Book: Madame President: The Secret Presidency of Edith Wilson

Author: William Hargrove

President Woodrow Wilson suffered a paralyzing stroke in the fall of 1919, and it was his wife, First Lady Edith Wilson, who took on handling the day-to-day responsibilities of the Executive Office.

Mrs. Wilson had little formal education and had only been married to President Wilson for four years; yet, in the shaky unstable peace following the end of World War I, Mrs. Wilson assumed the authority of the office of the president, reading all correspondence intended for her bedridden husband and assuming his role for seventeen long months. Though her Oval Office presence was acknowledged in Washington, D.C. circles at the time—one senator called her "the Presidentess who had fulfilled the dream of suffragettes by changing her title from First Lady to Acting First Man"—her legacy as "First Woman President" is now largely forgotten.”

This should be a fascinating discussion. Don't miss it!

Obtain the book from the Naperville Public Library or from a bookstore. Electronic versions are available through the library website on Overdrive and Axis 360.