



THE VOTER

Glen Ellyn League of Women Voters

March, 2011

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am a firm believer in the people. If given the truth, they can be depended upon to meet any national crisis. The great point is to bring them the real facts. Abraham Lincoln

With the sesquicentennial of the civil war's start just weeks away, I thought of honest Abe for a quote to inspire my last presidential message for this term. The quote above I thought is fitting because that's what we are doing in League, especially with our upcoming Candidate Forum on March 20th. We are putting the candidates in front of the people and allowing the people to get the facts. Then we can depend upon the people to vote based on the facts. This is so elementary to Leaguers, it almost goes without saying, but does everyone else get this?

Leaguers also study the facts before taking positions on issues. Issue studies are a big part of being in League. We spend years sometimes as a grass roots organization studying issues. Our position papers are lengthy, dry, and comprehensive on the issues that we care about. These issues bubble up from small groups like ours, then go statewide, then national. That's what happened with the League's position on the death penalty-it all started from the LWV of Evanston about twenty-five years ago. Last week, Governor Quinn consigned Illinois' broken death penalty law to the history books. Many people are not happy about that, but people weren't happy about the Emancipation Proclamation either when Lincoln issued it in 1862. It took three constitutional amendments to finally give that proclamation some teeth. Even then, people resisted giving everyone their due rights for a century. It's our history, not always pretty, but as Abe says, we may walk slowly, but we never walk backward.

Our new slate has been nominated. Many thanks goes to Sherry Crumbaugh and our nominating committee, and to our new slate of officers and board members, as well as to those who are continuing on in their service to the League and the community.

League does important work in the community. Last month we were approached by a number of groups asking for our help with candidate forums and other civic initiatives, that they lacked the experience to take on themselves. They turned to the League of Women Voters for help. It's satisfying to know that others look to us for leadership and help and to know that we can help them.

April 28th at Glen Oak Country Club is our Annual Meeting where you will be electing new officers and making decisions about next season's program. We will be asking you to renew your dues at that time as well. Please mail your dues in promptly. We have a strong League: one of the strongest in DuPage County! With your support, your membership, and our new slate of officers, we expect ever better things coming from the LWVGE in the next few years.

In closing, thank you for your support over the past two years and for giving me the opportunity to serve as your president. I have enjoyed the challenge, grown as a leader, and learned a lot.

Ginger Wheeler, President

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CALENDAR

- March 20th-Candidates' Forum, 1:30-5:45 p.m. Glen Crest Middle School
- April 5- Election Day. Polls open 6 a.m.-7p.m.
- April 28th- Annual Meeting, Glen Oak Country Club, 6:15-9:00 p.m.
- April 29th- State of the State Luncheon, Union League Club
- June 10-12th- State Convention Holiday Inn Skokie

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE BEGINS

Please help me in welcoming our newest members, Erica Nelson and Kathy Cornell! Our membership now stands at 106, a 20% increase in the past two years. Speaking of membership, our 2011-2012 Membership Drive will begin soon. In an effort to save postage, the membership renewal and survey will be included with your invitation to the Annual Meeting. Your RSVP to the Annual Meeting and your renewal form can be returned in the same enclosed envelope. **We are asking though that you write separate checks for the dinner and for your membership.** Your check for the annual meeting dinner will be cashed in April, but your membership check will be cashed on May 1st. When you receive your Annual Meeting invitation:

1. Fill out your dinner reservation with your entrée choice and write a check to LWVGE for that amount. *If you are not attending the dinner, skip this step.*
2. Next complete your 2011-2012 membership survey and write a check to LWVGE for the amount of your dues -\$62 for individual members and \$31 for any additional members in the same household.
3. Put your form(s) and check(s) into the enclosed envelope, and mail the envelope to Dorothy Hess, 629 Pleasant Avenue, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137. *Please note the due date on the Annual Meeting invitation.*
4. If you have questions call Dorothy Hess at 630-858-8768 or email to dazhess@aol.com.

Returning your membership survey along with your dues will help us ensure that all of your information in our database is correct. We need your current email address to help you receive information and updates from us in a timely manner.

SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2010-2011 LWVGE SPECIAL AWARDS

Please take a moment to submit nominations for the special awards given to League members who have worked exceptionally hard this year to make our League the best that it can be. Nominations are being taken for three awards:

1. **Susan B. Anthony Voter Service Award**— given to a member who has worked diligently to register voters and inform voters on candidates and issues. (2009-2010 Recipient: Ginger Wheeler)
2. **Outstanding New League Member Service Award**—given to a new member who has jumped right in and taken an active leadership role in our League. (2009-2010 Recipient: Tina Chivardi)
3. **Phyllis Renfro Community Action Award**—given to a member who has been exceptionally active in League and an activist in the community. (2009-2010 Recipient: Kim Reed)

These awards will be presented at the Annual Meeting in April. Please send your nominations to Dorothy Hess at dazhess@aol.com or 630-858-8768 no later than April 10th.



REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is very pleased to present the following slate of candidates for election at the 2011 Annual Meeting:

Co Presidents: Diana Hoke and Ginger Wheeler (2011-2013)

VP Operations: Lucy Dallman continuing on to fill Kristin Malone's term (2011-2012)

VP Programs: Joy Young (2011-2013)

Voter Services Chair: Patti Landry (2011-2013)

Elected Directors (2011-2013): Sonja Faulkner; Michelle Peterson; Bonnie Gahrns and Kim Reed

Elected Directors (2011-2012): Dorothy Hess *replacing Joy Young who has moved up to VP;*

Hanano Anderson *replacing Gina Myers who is leaving the board*

2012 Nominating Committee: Julie Nolan, Chair; Shawn Fasules and Carrie Burrows

Respectively Submitted, Sherry Crumbaugh (Chair), Chris Kinsey, Michelle Peterson, Joy Young and Tina Chivardi

BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE MEMBERSHIP AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

The following items will be presented to the membership for consideration at the annual meeting on April 28th:

1. Acceptance of the slate of candidates presented by the Nominating Committee (see above).
2. Acceptance of the 2011-2012 proposed budget (copy included in this Voter).
3. Acceptance of the bylaws committee report. There is only one change required by LWVUS.
4. Proposed change to the current heading in our membership book (pp32-33) from DUPAGE COUNTY PROGRAM AND POSITIONS IN BRIEF Adopted 2006 to DUPAGE COUNTY PROGRAM AND POSITIONS IN BRIEF (2006) Retained 2011 by LWVGE. **Rationale:** The Dupage County LWV has disbanded. Since, as members of the Dupage County League, local leagues all adopted these positions and they still have relevance, the board would like to retain these positions as our own.
5. Proposed change to item #4 of the LWVGE position titled The Relationship of Local Government and Local Business in Glen Ellyn Consensus (1996) found on page 23 of our membership book: encourage the ~~complete implementation~~ maintenance of the Roosevelt Road Aesthetic Plan (proposed 1996), and continue emphasis on aesthetics in the Central Business District. **Rationale:** the implementation of the Roosevelt Road Aesthetic Plan has been completed and we would like that work to be maintained.

ARE YOU GETTING OUR E-BLASTS?

In an effort to get you the most up to date information about our programs and activities we are sending out e-blasts. These are emails that are sent to your email address that we have on record. All e-blasts will come from info@lwvge.org. These are not junk emails so please do not delete them and make sure that you open them! You can also visit our website at www.lwvge.org or you can now follow our League on Facebook and on Twitter @GELeaguer.

NEWS FROM LWVIL

There are two upcoming events that you will not want to miss. First, on Friday April 29th the LWVIL will hold its annual **State of the State Luncheon** at the Union League Club of Chicago. The keynote address will be given by Charles Thomas, ABC 7 political reporter. Please join us as we find out more about the recent abolition of the Death Penalty law; redistricting efforts in the state; change of leadership in the City of Chicago, pension reform, and Illinois' ongoing budget crisis.

Mapping the Future is the theme of the LWVIL 2011 convention scheduled for June 10-12 at the Holiday Inn North Shore, Skokie, IL. Filled with informative workshops and caucuses, convention is where local League representatives approve the LWVIL program for the next two years and elect the state board Officers. LWVUS President Elisabeth MacNamara will be our special guest at this convention. Entertainment at the Saturday night, June 11th dinner will be provided by the Chicago Bar Association's satirical "Bar Show." Convention is a wonderful opportunity to network with other League members, learn more about League and have an impact on LWVIL's program, budget and bylaws.

For more information about these two events, go to the website at www.lwvil.org or contact Mo Ormiston at the League office (312) 939-5935.

WHEATON-GLEN ELLYN AAUW BOOK SALE

Our League partner, the Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW, will be holding their 50th Annual Used Book Sale on Thursday, May 12 and Friday, May 13 from 9 a.m.-9p.m. at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center. Admission is free. On Saturday, May 14 from 9 a.m.-noon, books are available by the bag for \$10. The 30,000+ books are conveniently arranged by subject category and range in price from \$1 to rare books, individually priced. Included in the sale are an outstanding group of children's books, excellent nonfiction and biography, a large number of cookbooks, coffee table books, and many hardcover action-thriller books by Grisham, Dick Francis and Tom Clancy, along with lots of poetry, drama, and classics. Proceeds from the sale fund scholarships. AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. For more information or to donate books please contact League member, Sarah Peck, at 630-469-4726.

3/2/2011

GLEN ELLYN LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
Proposed Budget 2011-2012

	BUDGET 2010-2011	YEAR TO DATE 5/1/10 - 2/17/11	PROPOSED 2011-2012
INCOME			
A. DUES	\$5,580.00	\$5,625.00	\$5,890.00
B. FINANCE DRIVE			
1. Business	750.00	925.00	750.00
2. Ed Fund	300.00	300.00	300.00 *
3. Nonmembers	100.00	0.00	100.00
4. Member	<u>500.00</u>	<u>536.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
TOTAL B. Finance Drive	\$1,650.00	\$1,761.00	\$1,650.00
C. OTHER SOURCES			
1. Bridge	480.00	480.00	480.00
2. Interest	10.00	4.46	7.50
3. Lady Bug Sales	75.00	176.00	75.00
4. Fund Raising Events	600.00	762.25	600.00
5. From Reserves	<u>2376.80</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2027.50</u>
TOTAL C. Other Income	\$3,541.80	\$1,422.71	\$3,190.00
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$10,771.80</u>	<u>\$8,808.71</u>	<u>\$10,730.00</u>
EXPENSES			
A. FINANCIAL SUPPORT LWV			
1. Lake MICH Inter-Leag Grp	25.00	25.00	25.00
2. LWVIL (PMP \$27)	2,511.00	2,282.50	2,565.00
3. LWVUS (PMP \$30)	2,715.80	<u>2,509.65</u>	<u>2,850.00</u>
Total A Financial Support L1	\$5,251.80	\$4,817.15	\$5,440.00
B. MEETINGS			
1. Unit meetings	\$150.00	136.00	300.00
2. Program Planning Breakfast	<u>\$150.00</u>	<u>75.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>
Total B Meetings	\$300.00	\$211.00	\$600.00
C. VOTER SERVICE			
1. Candidates' Forum	200.00	0.00	200.00
2. Facts for Voters	75.00	0.00	75.00
3. Materials	75.00	<u>13.46</u>	75.00
Total C Voter Service	\$350.00	\$13.46	\$350.00
D. CONVENTIONS AND WORKSHOPS			
1. Annual Meeting	250.00	-131.36	250.00
2. Issues Briefing	100.00	50.00	100.00
3. National convention	1,500.00	868.00	0.00
4. State convention	0.00	1.00	500.00
5. Workshops/conferences	<u>350.00</u>	<u>130.00</u>	<u>350.00</u>
Total D Conventions & Work	\$2,200.00	\$917.64	\$1,200.00

	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2010-2011</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u> <u>5/1/10 - 2/17/11</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u> <u>2011-2012</u>
E. POSITION SUPPORT	\$200.00	0.00	\$200.00
F. COMMUNICATIONS			
1. The Voter	250.00	310.87	600.00
Postage	<u>200.00</u>	202.40	
2. Postcards			200.00
3. Website.			70.00
4. Email			150.00
5. Videotaping			100.00
6. Public Relations			<u>75.00</u>
Total F. Communications	\$450.00	\$513.27	\$1,195.00
G. BOARD & ADMINISTRATION			
1. Board Tools	300.00	256.17	200.00
2. Executive Bd. Expenses	300.00	89.80	200.00
3. Public Relations/Marketing	<u>75.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u> F.6
Subtotal	\$675.00	\$345.97	\$400.00
H. OPERATING COSTS			
1. Chamber of Commerce	150.00	150.00	150.00
2. General Supplies	100.00	0.00	100.00
3. Insurance	100.00	95.00	100.00
4. Memorials/Gifts	50.00	30.00	50.00
5. Post Office Box Rental	<u>40.00</u>	<u>40.00</u>	<u>40.00</u>
Subtotal	\$440.00	\$315.00	\$440.00
I. MEMBERSHIP			
(1) Book	300.00	45.90	300.00
(2) Other	<u>150.00</u>	<u>88.69</u>	<u>150.00</u>
Subtotal	\$450.00	\$134.59	\$450.00
J. FUND RAISING Expenses			
1. Bridge	125.00	69.30	125.00
2. Finance Drive	200.00	125.00	200.00
3. 10,000 Villages	50.00	152.65	50.00
4. Lady Bugs	<u>80.00</u>	<u>77.57</u>	<u>80.00</u>
Subtotal	\$455.00	\$424.52	\$455.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$10,771.80</u>	<u>\$7,692.60</u>	<u>\$10,730.00</u>

Dues \$62 - 2011-12
80 individuals
10 households

* Ed Fund money sent to LWVIL. Can be used for up to 25%PMP or Educational Activities in GE.

Budget Committee:
Barbara Fried
Mary Lou Lowry
Ginger Wheeler

THANK YOU TO OUR BUSINESS PARTNERS

The Glen Ellyn League of Women Voters appreciates the support of the following businesses. We encourage our members to patronize these merchants whenever possible.

Larc Jewelers

413 N. Main Street, Glen Ellyn
(630) 469-0580

Richard Dunn, Realtor

Coldwell Banker
(630) 752-2900

Alfie's Inn

425 Roosevelt Rd. Glen Ellyn
(630) 858-2506

Soukup's Hardware & Appliance

419 Main Street, Glen Ellyn
(630) 469-0448

Linea Hair Salon & Day Spa

518 N. Main Street, Glen Ellyn
(630) 790-8001

Family Health & Wellness Clinic

1141 E. Butterfield Road, Wheaton
(630) 407-0100

Curves

433 Pennsylvania Avenue, Glen Ellyn
(630) 942-0700

FloorOpedics, Inc.

546 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn
(630) 858-8020

Gwiz

Ginger Wheeler, Graphic Design
(630) 835-6959

Community Bank Wheaton/Glen Ellyn

357 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn
(630) 545-0900

Just the Bookstore

475 Main Street, Glen Ellyn
(630) 469-2891

Ellyn Beauty Salon

417 N. Main Street, Glen Ellyn
(630) 469-4040

McChesney & Miller, Inc.

460 Crescent Boulevard, Glen Ellyn
(630) 469-0176

Riviera Jewelers Ltd.

409 N. Main Street, Glen Ellyn
(630) 469-4954

Renfro Auto Center

1705 College Ave., Wheaton
(630) 668-0101

Mail 'n Stuff

435 Pennsylvania Avenue, Glen Ellyn
(630) 469-8300

HealthTrack

875 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn
(630) 942-9600

Paul's Shoe Service

486 N. Main Street, Glen Ellyn
(630) 790-1030

Barone's

475 Pennsylvania, Glen Ellyn
(630) 858-0555

Cosmos Beauty Bar

526 Duane St., Glen Ellyn
(630) 790-0713

The Gorz Group, Realtors

441 Taft Avenue, Glen Ellyn
(630) 929-9406

Run Today

475 N. Main Street, Glen Ellyn
(630) 547-0080

String Theory Yarn Co

477 N. Main St., Glen Ellyn
(630) 469-6085

Cabernet & Company

434 Main Street, Glen Ellyn
(630) 469-2644

Busy Bee Barber Shop

417 Main Street, Glen Ellyn
(630) 469-1805

Giesche Shoes

400 Main Street, Glen Ellyn
(630) 469-2554



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LWVGE CANDIDATES' FORUM SUNDAY MARCH 20TH AT GLEN CREST

Several of the April 5th local election races are contested this year. As usual our League is sponsoring a Candidates' Forum on Sunday, March 20, 2011 from 1:30-5:45 p.m. at Glen Crest Middle School, 725 Sheehan Avenue, Glen Ellyn. Candidates in the following races will be participating:

District 41: John Kenwood, Erica Nelson, Mark Senak and Sam Black

District 89: Arthur Hilliard, Timothy Jedlicka, and Terry Lachcik

Glen Ellyn Park District: Kathy Cornell, Catherine Galvin, Edward Hess, and Gary Mayo

District 87: Rose Malcolm, Mary Ozog, Steven Sebby, and Tom Trefilek

College of DuPage Board of Trustees: Diane McGuire, Michael Skarr and Max Bochmann

The forum for Districts 41 and 89 will run concurrently from 1:30-2:30 p.m.. The forum for the Park District will run from 2:45-3:45 p.m, The forum for District 87 will run from 3:50-4:50 p.m. and the forum for COD Board of Trustees will be from 4:55 to 5:45 p.m. For more information or to volunteer contact Diana Hoke at (630) 351-8523.