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*The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization that does not support or oppose any political party or candidate but whose purpose is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and to act on selected governmental issues.*

## It's Election Time!

### 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Candidate Forum

Candidates Tammy Duckworth and Peter Roskam have accepted an invitation to address the voters of the district in forum co-sponsored by Leagues of the 6<sup>th</sup> district and the College of DuPage.

Thursday, October 12, 2006, 8:00pm

Doors open at 7:00pm

At

The College of DuPage

Student Resource Center (SRC) 2800

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### Prepare to Vote Session

County Board Candidates from the 4<sup>th</sup> District and details of the GE Park District Referendum will be presented

on

Sunday, October 22

Glen Ellyn Public Library

## **President's Letter:**

Dear Members,

From its early years until today the League is an activist, grass roots organization. We believe citizens should play a critical role in advocacy. In addition and more importantly the League maintains a non-partisan position.

This is how I began my letter last month, and it is appropriate this month as we **Prepare to Vote** in November.

Your local league has been working with other area leagues and the College of DuPage to bring you a candidate forum for the 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional district seat being vacated by current House of Representative leader the Hon. Henry Hyde. We have now received written confirmation from both candidates campaigns that they will appear and participate in this important forum. The League is pleased to bring this forum to our electorate. From what we can see from the candidate's websites, this is the only live public forum for voters. We hope you will join us and your fellow citizens in this important gathering. In the usual League process we will be accepting questions from our audience for the candidates to address, so please join us on **Thursday, October 12** and come ready for issues that concern you.

League is committed to voter education, and this forum is just one example of our work.

To support our belief in citizen involvement in their government the League of Women Voters of Wheaton is hosting a candidate forum on **Tuesday, Oct. 10th** (6:30- coffee and 7:00 forum) at the Community Center at 1777 S. Blanchard. This forum includes county board candidates, and discussion of the Forest Preserve District referendum.

On **Sunday, October 22** the Glen Ellyn League is hosting a "**Prepare to Vote**" session with the candidates from the county board – district 4, and GE Park District staff who will detail the district's proposed plan for referendum.

It's a busy October, but I hope not too busy to prepare ourselves on the issues, and to act on our convictions.

Exercise your mind on the issues, and absolutely exercise your right to vote on Nov. 7!

I hope to see you at one of these three forums.

Sincerely,

*Margaret DeLaRosa*  
*LWVGE President*

## News from National – LWVUS

More detailed information on each of these topic headings can be found on [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org)

### **Protecting Voters**

LWVUS President Mary G. Wilson launched her six-state, "Public Advocacy for Voter Protection" tour this month to promote voter protection and education. Wilson has visited MO, OH, and PA and will head to FL, GA and WI in the coming weeks. Highlights of her trips include productive meetings with Missouri Secretary of State Robin Carnahan and the [Kansas City Star](#), an [election reform discussion](#) on Ohio State University's public radio network, a statewide-televised panel discussion at Chatham College (PA), and meetings with Philadelphia minority coalition members.

### **Taking Action Against Restrictive Voter ID Laws**

LWVUS President Mary G. Wilson last week denounced the House passage of H.R. 4844, the "Federal Election Integrity Act of 2006," which would require all voters, beginning in 2008, to show government-issued, current and valid photo ID in order to vote. [Read the release.](#)

### **Leading the Fight Against Warrantless Wiretapping**

The League is urging Congress to oppose the "National Security Surveillance Act of 2006", which would "rubber-stamp" the NSA's warrantless wiretapping program by expanding the domestic surveillance powers of the President. [Tell your Representative](#) to vote "no"!

### **Advocating the Passage of the D.C. Voting Rights Act**

The D.C. Voting Rights Act, significant legislation that would grant citizens of the District of Columbia their full voting rights, is making its way through Congress. We continue to need your help in making sure the rights of all citizens are protected! [Take action today](#) by urging your Representative to support the D.C. VRA.

### **Ensuring Citizens' Access to the Vote**

The latest *National Voter* Magazine features an article, "Protecting the Voter", by LWVUS Director of Elections and E-Democracy Jeanette Senecal. The piece outlines the various ways in which Leagues are working to prevent the development of procedures that threaten citizens' access to the vote. [Read more here.](#)

### **LWVUS Spanish-Language Materials**

The League is actively working with Hispanic/ Latino communities to engage and register voters. LWVUS has many election resources available in Spanish, including a [voter registration tool](#) and publications such as [5 Cosas Que Debe Saber El Dia Las Elecciones](#) (5 Things) [El Dia De Las Elecciones](#) (Navigating Election Day) and the [VOTE! Brochure](#). Together with ZGS Communications, the largest independent owner of Telemundo affiliate television stations, we have also launched *Tu Voto, Tu Voz*, a Spanish Get-out-the-Vote campaign. [Read about and view the Telemundo/LWV PSAs.](#)

## **News from National – LWVUS (continued):**

### **“Are We Safer in the Dark?” DVDs Now Available!**

The League and several other national organizations sponsored an event entitled “Are We Safer in the Dark?” during Sunshine Week 2006 to address the challenges to [openness in government](#) in a post-9/11 age. DVDs of this presentation are available through the Special Libraries Association for \$25. [To order click here.](#)

## **News from National – LWVUS**

### **Wouldn’t Your Morning Coffee Taste Better in a “Smart” LWV Mug?**

LWV has teamed up with the Smart Women Company to create the "Smart Women Elect to Make a Difference" mug! It features an attractive Smart Women design and the LWV logo. [Place your order.](#) For each mug sold, Smart Women will contribute \$1 to the LWV Education Fund. Better yet--[take advantage of our special bulk rate](#) (\$6.50 per mug, minimum order of 36, multiples of 12 only) when it comes time to buy volunteer, friend and family gifts, or for special events



## **News from State – LWVIL:**

The LWVIL Immigration study Committee’s first packet is ready and waiting for a group of leaguers to review and discuss this study’s background information.

Here is just some of the data contained in the packet:

Illinois is currently undergoing the largest influx of foreign born persons in its history. As of 2000, Illinois was home to more than 1.4 million foreign-born persons.

Nearly half of all foreign-born persons in Illinois were born in Mexico. Immigration from Mexico has increased steadily since the mid- 1960’s.

The next largest immigrant group is persons from Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

The Western Europeans are distinctive in that about half of immigrants arrived prior to 1965, making them the oldest and longest tenured immigrant group.

**Source:** [Illinois Immigration Data Book](#), Institute for Metropolitan Affairs – Roosevelt University

## News from State – LWVIL (continued):

If you are interested in joining fellow Glen Ellyn leaguers on this study/consensus group please contact Diana Hoke.

### Calendar of Events

- **Sunday, October 15, 2006, 2:30 to 5:00 pm/ Saturday, October 21, 2006 10:00 A.M. to Noon**  
**The Mysteries of Cook County Government**  
**Sponsored by the LWV Cook County & LWV Oak Park - River Forest**  
 A report of the LWV Cook County study of Cook County government structure and budget process.

PUBLIC WELCOME

10/15: *Oak Park Public Library, Main Branch, 834 Lake Street (1 block west of Oak Park Ave)*

10/21: *Palos Heights Public Library 12501 South 71st Avenue*

## LWVGE News & Activities:

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The forum will be held on **Thursday, Oct 12 at 8:00 pm at the College of DuPage SRC 2800**. Doors will open at 7pm, and the forum will begin promptly at 7:00.

Stay tuned for emails, mailers and press releases on this important event.

### **Voter Services:**

Even though the fall general election is a few months away, I thought it would be helpful to let you know about some important dates.

**September 28, 2006-** First day to file for absentee ballot by mail or in person for reason of absence from residence on day of election.

**October 10, 2006-** Last day to register to vote by deputy registrars.

**October 16, 2006-** Early voting begins at Dupage Election Commission offices and other sites in Dupage county.

## **LWVGE News & Activities (continued):**

### **Voter Services (continued):**

**November 2, 2006-** Early voting ends.

**November 7, 2006-** General Election Day

Also, the LWV 6<sup>th</sup> congressional district chapters in partnership with COD will be sponsoring a debate between Tammy Duckworth and Peter Roskam this fall. The date is **October 12, 2006 from 7:30-9 pm** in the COD Student Resource Center.

We will need volunteers that night to assist with the debate, since we expect a big crowd.

### **Finance Drive:**

LWVGE annual Finance Drive began **September 10**. Letters and Window clings were mailed to our 2006 sponsors. The checks are coming in but we will need volunteers to follow-up on drive mailings either by phone or in person. Please contact Cleo Burtis, Finance Chair for details.

Hope you are all displaying your cling proudly!

### **Website:**

The new LWVGE.org website is up and running.

### **HELP WANTED:**

LWVGE urgently needs a Voter Editor, or Voter production group to assist with planning, writing and producing our monthly newsletter.

The Voter will only be posted on the new LWVGE website, and members can print it from there.



League-sponsored events of interest:  
October 2006

2	6 <sup>th</sup> congressional forum	College of DuPage, SRC 2800 8pm
Thurs., Oct 22	Prepare to Vote session	Doors open at 7pm Glen Ellyn Library 1-3:30 County Board, Illinois congressional district, Forest Preserve & Park District
Tuesday, Nov 7	Vote, and take someone to vote!	



**Membership:** The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, grassroots, multi-issue, activist organization. It is organized in all 50 states as well as in the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands, and Guam. Any citizen over 18, male or female, may become a member of the League of Women Voters. Educated, connected citizens keep communities prosperous and nations healthy.

Stay tuned into your community. Join, or rejoin the League of Women Voters of Glen Ellen. Help keep the educated citizen alive by participating in the League.

**2006-2007 Registration/Renewal Form**

**Sign me up for the Glen Ellyn League of Women Voters! \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Renew my membership in the Glen Ellyn League of Women Voters! \_\_\_\_\_**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:** League of Women Voters- Glen Ellyn, P.O. Box 2391, Glen Ellyn, IL 60138 with \$60.00 dues for Individual or \$90.00 family membership for 2005-2006.