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November 2022

## The Voter

The League of Women Voters of Glen Ellyn



Dear Jacquelyn,

### **A Letter from the Co-Presidents: A busy run up to Election Day 2022 and beyond!**

It has been a very busy Fall and Election Season for LWVGE. We want to thank our Voter Services team of Erica Nelson, Dave Evans, and Bobbi Wheatley for their dedication to getting information/ registration out to DuPage voters. Between participating in National Voters Registration Day Sept 20th, to conducting numerous Candidate Forums and the Ready Set Vote! Event held at Cantigny on Oct 23rd (hosted by 5 DuPage Sister Leagues) Voter Services put voter education front and center. **Make sure you encourage all of your friends and family TO VOTE, reminding them DuPage residents can vote at ANY DuPage County polling place on Election Day, Nov 8, 2022.**



A local referendum for Glen Ellyn School District 41 is on the November 8, 2022, Election Ballot. In relation to our position on School Referenda Criteria Consensus (2005), the referendum has been reviewed by a LWVGE committee. The LWVGE Board approved by consensus on October 20th. Its report is included below in the newsletter. League Co-Presidents sent a letter to the District 41 School Board regarding the LWVGE position review which determined that the referendum met the

criteria. *Note: Only League Presidents can speak officially in support of any positions on behalf of the LWVGE. LWVGE is non-partisan, supports no one candidate or political party, never tells any individual how to vote, but provides voter information and education on issues of interest to the community at large.*

All members should have received their Membership Books. If not, contact Membership Chair Judy Gervase at [jbgervase@yahoo.com](mailto:jbgervase@yahoo.com).

The Fall Fundraising drive is underway, collecting donations for the critical work of LWVGE. Every dollar benefits providing important Community Programs, Candidate Forums, Voter Education and Services. Donations must be received by the end of the year. Thanks for your support.

### And more to come in 2023!

Mark your calendars for January 26, 2023 for the ever popular “*State of the Village*” Community Meeting and the Annual Program Planning meeting scheduled for Saturday, February 4, 2023, where we will discuss the types of programs for the upcoming year. This year will include a review of the LWVIL positions as well as LWVGE positions.



We wish you and your families happy holidays and look forward to 2023 being another dynamic year for our League. We are over 210 members strong. Get involved at the level you want. We love to see new faces, ideas, and energy!

Working to Empower Voters,  
Sarah Allen and Michelle Thorsell, Co-Presidents

[Visit Our Website](#)

## Programs



### Upcoming Programs for Fall/Winter 2022:

November 10th  
*Election Wrap Up with Peter Hancock of Capital News, at Cantigny Park\*\**  
Check [lwwge.org](http://lwwge.org) or [cantigny.org/event/civic-awareness-series-election-day-implications/](http://cantigny.org/event/civic-awareness-series-election-day-implications/) for details

December 8th  
*Holiday Social at*

## Upcoming Election Wrap Up and Recap of Fall Programs

We know every election day is important, and this year is no different. When we wake up on November 9th to the results of this year's election, what will that mean? League Members only need to wait one day to find out! Join other local LWV members on November 10th for an "Election Wrap Up" with Peter Hancock of Capital News, as part of our Civic Awareness Series. We are prioritizing this event instead of having a November community meeting because this is such a fantastic opportunity for ALL to learn what the 2022 election results mean for DuPage County and Illinois! Members are strongly encouraged to register and attend. Bring a friend or encourage other Illinois neighbors to attend as well! Meet at 6:30 at Cantigny to chat with other LWV members and guests prior to the start of the program at 7pm. Virtual registration is also an option. Attend virtually or in person, **just get there!**

### How to Stop Infighting: The Science of Us vsThem Recap of October Community Meeting at Cantigny

LWVGE held an outstanding Community Program with Sister DuPage Leagues on October 13th with nearly 100 combined attendees (in person and virtual) to hear noted neuroscientist Dr. Terry Wu discuss turning "*Us vs Them*" to "*Me and You*." LWVGE also Co-hosted a meeting with DuPage Civic Leaders on Friday, October 14th to address the special challenges educators and public servants have in a time where our divisions are elevated in our local communities. Dr. Wu translated complex neuroscience findings via presentation of numerous scientific studies into digestible and actionable understanding. Highlights:

- Beware of *Unconscious Nature of "Us-vs Them" Division*  
Our human brain is wired to unconsciously favor "Us" but dislike "Them". We have the power to engage our rational brain to disrupt this dynamic, becoming less aggressive and more cooperative.
- *Create a Sense of Belonging*; Belonging means safety. Individuals must focus on what we have in common to be able to bridge divisions. This is particularly important in schools and governmental bodies.
- *Individuate people from Out- Groups*: Seeing someone as an individual instead of in a group avoids stereotyping, reduces negativity and motivates us to find similarities.

While all these ideas seem simple and intuitive, they are often not actively practiced. Dr. Wu stressed how we can bridge divides with these conscious actions, shared with LWVGE members as presentations were unable to be taped for later viewing.

Submitted by Sarah Allen, Co-President and Jacquelyn Casazza, Voter Editor

Ten Thousand Villages + Holiday Social at Sarah's home - see details below

### January 26th, 2023

*Annual State of the Village with Village Manager Mark Franz and Village President Mark Senak*

### February 4, 2023

*Program Planning - Review LWVIL positions at the Glen Ellyn Public Library*

\*\*LWVGE encourages carpooling to CAS programs at Cantigny. Contact Bernie Laszewski at [bernadettelas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bernadettelas@sbcglobal.net) to join a carpool for those events.

Look for updates and additional information on all LWVGE programs and social events on our website [lwvge.org](http://lwvge.org), and in emails to our members.

## Leagues Get Out the Vote Pre-Election Day

Leagues encouraged voters to make their voting plans on October 28, Vote Early Day, with members sharing their own [early voting stories](#).

Voting early empowers people to cast their ballots at the time most convenient to them, making elections more accessible.

Another part of election accessibility is the availability of information about political candidates. Our candidate voting guides are now live, offering information on your local races. Check your candidate guide at [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org).

## LWV Supports Electoral Checks and Balances in *Moore v. Harper*

On October 26, Leagues from all 50 states and DC filed an amicus brief in *Moore v. Harper*. The case concerns the so-called “independent state legislature theory,” which, if adopted, would have far-reaching implications for the future of American democracy.

As LWV’s CEO Virginia Kase Solomón stated in our [press release](#):

“Historically, state legislatures have enacted the most harmful and suppressive anti-voter laws...The Independent State Legislature Theory is a dangerous, fringe ideology that leaves voters effectively defenseless from harmful election laws.”

[Learn more](#) about the case.



Take me to the Illinois Voter Guide!

## Voter Services

### Ready, Set, Vote! and More!

Thank you to our many League volunteers at the candidate forums, voter registration events, and postcard writers to low-voter turnout areas. Especially our NEWEST members who have put their energy into their membership!

### 2022 Candidate Forums

If you missed the Candidate Forums, the recordings are posted on [www.lwvge.org](http://www.lwvge.org)

#### Congressional District 3 (new district- no incumbent)

Justin Burau (Republican candidate)  
Delia Ramirez (Democrat candidate)

#### IL House of Representatives District 42

Terra Costa Howard (Democrat ~ incumbent)



Stefanie Hood (Republican)

DuPage County Clerk

Jean Kaczmarek (Democrat ~ incumbent)

Evelyn Sanguinetti (Republican)

DuPage County Forest Preserve

President

Daniel Hebreard (Democrat ~ incumbent)

Robert Schillerstrom (Republican)

DuPage Candidate Forums

The run up to the **November 8<sup>th</sup> General Election** is filled with what the LWV does best:

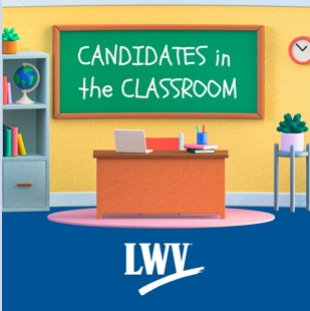
**Voter Registration.  
Voter Education.  
Voting!**

Submitted by Dave Evans and Erica Nelson, Voter Services



**National Voter Registration Day - September 20, 2022**

Nearly 4.7 million voters across all 50 states have registered to vote on National Voter Registration Day, including 1.5 million in 2020 alone. Locally at the College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn Public Library, Glenbard South High School, Glenbard East High School and at OAKtoberfest at Maryknoll Park, we distributed more than 125 QR code registration post-cards and registered 22 voters. Visibility is key! Thank you to all our Voter Registrars and volunteers!



**Video Voter Guide - Coordinated by the LWV Wheaton**

The League of Women Voters of Wheaton organized the opportunity for the journalism students of District 200 to interview candidates seeking election in the upcoming November General Election for many local offices. Interviews with candidates of both parties for County Board District 4 and DuPage County Board Chair, Forest Preserve District 4, DuPage Forest Preserve President, and others.



**Ready, Set, Vote!**

DuPage LWV's coordinated a Voter Expo ~ Ready, Set, Vote! on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at Cantigny Park. Organizing efforts over three months brought approximately 500 residents and candidates together for a meet and greet.

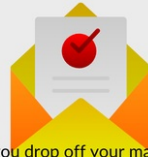
# WHAT IS YOUR VOTING PLAN?



## VOTE EARLY

Find out your early voting options in DuPage at [dupagecounty.gov/earlyvoting/](http://dupagecounty.gov/earlyvoting/)

## VOTE BY MAIL



Make sure you **drop off** your mail-in ballot at a drop box or mail it with a postmark no later than 11/8 (but preferably earlier.) Make sure your vote counts!

## VOTE ANYWHERE DUPAGE



On Election Day you can vote securely at any polling location. Our new election system prints your personal ballot at each DuPage poll.

**READY,  
SET,  
VOTE!**  
DUPAGE VOTING EXPO

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## LWVGE Community Issues

### Don't Miss it -Town Hall Meeting and Village Voting on December 3

November 8th is not the only important election in Glen Ellyn. The Civic Betterment Party is holding a Town Meeting on Saturday, December 3rd to slate candidates for Village Trustees and Library Trustee positions. The Town Meeting will be held at the Civic Center, and voting will be from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Also on Saturday, December 3rd, Drive Thru voting will be available at the Glen Ellyn Public Library, West Parking lot, from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Early voting will be available 1-week prior to Town Meeting at the Civic Center. Go to [www.civictobetterment.com](http://www.civictobetterment.com) for up-to-date voting information and times.

The Civic Betterment Party is a Glen Ellyn organization that recruits, evaluates and nominates candidates for village board and library positions. This year there are 3 Village trustee and 4 Library Board Trustee positions open and will be voted on at the Town Meeting. Once the candidates are slated, the Civic Betterment Party assists the candidates by limiting the expense and stress of being a candidate. The Civic Betterment Party prepares brochures publicizing the candidates and the Town Meeting, creates and submits press releases and other publicity. The Glen Ellyn League of Women Voters has traditionally assisted in tabulating the votes and will do so again this year. If you are interested in volunteering to tabulate the votes, please contact Barbara Kwiatkowsky at [barbark@comcast.net](mailto:barbark@comcast.net). See the democratic process at work first hand, and help get out the vote!

Be Vocal, Vote Local!

Submitted Barbara Kwiatkowsky, Director of Local Government

# D41 Referendum Report

At the request of the Co-Presidents, a LWVGE Referendum Review Committee convened to study the proposed District 41 Referendum that will be on the November 8, 2022 Illinois General Election Ballot. The Committee was composed of four LWVGE members: Joyce Beck, Jayne Boeckelman, Heather Fleming, and Sonja Melton. Using the LWVGE's Position School Referenda Criteria Consensus (2005), the Committee studied the Referendum materials published by Glen Ellyn School District 41 and interviewed District Superintendent Dr. Melissa Kaczowski and Assistant Superintendent for Finance, Facilities, and Operations Eric DePorter. The Committee found the funding request consistent with the LWVGE position, that there had been clear communication with the community and sufficient opportunity for community response, that the financial analysis has been thorough and appropriate, and, ultimately, that the Referendum is essential for maintaining the physical school buildings for health, safety, and educational needs and addressing projected enrollment increase. The entire Report is available on the LWVGE website.



Submitted by Heather Fleming, Education Committee

D41 Referendum Report

## Biennial Bylaws Review

Article XI of the LWVGE Bylaws calls for a review of the Bylaws in odd numbered years. Laura Lee and Rita Doyle will conduct a review and may present amendments at the 2023 Annual Meeting. Members may suggest proposals for changing the Bylaws by December 1. Proposed amendments will be submitted to the full membership at least one month in advance of the Annual Meeting. Please look over the current Bylaws, found in your membership directory, pages 8-12. It's good to familiarize yourself with the guiding documents of the organization.

Submitted by Rita Doyle, Legislative Issues

## Membership

Membership currently stands at 212, as we remain one of the largest leagues in Illinois! Welcome to all our brand new members:

Martha Casazza  
Pam Sisler  
Kurt Buchholz  
Jan Davis  
Cindy Curry  
Amanda Cyzen  
Emily Henkels

Pat Graunke (rejoining having moved back to Glen Ellyn)

We invite these members, along with any new/newer members who have not yet had the opportunity, to join us for a quick "new member orientation" at 7:00 pm on December 8, immediately prior to our Holiday Social\* which is being held at the home of Sarah Allen. This will be an opportunity to meet other new members and then immediately meet our "veteran" members too! You will also have the chance to ask any questions you may have about the League. We look forward to meeting you in person!

## Holiday Happenings for LWVGE Members!



### O come, all ye Leaguers! - December 8th

Please join other LWVGE members to celebrate the season and the important work we do all year long in this festive, open-house style celebration.

Shop fair-trade gifts at Ten Thousand Villages, who will generously donate 10% of proceeds that evening to LWVGE. Any time between 5-8pm or online!

Enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres at our holiday party at Sarah Allen's home, anytime between 6:30-8:30pm. New members will also have the opportunity to learn more about how LWVGE works with an informal, mini-orientation at Sarah's home between 7:00-7:30pm.

Join us for one or both events as your schedule allows. Old, new and prospective members all warmly welcomed!

### Letters to Santa returns!

The Santa Mailbox is back in downtown starting November 25th! Contact Karin at [info@lwvge.org](mailto:info@lwvge.org) if you would like to volunteer to answer children's letters to Santa. You will be provided with a kit including letter, photo, envelope and stamp provided by the Chamber of Commerce.

*At right: Patrick Casazza, son of member Jacquelyn Casazza and grandson of member Martha Casazza, sending off a wish to the North Pole!*





### Safe-T Act

This controversial Illinois law may be amended by trailer bills in the upcoming veto session, starting November 15. One such bill, SB 4228, is being talked about quite a bit, but the LWVIL Criminal Reform Issues and Advocacy group says it will be critical to watch what changes are proposed. Advocates will be working to clarify inconsistencies, arguing against eliminating key provisions. Read about the Pre-trial Fairness portion of the Safe-T Act from the Illinois Network for Pre-Trial Justice [https://endmoneybond.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/sb4228\\_factsheet.pdf](https://endmoneybond.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/sb4228_factsheet.pdf).

*The State Journal-Register reported that according to a 2018 report from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, more than 90 percent of Illinoisans held in jail statewide are being detained pretrial.*

### Action requested by LWVIL

Urge your State Senator to support **HB1464**, which protects licenses of Illinois reproductive healthcare providers caring for out-of-state patients.

To find your representatives, go to [openstates.org](https://openstates.org) Click on each picture for how to contact your senator or representative.

*Illinois has welcomed 3639 asylum seekers since August 31.*

Submitted by Rita Doyle, Legislative Issues

## Media Relations

Publicity was provided for LWVGE hosted Candidate Forums, our co-sponsored Civic Awareness Series, our LWVGE Community Events and our "Ready, Set, Vote!" event. We have many outlets available to us: posts on the Village of Glen Ellyn e-board, in the Village Calendar of Events and in the Village e-newsletter; Glen Ellyn Chamber of Commerce; Patch and to Lorraine Smith, Senior Local Editor, for Neighbor at Patch; Mr. Rakow, Suburban Life publications; Daily Herald (We now have Katlyn Smith, a DuPage reporter who is ready to work with us now and in the future); WBEZ; Chicago Tribune Local Editor and to other local DuPage LWV groups!

### *Notable publicity...*

Some of our Patch postings for the Candidate Forums received over 10,000 views!

Mr. Rakow and one of his editors published an informative article in the Suburban Life for the LWVGE and LWVDGW

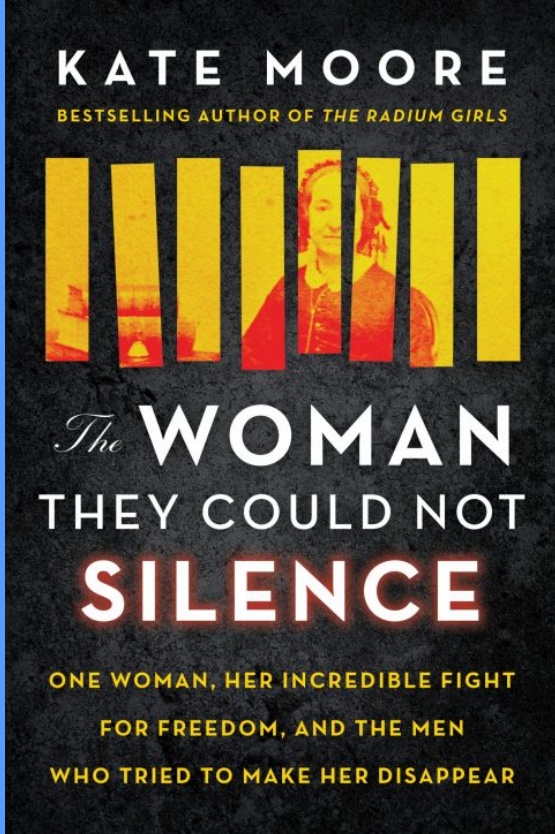
Ready, Set, Vote was sponsored by the LWV groups of DuPage County. Over 500 people were in attendance, and Voter Training was also provided

**The best publicity is always WORD OF MOUTH.** More than ever, as Media Relations Director, I urge you to reach out to voters and guide them to our website and social media. They both have EXCELLENT INFORMATION on voting, election information, upcoming activities, and ways to become involved with the League. **LWVGE is counting on you!**

Submitted by Karen Schulz, Media Relations

## Next Book Club

Our next book club selection is **"The Woman They Could Not Silence: The Shocking Story Of A Woman Who Dared To Fight Back"** by Kate Moore, the author of Radium Girls. This book has been recommended to us a few



times. Our meeting is **January 21, 2023**, at 9:00am at the home of Shawn Fasules, 755 Chidester.

Copies of the Book will be available at the library on 12/21/22 for a 30 day checkout. Please join us for coffee, or tea and scones and a lively discussion.

If you have questions, comments, reach out to Shawn Fasules or Michelle Peterson

Submitted by Shawn Fasules, Book Club

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### **CALENDAR**

Cantigny Awareness Series (CAS) noted in red  
LWVGE Community Meetings noted in blue

- November 8** - Election Day!!
- November 10** - Election Wrap Up with Peter Hancock of Capital New Cantigny (CAS)
- November 17** - LWVGE Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Clayton Room at the Civic Center
- November 26** - Early Voting begins for Village Board and Library Board at the Glen Ellyn Public Library
- December 3** - Town Meeting to slate Village Board and Library Board candidates at the Civic Center
- December 8** - Holiday shopping event at Ten Thousand Villages and party at Sarah Allen's home
- January 26, 2023** - Annual State of the Village with Village President Mark Senak and Village Manager Mark Franz
- February 4, 2023** - Program Planning - Annual review of LWVIL positions

**Plans for events are subject to change. To avoid disappointment, please check the LWVGE website for final details.**

Questions about League events? Get details here:  
[www.lwvge.org](http://www.lwvge.org)

**Please visit our website for the most current information**

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