



The Voter

February 2017

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Event Schedule:

February

11- Monthly Meeting,
Home State Bank, 611 S.
Main St., CL 9 am
16 - Crystal Lake High
School District 155
Candidate Forum at
McHenry County
College, 7 -9pm

March

1 - McHenry School
Districts 15 & 155
Candidate Forum at
Parkland Middle School,
1802 N. Ringwood Rd.,
McHenry at 7-9pm
4 – LWVIL Issue Briefing,
University Center, 525 S
State St, Chicago,
9:30am to 4pm
11- Monthly Meeting,
McHenry County
College, CL 9 am
16 - McHenry Mayoral
& McHenry City Council
Ward #1 Candidate
Forum at Parkland
Middle School, 1802 N.
Ringwood Rd., McHenry
at 7-9pm
21 - McHenry County
College Trustees at
McHenry County
College, 7 -9pm

Happy Valentine's Day



NEWS

Highlights

The February meeting was led by our Vice President Paula Ekstrom. Eighteen (18) members and one (1) visitor attended. Discussions included Spring 2017 Forums, Legislative Interviews, proposed reform of State Forum Policy, Children's Health Fair, Issues Briefing, and a few upcoming events. **March meeting will be at McHenry County College at 9am.**

Voter Services

Four (4) candidate forums are planned for this spring. Volunteers needed; contact Susan Fugleberg or Karen Hutchings. We discussed the forum video offering and are going to make forum videos available to candidates and public.

- **Feb 16th** – Crystal Lake City Council and Crystal Lake High School District 155 at McHenry County College, 6:30-9pm. Moderator: Gild Karu.
- **March 1st** – McHenry School Districts 15 & 156 at Parkland Middle School, 1802 N. Ringwood Rd., McHenry at 7-9pm. Moderator: Cate Williams.

- **March 16th** - McHenry Mayoral & McHenry City Council Ward #1 at Parkland Middle School, 1802 N. Ringwood Rd., McHenry at 7-9pm. Moderator: Cate Williams.
- **March 21st** – McHenry County College Trustees at McHenry County College, 7-9pm. Moderator: Karin Hribar

Programs

- **Legislative District Interviews:** With the start of a new State Legislative Assembly, the LWV Illinois requests that local leagues interview their local legislators. The State League provides questions covering State issues to be discussed during the interview. Primary focus for McHenry County is:
 - State Representative Steve Reick Illinois 63rd District
 - State Representative Barbara Wheeler Illinois 64th District
 - State Senator Pamela Althoff Illinois 32nd District
 Several people volunteered for the interviews which need to be completed and the results sent to the State League by **April 1st**. If you are interested in participating contact Paula Ekstrom.
- **Contacting Your Legislators:** Do not be bashful or hesitate to voice your position on legislative issues. You recently received a list of National and State Legislator contact information. A phone call, email, tweet will get your position known.
- **Meeting with U.S. Representative Peter Roskam:** The LWV Leagues of McHenry, Glen Ellyn, Wheaton, Naperville, Elmhurst, Central Kane, Palatine, and Downers Grove/Woodridge/Lisle were able to schedule a meeting with the Congressman on **Feb 11th**. Sandra Bartholmey and Molly Wash attended representing our League. The Congressman was friendly and open to the group questions. The summary of the meeting will be made available to you.
- **Forum Policy – Empty Chair:** Lee briefly reviewed the policy change proposal for the new members present that was prepared by the LWV Leagues of McHenry, Glen Ellyn, Wheaton, Naperville, Elmhurst, Central Kane, Palatine, and Downers Grove/Woodridge/Lisle. The proposal submitted to the State Board is under consideration.
- **LWVIL Issues Briefing:** The annual briefing will be **Mar 4th** at University Center, 525 S State St, Chicago, 9:30am to 4pm. Sign-up at the LWVIL site. This is a terrific event and an opportunity to network with other Leagues.
- **2017 LWV State Convention:** The bi-annual State LWV Convention is scheduled for June 9-11 at the Rosemont IL Hilton Gardens Inn. We are looking for items for the Silent Auction. Contact Susan Fugelberg for more information.
- **Women’s History Month:** March is *Women’s History Month*. In recognition McHenry County College and the AAUW are

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sponsoring several programs. The program schedule is included as an attachment to *The Voter*.

- **2017 Children's Health Fair:** This year's Children's Health Fair is **July 26th**. We will be assembling school box on **July 25th**. More information to follow.
- **AAUW Sponsored Movie:** Movie *Denial* at McHenry County College on **May 15th** at 1:30pm.

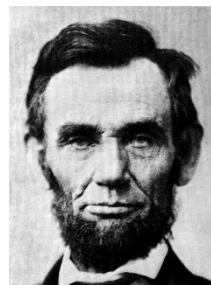
Membership

We welcomed four (4) new members at this meeting Mary Finch, Carole Coyner, Kathy Loch and Monica Sargeant. They were already volunteering for Forum support. Thank you.

Media

- **Facebook:** Lots of people looking at and LIKE our site. Carolyn Schofield volunteered to take over administration of the Facebook site.
- **Website:** Lee reported that we continue getting the highest activity ever. The 2017 web charge is the same as last year. The next year service cost will go up \$50 to \$250.

Happy Presidents Day



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