



League of Women Voters of McHenry County

The Voter

August 2018

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Event Schedule:

September

8 – Monthly Meeting,
Home State Bank, 611 S
Main St., Crystal Lake,
11am

10 – Congressional
Districts 6 and 14
Forum, McHenry
County College
Auditorium, 6:30pm

Meet &Greet; 7pm
Forum

17 – State Senate
Districts 26, 32 and 33
Forum, McHenry
County College
Auditorium, 6:30pm

Meet &Greet; 7pm
Forum

20 – County Clerk and
Srare Rep. District 64
Forum, McHenry
County College
Auditorium, 6:30pm
Meet &Greet; 7pm
Forum

October

NO MONTHLY MEETING

8 – County Board
Districts 1, 2 and 3
Forum, McHenry
County College
Auditorium, 6:30pm
Meet &Greet; 7pm
Forum

NEWS

Highlights

Eighteen (18) members, one guest (1) attended the **August 11th** Meeting/Picnic at Home State Bank. Meeting discussion covered the Fall Candidate Forums, National Convention/ILO Meeting, Voter Registration Drive, Women’s March (**October13th**) and LWVMC By-Law review.

Voter Services

Anna Gifford presented the forum plan for the Fall General Elections: All forums are held at MCC Auditorium with a Meet and Greet at 6:30 pm with the Forum Start at 7 pm. The planned forums are:

- **September 10th** Congressional Dist. 6 and 14
- **September 17th** State Senate Districts 26 ,32 and 33
- **September 20th** County Clerk and State Rep. District 64
- **October 8th** County Board Districts 1, 2, and 3
- **October 11th** County Board Districts 4, 5, and 6

A brochure for the Forums in being prepared and will be distributed to the candidates, newspapers and posted on Facebook and Website.

Susan Fugleberg presented the pan to hold a Voters Registration event at MCC Sept 25th and 26th 10am – 2pm in recognition of National Voter Registration Day. Other LWVMC voter registration events are not scheduled.

Water ILOs Annual Meeting

The Leagues of Women Voters Lake Michigan Region (LWVLMR) and Upper Mississippi River Region (LWVUMRR) joined in sponsoring a day of water related events on **June 27th** at The Standard Club, Chicago. Lee and Paula Ekstrom attended the Annual Meetings and joint meeting of the ILOs. The business meetings covered the joining of the LWVLMR with adjoining Great Lakes ILOs groups. Lee participated in demonstration of the Water Game. This was very interesting, and Lee suggested

11 – County Board
Districts 4, 5 and 6
Forum, McHenry
County College
Auditorium, 6:30pm
Meet & Greet; 7pm
Forum
13 – Women’s March
“March to the Polls”.
Rally at Chicago Grant
Park at 9am

our League should get some certified leaders for the Water Game and hold game sessions in the McHenry County. The highlight of the meeting was the afternoon session was Howard A. Learner, President & Executive Director of the Environmental Law & Policy Center presentation. Mr. Learner’s presentation covered the advocacy activities for environmental safety of the Lake Erie. We also heard from Judy Beck (LMVLMR & LMVUMRR Board member) and Dr. Emily Reed (US Geological Survey) on the clear and present danger of an oil pipeline. Pipeline 5 is the target for immediate retirement. The pipeline is owner/operated by a Canadian firm. Pipeline 5 runs from Canada west of Lake Superior to Canada east of Lake Huron. Built in 1953, the pipeline is well beyond its 50-year life span. The danger lies in the shallow water under the Mackinac Bridge. The pipeline has scars from anchor hits as well as other aging issues. 22.6 million gallons of oil pass through the pipeline. When the pipeline is breached, this will be disastrous to the surrounding lakes, Michigan, Huron Superior and Erie. So, using the strong bi-partisan support closing pipeline 5 is a high priority.

2018 National Convention

The 2018 LWV National Convention will be held in Chicago **June 28th through July 1st**. An outcome from the convention was to adopt the study of The Electoral College. More information will follow.

Women’s March

March 2018 Planners of the Women’s March are planning fall rally and march on **October 13th**. The March will kick-off at Chicago’s Grant Park at 9am. The theme of the rally/march is “*March to the Polls*”. The rally/march are designed to “celebrate new voters, in participating young woman, immigrants and other youth”. The Oct 13th march date corresponds to the start of early voting in Chicago and Cook County. The hope is to encourage literally the casting of ballots on **October 13th**. If you can join us in Grant Park for the rally and “*March to the Polls*”.

Bi-Law Review

President Cate suggested that the LWVMC Bi-Laws need a review. Lee Ekstrom and Allison Hull volunteered to aid Cate in the review.

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Picnic Time

With the meeting adjourned, we all jumped into our Picnic Luncheon. Fried Chicken was provided along with a variety of items provided by members. It was all delightful and enjoyed by everyone.



Next Meeting **September 8th 9am – 11am**

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611 S Main St.

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