



League of Women Voters of McHenry County

The Voter

January 2017

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Event Schedule:

January 2017

14- Monthly Meeting,
Home State Bank, 611 S.
Main St., CL 9 am
21- Women's March,
Chicago, 10am
26 – Movie "Denial" at
Woodstock Library,
6pm. AAUW sponsored.

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,
Home State Bank, 611 S.
Main St., CL 9 am
16 - McHenry Mayoral
& McHenry City Council

Happy New Year!!



NEWS

Highlights

Greetings everyone. We hope everyone had a wonderful and safe New Year celebration. We kicked off our January meeting with nineteen (19) members attending including two (2) new members, Deb Wright and Susan Stone. Welcome.

The meeting was led by our Vice President Paula Ekstrom. Discussions included Spring 2017 Forums, Tax Reform Study, proposed reform of State Forum Policy, media presence, and a few upcoming events.

Voter Services

Four (4) candidate forums are planned for this spring. Volunteers needed; contact Susan Fugleberg or Karen Hutchings.

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

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

- **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

- Women’s March: This was a terrific event on **Jan 21st** in Chicago. Several League of Women Voter Leagues rallied in support of Women Rights included the Right to Vote. 250,000 were reported to have attended the Chicago March part of the Nationwide. Attending from our League were Claudette Russell, Donna Sealy, Paula Ekstrom, Lee Ekstrom, Susan Fugelberg, Rich Woosman, and Sandra Bartholmey. Rumor has it that Amy Connell was there too with family.



- Tax Reform Study: We discussed further the opportunity to conduct a McHenry County review of the County Tax impact. We reviewed the structure and complexity of the study conducted by the LWV of Mason County. Carolyn Scofield is leading the effort with more discussion to follow.
- Forum Policy – Empty Chair: Lee reviewed the policy change proposal prepared by the LWV Leagues of McHenry, Glen Ellyn, Wheaton, Naperville, Elmhurst, Central Kane, Palatine, and Downers Grove/Woodridge/Lisle. All eight leagues affirmed the proposed change. The proposal was submitted to the State League for presentation to the State Board for disposition. The proposal will also be submitted to the State Convention for consideration.
- AAUW Sponsored Movie: Movie Denial **Jan 26th** at Woodstock Library at 6pm is about the group that denied the Holocaust happened. Movie will also be shown at McHenry County College on **May 15th** at 1:30pm.

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Lee Ekstrom

Media

- **Facebook:** Lots of people looking at and LIKE our site. Carolyn Scofield volunteered to work with Angela on the Facebook site.
- **Website:** Lee reported that we are getting the highest activity ever. In December, we experienced our high viewing and January is tracking high too. No news of any changes in Website service. The 2017 web charge is the same as last year.

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Nov 2016:	3371:	3045:	
Dec 2016:	3907:	3670:	
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Busiest month: Dec 2016 (3,670 requests for pages).

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