



# League of Women Voters of McHenry County

## *The Voter*

March 2018

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### Event Schedule:

#### March

10 – Monthly Meeting,  
Home State Bank, 611 S  
Main St. Crystal Lake,  
9am

#### April

14 – Monthly Meeting,  
Home State Bank, 611 S  
Main St. Crystal Lake,  
9am

#### May

12 – Monthly Meeting,  
Home State Bank, 611 S  
Main St. Crystal Lake,  
9am

#### June

TBD - Annual Meeting  
LWVMC, McHenry  
Country Club, 820 N  
John St, McHenry, IL,  
11am  
28-July 2 – LWV  
National Convention in  
Chicago

## NEWS

### Meeting Highlights

Seventeen (17) members attended the **March 10<sup>th</sup>** meeting at Home State Bank. Discussion topics included the Primary Election Forums and the **February 10<sup>th</sup>** Issues Briefing. Cate Williams chaired the meeting.

Just announced from LWVIL.



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### March 12, 2018

It is with great sorrow that I inform you our friend and colleague, former LWVIL Executive Director, **Mary Schaafsma** died yesterday. Mary was deeply committed to working toward better public policy and good government in Illinois, and it was a privilege to have her pursue those ideals with the League of Women Voters for nine years.



Memorial service details will be shared when available.

In League,  
Bonnie Cox, President

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## Voter Services

Anna Gifford, Susan Fugleberg and Karen Hutchings discussed the specifics for the forums at McHenry County College. The Congressional Districts 6<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> were live streamed on the League's Facebook page. Terrific following with 1300 viewing District 6<sup>th</sup> and 1200 viewing District 14<sup>th</sup>. Forum details were:

- **February 8<sup>th</sup>** – McHenry County Clerk forum **CANCELLED** due to bad weather.
- **February 11<sup>th</sup>** – McHenry County Board – 1:30 – 3pm in the Commons Area of McHenry County College. Format was a discussion with candidates from one district sitting together at a table taking questions from constituents. Each district had their own table. This was not well attended by the public. However, the candidates liked the format.
- **February 19<sup>th</sup>** – Congressional District 6; Meet & Greet at 6:30pm; Forum starts at 7pm. Well attended with 81 in the auditorium and 1300 viewing live stream.
- **February 26<sup>th</sup>** – Congressional District 14; Meet & Greet at 6:30pm; Forum starts at 7pm. Well attended with around 80 in the auditorium and 1200 viewing live stream.
- Another LWV option to attend Congressional District 14<sup>th</sup> candidate was:
  - Primary Election Race for 14th Congressional District **February 22<sup>nd</sup>** sponsored by LWV of Central Kane County at the Batavia City Hall, 100 N. Island Ave., Batavia, IL starting at 7pm. Paula Ekstrom, Susan Fugleberg, Rich Woosnam and Lee Ekstrom attended the forum.

## LWVIL Issues Briefing

### **Bridging Divides: *Cultivating Common Ground for Action***

The 2018 Issues Briefing was Saturday **February 10<sup>th</sup>** 9:30am to 4pm at the University Center, 525 South State Street, Chicago. We had a group of nine (9) attending. It was a terrific event and a thumb drive with all presentations is available from Rich Woosnam.

## LWVMC Leadership

### President

Catherine Williams

### Vice President

Paula Ekstrom

### Secretary

Allison Hull

### Treasurer

Donna Seeley

### Voter Services

Susan Fugleberg

Karen Hutchings

### Directors

Sandra Bartholmey

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Lee Ekstrom

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Lee Ekstrom

### The Voter Editor

Lee Ekstrom



**L-R Keynote Speaker State Representative Elaine Nekritz, 2001-17, Rich Woosnam, Susan Fugleberg, Karen Hutchings, Paula Ekstrom, Lee Ekstrom, Donna Seeley, MJ Town, Sandra Bartholmey**

## Brief Highlights

- **Membership--**Donna reported one new member. She is sending email reminders to members who are due to renew.
- **Public relations--**Dani plans to meet with the new Northwest Herald editor. She will explore local radio outlets for PSA announcements.
- **LWVUS study on making Washington DC the 51st state--**Sandra reviewed info included in a recent kit sent to Leagues on this issue. We may organize an informational meeting on the study.
- **Annual Meeting--**Dani will reserve a room at McHenry Country Club in June.

## 2018 National Convention

The 2018 LWV National Convention will be held in Chicago June 28<sup>th</sup> through July 1<sup>st</sup>. Details about the convention are provided at:

[www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org)

Next Meeting **April 14<sup>th</sup> at 9am**  
Home State Bank  
611 S Main St., Crystal Lake

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