



League of Women Voters of McHenry County

The Voter

May 2016

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Event Schedule:

May

1 - Friends of Crystal Lake Book Sale, 126 W. Paddock St. CL, 10 am

14 - Monthly Meeting, Home State Bank, 611 S. Main St., CL 9 am

June

18 – Annual Meeting, McHenry Country Club, 820 N. John St. McHenry, 11am – 2pm

July

9 - Monthly Meeting, Home State Bank, 611 S. Main St., CL 9 am

NEWS

Meeting Highlights

Twelve (12) members attended the **April 14th** meeting at Home State Bank. Discussion topics included the Candidate Forums, High School Mock Elections, Remapping Petitions, Local Programs, and Annual Meeting Schedule.

Voter Services

- Two new dates for General Election forums were added to cover expanded challenged races. The General Election Forum dates are scheduled for **September 12th, 19th and 22nd, October 3rd and 5th** at McHenry County College at 7 pm with a candidate Meet & Greet at 6:00 pm. We have extended the Meet & Greet to 1 hour prior to a forum. Discussing possible video tapping by our league.
- Mock elections
 - Schools involved so far are Cary Grove, Prairie Ridge, McHenry East, McHenry West, Huntley and Jacobs. Dates (TBA) will be in late September and early October.
 - Karen, Paula and Cate will schedule time with County Clerk Mary McClellan to review the Mock Election needs.
 - Grant monies from the McCormick Foundation are \$25,000 for Illinois which is half of the request.

Programs

There are several programs we are currently developing and working on.

- Redistricting Map Amendment
 - Over 600,000 petitions collected. All petitions were reviewed prior to filing.
 - 570,000 petitions were filed with the State Election Board on **May 6th**.
- Local Programs – reviewing our local programs for possible revision. The group looking at the current list may be suggesting change to be reviewed at the June Annual Meeting

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• “So You Want to be a Candidate”

- This presentation was provided to the Illinois AAUW Conference on April 30th by Mary Schaafsma Executive Director of LWV of Illinois. Lee and Paula Ekstrom along with Mary and Missey Wilhelm from the Wheaton League prepared the presentation.
- This presentation covers all the important steps for running for office, making the decision to run, stepping up to the candidacy, organizing the campaign, Election Day, media, and post-election activities.
- Lee, Paula, Susan Fugelberg and Rich Woosnam attended the AAUW Convention and help Mary with handouts and support.
- This presentation is available to provide by individual Illinois LWV leagues. We will consider providing the presentation for McHenry County.

Annual Meeting

LWVMC Annual Meeting

- The Annual Meeting date is set for **June 18th 11am – 2pm** at the McHenry Country Club (820 N. John St. McHenry). Menu and cost (\$25 per person) are same as last year’s meeting. Save the date. A formal invitation will be emailed to members with a request to RSVP. Also the meeting materials will be emailed to members. Please bring your own copies to the meeting.
- Nominating committee (Allison Hull, Kathy Bergan Schmidt and Claudette Russell) are creating a slate of officers for 2016-2017.
- The financial books will be audited by Claudette Russell, Paula Ekstrom and Donna Seeley.

Other Items

- Website - No updated Information. Lee and Rich will continue to review options and expect more information in June.
- Facebook - Angela reported that viewing has been sporadic. She encourages members to visit the page. The option to COMMENT on our posts has been removed. This eliminates undesirable responses.

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