



League of Women Voters of McHenry County

The Voter

November 2016

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Event Schedule:

November

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

December

8-Film *"Years of Living
Dangerously"*, McHenry
County College Room
B166-7, 7 pm

January 2017

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

NEWS

Meeting Highlights

Twelve (12) members and two (2) guests attended the **November 12th** meeting held at Home State Bank. Discussion topics included the Forums, High School Mock Elections, Voter Registration, and Programs. President Cate Williams led the meeting. **There will not be a meeting in December.**

Voter Services

- The General Election Forums are completed. Five (5) forum event dates held with a total attendance of 433; Fifteen (15) races covered; four (4) races were empty chair. Discussion on the forum format:
 - Look for ways to improve attendance turnout.
 - Empty Chair Policy at State level being reviewed by eight (8) leagues for change allowing attending candidate to take audience questions. We are among the eight.
 - Format of the forum with moderator and candidate locations works well.
 - May consider other options instead of traditional format.
- Mock elections dates for seven (7) local High Schools conducted. The student participation was terrific and student leaders acting as judges made the event feel like the real deal. The County Clerk, Mary McClellan, printed the ballots specific to each school and provided voting booths and Optical Scanner ballot machines. The results of the mock elections are included as an attachment and have been posted on our website.
 - 4503 votes cast by the students
 - Students were election judges for their school
 - Students were excited to participate in the process
- Voter Registration held at four (4) venues. Seventy-three registration completed.

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Programs

- *Years of Living Dangerously* "Watch Party" portrays the effects of climate change across the planet and, even more importantly, focuses on solutions that individuals, communities, companies, and governments can use to address climate change. The movie is a segment of the National Geographic's award-winning climate change series.
 - McHenry County College **December 8th** in room B166-7 at 7 -9 pm. Treats provided.
 - Sponsors include Citizens' Climate Lobby, McHenry College Sustainability Center, the Environmental Defenders of McHenry County, and the McHenry County League of Women Voters.
- President Cate has requested ideas from the League for future program speakers with the possible focus on our 2016 Local Program Items.
- Sandra Bartholmey brought to our attention a study on Property Taxes conducted by the Madison County LWV. Sandra asked if our League might want to undergo a similar study for McHenry County. A copy of the Madison County study was sent to members and will be discussed at the January meeting.

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