



League of Women Voters of McHenry County

The Voter

October 2018

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Event Schedule:

October

NO MONTHLY MEETING

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

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

November

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

NEWS

Highlights

No meeting this October. Many took part in the **October 13th** “March to the Polls” in Chicago’s Grant Park. Next meeting is **November 10th** at Home State Bank, 611 S. Main St., Crystal Lake.

Voter Services

All forums were held at MCC Auditorium with a Meet and Greet at 6:30 pm with the Forum Start at 7 pm. All forums were live streamed to League of Women Voters of McHenry County Facebook page. The Live Stream had a very large attendance with many watching shared the live stream through their personal Facebook page. Carolyn will provide a census report on the Live Stream at the **November 10th** meeting. The five (5) conducted forums are:

- **September 10th** Congressional Dist. 6 and 14
 - Candidates Sean Casten (D) Dist. 6 and Luran Underwood (D) Dist. 14 attended. Incumbent candidates Randy Hultgren (R) Dist. 14 and Peter Roskam (R) Dist. 6 did not attend.
 - Interchange with audience was conducted as a Meet & Greet format with questions offered from the audience.
 - The attendance was 80 in the auditorium and 971 watching Facebook live stream with 37 shares.
 - Video of Meet & Greet on Facebook page.



L to R: Sean Casten and Luran Underwood

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- **September 17th** State Senate Districts 26 ,32 and 33
 - State Senate Districts 26 candidates Tom Georges (D) and Dan McConchie (R)
 - State Senate Districts 32 candidates Mary Mahady (D) and Craig Wilcox (R)
 - State Senate Districts 33 candidates Nancy Zettler (D) and Donald P. DeWitte (R)
 - The candidates addressed questions submitted from audience for about 90 minutes.
- **September 20th** County Clerk and State Rep. District 64
 - County Clerk Candidates Andrew Georgi (D) and Joe Tirio (R) attended addressed questions submitted from audience for about 60 minutes.



L-R Andrew Georgi (D) and Joe Tirio (R)

- State Rep. District candidates Tom Weber (R) and Trisha Zubert (D) addressed questions submitted from audience for about 60 minutes.



L-R Tom Weber (R) and Trisha Zuber (D)

- **October 8th** County Board Districts 1, 2, and 3
 - County Board Districts 1, 2, and 3 candidates addressed questions submitted from audience for about 90 minutes.
 - County Board District 1 – Robert “Bob” Nowak (R), Christopher Spoerl (R), and Michael Vijuk (D).
 - County Board District 2 – Josh Howell (R), Carolyn Schofield (R) and Suzanne Ness (D).
 - County Board District 3 – Joseph “Joe” Gottemoller (R), Lori Parrish (R) and Kelli A. Wegener (D).



L-R Robert Nowak (R), Michael Vijuk (D), Christopher Spoerl (R), Josh Howell (R), Suzanne Ness (D), Carolyn Schofield (R), Joseph Gottemoller (R), Lori Parrish (R) and Kelli A. Wegener (D).

- **October 11th** County Board Districts 4, 5, and 6
 - County Board Districts 5 and 6 candidates addressed questions submitted from audience for about 60 minutes.
 - Candidates from District 4 - Pamela J. Althoff (R) and Charles “Chuck” Wheeler (R) did not attend.
 - Candidates from District 5 – John Jung Jr. (R), Michael R. Rein (R), and Carlos J. Acosta (D). Frank Wedig (D) did not attend but did send a statement that was read a load by the moderator.
 - Candidates from District 6 –Larry W. Smith (R) and Larry Sparth. Michele Aavang (R) did not attend.



L-R John Jung Jr. (R), Michael R. Rein (R), Carlos Acosta (D), Larry W. Smith (R) and Larry Spaeth (D).

Voters Registration events:

- Held at MCC **Sept 25th and 26th** 10am – 2pm in recognition of National Voter Registration Day.
- Held at Huntley High School on **October 3rd** 10:15am to 1:30pm.

Upper Mississippi Water Meeting

The LWV Upper Mississippi River Region ILO held their **October 1st** meeting at the Upper Mississippi Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center near Onalaska, WI. Paula and Lee Ekstrom attended. Bonnie Cox and Beth Baranski from LWV Jo Davies Co shared their experiences in getting things rolling in the Galena River watershed. This was a terrific program which was live streamed. Paula and Lee followed up with Bonnie to see if she was willing to present the Galena River effort to our league. She is interested, and Lee will present the opportunity at the **November 10th** meeting.



L-R Beth Baranski, Bonnie Cox and Gretchen Sabel

Women's March

The Women's March "*March to the Polls*" was held **October 13th**. The March kick-off at Chicago's Grant Park was at 9am. There were many tent exhibits providing voting information and support for the crowd. The LWVIL tent was well supported by league members. Paula Ekstrom, MJ Towne, Rich Woosnam and Lee Ekstrom volunteered support. We also saw Amy Connell and Anna Gifford as we headed home after the march. The **Oct 13th** march date corresponded to the start of early voting in Chicago and Cook County. After several speakers, the march headed to the open early polls for the City of Chicago and Cook County where several participants cast their votes. There was a lot of visual stimuli for the crowd. An enjoyable time was had by our group.



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2019 LWVIL Issues Briefing

The 2019 LWVIL Issues Briefing is scheduled for March 2, 2019. More information will follow.

100th LWV Celebration

On **February 14, 2020** the LWV celebrates its 100th anniversary. In preparation for the celebration, local leagues are being requested to provide ideas for celebrating this event.

LWVIL State Convention

The 2019 LWVIL State Convention is **June 2019** in Champaign, IL.

Membership

Welcome to our newest member Sue Dreher from Crystal Lake. We look forward to greeting Sue at our **November 10th** meeting.

Next Meeting **November 10th 9am – 11am**

Home State Bank
611 S Main St.
Crystal Lake

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