

# **League of Women Voters of McHenry County**

# The Voter

September 2016

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### **Event Schedule:**

#### September

7 – Voter Registration, Green Drinks, Dukes Ale House, 5 pm to 7 pm 13 - Monthly Meeting, Home State Bank, 611 S. Main St., CL 9 am 12 – Candidate General Election Forum, County Board Chair, Recorder of Deeds & States Attorney at McHenry County College, 7 pm with Meet & Greet at 6 pm.

15 – Voter Registration Huntley Area Public Library, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

19 – Candidate General Election Forum, State District 63, State Senate 32 & 26 at McHenry County College, 7 pm with Meet & Greet at 6 pm.

21 – 2016 State of the State Luncheon, Union League Club, 65 W Jackson Blvd, Chicago, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm 27/28 – National Voter Registration Day, McHenry County College, 10am – 1 pm

# **NEWS**

### **Meeting Highlights**

Twelve (12) members and three (3) guests attended the September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting at Home State Bank. Discussion topics included the Forums, High School Mock Elections, Voter Registration, and Programs. President Cate Williams led the meeting.

A note that due to a scheduling issue with Home State Bank the October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at McHenry County College in the Commons Area.

### **Voter Services**

- The General Election Forum completed and scheduled dates are:
  - September 12<sup>th</sup> Held County Board Chair, Recorder of Deeds & States Attorney Forums at McHenry County College. Moderator: Gilda Karu
    - The forums were video recorded.
    - Good attendance
    - County Board Chair forum was a 5 minute statement by candidate Michael Walkup (R). Candidate Jack Franks (D) did not attend.
    - Recorder of Deeds Candidates Lynn Gray (D) & Joe Tirio (R)
    - States Attorney Ray Flavin (D) & Patrick Kenneally
       (R)
  - September19<sup>th</sup> Held State District 63, State Senate 32 & State Senate 26 at McHenry County College.

**Moderator: Missy Wilhelm** 

- The forums were video recorded
- Fair attendance
- State Senator 32<sup>nd</sup> District was a 5 minute statement from Candidate Pamela Althoff (R). Candidate Melissa Coyne (D) did not attend.
- State Representative 63<sup>rd</sup> District Candidates John Bartman (D) and Steve Reick (R).
- State Senator 26<sup>th</sup> District Candidates Kelly Mazeski
   (D) and Dan McConchie (R).

- 27 Voter Registration
  Crystal Lake Library,
  6:00 pm to 8:30 pm
  29 High School Mock
  Election McHenry East
  & West Campuses
  30 High School Mock
  Election Crystal Lake
  Central Campus
  October
  3 Candidate General
  Election Forum, County
  Board 1, 2, 3 at
  McHenry County
  College, 7 pm with Meet
- & Greet at 6 pm.

  4 High School Mock
  Election Woodstock
  North Campus
  5 High School Mock
- 5 High School MockElection JacobsCampus5 Candidate General
- Election Forum, County
  Board 4, 5 &6 at
  McHenry County
  College, 7 pm with Meet
  & Greet at 6 pm.
  6 High School Mock
  Election Huntley
- 7 High School Mock Election – Cary-Grove Campus

Campus

8pm

- 8 Monthly Meeting, MCC in the Commons Area, 9 am 13– Candidate Genera
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  Election Forum,
  Congresional Districts 6
  & 14 and State District
  66 at Jacobs High
  School, 7 pm.
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  Rocford Fundraiser,
  Radisson Hotell &
  Conference Center, 5-

- October 3<sup>rd</sup> County Board 1, 2 & 3 at McHenry County College at 7 pm with a candidate Meet & Greet at 6:00 pm. Moderator: Jan Dorner
- October 5<sup>th</sup> County Board 4, 5 & 6 at McHenry County College at 7 pm with a candidate Meet & Greet at 6:00 pm. Moderator: Cate Williams
- October13<sup>th</sup> Congressional Districts 6 & 14 and State District 66 at Jacobs High School at 7 pm. Moderator: Robin LaBedz
- We are video recording the forums and offer copies to the candidates for the cost of materials and handling.
- Mock elections dates for local High Schools are set. Meetings were conducted with each high school's leaders to cover Mock Election expectations for equipment setup and election duration. Volunteers are needed for each campus. Contact Susan Fugleberg and Karen Hutchings. The expected vote count for all the schools is around 10,000. The County Clerk, Mary McClellan, is printing the ballots specific to each school and providing voting booths and machines.
  - McHenry East Campus & McHenry West Campus Sept 29<sup>th</sup>
  - Crystal Lake Central Sept 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Woodstock North Oct 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Jacobs Oct 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Huntley Oct 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Cary-Grove Oct 7<sup>th</sup>
- Voter Registration held and scheduled for:
  - Greens Drinks at Dukes Ale House held on Sept 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Huntley Area Public Library held on Sept 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
  - Crystal Lake Library on National Voter Registration Day scheduled for Sept 27<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm to 8:30 pm
  - McHenry County College scheduled for Sept 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 1 pm.

### **Programs**

### 2016 State of the State Luncheon - LWVIL

- Was held Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Union League Club of Chicago – 65 W Jackson Blvd, Chicago
- Key note speaker Cheryl Corley, NPR correspondent on the National Desk in Chicago – Topic: "Civics and Journalism – the role of the journalist"
- Celebration of reinstating CIVICS in Illinois High Schools through the passing of House Bill 4025 April 24, 2015.
- Celebration of instituting Civics in 41 High Schools (Democracy Schools) including Cary-Grove High School. This effort continues to institute Illinois High Schools as Democracy Schools.

### LWVMC Leadership

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Catherine Williams

<u>Vice President</u> Paula Ekstrom

<u>Secretary</u> Allison Hull

<u>Treasurer</u> Donna Seeley

<u>Voter Services</u> Susan Fugleberg Karen Hutchings

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*The Voter* Editor Lee Ekstrom

- Members of the team responsible for leading this effort spoke including Dr. Shawn Healy from the Robert R. McCormick Foundation.
- Four members of our League attended the Luncheon.



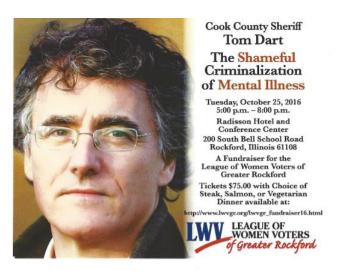
Paula Ekstrom, Lee Ekstrom, Sandra Bartholmey & Cate Williams

### **October LWVMC Program**

• Carol Heisler – new Crystal Lake Library plan

#### **LWV** of Greater Rockford Fundraiser

- Tuesday October 25<sup>th</sup> 5pm to 8pm
- Radisson Hotel and Conference Center
- Speaker: Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart
- Topic: "The Shameful Criminalization of Metal Illness"



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