



# League of Women Voters of McHenry County

## *The Voter*

September 2017

[LWVMC Website](#)

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### Event Schedule:

#### October

11 – State of the State, LWVIL, Union League Club of Chicago, 65 West 65 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, 11:30am to 1:30pm

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

18 – *Equal Means Equal*, McHenry County College at 2:30pm, The Scots Room, B 178

19 – *Equal Means Equal*, McHenry County College at 7pm, Room, B 166/167

#### November

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## NEWS

### Meeting Highlights

Fourteen (14) members attended the **September 9<sup>th</sup>** meeting at Home State Bank. Discussion topics included the **March 15<sup>th</sup>** Primary Election, State of the State, the showing of the movie “Equal Means Equal”, and the Web Site.

### Voter Services

With 2018 primary petitions in circulation, we are planning for forums to support candidate forums for the **March 15<sup>th</sup>** primary election. Susan is working with McHenry County College to secure the conference center forum dates.

### State of the State Luncheon

*Shining the Light of Truth; Keeping the Heat On*

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Union League Club of Chicago

65 West Jackson Boulevard

- Featuring Senator Dick Durbin and Renee Ferguson, award-winning investigative reporter.
- Ticket prices: \$110 League Member; \$130 Guest; and \$300 Friend.
- There are two ways in which to make a reservation for this event:
  - Make a reservation using PayPal at <http://www.lwvil.org/state-of-the-state-registration.html>
  - Use the form found on the [LWVIL](#) website and either mail to League of Women Voters of Illinois, 332 South Michigan Avenue, Suite 525, Chicago, Illinois 60604 or e-mail it to [stateofthestate2017@lwvil.org](mailto:stateofthestate2017@lwvil.org).

## “Equal Means Equal”

This documentary follows Kamala Lopez as she journeys across the country to learn what women think about their lives, and how or if they want them to change. The interviews will tell the stories of four generations of American women grappling with the status of their rights, the issues they face and how these have impacted our society. Kamala will talk with women from the well-known, such as Patricia Arquette, and Gloria Steinem to the unknown, including gang girls and hotel maids, to ask how being female impacts daily life, whether economically, politically or socially.

- The documentary is sponsored by MCC SNAP (Student Network Action for Peace), AAUW and LWV of McHenry County.
- Showtimes at McHenry County College are:
  - Wednesday **October 18<sup>th</sup>** at 2:30pm in The Scots Room, B 178
  - Thursday **October 19<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm in room B 166/167

## LWVUS Position on Election Commission

### League of Women Voters Reacts to Pence-Kobach Election Commission

07/19/2017 | by Sarah Courtney

Washington, DC – League of Women Voters president Chris Carson issued the following statement in response to the first meeting of the 'Election Integrity' Commission:

“This Commission is undermining the public’s confidence in our elections. We’ve already seen thousands of voters cancel their registrations since Commission vice-chair and Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach requested personal voter information from all fifty states.

“The members of this Commission have a history of voter suppression efforts. Despite their claims of having no agenda, they *have* entered into this voter 'study' with preconceived results. This fishing expedition for voter information is intended to lead to more voter suppression – not improving our election process.

“Democracy only works when people stand up and vote. The League of Women Voters urges the American people not to be intimidated by this Commission: *stay enrolled and encourage others to register to vote.*

“Our elections have integrity. This Commission does not.”

## LWVMC Leadership

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## Web Site Update

The new website MyLO (My League Offline) launched August 2017 with California. MyLO offers the benefits with features used on new websites throughout the internet. Lee led a discussion about MyLO:

- Features provided
- Annual cost \$400 vs now \$250
- No pressure to convert
- Easy support to move current website information to MyLO.
  - Time to review information transfer and modify as needed
  - Good live with MyLO when we are ready
  - Can stay with current website as long as we want at \$250 per year
- Lee will keep us informed

Current web site activity visits remain very high.

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

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