



# League Lines

WINTER 2010

League of Women Voters of the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Area

## Letter from the Co-Presidents

### Save the dates:

- LWV-LF/LB Annual Meeting, May 20
- LWV National Convention, Atlanta, Georgia, June 11-15

### Board meetings:

- Second Monday of every month at 1:30 p.m. at Gorton Community Center. Members welcome!

*By Lisa Dietrich and Cindy Morehead*

This year presents many challenges for our nation, our state, and our local League of Women Voters. There are several opportunities for you to be informed, involved, and making a difference. First is the 2010 census—important because our state will lose both representatives in the House and money from the federal government if we do not count every resident in the state. We urge you to come to the meeting on February 25th at 7:00 p.m. at the Lake Bluff Park District building, when Mary Schaafsma, a member of the state LWV staff, will explain why the census is important and how we can help.

Also at this meeting we plan to kick off our local campaign for the Illinois Fair Map Amendment. We are joining Leagues all over Illinois in collecting signatures on petitions to get this “Fair Map Amendment” on the November 2010 ballot. It is

a formidable job, as we need at least 500,000 signatures from registered voters in the state by the middle of April.

What is this amendment and why do we need it? For the past three decades Illinois legislators have gerrymandered districts so that their reelection is ensured. In the 630 general election contests since 2001, there were 547 in which an incumbent was seeking reelection. Only 11 incumbents lost; 98% were reelected! Under the existing redistricting procedures, legislators draw district lines behind closed doors. Which party gets to draw is decided by pulling a name out of a hat. Districts are drawn to protect incumbents. Districts are drawn to protect friends and punish enemies. Power is entrenched in the hands of a few, and it is almost impossible to change who is in power through the vote.

The solution is a new, fair process for redistricting—a process whereby legislators do not draw maps, but an

independent commission does. Specific criteria must be used to draw maps to protect minority voting rights and to eliminate partisan advantage. Maps should be drawn in an open and transparent process, with public input.



Since the legislature will not change the system, the citizens must. We urge every League member to get at least three signatures on a petition. To learn more, you can visit [www.ilfairmap.com](http://www.ilfairmap.com). Please call Cindy Morehead (847-295-6470) if you would like to collect signatures for a fair and transparent redis-

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tricting process, and/or come to the meeting on February 25th.

At the local level, the issue of affordable housing in Lake Forest is seeing renewed activity. There is a proposal for new construction near the west Lake Forest train station. Follow the developments and share your support for the proposed affordable rental units with your alderman if you live in Lake Forest.

On a lighter note: we have two fun and educational programs coming soon. On Saturday, March 6, the Leagues on the North Shore will celebrate Women's History Month with a luncheon at the Glen Club, 2901 W. Lake Ave., Glenview. The guest speaker is Elizabeth Brackett, correspondent and substitute host of "Chicago Tonight" and author of the book, *Pay to Play: How Rod Blagojevich Turned Political Corruption*

*into a National Sideshow*. Please return the enclosed reservation form (see page 9) if you wish to attend.

In April our own LWV member and program chair, Jane Partridge, will present a review of the recently published biography of Francis Perkins; this will be on April 22, 2010, at the LF/LB Senior Center. We look forward to seeing many of you at these two interesting programs.

## Upcoming Programs

### 2010 Census and Its Aftermath: Redistricting

**Date:** Thursday, February 25, 2010

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** Lake Bluff Park District  
300 W. Washington Ave. (at Blair Park, just west of Green Bay Road, north of IL Route 176)

**Speaker:** Mary Schaafsma, LWVIL Coordinator for the 2010 Census

Come and review why counting everyone who is living in Illinois this April 1st is critical to keep the state from losing one or two U.S. Representatives to Congress and to get federal money for schools, medical services, and many other much-needed services. The program will also address the importance of redistricting, a process that now fosters gerrymandering and partisan politics. Find out how you can change the process by getting a redistricting amendment on the ballot for next November.

### Women in Journalism

**Date:** Saturday, March 6, 2010

**Time:** 11:45 a.m. Reception • 12:15 p.m. Luncheon • 1:00 p.m. Speaker

**Location:** The Glen Club, 2901 W. Lake Ave., Glenview

**Speaker:** Elizabeth Brackett

Elizabeth Brackett is a correspondent and substitute host of "Chicago Tonight" and, since 1984, a correspondent covering politics and urban problems for PBS' "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer." She received a Peabody Award for her coverage of the 1988 presidential campaign, two Midwest Emmy Awards, and two Peter Lisagor Awards for Business Journalism. She became a first-time author in 2009 with her book, *Pay to Play: How Rod Blagojevich Turned Political Corruption into a National Sideshow*. Cost is \$38. RSVP by March 1 with the form on page 9. For more information call 847-866-7844 (LWV of Evanston voicemail).

### Book Review of *Frances Perkins, the Woman Behind the New Deal*

**Date:** Thursday, April 22, 2010

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** LF/LB Senior Center,  
Grove Cultural Campus, 100 E. Old Mill Rd., Lake Forest

**Speaker:** Jane Partridge,  
LWV-LF/LB

Kirstin Downey's *Frances Perkins, the Woman Behind the New Deal*, which is coming out in paperback February 23rd, reveals to what extent Frances Perkins was the moral conscience behind F.D.R.'s New Deal. Perkins was an amazing woman in both her personal and her public life. The first woman to be on a President's cabinet, she served as F.D.R.'s Secretary of Labor for 13 years. Jane will also discuss Perkins' connections to Lake Forest and to Jane Addams. You won't want to miss this introduction to a fascinating woman.

## Action: Fair Map Amendment

*By Mary Mathews*

**WE NEED YOU! Not happy with Illinois government? Sign the petition.**

LWVIL seeks to reform the Illinois political process by changing the way the legislative map is drawn. Every 10 years after the census count is completed, the state's legislative districts are redrawn. Currently, party leaders create the district map. District lines are drawn to protect incumbents and prevent competitive races. We can change that by demanding a system where the districts are drawn fairly, and voters will choose the candidates they want, not the other way around.

To make this change, the League is

working with a coalition of organizations to amend the Illinois constitution. The Fair Map Amendment has the map drawn by an independent commission rather than party leaders. The League is circulating petitions to get a referendum for the proposed amendment on the November ballot. LWVIL and its partners plan to have 500,000 signatures from throughout the state by April.

LWV-LF/LB plans to provide 1,500 of these signatures. Board members will be calling to ask for your signature on a petition. Any additional help you can provide in meeting the goal by passing petitions in your neighborhood or with friends will be appreciated. Petitions and more information will be provided at the

program on February 25 at the Lake Bluff Park District at 7:00 p.m. (see page 2). Please attend.

Other organizations in Lake County will be participating. Lake County United plans to collect over 10,000 signatures. Many houses of worship already have signed up to help. For more information, see the state League's website ([www.lwvil.org](http://www.lwvil.org)) or the website for the Illinois Fair Map Amendment ([www.ilfairmap.com](http://www.ilfairmap.com)).

With a little help from our friends, we can change this "business as usual" system. Be a part of this important voter initiative. Come to the February 25th program or contact Cindy Morehead (847-295-6470).

## Action: Settler's Green—Affordable Housing in Lake Forest!

*By Kitty Cole*

The Lake Forest City Council is proposing an affordable housing development on the west side of Lake Forest, on city-owned property at the northwest corner of Telegraph and Everett Roads, across from the west Lake Forest train station. It is a development of 16 units (in eight duplex buildings) to be offered at affordable rents to families, including seniors, who are residents of Lake Forest or working in our town.

The units are being developed by the Lake County Residential Development Corporation (LCRDC), a

not-for-profit developer, and the DeBruler Company, a well-established developer of affordable housing in Lake County. They will be managed by the DeBruler Company, which has a long track record in housing management.

The units were designed by Diana Melichar's firm, which has designed some of the most attractive homes in Lake Forest that have sold in the last few years. The buildings are designed with the residential character of a large home and are English Arts and Crafts in proportion, ornamentation, and building shape and form. They will be constructed of

high-quality materials for compatibility with the architectural style as well as durability and longevity.

The homes will be ideal for people who live and work in the community. A market study completed for the development in March 2009 revealed a large market for these homes. Eligibility for residency will be based on a percentage of a family's median income, which is roughly \$35,000 for a family of two and up to \$50,000 for larger families.

Because of the anticipated demand, people who already live in the community and those working in the

## Action—Settler's Green (continued)

community will be given priority for renting the homes.

The LWV-LF/LB should be proud of this culmination of their efforts to promote equitable housing opportunities for our citizens. We have been observing and have been involved in the development of the affordable housing plan for Lake Forest and have officially supported affordable housing in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff.

There is, however, opposition to this development, and we need to speak up. I am asking you to support this initiative. The development is extremely attractive, appropriate for the site, and one that is desperately needed in our community. We need League members to show up and speak at the following meetings:

- Building Review Board, March 3, 6:30 p.m.

- Plan Commission, March 10, 6:30 p.m. (the most important one!)
- April City Council Meeting, April 6 or April 20 (watch the calendar!)

Ultimately the Lake Forest City Council will decide. Therefore, please call your aldermen to express your support. For more information, call Jane Partridge (847-234-1247) or Kitty Cole (847-735-0418).

## Report on Illinois Issues Briefing, February 6, 2010

Four of our members—Cindy Morehead, Jane Partridge, Liz Bradner, and Carol Gilbert—attended the Issues Briefing presented by the LWVIL at the University Center in Chicago. The morning session included a discussion of redistricting and how we can ensure that the lines are drawn fairly, as well as a presentation on Illinois' fiscal crisis. In the afternoon we attended workshops on the state budget, the Fair Map Amendment, and term limits.

### Redistricting

*By Cindy Morehead*

The three lawyers who explained the redistricting process and the proposed Fair Map Amendment (sponsored by the League and others such as the Chamber of Commerce and the Farm Bureau) were all excellent. Justin Levitt explained why the Fair Map Amendment is so important—above all, to ensure voter choice. In the last election,

40% of the state house districts and 50% of the state senate districts had no major party challengers. Legislative leaders have redrawn the lines to eliminate challengers or sometimes to eliminate incumbents who are too independent. In effect, the legislators are choosing their voters instead of voters choosing their legislators.

Tom Geoghegan talked about another possible way to change the system through a lawsuit he hopes to bring to the Illinois Supreme Court. He said that the gerrymandering of district lines with the intent to create safe seats violates the First Amendment clause protecting free speech. A safe seat limits communication from the other side in a debate or election and effectively insulates a legislator from speech he or she does not like. Past cases (*New York Times v. Sullivan*) have forbidden the passage of laws for such purpose.

Representative Mike Fortner presented his insights into the actual process of redrawing the districts in the state of Ohio. In a redistricting competition, using a secure server at the University of Ohio and computer software that incorporated four criteria—compactness, competitiveness, contiguity, and population equality—he and 100 others attempted to redraw the 2001 map in a fairer manner. The existing map had 13 Republican districts and five Democratic districts. The map he drew, which won the competition, had nine Republican districts, eight Democratic districts, and one even district.

### Term Limits/Recall

*By Carol Gilbert*

Paula Lawson, LWVIL President for four years and perennial student of good government, led a discussion addressing two bills in the Illinois legislature. HJRCA31, the

## Report on Illinois issues Briefing (continued)

Constitutional Initiative to Recall the Governor, has passed the assembly and will be on the November 2010 ballot. SJRCA25, which proposes to limit terms for legislative leaders, is pending.

Recall is an active subject, likely made popular by the charge of malfeasance against our former governor. Recall of a governor has been used successfully only once, *ever*, in 2003 when voters in California replaced incumbent Democratic Gray Davis with Republican Arnold Schwarzenegger. Eighteen states permit recall of state officials. Twice as many, 36, allow recall of local officials. In eight states specific grounds are not required. Recall is a political process requiring a voter petition and subsequent vote.

State Senator Michael Noland (D-22, Elgin), who is a sponsor of the recall bill, entertained us with his comment on term limits: "I was in favor of term limits until I got elected." His tongue-in-cheek remark was quickly followed with "I haven't made up my mind ... Ted Kennedy was effective for 40 years, but Mike Madigan could be described as too effective." The proposed Illinois term limit bill addresses leaders' tenure only; the positions affected are the Speaker of the House, President of the Senate, and the Minority Leaders of each chamber.

Terry Pastika, Executive Director of the Citizens Advocacy Center, described the pros and cons used in

the term limit debate. The pro argument says that term limits can increase the competition for an office, reduce the number of professional politicians (which voters like), reduce the cost of campaigns, and create opportunity for minorities.

### FUN COMMENTS OVERHEARD AT ISSUES BRIEFING:

- "ELECTING THE [HOUSE AND SENATE] LEADERS IS SOMEWHAT AKIN TO ELECTING THE POPE BUT WITHOUT THE SMOKE OUT OF THE CHIMNEY"
- "STROM THURMOND WAS THE SUSAN LUCCI OF THE SENATE"
- "THERE ARE 6000 BILLS A YEAR IN SPRINGFIELD...A LEGISLATOR LOOKS AT THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE LOBBYISTS AND THE LEAGUE. EVEN IF THAT'S NOT THE KIND OF LEADERSHIP WE WANT, WE DO NEED LEADERSHIP"

### WHICH ONE DO YOU BELIEVE?

- "THE TERM LIMIT IS WHEN YOU'RE VOTED OUT"
- "IF VOTERS DID THEIR JOB WE WOULDN'T NEED TERM LIMITS"

The con argument charges that a free-for-all election will occur every two terms, professional legislators will just change bodies (e.g., from house to senate), politicians keep campaign dollars anyway, and the suggested diversity opportunities are unproven. Between 1990 and 2000, 15 states have passed term limit legislation for legislators. Most apply to consecutive terms; six have lifetime limits.

Here is how existing LWVIL positions address recall and term limits. The Constitutional Implementation

position (adopted 1979, LWVIL Convention) supports amendments to achieve merit selection of judges, including recall (judges are elected in Illinois). Regarding term limits, the state League concurred with the national League's opposition to term limits for the U.S. Congress, and extended that opposition to term limits for state legislators at the 1993 LWVIL Convention.

### Illinois Budget; Fiscal Crisis

*By Elizabeth Bradner*

Illinois will have a \$13.8 billion budget deficit in FY11 unless a combination of revenue increases, spending cuts, and additional borrowing are passed by the General Assembly. Years of borrowing and gimmick revenue increases such as the lottery produced a crisis before the recession, but now the loss of tax revenue due to the recession has produced a "train wreck" that both political parties recognize must be resolved. This year human services were cut by 15%, back bills of \$4 billion were unpaid, pay and services were cut, and furloughs, layoffs, and additional borrowing were implemented. The pension system was underfunded. One-time federal stimulus funds prevented deeper cuts. Borrowing to fund operating costs is shortsighted due to the interest cost and negative impact on the state's credit rating. The Responsible Budget Coalition of impacted agencies and organizations is working to build public support for a balanced solution.

## LMLWV Focuses on Invasive Species, Water Quality

*Robbyn Kilbane-McFadden, LMLWV Liaison, procured this report, written by Henrietta Saunders, alternate board member for the LWVIL, from the recent quarterly meeting to share with our League.*

The attendance at the LMLWV quarterly board meeting on January 23, 2010, was broad-based, with members coming in from all four Lake Michigan states, one woman from as far as Traverse City.

Our goal was to follow up on the Annual Meeting held last fall, prioritizing the program goals that were ratified by the whole group. We decided that our two top priority areas will be **addressing the problems caused by invasive species, and improving and maintaining overall water quality in the lake.** We will do this by continuing

our agenda of education and participating in the Healing Our Waters Coalition ([www.healthylakes.org](http://www.healthylakes.org)).

The current situation with Asian carp at the door of the Great Lakes



ecosystem is the urgent issue. To see a short video on carp, go to [www.asiancarp.org/BillDance.asp](http://www.asiancarp.org/BillDance.asp).

Our board passed a resolution to ask LWVUS if we can lobby on behalf of recent federal carp legislation. We need to get permission

from the state Leagues and then the LWVUS in order to do this, but everyone on the board, as individuals, would like to see it pass. The legislation is described below:

U.S. Representative Dave Camp introduced House Bill 4472 and Senator Stabenow introduced Senate Bill 2946 in Congress this past week. Both bills direct the Secretary of the Army Corps of Engineers to construct additional barriers and to temporarily close the locks between the Chicago waterway and Lake Michigan to prevent Asian Carp from invading our Great Lakes and destroying our \$7 billion fishery.

For further information and for the fall newsletter of the LMLWV, please go to our website: [www.lmilo.org](http://www.lmilo.org).

## Candidate Forums Held for the Primaries

In January 2010, the League of Women Voters of Lake County hosted three successful candidate forums covering six races at three levels of government (federal, state, and county) with a variety of co-sponsoring organizations. The locations also were varied: Grayslake, North Chicago, and Vernon Hills. Our adaptability keeps our League members busy!

On **Sunday, January 10, 2010**, the League of Women Voters of Lake County, the *Daily Herald*, and Grayslake Community High School District 127 hosted a forum for can-

didates running for the 8th Congressional District and for 62nd District State Representative. All six Republican candidates—Dirk Beveridge, John Dawson, Christopher Geissler, Maria Rodriguez, Gregory Jacobs, and Joe Walsh—participated. Democratic write-in candidate Jonathan Farnick was expected to attend, but he had car trouble. Melissa Bean, the Democratic incumbent, declined participating in any forums in this period as she was uncontested on the ballot.

For the 62nd State Representative race, both Republican candidates,

Sandy Cole (incumbent) and Paul Mitchell, attended. The Democratic candidate, Rich Voltair, was unopposed in the primary and was not invited.

In November, Diane Sanderson (LWV-LF/LB) had invited the Grayslake School District to co-sponsor the event. The social studies teachers and high school administrators were excited about this learning experience for their Advanced Placement Government and Honors students. Four students acted as co-moderators with Joan Kaltsas (LWV-LF/LB). Many stu-

## Candidate Forums Held for the Primaries (continued)

dents volunteered to make this a very successful forum. The auditorium was filled with students, parents, teachers, and residents. Besides Diane and Joan, other League volunteers for this forum were Rosemary Heilemann (LWV-DF) and Mary Mathews (LWV-LF/LB).

On **Sunday, January 17, 2010**, the League and co-sponsor the *Daily Herald* held a forum at the Laschen Community Center in Vernon Hills.

A welcome statement was given by Pete Nenni, Lake County Editor of the *Daily Herald*. All candidates for 59th District State Representative were in attendance. The Democratic candidates were Carol Sente and Elliott Hartstein. The Republican candidates were Dan Sugrue, Mohan Manian, and Cynthia R. Hebda. Once again, Joan Kaltsas (LWV-LF/LB) moderated.



**Joan Kaltsas moderating the forum in Vernon Hills.**

In addition, for the first time judicial candidates were invited to the forum to present statements. The Honorable Margaret Mullen opened this segment of the forum by giving a brief presentation on the courts in Lake County and qualities to con-

sider when voting for judges. Six candidates for judgeships gave brief statements on their qualifications and why they were seeking the office. Republican candidates for the Appellate Court, Second District, were Ann B. Jorgensen and Mary S. Schostok. Democratic candidates for 19th Circuit, 4th Subcircuit, were Mark Levitt, Christopher M. Kennedy, Jeremy Cowen Schwartz, and Dwayne Douglas. Wallace B. Dunn, Republican candidate for the 4th Subcircuit, also attended but did not speak, as he is uncontested in the primary.

The Village of Vernon Hills videotaped the forum and showed the program until Election Day on its public access channel. Buffalo Grove, Lincolnshire, and Lake Forest also showed the program on their public access channels.

Thanks go to the following League members for the success of this forum:

- Linda Bartmes (LWV-LF/LB)
- Jo-An Sabonjian (LWV-LF/LB)
- Judy Johnston (LWV-HP)
- Rosemary Heilemann (LWV-DF)
- Sally Zeit (LWV-LF/LB)
- Jane Partridge (LWV-LF/LB)
- Rita Kirby (LWV-DF)
- Mary Mathews (LWV-LF/LB)

Many thanks also go to Carol Gilbert for sending out emails and Nicki Snoblin for posting the video on the LWV-LF/LB website.

On **Sunday, January 24th**, the third forum was held at the Green-

belt Cultural Center in North Chicago. The races were for 60th District State Representative and Lake County Sheriff. The League had worked previously with the NAACP and Waukegan Leadership Council and asked both organizations to cosponsor this forum. Judy Hoffman (LWV-EV) not only moderated the forum but also made brief presentations about the Census Complete Count and the Fair Map Amendment petition to the full auditorium.

Democratic candidates for 60th District State Representative Eddie Washington (incumbent) and Angelo Kyle attended. There were no Republicans on the ballot. John Kremptotic and Douglas Roberts, candidates for Lake County Sheriff, attended. The winner in the primary will run against Mark Curran, Republican incumbent, in the general election in November.

As the State League had clarified its position regarding the Fair Map redistricting petitions, LWV-LC volunteers were able to gather signatures at the forum.

League volunteers for this forum included:

- Jane Partridge (LWV-LF/LB)
- Jo-An Sabonjian (LWV-LF/LB)
- Rosemary Heilemann (LWV-DF)
- Diane Sanderson (LWV-LF/LB)
- Mary Mathews (LWV-LF/LB)

We are looking forward to the fall!

## Report on Fort Sheridan Golf Course Meeting

*As the Lake County League has a position on the Forest Preserve that begins, "the primary purposes of the Forest Preserve District of Lake County (FPDLC) should be conservation and preservation, followed by flood control, restoration, passive recreation and education, in that order of priority," we thought this community deliberation may be of interest to the members.*

League member Carol Gilbert at-

tended the Fort Sheridan Forest Preserve Master Plan Advisory Committee on February 10th and reports that a professional facilitator conducted most of the meeting, having interviewed all 24 committee members in advance. Varied ideas of the most appropriate use for the site were collected. The central question is whether to recommend that a golf course be constructed, as originally envisioned in the deed from

the federal government. In addition to four County Board Commissioners, the committee members represent municipalities and park districts in Highland Park, Highwood, Lake Forest, and Lake Bluff, and the Town of Fort Sheridan Homeowners Association. The committee is currently expected to meet again on April 14th, but no additional information is available.

## Membership Report

*From Ann Grant and Tracy Burns, Membership Co-Chairs*

Please welcome our newest member:

Alicia Lydon  
1350 Western Ave., #208  
Lake Forest, IL 60045  
847-295-5802  
LussieLydon@att.net

Happie Datt, a former president of LWV-LF/LB, is serving in the Peace Corps in Macedonia. She has a blog address that she would like to share: [www.happiedatt.blogspot.com](http://www.happiedatt.blogspot.com). She would love to hear from you.

Please contact Ann Grant or Tracy Burns if you have any changes in your home address, phone num-

bers, or e-mail addresses. We don't want you to miss any communication from the League.

And as always, if you know of someone interested in the League, word of mouth is our best outreach. Tell them about the League and contact us and we'll help with the follow-up.

## News & Notes

### Success!

A fabulous time was had at the Grille on Laurel at our Annual Holiday Luncheon. Barbara Rinella was entertaining and engaging, and the LWV-LF/LB earned over \$500 profit from the Holiday Luncheon.

### Great Decisions

Great Decisions, a joint program from the LWV-LF/LB and the local AAUW, meets on the second Friday of each month to discuss a for-

eign policy topic of immediate concern. Topics include the Global Financial Crisis; Russia and Its Neighbors; Global Crime; U.S.-China Security Relations; The Persian Gulf; and Peace Building and Conflict Resolution. Space is limited for this very popular program. For more information and to acquire a briefing book from the Foreign Policy Association, contact Pat Rounsaville, 847-295-3916.

### Annual Meeting

*Save the date: May 20, 2010*

Watch your mail for an invitation to our Annual Meeting. Join the other members to determine the course of our League's immediate future. To facilitate the work, you will receive important committee reports including the Nominating Committee's proposal for next year's slate of officers and directors for the LWV-LF/LB.

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# “Women in Journalism”

## Saturday, March 6, 2010

11:45 a.m. Reception • 12:15 p.m. Luncheon • 1:00 p.m. Speaker

*Location:* The Glen Club, 2901 West Lake Avenue, Glenview

### Guest Speaker Elizabeth Brackett

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**Cost: \$38**

**R.S.V.P by March 1**

**For more info call 847-866-7844 (LWV of Evanston voicemail)**

*Please bring non-perishable food items or paper goods for donation to a local Food Pantry.*

### Reservation Form – Women's History Month Luncheon

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ reservations at \$38 per person

Make checks payable to: **LWVIL Education Fund**

Mail to: **Judy Elsass**  
**2117 Harrison St.**  
**Evanston, IL 60201**

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## Calendar

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| February 8  | LWV-LF/LB Board Meeting, Gorton Community Center, 1:30 p.m.       |
| February 12 | Great Decisions, Betty Buker's, 1:00 p.m.                         |
| February 25 | 2010 Census Program, Lake Bluff Park District, 7:00 p.m.          |
| March 3     | LF Building Review Board, affordable housing on agenda, 6:30 p.m. |
| March 6     | Women's History Month Luncheon, Glen Club, Glenview, 11:45 a.m.   |
| March 8     | LWV-LF/LB Board Meeting, Gorton Community Center, 1:30 p.m.       |
| March 10    | LF Plan Commission, affordable housing on agenda, 6:30 p.m.       |
| March 12    | Great Decisions, Betty Buker's, 1:00 p.m.                         |
| April 1     | Fair Map Amendment petition signature drive finishes up           |
| April 9     | Great Decisions, Betty Buker's, 485 Oakwood, #A3, 1:00 p.m.       |
| April 12    | LWV-LF/LB Board Meeting, Gorton Community Center, 1:30 p.m.       |
| April 22    | LWV-LF/LB and AAUW: Book Review, <i>Frances Perkins</i>           |
| May 14      | Great Decisions, Betty Buker's, 1:00 p.m.                         |
| May 20      | LWV-LF/LB Annual Meeting  |
| June 11-15  | LWV National Convention, Atlanta, Georgia                         |
| November 2  | General Election  |