



LEAGUE LINES

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

January 2009

Take Note:

- The LWV-LF/LB Board meets the second Monday of every month at 1:30 p.m. at Gorton Community Center. Board meetings are open and members are welcome to attend.
- Not currently a member? Or know someone who's a League kind of person? Join the League today, or invite a friend to join! Contact Ann Grant, Membership Chair, 847-234-2782 or annlgrant@comcast.net

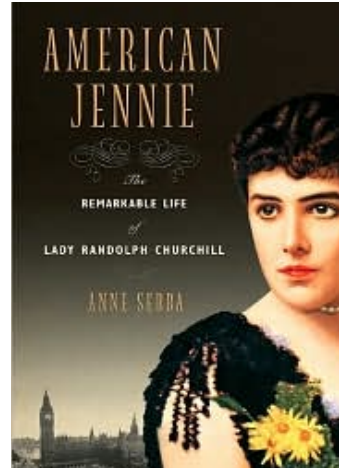
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Letter from the Co-Presidents

It was great to see so many members and guests at our annual Holiday Luncheon in December. Not only did we have a wonderful time—good food and fellowship and an entertaining presentation by Barbara Rinella on *American Jennie: The Remarkable Life of Lady Randolph Churchill*—we also had a chance to buy books, recommended by Barbara Rinella, from Lake Forest Book Store for ourselves or for Christmas gifts. We were very pleased to have made a total profit of \$911.18 to help cover our local League expenses. We thank all those who came out in the icy cold and especially those who brought friends to this festive occasion.

Now that the holidays are over, we have some interesting programs planned for the winter and spring. We urge you to come to the meeting in February sponsored by the City of Lake Forest and the Lake Forest



Preservation Society on how we all can reduce our carbon footprint. In March we hope we can organize a candidate forum for the Shields Township election, which is expected to be contested. We welcome members who would be willing to help at this event. Candidate forums are one of the things the League of Women Voters does best. This would be a great way for you to get involved and make a contribution to the community. Please call Cindy Morehead or Lisa Dietrich if you would like to work on this event.

In April, we look forward to a meeting with our legislative representatives in Springfield – State Senators Susan Garrett and Terry Link and Representatives Karen May and Kathy Ryg. Date and time are to be announced.

Finally, we encourage our members to attend a discussion at 2:00 p.m. on February 9th at Gorton Community Center, after our monthly Board Meeting. We hope to have a representative of the Illinois State League talk to us about the current LWVIL issues and advocacy. All the local Leagues in the state must review these positions in February and decide whether to retain, restudy/update, or drop them. We would like as many of our members as possible to participate in this process. We also welcome your ideas for new issues to study.

—Cindy Morehead
and Lisa Dietrich

Membership Update

Please add the following member information to your membership directory:

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Please contact Ann Grant, Membership Chair, with any changes in your address, phone number, or e-mail address.

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Going Green: How To Make It Work With Preservation

“As LWV members and as citizens, we need to be informed on the important topic of green initiatives.”

Sunday, February 8, 2009
Lake Forest High School
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

The City of Lake Forest and the Preservation Foundation are sponsoring this presentation in which State of Illinois architect Mike Jackson will speak on “Preservation Goes Green” and architect Tom Rejkovich will talk about why older windows refurbished are better than new ones, a subject that is especially relevant for our high school renovations.

Why should these topics interest our League?

In February 2008, the National Trust for Historic Preservation determined that preserving good buildings rather than tearing them down for new construction is far more sustainable for our environment. Their surveys indicated that more than one third of our carbon imprint came from private dwellings, with 29% coming from manufacturing and business and 31% coming from transportation.

Lake Forest and Lake Bluff governments have also fo-

cused upon reducing our carbon footprint. Lake Forest hopes to have this program as the first of several throughout the year that will focus upon “green” initiatives in other aspects of our town life. LWV-US at the National Convention last June in Portland, Oregon focused upon the importance of “green” as one of the major issues to study.

As LWV members and as citizens, we need to be informed on this important topic.

—Jane Partridge

Remember, “all politics is local” ... and it’s time for local elections

Consolidated Election,
April 7, 2009

On the ballot will be candidates for municipal offices, township offices, library trustees, park district commissioners, school board members, and Regional Board of School Trustees.

March Candidates’ Forum Planning Under Way – Calling All Volunteers!

As this issue of *League Lines* goes to press, the final date for candidates to file nominating petitions (January 26, 2009) looms in the future. However, at present, we are sure that there will be contested elections for Shields Township offices and possibly also Lake Bluff Park District offices. Help the community be informed

voters by working with us on a candidates’ forum! Participating in a candidates’ forum is extremely satisfying work. It takes many people in a variety of capacities. There is background planning work, coordinating a time and place, solidifying the ground rules, contacting candidates, and more. At the event we need question

coordinators, timers, and ushers. Whatever your skills and passions, we have a role for you! To volunteer to work on the candidates’ forum, contact Lisa Dietrich (847-735-1813; ljdietrich1@yahoo.com) or Cindy Morehead (847-295-6470; more6470@comcast.net).



Waukegan Harbor.

Report from LMILO/LWV of the Great Lakes Region

Our League Director Robbyn Kilbane-McFadden attended the LMILO Annual Meeting last fall and presented the EPA plan for the cleanup of Waukegan Harbor on behalf of our League

and the Leagues in Lake County. The EPA plan, which is going forward to implementation, will be a public policy matter that needs monitoring locally.

Also at the Annual Meeting, a name change was approved. Upon the approval of the LWWUS, the ILO will now be called “LWV of the Great Lakes Region.”

LWVIL Program Planning Session

Monday, February 9, 2009
Gorton Community Center
2:00 p.m.

LWV-IL will be reviewing its current Program* and is calling on all local Leagues to provide input into the process. Join us as the LWV-LF/LB reviews the LWVIL legislative Program.

We will recommend to retain, drop, or re-study each item. Each item is relevant to the work we do because we may use any LWVIL position to advocate for issues within our own community. If you have not done this before, it is an excellent way to familiarize yourself

and get inspired by the breadth of League positions. If you've participated in the past, you know how valuable and thought provoking this can be!

*Program – n. as used by the League of Women Voters, “the entire set of positions upon which the League of Women Voters may take advocacy action.”

Great Decisions

Once again the Great Decisions Foreign Policy Discussion Group will be meeting the second Friday of each month. The first meeting is Friday, February 13, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Betty Buker, 485 Oakwood, #A3, in Lake Forest. The topic for discussion will be “The United States and Rising Powers.” The 2009

booklets by the Foreign Policy Association are now available. Please pick up your book at the home of Pat Rounsaville, 901 Valley Road, Lake Forest. The cost is \$21.00. If you did not order a book last year, please call Pat (847-295-3916) and she will order it for you. The topics for 2009 are as follows:

- The U.S. and Rising Powers
- Afghanistan and Pakistan
- Energy and the Global Economy
- The Arctic Age
- Egypt in the 21st Century
- Global Food Supply
- Cuba after Castro
- Universal Human Rights

Call for Volunteers for Board Positions

The Nominating Committee is beginning its work of selecting nominees for the 2009-2010 League year. We are looking for members who would be willing to serve in an elected or appointed board position. Becoming a part of the valu-

able work your League does pays back dividends. Volunteer efforts are compensated in the knowledge that one has contributed to the ongoing work of a great organization. As an added perk, you will be working with some of the best of

our communities' volunteers—those “League Ladies.” Call or e-mail Pauline Mohr at 847-234-5852 or rjpmohr@sbcglobal.net to add your name to the list of the “willing.”

—Pauline Mohr

Women's History Month Luncheon

The North Shore Leagues' Women's History Month Luncheon will be on Sunday, March 8, 2009. This year's focus is the History of Women and Jazz. The

speaker is Nicole Mitchell, a creative flutist, composer and bandleader. She was awarded “Jazz Flutist of the Year 2008” by the Jazz Journalist Association, as well as

“Chicagoan of the Year 2006” by the Chicago Tribune. Save the date and watch your mail for more information!

SAVE THE DATES

LWVIL State of the State Luncheon

Thursday, February 26
Union League Club,
Chicago
Noon to 2:00 p.m.

Keynote speaker will be Carol Marin, political reporter and columnist. Watch your mail for details.

LWVIL Convention

Peoria, Illinois
June 12-14, 2009

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There is so much stimulating activity happening in League this winter! If you want to engage your mind, use your intellect, and do it in the company of other extraordinary women, read on; there are many ways to be involved.

Legislative Inter-views Coming Soon

“What’s Going on in Springfield?” will be an informational and question-and-answer meeting with our state legislators for the Lake Forest and Lake Bluff area. The dates will be coordinated with the legislative schedule. Watch for a League postcard and e-mail for the specific date, time, and place.

Calendar of Events

- January 31 LWWIL Issues Briefing, University Center, Chicago
- February 8 Going Green, Lake Forest High School, 2:00 p.m.
- February 9 LWW-LF/LB Board Meeting, Gorton Community Center, 1:30 p.m.
LWW-LF/LB Program Planning, Gorton Community Center, 2:00 p.m.
- February 13 Great Decisions, Betty Buker’s home, 485 Oakwood, #A3, 1:00 p.m.
- February 26 LWWIL State of the State Luncheon, Union League Club, Chicago, Noon
- March 8 Women’s History Month Luncheon, Location TBA
- March 9 LWW-LF/LB Board Meeting, Gorton Community Center, 1:30 p.m.
- March 13 Great Decisions, Betty Buker’s home, 485 Oakwood, #A3, 1:00 p.m.
- March TBA Candidates’ Forum
- April 7 Election Day (Consolidated Election)
- April 10 Great Decisions, Betty Buker’s home, 485 Oakwood, #A3, 1:00 p.m.
- April 13 LWW-LF/LB Board Meeting, Gorton Community Center, 1:30 p.m.
- June 12-14 LWWIL Convention 2009, Peoria, Illinois