



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF
DEERFIELD, GLENCOE
HIGHLAND PARK and
LAKE FOREST/LAKE BLUFF AREA**

SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

CANDIDATE FORUM

**58th State Representative District
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Lake County Board District 23
Superintendent of Schools
Lake County Clerk
Lake County Sheriff
Lake County Treasurer**

**Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Senior Center
100 E. Old Mill Road
Lake Forest**

Welcome and Introduction

Jane Partridge, League of Women
Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff

Moderator for 58th State Representative District

Gilda Karu, League of Women
Voters of Barrington

*Explanation of procedures and rules for the debate
Introduction of candidates of 58th State Representative District*

Moderator for 59th State Representative District

Joan Kaltsas, League of Women
Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff

Introduction of candidates of 59th State Representative District

Moderator for Lake County elective offices

Gilda Karu

*Introduction of candidates for offices of:
County Board District 23
Superintendent of Schools
County Clerk
County Sheriff
County Treasurer*

Closing

Jane Partridge

FORUM RULES AND PROCEDURE

Each candidate may make a 2 minute opening statement. Order in each grouping is determined by lot. Candidates will be allowed a minute and a half to answer the question. Opening statements and answers will be timed and candidates will be kept strictly to these limits. There will be no rebuttals. Questions submitted by the audience will be reviewed by League members to eliminate duplicates and to combine similar questions in order to make effective use of the limited time available. Questions must be addressed to both candidates.

Unopposed candidates will be allowed to make a 2-4 minute statement for video and answer questions as time allows. Representatives of an absent candidate may make a 2-4 minute statement for video but are not allowed to answer questions. The candidate who is present may make a statement and answer questions as time allows.

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58TH STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT

KAREN MAY

Karen May is serving her fifth term in the Illinois House of Representatives. Prior to that, she provided more than ten years of public service as a member of the Highland Park City Council and chair of the Historic Preservation Commission. She was also the founder and president of a business for 20 years, and vice-president of the League of Women Voters of Highland Park.

Rep. May's committee assignments in the legislature reflect her dedication to quality-of-life issues. She is an advocate for quality public education for all students, protecting open space and the environment, providing affordable and accessible health care, preserving reproductive choice for women, helping the developmentally disabled and seniors, and standing up for consumers.

Rep. May chairs the House Environmental Health and Renewable Energy Committees and is recognized as one of the leading voices in the state on environmental issues. She is the founder and chair of the Illinois General Assembly Environmental Caucus, and was the driving force behind a law that reduced mercury pollution in the environment. Rep. May is vice-chair of the Health Care Committee and works with Democrats, Republicans and Independents on preserving open spaces, funding of stem cell research and a variety of other issues.

Although she has won numerous awards and honors for her service in the Illinois House, Rep. May lists as her proudest accomplishments the fact that she has raised two beautiful, intelligent children; has been married to her college sweetheart for 40 years; and is a caring and proud grandmother of Jackson and Melanie.

LAUREN G. TURELLI

Lauren Turelli is a life-long resident of our area and the Republican nominee for State Representative in the 58th District.

She currently serves as a board member of the Parks and Recreation Department for the City of Lake Forest. She has also served on the Lake Forest Caucus for five years. While involved in many local community organizations, Lauren is most proud of her tenure on the executive board of *A Safe Place*, where she helped to raise funds and approve budgets for a new transitional living space for victims of domestic violence, as well as increasing the general awareness for the prevention of domestic abuse.

Lauren is also a small business owner with 9+ years in real estate, as well as the owner of a property management company. She was a high school history teacher and received a Golden Apple Award nomination for her excellence in teaching and commitment to her students. Lauren is a product of the public school system, from middle school through undergraduate at the University of Illinois at Urbana. She also holds a master's degree in Education from DePaul University.

Lauren currently resides in Lake Forest with her husband and three children and dedicates many hours of service to her children's schools and as a coach of their soccer teams. Her experiences and leadership capabilities make her uniquely qualified for representing our district and she will serve as an honest, responsive and effective leader in Springfield.

59TH STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT

CAROL SENTE

Carol Sente believes that the highest calling is service to others, a lesson she learned from her parents who immigrated to the United States from Eastern Europe to seek a better life following the 1956 Hungarian Revolution and devastation of World War II.

As a state representative for just over a year, Carol has drawn on her experiences as a small business owner to help craft better public policy. To help the state account for every dime it spends, Carol is standing up to legislative leaders and working in a bipartisan way to reform the state budget process through legislation that sets an annual expenditure ceiling, citizen driven priorities, and performance based measurement of results. Her top priorities include creating and retaining good jobs, budget reform and fiscal accountability, and cleaning up Illinois' culture of corruption.

Carol, who has lived in Vernon Hills for 12 years, owns SRBL Architects in Deerfield, IL, specializing in designing green public buildings for public safety, municipal and recreational clients that help reduce the operational cost and environmental impact. She is the former vice president of the Vernon Hills Park District Board, where she served for four years. She has served as a counselor at the YMCA camp "I Am Me" for young burn victims and helped mentor counselors in-training.

On September 12, 2009, Carol was sworn-in to complete the remainder of the unexpired term of former State Representative Kathy Ryg.

DAN SUGRUE

Dan Sugrue was born on December 7, 1963, the son of Irish and English immigrants. His father, Danny, grew up on a farm in County Kerry, Ireland, and his mother Lucy grew up in London during World War II, a survivor of the Blitz. After coming to America in 1957, Danny & Lucy Sugrue settled in Oak Lawn, on the near Southwest Side of Chicago.

Dan attended St. Laurence High School, where he played on the Varsity Football team, and the University of Illinois in Champaign, where he majored in Economics and minored in History and Political Science. He received his B.A. in Economics in 1986 and his law degree from Chicago Kent College of Law in 1989. That same year he met Margo, his future wife, at a Christmas party at a tutoring program for inner city kids where they both volunteered their time. Dan and Margo were married on Sept 5, 1992, and have three small children: Kevin 10, Vivian 6, and Sean 5.

In 1998, Dan started his own law practice where he still works today. Margo is the national sales director for Creators Syndicate, an international media content provider. They live in Green Oaks, IL.

COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT 23

ANNE FLANIGAN BASSI

Anne Flanigan Bassi of Highland Park has been a member of the Lake County Board and Lake County Forest Preserves Commission representing District 23 since 2002. As a CPA with a Masters in Taxation and small business owner, Anne uses her financial and analytical skills to evaluate and monitor Lake County operations. Having served on the Finance Committee for her entire Board tenure, Anne worked to ensure that Lake County respond to our current economic downturn while maintaining its AAA rating from both S&P and Moody's, one of only 38 counties nationally to do so.

Anne worked to bring a Lake County Health Clinic to downtown Highland Park and advocate for District 23 municipalities' affordable housing efforts, securing more than \$800,000 in grant funding for local projects. In addition, Anne worked to obtain grants for wetland restoration at Routes 22 and 41, environmental remediation at the Karger Center, and ravine work at Fort Sheridan.

Anne serves as Treasurer of the Lake County Forest Preserve Commission and Chair of Lake County's Revenue, Records and Legislative Committee. She works tirelessly on other county commissions and community organizations dealing with regional flooding issues, environmental protection, affordable housing, domestic violence, and health care, to name a few.

She previously served on the District 111 Board of Education and is a past co-president of the Highland Park League of Women Voters.

You can find more about Anne's background at AnneBassi.com

CARLTON R. "CARL" MARCYAN

Carl Marcyan: certified public accountant, certified financial planner and attorney. Chair of Schiller DuCanto & Fleck the largest family law firm in the country. Carl has written articles, contributing author of books and a sought-after lecturer for over twenty years.

Active in his community: Rotarian, supporter of autism initiatives, member of the Chicago Crime Commission, Treasurer of the Lake County Bar Foundation and President of Topcats-Illinois, a not-for-profit community organization supporting the Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association. Honored as Volunteer of the Year by Chicago Volunteer Legal Services.

Served in the US Marine Corp Reserve 1972 to 1974. Received numerous awards including the Distinguished Alum Award from The John Marshall Law School and the Michael Cohen Award from the Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Recognized by a number of state and national publications as being in the top-tier of his specialty.

Past President of the Advocates Society, active in American, Illinois and Lake County Bar Associations, as well as American Institute and Illinois Society of CPAs. Past Chair of the Polish American Association, Past Director of the Copernicus Foundation, Past Governor of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, and member of the Union League Club.

Born in Chicago January 27, 1955. In 1976 conferred a Bachelor's Degree in commerce by DePaul University and a JD in 1980 from The John Marshall Law School. An MBA candidate at Lake Forest Graduate School of Management. Married to Ana for 24 years, living in Lake Forest raising their children: Maggie, Colt and Baron.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

DAN MC DERMOTT

I am running for this position because I am passionate about educational leadership, student learning and student achievement. I want to provide energetic, visionary and supportive leadership to every student, family, teacher, tax payer and educational leader in Lake County. The challenge and opportunity to enhance the quality of life in through the education process of Lake County is a great one. I believe and have experienced that effective, supportive leadership is the foundation of success for any individual, family, community, or organization. I truly enjoy being consistently present and visible to the people I serve. Empowering and respecting the voice of all stakeholders concerned with education will be a mainstay of my service! There is nothing more rewarding than being a member on a problem solving team and obtaining results based upon an enthusiastic team effort!

I earned my Doctorate degree in Educational Leadership and superintendent endorsement from National –Louis University, Masters Degree in Administration from Northeastern Illinois University, Bachelor's Degrees in History and Business Finance from Mt. St. Mary's University, and Secondary Education certification from DePaul University.

I have taught at the 3rd, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th grade levels. I have been an assistant principal and dean of students at the K-8 and high school levels. I have served as a principal and instructional leader at the primary (K-5 level) middle school (6-8 level) and high school (9-12) level. In the corporate world I have owned my own small business, held real-estate licenses in Illinois and Virginia, and competed at the professional level on the European Tennis circuit.

I would like to offer my services to all the people and school systems of Lake County. Together we will identify the challenges that our community is faced with and by supporting and empowering our team we solve each challenge that confronts all of us.

ROYCEALEE J. WOOD

Roycealee J. Wood is the Lake County, Illinois Regional Superintendent of Schools with interaction with and responsibility for the 45 Lake County School Districts. She is currently a member of the Rotary Club of Waukegan, the Lake Forest-Lake Bluff League of Women Voters, Lake Forest-Lake Bluff A.A.U.W.-American Association of University Women, IASA-Illinois Association of School Administrators, IARSS-Illinois Association of Regional School Superintendents, Women In Management Lake-Cook Chapter, Beta Upsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Education Sorority, Chicago North Shore Chapter of Zeta Phi Eta Communications Sorority and Phi Delta Kappa Lake-Kenosha-Racine County Chapter. Mrs. Wood also serves on the Board of Directors for the Allendale Association, Inc., Friends of the Lake County Museum, A Safe Place (Advisory Board), the N.E. Illinois Council-BSA, NICASA, the Mothers' Trust Foundation and the Great Lakes Naval Museum Association, Inc. She also served for three years as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Illinois Crossroads Council of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. with responsibility for 24,000 girls and 8,000 volunteers.

She is a Past President of the Great Lakes Region of the Navy League of the U.S., and has been a member of the Navy League of the U.S. for 37 years. In addition to the Great Lakes Presidency, Mrs. Wood has also served as president of the Lake County Council of the NLUS, Illinois State President of the NLUS, and as National Director of the NLUS for 25 years.

Mrs. Wood, a native of Rockford, Illinois, is a graduate of Rockford East High School and holds B.S. and M.A. degrees from Northwestern University in Evanston. She has also done doctoral graduate administrative study at and received the superintendent's endorsement certificate from National Louis University in Wheeling, Illinois.

Mrs. Wood served the North Chicago, Illinois Public Schools at all levels. She worked in the role of teacher, guidance counselor, assistant principal, guidance director and as assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction. On November 5, 2002, she was elected as Regional Superintendent of Schools for Lake County, Illinois and assumed that position on July 1, 2003. Mrs. Wood was re-elected for a 2nd term in November of 2006. Mrs. Wood resides with her husband, Kenneth Wood in Lake Bluff, Illinois.

COUNTY CLERK

WILLARD HELANDER

Education

University of Mississippi, BA, Education minor (1974)

University of Tennessee College of Law, J D (1977)

Election Center/Auburn University, Certified Elections/Registration Administrator; 12 college courses (2010)

Professional Affiliations

Lake County Bar Assoc.; Lake County Women's Bar Assoc.; Intl. Assoc. of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); Election Center - Joint Election Officials Liaison Committee (JEOLC) and Postal Task Force member; IL Assoc. of County Clerks /Recorders (IACCR); State Board of Elections Advisory Committee.

Accomplishment Highlights

Elected 1994; re-elected 3 times; first in IL to report election results virtually live election night 1996; used technology to end \$250,000 overtime to redistrict voters; partnered with 125 civic and political groups to register voters for 52% increase in county. Introduced optical voting *before* 2000 election; brought first accessible voting system for all voters to mark ballot in private; led state in early voting participation; developed "decision technology" to assure all voters equal access in voting; consolidated voting sites to reduce costs; print ballots in-house to cut costs 50%; introduced first successful "digitized" imaging and first OCR/ICR application for county, reducing staff from 10 to 5. Use GIS mapping tools to assure distance "equity" to Election Day/Early Voting sites. Launched popular local government training for local election filings, FOIA and Open Meetings Act. Translated all vital records request forms to Spanish, provide bi-lingual videos on voting process. Offer translation of website to most languages.

LAURA TOMSKY

Laura Tomsky is the Democratic candidate for Lake County Clerk.

The Clerk's office in Lake County handles elections, vital records, and public filings, while recording the proceedings of the Lake County Board and providing tax and real estate services for Lake County residents.

Laura has a strong background in business operations, compliance data and records management in regulated industries. She currently owns a company called Watershed Consulting Group, which provides business management services to Fortune 500 companies.

For over a decade, Laura has been involved in various civic activities, including working for national election reform as citizen activist for organizations such as Vote Trust USA, which advocate for secure, accessible, and verifiable elections throughout the country. She is a PTA mom, a precinct committeeperson, a long time election worker and former contract elections trainer with the Lake County Clerk's office.

Laura believes that our vote is our voice in our government and too many turn away from this opportunity because they have become disheartened with the system, bombarded with negativity or don't feel fully informed. Increased non-partisan education, communication and outreach are the key to increasing voter confidence, registration and participation for all ages and in all communities.

Laura lives in Grayslake with her 8 year old daughter. Her son, now 24, lives in Chicago.

SHERIFF

MARK C. CURRAN, JR.

Sheriff Mark C. Curran, Jr. is a graduate of Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama with a degree in Business Administration and from IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law with a Juris Doctor in Law. Sheriff Curran began his law enforcement career working as an intern in the Cook County States Attorney's Office in 1988 and the Lake County State's Attorney's Office shortly thereafter. Sheriff Curran became an Assistant Lake County State's Attorney in 1990 and left the Lake County State's Attorney's Office in 1998 after having served as a Senior Felony Prosecutor responsible for handling many high profile cases.

Sheriff Curran worked for the Illinois Attorney General's Office from 1998 until 2002 where he was a Supervisor of Gang Crimes, among many other responsibilities. Sheriff Curran was also a Special Assistant United State's Attorney from 1999 until 2002. Sheriff Curran has taught well over 100 semester hours at Columbia College of Missouri in Business Law and Criminal Justice. Sheriff Curran is a graduate of the Career Prosecutor Academy in Houston, Texas and the Suburban Law Enforcement Police Academy in DuPage County, Illinois. Sheriff Curran also graduated from the Illinois Chiefs of Police First Time Chief's Conference and the National Sheriff's Association First Term Sheriff Conference. Sheriff Curran was a highly respected litigator in private practice of Law from 2002 until 2006 as he received an AV rating from Martindale Hubbell, which is the highest possible rating in ethics and ability. Sheriff Curran was also selected by the Publication "Super Lawyers" as one of the top lawyers in the state of Illinois in 2006.

The Sheriff is the Chief Law Enforcement Officer in the county and has the responsibility of overseeing the largest law enforcement agency in the county. Sheriff Curran also serves on numerous boards at the local, state and national levels.

DOUGLAS R. ROBERTS

Doug Roberts has practiced law in Lake County for over 30 years. He is a member of the Federal Trial Bar as well as a certified lead counsel in death penalty cases.

As the former Chairman of the Lake County Bar Association Committee on Judicial Selection and Retention, Doug has been a leader in local legal and criminal justice matters. Doug was nominated in February as the Democratic candidate for Lake County Sheriff. This is his first run for political office and he has focused his campaign on the theme of ending political games and providing professional law enforcement to the office.

He is a thirty three year Lake County resident and lives in Beach Park with his wife (Gina Ingoglia Roberts) and their two children, Joseph and Anne.

COUNTY TREASURER

ROBERT SKIDMORE

Bob was born and raised in Highland Park, Illinois, graduated from Highland Park High School and from Southern Illinois University with a degree in Recreation & Community Administration.

He has been married for 37 years to Ingrid (Ostebo), also of Highland Park. They have successfully raised three daughters and currently reside in Mundelein, Illinois.

Bob has had the opportunity to work in the Lake County Treasurer's Office for over 26 years and the last 11 plus years as the Lake County Treasurer.

Since taking office in 1998, automation and technology have played and will continue to play key roles in updating business processes. From on-line & direct withdrawl/payments options, to taxpayer email notifications, to a direct automated distribution system to taxing districts, these automation changes have cut the time to collect and distribute tax dollars from months to weeks and from weeks to days.

Bob has played a key role in keeping Lake County financially sound and is proud of the fact that Lake County, Illinois, is one of just a few counties in the United States that still holds an AAA bond rating, which affects rates should the county need to borrow money in the future.

It is his objective during these challenging economic times to stay committed to the homeowners of Lake County by reviewing and implementing future legislative changes as well as those changes that will benefit homeowners and the over 200 taxing districts he now serves.

.INFORM YOURSELF

“The best way to motivate people is to educate them about local, state and federal issues that have an impact on their lives.”

The following websites may be of interest:

Illinois State Board of Elections – www.elections.state.il.us

Illinois Campaign for Political Reform – www.ilcampaign.org

Nonpartisan Candidate Information - www.vote411.org

Project Vote Smart – www.vote-smart.org

www.lwvil.org

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View a virtual ballot before going to vote by visiting your County Clerk’s website:

Cook County Clerk – www.voterinfonet.com

Lake County Clerk – www.co.lake.il.us/cntyck

Illinois voters may now cast a ballot prior to Election Day without having to provide a reason or excuse for wanting to vote early. Early voting will be available from October 12 through October 28 at various locations which are listed on the County Clerks’ websites. A driver’s license or state ID is needed for identification.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 2, 2010

League of Women Voters Nonpartisanship Policy

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. The League works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, observes governing bodies, and provides information for the voters at election time. The League does not support or oppose any political party or candidates. Membership is open to all citizens of voting age.

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