

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF THE LAKE FOREST/LAKE BLUFF AREA



LEAGUE LINES

From President Laurie Rose ...

Suddenly, it seems like women are everywhere: Demonstrating power and influence, demanding to have their voices heard, practicing civil disobedience, exposing sexual predators and running for office in record numbers. For some, these actions are newsworthy. In fact, numerous pundits have declared 2018 as the “Year of the Woman.”

If you are a League member, this is not news ...

[Read Laurie's full letter](#)

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Gun Violence: Local Impact

PANEL DISCUSSION

Sunday, November 11

2:00-3:30 pm

First Presbyterian Church
700 N. Sheridan Road, Lake Forest

Mass shootings capture news headlines, but how does gun violence impact a local community?

LWV-LF/LB will present a forum featuring experts in diverse fields affected by gun violence.

Featured speakers include:

- Colleen Cicchetti, Ph.D., executive director of the Center for Childhood Resilience, Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
- Ingrid Wiemer, Ph.D., executive director of Student Services, Lake Forest School District 67
- Roman Buchberger, deputy, Lake County Sheriff's Office
- Sara Knizhnik, Illinois Council Against Gun Violence

The panel will provide guidance and practical steps to help individuals and families understand the local context of gun violence and work toward a safer community. The event is free and open to the public.

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Save the Date: Holiday Luncheon

Please save **Friday, December 7**, for our upcoming holiday luncheon at MLG Restaurant in Lake Forest.

Our elegant celebration will begin at 11 a.m. and will include dramatic entertainment and the annual presentation of the Carrie Chapman Catt Award. An invitation will arrive in the mail with

details.



This year, Annette Baldwin will entertain us with her presentation, “From Parlor to Politics: The Struggle for Woman’s Right to Vote,” while assuming the persona of LWV founder Carrie Chapman Catt.

The presentation includes the backstory of the women’s suffrage movement, plus passages from the moving speeches of suffrage leaders Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony and Alice Paul. Join us! —*Ann Grant*

And now, a word from our sponsors:

Many local businesses have signed on as sponsors for 2018-2019. Please show them we're grateful for their support by doing business with them - and be sure to tell them you saw their ad on the LWV-LF/LB website.

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Voter Services Get Out the Vote

Over the past several months, League members have been readying for the [November 6 election](#).

We received many requests from individuals wishing to be deputy registrars during the summer. Those who participated in training assisted with National

Voter Registration Day (NVRD) on September 25. This communitywide event was a huge success. Our League partnered with 12 organizations: City of Lake Forest, Dickinson Hall, Lake Bluff Public Library, Lake Forest Academy, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest High School, Lake Forest Library, Lake Forest Place, Newcomers Club of Lake Bluff/Lake Forest, Woodlands Academy, Shields Township, and The Sheridan at Green Oaks.

At these sites, we registered 55 new voters, answered hundreds of questions, and handed out hundreds of our new [Illinois Voter Guide](#) cards. With the popularity of online registration, our role has morphed into being informational resources, not just registrars.

Each NRVD location had an interesting story to tell: Carol Gayle (Lake Forest College) tallied the most by registering about 50 students. At Lake Forest City Hall, two new naturalized citizens inquired about registering when they saw the NRVD flyer. After admiring their naturalization certificates, the city clerk was thrilled to introduce them to the democratic process.



Our biggest recent activity to get out the vote was the Women's March in Chicago on Oct. 13. LWV-LF/LB members connected downtown with League members from throughout the region. The theme this year was March to the Polls, and thousands did just that!



A heartfelt thanks to our volunteers for empowering voters: Bev Adamczyk, Kitty Cole, Wyn Cain, Happie Datt, Terry Desmond, Steve Dunn, Carol Gayle, Ann Grant, Linda Hinde, Amy Knutson Strack, Diane Lloyd, Mary Ellen McGoey, Kelsey Marx, Pauline Mohr, Cindy Morehead, Lois Nicol, Pam Payton, Ellory Peck, Laurie Rose, Julia Shackelford, Jim Sullivan and Monica Yaun. —*Mary Mathews*

We interrupt this newsletter for ...

TRIVIA!

Gone are the days in Illinois when we had to prove we had a business trip or were overseas or hospitalized to receive an absentee ballot to return by mail. What year did Illinois start “no-excuse” ballot requests? **(No fair Googling it! Think you know the answer? Hit "Reply" and tell us!)**

And now back to our regularly scheduled content ...

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Great Lakes Compact and Foxconn

Legal petitions continue to advance regarding plans to divert Lake Michigan water to the new Foxconn industrial complex in Wisconsin. The electronics manufacturer site is west of Racine and the Great Lakes Basin divide.

At issue is the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources’ approval of the City of Racine’s request to divert 7 million gallons per day of Lake Michigan water for private industrial use.

The League of Women Voters of Lake Michigan Region (LWVLMR) and the Natural Resources Defense Council recently joined petitioners LWV of Wisconsin, Milwaukee Riverkeeper, Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy, and River Alliance of Wisconsin in their work to fight the diversion. They are represented by Midwest Environmental Advocates.

According to petitioners, the plan violates the [Great Lakes Compact](#). The compact is an interstate agreement enacted to regulate water resources within the Great Lakes Basin as well as protect economic and cultural assets. With few exceptions, the compact has strict requirements for Great Lakes water diversion and use.

“The proposed diversion is based on a mistaken interpretation by the

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources of the Great Lakes Compact and undermines the very important protections the Compact contains. The withdrawal of Lake Michigan water outside of the watershed basin for solely commercial purposes is impermissible,” said Krista Grimm, LWVLMR president in a press statement. “Additionally, the quantity and quality of water proposed to be returned to the basin has the potential to harm the great resource that is Lake Michigan.”

LWVLMR is an interleague organization with of more than 48 local League chapters in Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan, plus their respective state Leagues. The group protects and promotes the environmental quality of Lake Michigan and the Lake Michigan basin. For more information, contact David Mueller, who is the chapter liaison to LWVLMR, and attend monthly meetings of the Climate Change Interest Group for updates. The next meeting is November 29.

Voter Services: Candidate Forums

With the November elections fast approaching, we held our first set of candidate forums Oct. 7 at Deerfield High School. Debate participants included candidates running for the 10th Congressional District and state offices.

Four local Leagues — Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Area, Deerfield, Highland Park/Highview and Glenview/Glencoe — cosponsored with the Union League Club of Chicago. The Union League Club provided the printed programs, and David Kohn, executive director of public affairs, gave an amusing and warm welcome. Participants included:

- **10th Congressional District:** Brad Schneider (D), Douglas Bennett (R)
- **29th State Senate District:** Julie Morrison (D), Barrett Davie (R)
- **58th State Representative District:** Bob Morgan (D), Frederic “Rick” Lesser (R)

The debate was well attended, with over 250 people and reporters from several media outlets, plus the Medill School of Journalism.

The second set of candidate forums for Lake County races was held Oct. 14 at Christ United Methodist Church (Deerfield). The Church cosponsored the

event with the three local Leagues: Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Area, Highland Park/Highwood, and Deerfield. Rev. Dr. Norval Brown welcomed the audience of 100 interested voters. Debate participants included:

- **Lake County sheriff:** Mark Curran (R), John Idleburg (D)
- **Lake County clerk:** Carla Wyckoff (R), Robin M. O'Connor (D)
- **Lake County treasurer:** David Stolman (R), Holly Kim (D)
- **11th District Lake County Board:** Rebecca “Becky” Zeidman (R), Paul Frank (D)
- **21st District Lake County Board:** Ann B. Maine (R), Susan Malter (D)

Lake County commissioners for Lake Forest, Lake Bluff, and Knollwood are not up for election this time.

Videos of both programs are available on [our website](#), YouTube, and the City’s cable channels 17 and 19.

Each League had a plethora of willing volunteers. LWV-LF/LB is grateful to our competent band of planners and doers: Happie Datt, Terry Desmond, Peg Determan, Ann Grant, Ann Hamlin, Robin Huszagh, Jackie Johnson, Amy Knutson Strack, Kelsie Marx, Maria Pasquesi, Laurie Rose and Karyn Szaflarski. —*Mary Mathews*

Fall Kickoff Wrap-up

More than 50 League members and guests gathered at the Knollwood Club in Lake Forest on September 16 for the annual Fall Kickoff. Everyone enjoyed lovely refreshments and terrific company, as well as raffles for wonderful prizes.

This year's speaker was Ngozi Okorafor, who has many past accomplishments. She is currently chief operating officer and senior policy advisor of the Illinois Department of Central Management Services.



LWV-LF/LB president Laurie Rose with Ngozi Okorafor

In her engaging speech, "The Long Road: Musings on the Passage of the ERA and Women in Illinois Politics," Okorafor discussed bias and money in politics, the #MeToo movement, and personal stories of working in Illinois.

"Every woman who feels she has a voice should run [for office]," said Okorafor. Long after the event, many members continued chatting with each other and sharing stories with Okorafor.

Thank you to all volunteers who helped make this event a success. Special thanks for the raffle donations: Deer Path Inn, Del Rio Restaurant, Fresh Market (Lake Forest), Sunset Foods (Lake Forest), Meg Barnhart (Zen of Slow Cooking) and Laurie Rose. —*Marilyn Turchi*

Applause for Cuba at the Crossroads

Dr. Alberto Coll, J.D., Ph.D., presented an engaging talk about Cuba in September to an enthusiastic crowd at Dickinson Hall. LWV-LF/LB and Great Decisions sponsored the event.

Born and raised in Cuba, Coll came to the U.S. to study when he was nearly 13 years old. He later earned degrees from Princeton University and the University of Virginia. As a professor at DePaul, every year he returns to Cuba with his students.



Front row: Laurie Rose, Jane Partridge, and Dr. Alberto Coll; back row, Carmen Lago, Happie Datt, and Ann Grant.

Coll offered an overview of Cuba's history and how it relates to the country's current state of affairs. He detailed the complexities of the economy and how many young people are leaving the country. Coll anticipates this will not change for at least three to five years. While the new president, Miguel Díaz-Canel Bermúdez, is in his 50s, most in power are in their 60s to 80s and are not willing to change. Raúl Castro, first secretary, has the most senior position in Cuba and is 87 years old.

Cuba's economy relies on agriculture and tourism. However, there are no incentives for farmers to improve the land, and Cuba imports as much as 45 percent of its food. Hotel chains such as Marriott — which earned a contract to operate in Cuba — can modernize properties but cannot own them. Many buildings appear as they did in the 1950s. When visiting Cuba, Coll recommends staying at bed-and-breakfasts for both dining and accommodations.

Coll also discussed nuanced Cuban culture, including music, art, and how neighbors take responsibility for each other. —*Jane Partridge*

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Calendar

Drinks & Discussion at North Shore Distillery

Wednesday, November 7, 2018, 6:30-7:30 pm

North Shore Distillery, 13990 Rockland Road, Green Oaks, IL 60048

Topic: The Midterm Elections, Explained

Great Decisions Foreign Policy Group: "Global Health Progress and Challenges"

Friday, November 9, 2018, 1:30-3:30 pm

Lake Forest Place Community Room, 1100 Pembridge Drive, Lake Forest

Gun Violence: Local Impact

Sunday, November 11, 2018, 2:00-3:30 pm

First Presbyterian Church, 700 N. Sheridan Road, Lake Forest

Climate Change Interest Group

Thursday, November 29, 2018, 5:30-6:30 pm

Starbucks, 672 N. Western Avenue, Lake Forest

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Wednesday, December 5, 2018, 6:30-7:30 pm

North Shore Distillery, 13990 Rockland Road, Green Oaks, IL 60048

Holiday Party

Friday, December 7, 2018, 11 am-2 pm

MLG Restaurant, 181 E. Laurel Avenue, Lake Forest

Watch for upcoming events on **Facebook** and our **website!**

Were you there?



Enjoying the camaraderie and the refreshments at Drinks & Discussion



Ann Grant, Marilyn Turchi, Laurie Rose, and Beth Berg at the Fall Kickoff



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