



## Welcome to the Mosaic: A letter from President Laurie Rose

To me, leadership is about responsibility. It's also about recognizing and honoring tradition while imagining the future. As your newly elected president, I am honored and deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve you.

I am also grateful to Wyn Cain and the outgoing board for sustaining LWV-LF/LB in a manner that will enable us to journey from strength to strength and generation to generation. ...

[Read Laurie's letter](#)

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**New: Drinks & Discussion**



Join us **Tuesday, September 4**, at [North Shore Distillery](#) (13990 Rockland Road, Green Oaks - next to Harley Davidson on Rt 176) for the first installment of our new monthly Drinks & Discussion series. These informal evenings start at 6:30 and will feature a different discussion topic each month introduced by a guest presenter; each event will run about an hour. Expect a friendly crowd, interesting and relevant topics, and amazing hand-crafted cocktails!

The topic for September will be "Can You Hear Me Now? Having a Voice in Local Government" with guest speaker Drew Irvin (Lake Bluff Village Administrator). What's the best way to make your voice heard? Can these efforts influence board decisions? Should they? Come and lend your views to the discussion.

The event is open to the public – bring friends! After September, “Drinks & Discussion” will take place on the first Wednesday of each month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Mark your calendar! —*Nicki Snoblin*

## Fall Kickoff Event

LWV-LFLB will host its Annual Fall

Kickoff on Sunday, September 16 — a perfect time of year to celebrate a new season and bring friends to the League. The event will take place at the Knollwood Club in Lake Forest (1890 N Knollwood Road).



This year's guest speaker is Ngozi Okorafor, who will present "The Long Road: Musings on the Passage of the ERA and Women in Illinois Politics." Okorafor is chief operating officer and senior policy advisor of the Illinois Department of Central Management Services. She previously served as policy advisor to the Office of Governor Bruce Rauner; chief legal counsel/ethics officer of the Illinois Department of Human Rights; assistant chief counsel for the Illinois Department of Transportation; legal counsel for the Office of Illinois Senate President Emil Jones, Jr.; and Community Relations Director of The Renaissance Schools.

Okorafor earned law and master's degrees from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and a bachelor's degree from Yale University.

The event is free to members and their guests, and will include light refreshments and desserts. Tickets for raffle baskets will be sold at the door. Registration in advance is requested.

[Register](#)

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## Cuba at the Crossroads

Spend an afternoon learning about the latest developments and policies in Cuba from Alberto Coll, J.D., Ph.D., director of global engagement and professor of law at the DePaul College of Law (Chicago).

Coll is widely recognized as a leading expert on Cuba. He has traveled to Cuba on academic visits many times since 1999, developing extensive connections with Cuba's legal community, government officials and private sector.

Born and raised in Cuba, he was a member of the Council on Foreign Relations 2000 Task Force on Cuba and the Council on Foreign Relations 2008 Task Force on Latin America, served on the board of Americans for Humanitarian Trade with Cuba, and is a board member of the Cuba Research Center.

**The event kicks off at 2 p.m. on September 23 at Dickinson Hall** (100 E. Old Mill Road, Lake Forest). Co-sponsors of the event include Great Decisions and Dickinson Hall. Free and open to the public. We anticipate a dynamic discussion!

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### Rousing debates planned for November election

The Voter Services committee is planning two debates in October for the November 6 election.

Working with members from LWV-Deerfield Area, LWV Glenview/Glencoe, and LWV Highland Park/Highwood as well as the Union League Club of Chicago, they have scheduled the first debate for Sunday, October 7, between candidates for the 10th congressional, 29th state senate, and 58th state representative seats. (Doors open at 1:30 p.m.; Deerfield High School, 1959 N. Waukegan Road, Deerfield.)

There will be another series of debates for the Lake County level races. Candidates for sheriff, clerk, treasurer, and county board seats of the 11th and 21st districts will debate on Sunday, October 14. (Doors open at 1:30 p.m.; United Methodist Church, 600 Deerfield Road, Deerfield.)

Due to the level of interest from voters, we are expecting some very interesting debates. Watch for more information about our local dates and locations. Be prepared to submit your questions! Also watch for information regarding LWVIL's televised debates for governor and attorney general. —*Mary Mathews*



Douglas Barrett (R)



Brad Schneider (D)

## Illinois Voter Guide

The League of Women Voters of Illinois recently launched a statewide effort with the Illinois Voter Guide to help voters learn about candidates before heading to the polls.



The guide, available at [www.IllinoisVoterGuide.org](http://www.IllinoisVoterGuide.org), empowers voters across the state to access candidate information up and down the ballot in every precinct.

Voters can find their ballot, learn about candidates and create an action plan. The guide provides nonpartisan information about candidates and referendums, plus the opportunity to save and print a ballot to take to the polls. For the General Election on November 6, the guide will be live on October 1. Sign up on the website now to receive an email alert to learn about candidates in national, state and local elections. —*Amy Knutson Strack*

## Call for election judges

As the chair of the Election Judge Committee for Voter Services, I am asking each of you to strongly consider taking a role in the fall election process by serving as an Election Judge in Lake County.

Recently, at the home of LWV-LF/LB Past President Wyn Cain, Lake County Clerk Carla Wyckoff addressed a number of League members concerning the dire need for election judges in the county. She urged our League to help.



[Learn more](#)

The Lake County Clerk's website includes detailed information about

responsibilities and qualifications. This is a great opportunity for League members to show our community our dedication to ensuring good and proper elections.

Please take the time to consider joining your fellow League members to ensure good elections for all. —*Terry Desmond*

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## National Voter Registration Day: September 25

Once again, LWV-LF/LB will participate in National Voter Registration Day. This nationwide effort creates broad awareness of voter registration opportunities to reach thousands of voters who may not register otherwise.



Last year's National Voter Registration day at Lake Forest High School. L to R: Ann Grant, Laurie Rose, and Rheta Pickard

The event takes place on Tuesday, September 25, and we are fortunate to have community-wide support.

League deputy registrars will volunteer at sites throughout Lake Forest, Lake Bluff, Knollwood, and nearby.

Residents can register, update their registration, or ask questions at Lake Bluff Public Library, Lake Forest Library, Dickinson Hall, Lake Forest Academy, Shields Township, Lake Forest High School, Lake Forest Place, Lake Forest City Hall, The Sheridan at Green Oaks, and Newcomers' Club of Lake Bluff and Lake Forest.

If you are a deputy registrar and would like assist in the project, please contact Mary Mathews. To register as a deputy registrar or update your information, contact the League or any board member. —*Mary Mathews*

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# New Voters Club at Lake Forest High School

This past spring, as I nagged my classmates to participate in the March primary, many students at Lake Forest High School voiced confusion about how to vote and who to support.

Unfortunately, this feeling isn't unique to LFHS. In the 2014 midterms, less than 16 percent of 18- to 24-year-olds voted at all.

It's 2018, and we have to do better.

With the support of the high school and LWV-LF/LB, I'm launching the nonpartisan New Voters Club at LFHS. Our mission is to register as many eligible students as possible, in addition to providing simple and easily accessible information about how to cast a ballot.

I'm honored to help engage my generation in our democracy as a junior in high school. I'm looking forward to working with LWV-LF/LB as we register students on September 25. I can't wait to update you further on our progress throughout the year! —*Kelsey Marx*



## Welcome, new members!

What a dynamic time to join the league! We're excited to announce our newest members who joined this quarter. Please give a warm welcome at program events and meetings:

- Elizabeth Porter (Lake Bluff)
- Lisa Nelson (Barrington Hills)

- Annika Strack (Hainesville)
- Ellory Peck (Lake Forest)
- Katherine Anderson (Lake Forest)
- Elizabeth Anderson (Lake Forest)
- Tracy Baade (Lake Bluff)
- Nancy Novit (Lake Forest)
- Kathleen Reidy (Lake Bluff)

We look forward to your ideas, interests, and becoming an integral part of our success! —*Beth Berg*

## Thank you to our volunteers and departing board members!

### Annual Meeting

A big “thank you” goes to Kitty Cole for once again graciously hosting our entire League for our annual meeting in her lovely home in June. We appreciate all of the work behind-the-scenes to pull off such a beautiful event.

Many thanks to Marilyn Turchi and Wyn Cain for all their help (and muscles)! Several members stayed after the event to help, which is also appreciated.



### Special thanks and gratitude

The Board of Directors would like to express our gratitude to outgoing board members Marge Burda, Elizabeth “Joy” Guscott-Mueller, Sharon Borg, Diane Sanderson, and Stan Sanderson.

Each contributed to the League and did a fantastic job handling your responsibilities. We knew we could depend on you. We will miss you.

Also, we would like to thank Wyn Cain for being the wonderful leader she was as president of LWV-LF/LB, and for remaining on the board for the next year as past president. Applause to all! —*Linda Bartmes*



## Calendar

### **Drinks & Discussion at North Shore Distillery**

Tuesday, September 4, 2018, 6:30-7:30 pm

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

**Topic:** Can You Hear Me Now? Having a Voice in Local Government

### **Great Decisions Foreign Policy Group: "US Global Energy and the Military"**

Friday, September 14, 2018, 1:30-3:30 pm

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

### **Annual Fall Kick-off with Guest Speaker Ngozi Okorafor**

Sunday, September 16, 2018, 2:00-4:00 pm

*Knollwood Club, 1890 N. Knollwood Road, Lake Forest*

### **Cuba at the Crossroads, with Dr. Alberto Coll**

Sunday, September 23, 2018, 2:00-4:00 pm

*Dickinson Hall, 100 E. Old Mill Road, Lake Forest*

### **Climate Change Interest Group**

Thursday, September 27, 2018, 5:30-6:30 pm

*Starbucks, 672 N. Western Avenue, Lake Forest*

### **LWV of Illinois State of the State**

Saturday, September 29, 2018, 6:00 -11:00 pm

*Arlington International Racecourse, 2200 West Euclid, Arlington Heights*

### **Drinks & Discussion at North Shore Distillery**

Wednesday, October 3, 2018, 6:30-7:30 pm

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

### **Candidate Debates: 10th Congressional, 29th State Senate, 58th State Representative**

Sunday, October 7, 2:00 - 5:00 pm; doors open 1:30 pm

*Deerfield High School, 1959 N. Waukegan Rd., Deerfield*

### **Great Decisions Foreign Policy Group: "South Africa's Fragile**

## Democracy"

Friday, October 12, 2018, 1:30-3:30 pm

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

## Candidate Debates: Lake County administrative officials - Clerk, Treasurer, and Sheriff; County Board seats 11th and 21st districts

Sunday, October 14, 2:00 - 4:30 pm; doors open 1:30 pm

*Christ United Methodist Church, 600 Deerfield Rd., Deerfield*

## Climate Change Interest Group

Thursday, October 25, 2018, 5:30-6:30 pm

*Starbucks, 672 N. Western Avenue, Lake Forest*

## 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*

## Climate Change Interest Group

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

*Starbucks, 672 N. Western Avenue, Lake Forest*

## Scenes of summer



Wyn Cain, Marilyn Turchi, Laurie Rose, and Nicki Snoblin at the Annual Meeting in June



Mary Mathews, Laurie Rose, and Amy Knutson Strack at LWVUS Convention in June



Carol Russ's decorated convertible and LWV-LF/LB marchers in the Lake Bluff Fourth of July parade



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