



# League of Women Voters of Lake County

We are your League, too!

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## Who are we?

If you are a member of a local League in Lake County (Barrington, Deerfield, Highland Park, Lake Forest/Lake Bluff) or a member-at-large, you also belong to the Lake County League. You can add our events to your League activities!

## What have we done, lately?

\* This fall we **registered over 30**, mostly young, voters at Warren High School and held numerous other registration drives.

\* We also sponsored **two candidate forums**.

# On October 1st we co-hosted, along with *The Daily Herald*, the candidates for the 8th Congressional District, the 31st State Senate District and the 62nd State Representative District. It was held at the beautiful new University Center of Lake County and was taped for rebroadcast. DVD's were made available.

# Oct. 22 was our forum, co-sponsored by AAUW-Waukegan branch, for the countywide offices of treasurer, clerk, and sheriff, held at the Libertyville Township Office. The room was full and the atmosphere intense. DVD's were also available.

\* We also published an **on-line Voters' Guide** which provided responses by candidates to questions of interest to the public. This format reaches out to an ever-growing audience that has come to expect on-line access to pertinent information. We were pleased to have the opportunity to provide this service and would welcome people to help us expand this area of voter service.

\* We continue our membership and participation in the **Lake County Women's Coalition**. This year's delicious tea on Oct. 15th honored an exceptional young woman from each of 22 public and private high schools in Lake County. The tea also benefits a College of Lake County scholarship for a 30+ year-old female student. It was an uplifting and re-affirming event. Plan to join us this year.

\* We publicized our commitment to school funding reform and the **A+ Illinois** coalition via a letter to the editor of the *News-Sun* and the *Daily Herald*. Sally Zeit is our coalition member.

## **What's coming up?**

In late March, watch for the date of our panel discussion addressing **Mental Health Issues in the Criminal Justice System**. Come learn about new initiatives enabling earlier detection of the mentally impaired in the system and new measures which lead to more appropriate disposition of their cases. Sally Zeit and Linda Bartmes continue to represent the LWVLC on the Lake County Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee, now in its third year of assessing and recommending improvements in the system.

Judy Johnston represents Lake County and Highland Park as Co-President of the **Lake Michigan Interleague Organization**. Formed 37 years ago in Highland Park, the LMILLO consists of Leagues in the four states surrounding the lake. This year's action focus includes: water conservation, control of aquatic invasive species, passage of the Great Lakes Restoration bills, and support for the Water Quality Agreement. Come learn how you can help.

The state League **Immigration Study** has generated a great deal of interest. LWVLC director Jane Partridge is the study coordinator for Lake County. Many of you have or will attend a consensus meeting. Once consensus is completed statewide, positions will be adopted and LWVIL will direct action. Whether or not you were able to participate in the research and consensus phases of the study, we hope you will be a part of implementing our new state positions.

How about a **Lake County Forest Preserve District bus tour**? Watch for an announcement in late spring of a tour of several LCFPD properties. You will have an opportunity to learn a little about our preserves and to meet other League members. Invite a prospective member to join you at this event.

## **Won't you join us?**

Whether your interests include criminal justice, the environment, immigration, transportation, school funding, voters service, or more, you will find opportunities to get active with the League of Women Voters of Lake County. Give us a call.

Our executive committee consists of Linda Bartmes, Tania Murillo, Jane Partridge, and Jo-An Sabonjian. Our treasurer is Mary Mathews. Directors are Judy Johnston, Barb Lippai, Marge Blake, Sally Zeit, and Rosemary Heilemann. Diane Sanderson and Rita Kirby are off-board participants. **How about you?** Call Rosemary at (847) 478-1308 or e-mail at [rheilemann@comcast.net](mailto:rheilemann@comcast.net).