



CALENDAR OF FALL EVENTS

- * **SEPTEMBER 17TH-Debbie Ming-Mendoza, County Clerk ,Presentation at the Glen Carbon Community Center, 7 to 9pm**
- * **October 22nd-Landlord/Tenant Laws, Los Tres Amigos Restaurant . Speaker William Asa**
- * **November 19th Human Trafficking, VIP Room, Wang Gang Restaurant, 5:30 to 7 p.m.**
- * **December 1st, 7-9p.m Holiday Meeting and Party at the home of Jeanne Brunworth, 50 Rushmore, Glen Carbon**
- * **December 7th Plow Sharing Fundraiser for the League 5:30 to 8pm**
- * **February 20th Trivia Night at St. Cecilia's Save the date and reserve a table for 8.**

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LWVIL 57th Biennium, 2015 State Convention,

June 6 & 7, Lisle, Illinois

Our president, Evie Gorski attended the conference. Lorraine Krusa attended two pre-conference workshops and made a presentation on Trivia Night as a fund raiser.

Summary of Conference:

Membership in the Illinois League has declined in the last ten years, putting the cost of supporting the State League activities on a smaller population. The State League communicates to its member leagues on issues and advocacy and provides ongoing support to its members for PMP issues, and membership questions. The budget committee has recommended a \$2. increase in the State PMP in the year 2017.

Action Foci for the 2015-17 Biennium:

- * A need to make resources and speakers available for Leagues concerned about the criminalization of mental illness.
- * Gun Violence Prevention –Now that Illinois allows Concealed Carry, there will be a focus on advocating for limitations which will prevent handgun violence. Proposals for prohibition of weapons in places of worship and various other laws to support LWVIL and LWVUS positions.
- * Redistricting
- * Fiscal Policy—with a focus on education and social needs. (Given the fiscal state of the state, this issue affects all other issues of concern to the League.)
- * Water—with a focus on nutrient loss



Edwardsville Concert in the Park, June 13th

Thanks to all the members who donated drinks and cookies and cakes to our table. Special thanks to Yvonne Jordan, Carol Juen and Carol Gerdt for their work at the table. This is a once a year fund raiser that also offers us visibility in the community. Thanks to Carol Meek for taking remaining drinks and chip packets to St. John's UCC in Collinsville for the food bank which is a coalition of churches. The church thanked us in their newsletter.

A new national database of League members is being prepared. But is not yet on-line.

Welcome to new & returning members

Lisa McLaren

Elizabeth Scrafford

Jill Burford

Susan Jensen

Returning Members

Monica Laurent

Janet Rose

In Memory of

Sadly Kathy Jones, member since 1987, passed away on June 2, 2015. In her memory the League has donated a book to the Glen Carbon Library. We suggested that since she had a second home in Wyoming that they choose a Wyoming writer, Annie Proulx, as a possible choice of author.

Jeanne Mudge Sturley, Charter Member of our League also passed away at her home in Wilmington, Indiana on August 11th. A memorial service in Edwardsville will take place at later time to be announced.

Pre-conference Workshops /State Convention

We Told Them Why Didn't They Vote? Presenters stated that poor civic engagement is a problem in our state. High school teachers can begin to teach civic education through mock elections and registration of students who will be eligible to vote when they turn 18. 53% of Illinois residents believe that our state government is corrupt .

Making an Impact with Community Programs: Pictures should be embedded in your message. Generation X(1965-81) use Facebook and text messaging. They like short term projects easy to complete. Millenials (1982-2001)are team oriented, but with a short attention span. They are multitaskers and want flexibility in scheduling.

Annual Luncheon Meeting June 13, 2015

Social Gathering August 29, 2015

The Annual Luncheon Meeting took place at the Crystal Garden in Edwardsville. 27 members attended. Cinda Schmidt gave a Treasurer's Report. A copy of the Annual Report and Directory of members was distributed. Alison Reeves, a Board member and Professor at SIUE, was the guest speaker. The Program Planning Committee prepared an interest survey which was passed out.

The Social Gathering took place at Lorraine Krusa's home. 23 members attended including our newest member Susan Jensen, who is employed in the State's Attorney's office. Cinda Schmidt brought a display of photos from the Annual Meeting. Board members brought pastries, fruit and cheese trays and a good time was had by all. Thanks to all who brought goodies. Cinda Schmidt passed out book marks of the events planned by our League for fall. She also passed out renewal forms to members present.. Enclosed were surveys prepared by the Program Planning Committee. Members who were not present will receive all this information in the mail.

LWVEA NEW & CONTINUING BOARD MEMBERS

President Evie Gorski
1st Vice President Carol Juen
2nd Vice President Lorraine Krusa
Treasurer Cinda Schmidt
Secretary Sylvia Frank

Director Carol Meek
Director Carol Gerdt
Director Yvonne Jordan
Director Carol Meek
Director Alison Reeves
Director Susan Young

We welcome volunteers. If you would like to work with other members to plan for Spring 2016, please email Evie Gorski at

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If you are interested in working on Trivia Night topics, email Lorraine Krusa at:

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