



The League of Women Voters of Elmhurst
Celebrating 75 Years of Public Policy Debate and Voter Education in our Community

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Shop Talk

December Holiday Party
At the home of Sally Hoffman

Friday, December 7th at 7:00 pm

It's time again for the Elmhurst League's annual social event -- our holiday party. Again this year the party will be at Sally Hoffman's beautiful home. On Friday, December 7, at 7:00 p.m., we will enjoy an evening of fun and socializing.

Please bring an appetizer or sweet snack, and your spouse or a friend. There will be coffee, soft drinks, and wine. As always, this get-together will be a chance to talk with old League friends and to get better acquainted with new ones.

Great Decisions
Barbara Swords

Thursday, December 6th at 9:15 am

CENTRAL ASIA: Three Power Source Rivalry (chapter 7, *Great Decisions*) offers complex topics for discussion.

Two maps in the chapter help illuminate geographic and economic issues and U. S. policy options for long-term strategy for the pursuit of U. S. interests in the region.

Its author states, "The region is especially important today because of its rich natural resource base [oil and natural gas], its fragile political and economic situation, . . . and its relations with its closest neighbors, Russia and China."

These matters will prompt lively and thoughtful discussion for Thursday, December 6, 9:15 a.m. at the home of Barbara Swords.

Membership
Sue Williams

Please welcome new member Audrey Sostak who resides in Elmhurst. Audrey joined online so we don't have a phone number or email for her at the moment.

Elmhurst LWV Voter Service

Gail Anderson

WANTED: Anyone who has participated in, wants to become involved with, or has disagreed with past decisions regarding the Candidate Forums and Online Voter Guides!

I know that there are many Leaguers out there who have ideas on how we should conduct the Candidate Forums and present the Online Voter Guides.

Instead of retroactively telling us how we SHOULD have done it, be pro-active and help formulate the guidelines OUR League will follow for these two very visible activities. Volunteering for this committee should prove to be very rewarding.

The Committee will get underway in mid-January.

LWV Elmhurst Issues and Advocacy

Cool Cities

The Cool Cities coalition continues to grow! Students from the York High School Eco Club have joined us and are eager to begin working on environmental projects, and the Elmhurst Park District sent a staff member to our last meeting.

Meanwhile, Sierran Jim Babcock and Lisa Landreth outlined the initiative to the District 205 School Board.

Elmhurst was featured on the national Cool Cities website www.coolcities.us last month and Laura Kratz wrote an article for the Sierra Club newsletter detailing how our coalition was formed and the steps we took to achieve Cool Cities status relatively quickly.

Jan Vanek and Laura met with City Manager Tom Borchert and Dennis Streicher, Director of Water/Wastewater Management to

discuss ways the Coalition can help the city (1) conduct the required CO2 emissions audit and (2) publicize the City's environmental/sustainability efforts in the community. Mr. Borchert also noted that the city's committees will need to define the direction the city wants to take in meeting the goal of reducing CO2 emissions and in expanding green practices.

The Coalition members have been asked to supply questions they would like the city departments to answer to help spread the word on what they're doing to promote sustainability. Please send your suggestions to any of our Cool Cities representatives: Jan Vanek, Chairman, Donna Blue, Gina Brigham, Laura Kratz, Lisa Landreth, Carol Rounds, and Sue Williams.

Keeping It Green

Tips and Techniques for living in a greener world

Now that Elmhurst is a Cool City, can you resolve to become a Cool Citizen for 2008? The following Pledge has been developed by our Coalition Committee to help you keep our environment at the forefront of your daily activities. Many of you are doing a lot already. Many of us can find a few more things we can do. Please sign on. Every little bit makes a difference.

ELMHURST COOL CITIES PLEDGE

I (We) believe in the goals of the Cool Cities Coalition to reduce Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) emissions to protect our environment. I (We) support the City of Elmhurst taking the lead by implementing action plans for Green Vehicle Fleets, Energy Efficiency, and Renewable Energy.

I (We) believe that it is also the responsibility of every citizen to protect the environment. I (We), therefore, pledge to further our commitment to the environment by adding 3 or more of the following actions each year.

Use Less Gasoline

- Carpool whenever possible
- Ride bike or walk short distances
- Check tire pressure monthly and keep at optimal pressure for better gas mileage
- Turn off car ignition when stopped or parked for more than 30 seconds
- If you have more than one car, always drive the most fuel-efficient car
- When buying a new car, only consider the most fuel-efficient cars and especially hybrid electric vehicles (HEVs)

Energy Efficiency

- Buy energy efficient appliances and unplug appliances when not in use
- Replace at least 3 incandescent bulbs with compact florescent light (CFL) bulbs
- Wash laundry in cold or warm water
- Install a low-flow showerhead and turn off water when brushing teeth
- Turn off all lights when not in use
- Dial the heater/AC down 2 degrees in winter and up 2 degrees in summer
- Turn off oven 10 to 15 minutes before cooking time runs out; food will continue to cook without using the extra electricity

Renewable Energy

- Use human powered lawn mowers whenever possible
- Use solar powered outdoor lights
- Learn how to support renewable energy through renewable energy brokers or Tradable Renewable Energy Certificates (www.green-e.org)
- Plant a tree or a shrub

I (We) pledge that I (We) will find more ways to **Reduce**, **Reuse**, and **Recycle** at home and at work.

Name: _____ Date: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____

Return to Elmhurst Cool Cities Coalition c/o LWV, P.O. Box 12, Elmhurst, IL 60126

For more information, go to: <http://coolcities.us/>

I give permission to print my name in any publicity, such as an ad in the newspaper.

Signature _____

New Member Profiles

Corinne Johnson

Kathy Hogan has lived in Lombard for about 23 years. She and her husband, both CPAs, established Hogan and Company 20 years ago. She has also been a Lombard Park Commissioner for about 14 years. Their daughter is now a student at the University of Illinois. As an elected official Kathy appreciates a well-run election and candidates' forum. With our early primary coming up, she hopes to assist in voter registration.

Steve and Nancy Morley moved to Elmhurst 12 years ago, but Steve grew up here. He also works in Elmhurst at Marketing Resources, a promotional agency for Fortune 500 companies. As he said, "Think games and sweepstakes." Nancy has her own radio program at Elmhurst College on Sundays, a mix of talk and Rock and Roll. Their three children are all at Jefferson School this year. When Steve was a candidate for alderman, he too saw the Elmhurst League "in action" at the candidates' forum, and they both have friends who are already members. As many of you know, Steve's mother is League member Sally Hoffman.

Richard Dickinson grew up in the south suburbs and has lived in Elmhurst for 9 years. He owns a custom building company, Julrich Homes, Incorporated, which has extended to clientele throughout the western suburbs. He enjoys spending free time with his family, particularly his two little girls. In joining League, Richard noted that participating as an aldermanic candidate gave him an appreciation for the integrity of the organization and its importance in the community. It is an organization very much worth supporting.

Carol Rounds has lived in Elmhurst for 36 years. She used to teach English and English as a Second Language (ESL) in Medina. Now she is a volunteer tutor for ESL families. In her spare time she loves to read and remains a long-time tennis player. She was a member of the Elmhurst League many years ago. She rejoined because the League is such a "viable institution". Her particular interests are the immigration issue and the environment and she is an active member of the Cool Cities initiative.

LWV Elmhurst Issues and Advocacy

Action Alert Follow-up: Peabody Mansion at Mayslake

American Express and the National Historic Trust have announced that the Peabody Mansion at Mayslake, 1717 West 31st Street in Oakbrook, is one of 15 Chicago sites that will receive Partners in Preservation Grants. The sites were selected, in part, on the basis of the number of votes they received on-line.

Back in September, the LWV Elmhurst sent out an action alert encouraging members to vote for the Mansion because our League supported the 1992 referendum that allowed the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County to purchase and begin restorations on the property.

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan will be the keynote speaker for the League's State of the State Luncheon on Thursday, January 24, 2008, at the Union League Club in Chicago, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm. The theme of this year's event is the ***State of the State's Environment***.

In Our Community

Items of Interest for League Members

Town Hall Meeting on Global Warming

Environment Illinois

Wednesday, December 5th at 7:00 pm

College of DuPage, SRC 2800

State representatives have been invited to meet with issue and policy experts on Global Warming as they discuss the issue with interested community members.

Environment Illinois has a working relationship with the LWVIL and is spearheading efforts to get the Illinois Legislature to take action to:

- Set a mandatory limit on global warming pollution from power plants and industrial facilities, gradually declining to 1990 levels by 2020.
- Adopt the same clean car standards to cut pollution from the automobile fleet by 30%. Twelve states already have these standards on the books.
- Maximize statewide energy savings through energy efficiency program, codes and standards.
- Support the development of a robust renewable energy industry.

Jane Addams Day

December 10, 2007

Illinois will celebrate the life and accomplishments of this remarkable woman for the first time this year! Not only did she establish Hull House in Chicago to help the poor, she was a founder of several organizations including the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). On December 10, 1931 she became the first – and only - American woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize

It's never too late to support your League.
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Click on Donate on Line Now located on the left side of the page or on the Support LWV button at the top, far right.

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Thank you for your support.



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LWV Elmhurst Board (if necessary) Saturday, December 8th at 9:00 am
Laura Kratz (note venue change)

Jan Addams Day Monday, December 10th

Cool Cities Coalition Wednesday, December 19th at 7:00 pm
Elmhurst Public Library

Save the Date:

Thursday, January 24th at Noon LWVIL State of the State Luncheon
Union League Club, Chicago