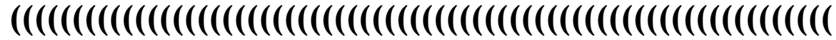


SHOP TALK

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September Calendar

Thursday, September 7, 9:15 a.m. **Great Decisions**
at the home of Kay Gavin

September General Meeting
Joint Meeting with the Field School PTA

Leo Fronza, President and CEO of Elmhurst Memorial Healthcare
Will speak on the current plans for the hospital.

on
Thursday, September 21, 7 p.m.
At the Field School Auditorium
295 Emory



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If you see an **orange dot**, it means we have not received your dues for 2006-2007.
Please send them today to Donna Blue.
Dues are \$50 a year for an individual; \$75 for two at the same address;
and \$25 for a full-time student.



President's Corner

Summer is winding down, fall is on the way, and our League is gearing up for a spectacular 75th Anniversary year!

An enthusiastic group gathered at my house in July to plan events and programs for the months ahead. 2nd Vice President **Lisa Landreth**, along with **Donna Blue, Gina Brigham, Jan Dorner, Cheri Niewara, Marilyn Thompson, Gail Anderson, Jan Vanek**, and **Jeanne Davik**, have set the stage for monthly programs on topics that will appeal to League members and the community. And our 75th Anniversary is a major milestone that will not pass unnoticed. Lisa and her committee are already working on plans for a major event and I know she welcomes your participation.

Meanwhile, our DuPage County Leagues are co-sponsoring a 6th Congressional District Candidate Forum with the College of DuPage on October 12th. With the support of a variety of area organizations, we are delighted to provide an opportunity for the general public to see both candidates and to hear their views on the issues.

On July 20th, despite thunderstorms and a power outage, we welcomed new District 205 Superintendent **Dr. Lynn Krizic**, to Elmhurst with an open house hosted by **Jan Dorner**.

The new LWV Elmhurst Board's first meeting was a training session conducted by **Mary Klonowski** of the LaGrange League. We immersed ourselves in the League culture and learned about the Illinois LWV's plans for the year.

A heartfelt thank-you goes out to **Jeanne Davik** for stepping up and putting together the summer edition of *Shop Talk* while our steadfast editor, **Carolyn Landwehr**, was moving to her new home in Lombard. And we are ever grateful to **Corinne Johnson** for the New Member Profiles that introduce us to members who have joined recently.

Meanwhile, we are pleased to welcome our newest members, **Sue Williams, Denise Hynes** and **Kelly** and **Charles Mueller**.

I look forward to seeing you at our first monthly meeting on September 21st.

Laura



Great Decisions

Our Great Decisions discussion group will meet on September 7, at 9:15 a.m. at Kay Gavin's home. Our topic will be the fifth one in the book, **Human Rights in an Age of Terrorism**. We have chosen to discuss this topic for our September meeting because we feel that it is particularly timely. (We will discuss Brazil, which would ordinarily be next, at some future meeting.) Please bring your ideas from current reading and other media to add to our background reading from the book. As always, **Evelyn Zerfoss** will try to keep our discussion focused.

If you are free on Thursday morning, please join us. We welcome new members; you can add to the discussion or just listen, if you prefer.



What's up with Elmhurst Hospital?

We've all heard the rumors, let's get the facts. Join us, along with members of the Field PTA, as Leo Fronza, President and CEO of the Elmhurst Memorial Center for Health fills us in on the plans for the new healthcare campus at the south end of town and on re-use plans for the current hospital building on Berteau Ave. We'll meet at 7:00 p.m. at the Field School auditorium, 295 Emroy. Parking is available on Emroy or in the lot behind the school. Both front and back doors will be open although the front entrance is the only one that is handicapped accessible. We are very pleased to be co-sponsoring this event with the Field PTA.



Poll Watching Project

The League of Women Voters of Illinois coordinated a poll watching project during the March 2006 Primary Election. Here is a brief summary of the results: One quarter of 116 responses to a question about observed problems noted that election judges needed assistance setting up new voting equipment. The greatest number of problems reported were regarding voting equipment failures, and the lack of timely technical assistance from election authorities. Other problems observed included some instances of electioneering, lack of privacy at voting booths, difficulty in obtaining assistance from judges, and issues related to using provisional ballots.

The Election Administration Reform Committee learned a great deal from the responses, and members are considering the best way to move forward from this poll watching effort. Much of the value of the Poll Watching Project lies in how the results may help the League craft voter education opportunities for the future.



Membership Donna Blue

To facilitate preparation of the new 2006-2007 Directory and Yearbook and the mailing labels for *Shop Talk*, members are requested to review the current membership roster in the 2005-2006 Directory and submit updates or corrections to address, telephone number, or e-mail address. **Members who have not yet paid their dues this year need to submit them as soon as possible to ensure inclusion in the new Directory and continued receiving of *Shop Talk*.**

Please send your updates/corrections or dues payments to Donna Blue: membership@lwvelmhurst.org. Please welcome the following new members: Sue Williams, Denise Hynes, Kelly and Charles Mueller.

A Reminder: You can view both current and back issues of *Observer Reports* and *Shop Talk* by visiting our website – www.lwvelmhurst.org . At the top of the homepage , click on the *Observer Reports* button to see those files. For *Shop Talk*, click on the Members Page button to access this handy resource.



Connecting the Dots.....Keeping the Lake Clean

Lake Michigan Interleague Organization Annual Meeting
Friday-Saturday, October 6 & 7, 2006
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The Lake Michigan ILO Annual Meeting will focus on clean water issues at the Radisson North Shore this year. Conference speakers include Dr. Rebecca Klaper of the Great Lakes Water Institute, who is researching pharmaceuticals contaminants in water, and Kevin Shaefer, of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MSD) which maintains an extensive water quality monitoring program to aid in pollution abatement, facilities planning, and flood control. Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle, Chairman of the Great Lakes Governors' Council, has also been invited to speak. The two-day program also includes tours of the MSD, WATER Institute facilities, and Pier Wisconsin, Milwaukee's new lakefront education center.

Registration is required by September 10, 2006. For further information and registration form, please contact Laura Kratz at president@lwvelmhurst.org .

News from the League of Women Voters of the U.S.

The judicial panel, "Merit Selection? Elections? Appointments? Understanding the System to Defend the Courts," held at the League's 47th Biennial Convention is now available via video streaming on the LWWUS Web site. The panel was organized by the Safeguarding U.S. Democracy program with funding from the Constitutional and Legal Policy Program of the Open Society Institute.

Significant new legislation to provide voting rights in the House of Representatives for citizens of the District of Columbia is making its way through Congress with a subcommittee hearing scheduled for September 14.

On September 8-10 in Washington, DC, the LWWUS will cosponsor Seize the Moment: a National Conference on the Public Financing of Elections with Public Campaign and other coalition partners. The three-day conference will allow participants to explore new opportunities, refine strategy, hone their advocacy skills, learn new organizing techniques, share experiences with peers -- and learn from those who have made change happen where they live.

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