



League of Women Voters of Illinois

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Meet LWVIL Treasurer



Nancy Clark
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A League member since the '80's, Nancy has been treasurer of the Oak Park-River Forest League and of the Day Nursery in Oak Park-River Forest. She is an AARP Tax Aide and volunteers at the Economy Shop (a resale shop benefiting 6 charities). She spent 30 years as a computer programmer and systems analyst. She has a daughter who makes jewelry in New York and an entrepreneurial son in San Francisco.

You will be introduced to all of the 2011-13 LWVIL Board Members in the next year.

WEBINARS for League Leaders

Did you know that LWV has a webinar library available to all Leaguers? There are

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LWVIL ISSUES BRIEFING

The 2012 Issues Briefing will be held Saturday, January 28 at the [University Center](#), 525 South State Street, Chicago, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Topics include: Voting in Illinois; Sustainable Food and Water - Protecting Our Food Supply; Legislative Outlook 2012; LWVUS Privatization Study; helpful suggestions for Planners and Moderators for candidate forums; info on the LWVIL Pension Study and the impact of the Illinois Smart Grid. If you can't be there all day, come for either the morning session or afternoon workshops. More information and the registration form are on the [LWVIL website](#) and in the upcoming Illinois Voter.

Membership

Looking for ways to become active and help the League?

Become a coach for LWVIL under the LWVUS Membership/Leadership Development program. You can be a liaison from the LWVIL board to local Leagues and a resource for a local League. If interested, please contact [Joni Painter](#). Joni is the LWVIL coordinator for this program.

Gerrymandering Lawsuit Update:

The court granted the defendants' motion to dismiss. The LWVIL/EF Board voted to appeal this and our attorney has already filed a motion to reconsider. The Board also committed up to \$5,000 to make a direct appeal to the Supreme Court, basically for printing costs.

Please Support League

Letters were recently sent to all members asking for your continued financial support of League activities. Please consider making LWVIL part of your holiday giving. (A bonus to giving now is that you will not be called during spring phonathon.)

Candidate Filing Dates Affected by Gerrymandering Lawsuits

The 3 judge panel for the one of the Republican gerrymandering lawsuits (for Congressional districts) has

many topics that will be helpful to you whether you are a new leader or an experienced one.

Visit the Webinar Library [HERE](#).

changed the beginning filing date from Nov. 28th to Dec. 23rd (IF the court makes a decision by Dec. 21st. If they don't, it could get pushed back even further. NOTE: This different filing date is just for Congressional candidates.) So, for all candidates, except those who are running for Congress, filing dates are Nov. 28th through Dec. 5th. As of this date, those candidates filing for a Congressional seat have filing dates of Dec. 23th through Dec. 27th.

LWVUS website

The LWVUS website has been redesigned - check out www.lvw.org. This new site will better showcase the work done by Leagues - local, state and national.

Local League Happenings

Wednesday, December 14: 7:00 pm, Status of Federal Health Care Reform, Speaker: [Jillian Phillips](#), Chicagoland Organizer, Campaign for Better Health Care, Park Forest Public Library, 400 Lakewood Blvd, Park Forest, IL (LWV Park Forest Area)

Saturday, December 17, 2011: 9:30am, Cook County Board of Elections Chicago Deputy Voter Registrar Training. Please call the LWV Chicago (312-939-5949) at least three days before to register.

Wednesday, December 21: 6:00 pm. Cook County Board of Elections Chicago Deputy Voter Registrar Training. Please call the LWV Chicago (312-939-5949) at least three days before to register.

Wednesday, January 11, 2012: 5-7pm, Chicago Government in Focus, Speaker: [Alexandra Holt](#), Budget Director, City of Chicago, Union League Club, 65 W Jackson (LWV Chicago and Union League Club)

Thursday, January 26, 2012: Priceless - "A non-partisan look at the consequences of big-money campaign donations and a Capitol overrun by lobbyists." Screening of documentary by Steve Cowan, followed by discussion, Palatine Village Hall, 200 E. Wood St., Palatine (LWV Palatine Area)

Wednesday, February 8, 2012, 5-7pm, Chicago Government in Focus. Speaker: [Mariyana Spyropoulos](#), Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, Union League Club, 65 W Jackson (LWV Chicago and Union League Club)

Wishing You All Happy Holidays