

Member Survey

Based on a member survey conducted during the previous year, we set forth to ...

- be more visible, which we are working towards with increased public relations and social media efforts.
- include all the communities we serve and hold more events in these communities. Voter forums were held in each of our communities and our program on the judiciary was held in Warrentville. These efforts will expand.
- place more emphasis on political awareness and local issues which we are accomplishing through our programs and drinks and discussions.
- work on our “nonpartisan” image, which is included in our new membership brochure, social media summaries and community interactions
- build stronger relationships through socialization. These efforts include networking prior to our program meetings at an earlier hour, recruiting members to welcome new attendees and members at meetings, a new member orientation, and our Book Club.

Membership

- Currently have 73 members including 13 new members.
- Held a new member orientation in June to have new members learn more about the League and how to get more involved.

Program Meetings

- To attract new members, began the year with a well-attended and enjoyable presentation by an Agatha Christie reenactor at Prairie Path Books.
- In October, an overview of the Du Page Judiciary was presented by Circuit Judge Paul M. Fullerton, which was followed by a meet and greet with judicial candidates for the 18th Judicial Circuit.
- In November, with the Wheaton Warrentville PTA Council, presented a round table discussion on District 200 early childhood educational programs and needs with Superintendent Jeff Schuyler.
- Addressed misconceptions about sex offenders and how the offender registry works during the January program on Sex Offenders: A Difficult Subject that Needs to be Discussed.
- Ended the year with a panel on water quality and a presentation conducted by our local League on lead testing in the public buildings in our five communities.
- Plans for 2017-18 year include programs on Running for Office, Media Literacy and Guns – A Public Health and Safety Crisis.

Drinks and Discussion

- At the fall gathering at Cooper’s Corner, discussed the role of cities today and the difficulties they are facing due to the decreased State funding. Former Village Managers from Carol Stream and Wheaton explained the problems currently facing city government.
- At the spring session, hosted Dick Simpson, former Chicago Alderman and professor of political science at University of Illinois, at Prairie Path books. Mr. Simpson spoke about corruption in Illinois and the difficulty engaging citizens in the political process.

Voter Services

Candidate Forums

- Sponsored a total of eight candidate forums or meet and greets.
- In the fall, sponsored a candidate Meet and Greet for all candidates on the November Ballot in conjunction with Wheaton North High School. Students and community met one on one with County and State Candidates.
- In the spring, co-sponsored with the Western Chambers of Commerce candidate forums in West Chicago, Winfield and Wheaton for township, city council and school board candidates.
- Sponsored City Council, Township and School Board Forums in Wheaton.
- Held a meet and greet for all Carol Stream Candidates.

National Day of Registration and Mock Elections

- Participated in the National Day of Registration by coordinating the voter registration of approximately 100 new voters at high schools within the League's service area.
- The League also coordinated a mock election for all service area high schools. Over 2,500 votes were cast by students who experienced voting with equipment provided by the DuPage County Election Commission.

Voter Registration

- Voter Registration takes place once a month at the Wheaton Library. Volunteers also registered voters at the Taste of Wheaton, Wheaton French Market, Wheaton College and area high schools.
- 17 Registrars were trained in February to sign on new voters.

LWV Coalition for College of DuPage

- Served as a catalyst in forming a coalition with LWVs of Elmhurst, Downers Grove-Woodridge-Lisle, and Roselle-Bloomingtondale, to ensure that the governance of the College of DuPage is transparent and accountable. Member leagues share the responsibility of observing the monthly COD Board meetings and distributing their reports to all the Leagues in Community College District 502.

Wheaton City Council

- Observe Wheaton City Council meetings twice a month.

Members Book Club

- Members meet every other month for book discussion and camaraderie. Books have included *The Underground Railroad*, *My Life on the Road* and *Our Souls at Night*.

Community

- Serves as a member/participant in the Upper Mississippi River ILO and the Lake Michigan Region LWV.
- Belong to three area chambers of commerce and was a featured member in the Wheaton Chamber e-newsletter this past fall.

Social Media

- Continue to expand using our [website](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#) to update members and the community on current programs and issues.