



League of Women Voters of Illinois  
58th Biennium

Hilton Garden Inn Chicago O'Hare  
Des Plaines, Illinois

Saturday and Sunday, June 10th & June 11th 2017  
**CONVENTION REGISTRATION**

The registration is two pages; please complete **both and** submit a separate copy for each delegate, alternate and visitor.

- Return to the League office: LWVIL, 332 S. Michigan, #634, Chicago, IL 60604 by **Monday, May 22, 2017**.
- Register online [here](#) by May 22nd.

**REGISTRATION FEES (check one) Convention Registration Deadline is May 22, 2017**

- Delegate \$125.00 (includes full convention packet and voting credentials)
- Alternate \$125.00 (includes full convention packet; alternate may substitute for voting delegate)
- Friday Workshops \$45 Choose two workshops. **(descriptions on second page/reverse side of this form).**
- Saturday Visitor \$45 (includes convention packet and floor pass).
- Sunday Visitor \$15 (includes convention packet and floor pass).

Name as you would like it to appear on your nametag: \_\_\_\_\_

Local League \_\_\_\_\_ Board position / function, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**MEAL PACKAGES: No meal package substitutions, please.**

- Full Meal Package \$135 (Saturday breakfast, buffet lunch and dinner; Sunday breakfast)
- Saturday lunch buffet \$40 Speaker: Wylecia Wiggs Harris, PhD, CEO, League of Women Voters of the US
- Saturday dinner only \$60 Speaker: Kyra Kyles, Editor-in-Chief, *Ebony Magazine*; Carrie Chapman Catt Award; Silent Auction

**SATURDAY DINNER ENTREEÉ (select one)**

- Beef tri-tips with madeira demi-glaze sauce
- Roasted vegetables and mushroom risotto
- Carolina pecan encrusted Atlantic cod

Let us know of any dietary requirements \_\_\_\_\_

**HOTEL SLEEPING ROOMS**

\$109/per night, single or double plus taxes. | Rooms available both Friday night the 9th and Saturday night the 10th. | Please make your reservation directly with the hotel: follow this link to make your reservation: <http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/O/ORDCHGI-LWV-20170608/index.jhtml>.

If you are unable to access the link, please call the hotel directly at **1.847.296.8900 with the code: LWV**.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE RESERVATION DEADLINE FOR THIS RATE IS **TUESDAY, MAY 16th**. This rate is available until the cut-off date or when all rooms within the LWVIL block have been sold whichever happens first. After that date, guest rooms that are available in the hotel's general inventory will be charged at the regular hotel best available rate.

Parking at the hotel is \$8.00 per day.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 9th Pre-Convention Program

The LWWIL Convention, Issues and Membership Committees have worked hard to put together interesting and useful pre-convention workshops on Friday, June 9, 2017.

Please select ONE topic for each Session.

The \$45.00/person covers the cost of both.

Check the LWWIL website for updates as additional speakers are confirmed. Here is the line-up:

### SESSION I: 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Environmental Justice: Past, Present.** The problems of environmental justice have existed as long as industrialization and will continue as long as people and governments fail or choose to ignore the “others” in our society who unfairly bear the human costs of the waste caused by our economic engines and the chemicals we create to improve America. How did we arrive at environmental inequalities in American and how we can address this issue in Illinois?, will be the focus of the presentation. Sylvia Hood Washington, PhD, is an environmental epidemiologists, engineer and historian who was the first African-American scholar to publish a formal history of environmental injustices in the United States, will present.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Using Social Media Effectively.** AnnMarie Lawrence (LWV Homewood-Flossmoor Publicity Chair) will demonstrate how to use Facebook to schedule posts, add links, publicize events, obtain followers — and more. Bring your charged cell phone or laptop to this interactive and practical presentation.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Discussing Controversial Topics.** Barb Laimins (LWV Wheaton, Voter Service Chair) and liaison for the mentoring program and a curriculum trainer with the McCormick Foundation Civics Education program, will, during this session, explore strategies teachers are using to engage students in productive discussions of controversial topics: techniques to serve us well in many settings.

### SESSION II: 3:00—4:30 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Engaging New Members & Developing Tomorrow’s League Leaders:** In the past few months local leagues have seen an increase in their memberships. How can leagues engage these new members effectively to keep them as members and encourage them to become productive members? What strategies can be used to develop future leaders? Melissa Currence, Ruth Shur National Membership Leadership Development (MLD) coach for LWWIL along with members of local leagues in Illinois, will offer suggestions and strategies to answer these questions.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Advocacy Through Alliances and Collaboration** —Learn tips, techniques, and tools for community collaboration and empowerment based on the experiences of the LWV of Jo Daviess County. Bonnie Cox, former LWV Jo Daviess President and founding leader of the Upper Mississippi River Region (UMMER) ILO will share her LWV story and the engagement with an ever-widening circle of concerned citizens to address water issues in the Upper Mississippi River Watershed. Kelly Nicholas, organizer for Mom’s Clean Air Force, will share best practices she has utilized in Illinois, particularly in her work in Lake County with, among others the LWV of Lake County.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Consolidation of Government Units Local Program Toolbox.** After delegates to the 2015 LWWIL Convention adopted a position on consolidation, the LWWIL Issues Committee formed a sub-committee made up of members from leagues throughout Illinois to study what is happening regionally and legislatively on this hot topic. Members of the sub-committee will share a legislative update and suggest ways to engage, education and advocate locally on the topic. State legislators focused on the issue have been invited to share their insights.

## FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 9TH DINE-AROUND OPPORTUNITIES

Pre-convention “dine-arounds” at area restaurants; these have been identified as possibilities:

- Carlucci Rosemont ([carluccirosmont.com](http://carluccirosmont.com)), 611 N River Road, Rosemont | Italian Cuisine
- Maria’s Mexican Restaurant ([mariasmexicanrestaurant.com](http://mariasmexicanrestaurant.com)), 9440 W. Foster Avenue, Chicago | Mexican Cuisine
- Ram Restaurant and Brewery ([theram.com](http://theram.com)), 9520 W. Higgins Rd, Rosemont | Burgers, salads, sandwiches

So that we can get an accurate count of Leaguers interested in this dining experience, please let us know:

I am definitely interested in participating in the Dine-Around  
on Friday, June 9th and my tentative restaurant choice is: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration	\$
Friday June 9th pre-convention sessions (\$45 for two)	\$
Meal package or individual meal costs	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>

This registration form will be available on the LWWIL website along with other Convention 2017 information, including the ability to pay registration, pre-convention sessions, and meal plan options via PayPal.

All registrations must be received at the LWWIL office no later than Monday, May 22, 2017

For those mailing a registration, all forms, including payment, must be returned to the League of Women Voters of Illinois, 332 South Michigan Avenue, Suite 634 Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Refunds/Late Charges: a \$25 late charge will be applied to all registrations postmarked after May 22, 2015. No registration changes will be accepted after June 5th. A \$25 processing fee will be deducted from any refund. Any charges incurred by LWWIL because the refund request was received after any hotel deadline cannot be refunded.