

Leaders Update

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LWVUS Convention 2016: Washington, DC Update

Turns out that June 16-19 is a busy time for conventions in DC. The first block of hotel rooms set aside for delegates has already been sold out. A second has been secured, but you'll need to act fast to get a reservation. The cut-off date for room reservations is May 23rd.

Register for Convention online by May 31 to avoid late fees. For more info:

<http://forum.lwv.org/category/member-resources/council-and-convention/convention-2016>

Also, by May 31, please remember to **vote for LWV Jo Daviess County!** They, along with three other local leagues, have been nominated for an award in the **Effective Community Engagement** category.

Anyone, not just members, can vote. Follow this link to learn more about their project and then vote for Jo Daviess County: <http://lwv.org/blog/help-us-recognize-local-league-effectively-engaged-their-community? ga=1.260992521.504427552.1438205183b>

If your league is sending delegates to the Convention, please let us know who they are by e-mailing info@lwvil.org

Annual Meetings

May and June are Annual Meeting season for Leagues across the State.

Here are resource links to help make your 2016 meeting the best one yet!
<http://www.lwvil.org/resources-for-leaders.html> - scroll down under **Membership Chairs, Resource List** to find:

- [Annual Meeting Planning - Guidelines for Annual Meeting Committees](#)
- [Sample Script for Annual Meeting](#)

From the LWVUS website <http://forum.lwv.org/member-resources/article/membership-leadership-development-ml-d-guidances-opportunities> - scroll down under **Basics** to find:

- [Annual Meetings - February, 2013](#)

To make sure that state league information gets distributed to the right Board members of your local league, LWVIL needs an updated roster of you new Board. Please forward the names, offices, portfolio assignments and email address for your new Board to info@lwvil.org

State of the State 2016

From: The 2016 League of Women Voters of Illinois State of the State Planning Committee

RE: Your league can help support the event by purchasing an ad in the event program book

The League of Women Voters of Illinois is planning our 2016 State of the State luncheon. This year's event will take place on Wednesday, September 21 at the Union League Club of Chicago.

The theme of our 2016 event, "Democracy Goes Back to School: Celebrating Civics Education in Illinois," acknowledges the passage of HB4025 which creates a high school civics curriculum requirement.

And, your league can help us celebrate by attending the event and/or by purchasing an ad in the 2016 Program Book. The response to this invitation in 2015 was wonderful. Details [HERE](#).

Membership

There are currently 14 Leagues in Illinois participating in the Membership and Leadership Development (**MLD**) program. The efforts of those 14 leagues with support from the program saw one league (**Greater Peoria**) add 17 members between February 2015 and February 2016, another (**McLean County**) gained 20 new members during the same period.

The 14 leagues together saw a 2.2% jump in membership. Though 2.2% may not look significant, it is. If your league would like to join the MLD program, make sure you contact Erin Roeper, eroeper@lwwil.org.

Calendar your Events on the lwwil.org web site. Boost your League's visibility by posting your meetings, voter registration drives, candidate forums and other events on the LWWIL website calendar and follow through posting to your Facebook page and/or send it to info@lwwil.org to post on the State League's Facebook page. Remember, search engine rankings go up by including photos -- become that member who always catches the right action shot!

Does your League use LEW (League Easy Web)? Here is a brief update: *the League of Women Voters of California has agreed to continue to offer this service through the end of 2016. There will be more specifics about Easy Web provided during the 2016 LWWVUS Convention and we will update you accordingly.*

As a reminder to your **database Roster Managers**, as LWWIL continues to work out some of the kinks of importing the LWWVUS data into the LWWIL database, it is critical that your league's input is as complete and up-to-date as possible. Database updates should be done at the local league level regularly, not just once a year.