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## President's Corner

**Mary Truss**

The leaves are falling and fall is surely here. Oh how time flies when we are having fun while we work. And speaking of work, yes the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration was a bit of work for some of us. I want to say thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make everything fall into place. The news papers and Park Forest E-News gave us great coverage.

The 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration was attended by people from the public, League members, elected officials, local and state candidates. Scott Lee Cohen candidate for governor and candidate for Tax Assessor, Brendan Houlihan, congratulated the League of Women Voters for 90 years of good work. One of our guests got excited about the work that the league is doing and joins the League of Women Voters Park Forest Area. We welcomed her and assured her that we would put her to work soon.

Nancy Marcus, president of the League of Women voters Illinois was our guest speaker. Nancy's speech was great and we learned a lot. I was very happy to have her there to answer the green party's questions. The cake and the other goodies were delicious and a great time was had by all.

The voter service committee has been very busy with registering voters and mock elections. The next step is to get out the vote and plan for voter registration after the November election and the spring candidates forums. For more information on voter services see the voter service article. The voter service committee will need the league members help in the near future.

Don't forget the Observer Corps Training in November. This training will be conducted by Barbara Sturges. For more information on Observer Corps Training, contact Barbara Sturges at [bikebarbara@juno.com](mailto:bikebarbara@juno.com).

While you are on the computer take a look or visit your website [www.LWVPFA.org](http://www.LWVPFA.org). You will learn something new each time you visit your website. Pamela Wickliffe is doing a great job with the website. We want you to keep-up with all the happenings. Speaking of happenings, this league

## Website Update

**Pamela Wickliffe**

### Website

Please take a look at the homepage of the LWVPFA website at [www.lwvpfa.org](http://www.lwvpfa.org). There is a new **Vote411** widget there that allows you to locate your polling place by entering in your address. This is especially helpful for people who have recently moved, so be sure to pass on this information to any new neighbors.

**Vote 411** is also covering the following races: Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Comptroller, Treasurer, US Senator, Representatives in Congress, State Reps, and those State Senatorial districts that are up for election. Please check out the **Vote411** website and recommend it to your friends. It is developed by the League of Women Voter's Education Fund.

### Save the date

In addition to the programs highlighted in the President's Report, here are League events that may not be on your calendar:

- November – Observer Corps Training
- Saturday, December 4—Leadership Rap, LWVIL office, 10 am
- Saturday, January 23, 2011 – Program Planning
- Saturday, February 5—2011 Issues Briefing, Chicago, 8:30 am
- Late April-Early May— 2011, State of the State Chicago
- June 10-12, 2011—Illinois State League Convention, Skokie, IL

Please check the league website for updated Calendar and Board Meeting listings (open to all). If you are available for any of these days, we look forward to seeing you.

**Don't forget to vote on November 2nd!!!!**



# MEMBERSHIP

## Mary Brown

First, I would like to introduce our new members –

Carolyn Cosentino	cose1814@comcast.net
Rosemary Nettles	rozikas@aol.com
Velda Erie	vgerie60478@yahoo.com

Welcome and we look forward to working with you.

For those of you who have not sent in your membership renewals please do so. Membership and Voter Services have briefly discussed teaming up and going to Prairie State and GSU to educate and recruit new members. This will be both a very important opportunity and an exciting way to introduce young people to the League and all we have to offer. In order to accomplish this, we need some additional people so if you are interested, please let us know.

(lwpfa—yours & mine) will have a **Holiday Potluck December 20, 2010** at 22013 Governors Highway, Richton Park, IL. **The Cocktail Party/Silent Auction Fund Raiser** will be January 6, 2011 at the Tall Grass Art Center 350 Artist Way, Park Forest, IL. **Program Planning** will be held on January 23, 2011 (time – TBA) at the 22013 Governors Highway, Richton Park, IL. **Program Planning is the most important event of the year for league members.** This is the time that we review and decide which programs we will study, or review. We don't meet with our full membership often so program planning is a great opportunity to meet your fellow members and participate in setting the goals for the League of Women Voters Park Forest Area.

In order for the League of Women Voters Park Forest Area to thrive, we need the participation of its members.

## Programs

### Pamela Wickliffe

#### Observer Corps Training

November 2010

Park Forest, IL 60466

Join the League in one of its most important functions, taking notes and reporting on public meetings in our area. This training opportunity is for civic leadership within the League.

#### Holiday Potluck

Monday, December 20, 2010, 6:30 PM

Rich Township

22013 Governors Highway

Richton Park, IL 60471

Bring a friend who is interested in the League, and some holiday food to share.

#### Cocktail Party

Thursday, January 6, 2011, 7 PM

Tall Grass Art Center

Park Forest, IL 60466

Fun and fundraiser for LWVPFA. Let's kick the New Year off with good will and cheer. In order to insure the continued success of previous years, we need your assistance in obtaining items for the silent auction baskets. If there are questions or clarifications needed, please feel free to email Mary Dankowski at [mdankowski@vopf.com](mailto:mdankowski@vopf.com), or the League president, Mary Truss, at [President@lwpfa.org](mailto:President@lwpfa.org).

## Voter Services

### Patricia Cline

The Voter Services' Committee registered students at Rich Central, Crete Monee, and Rich East High School.

Claudette Hall and I registered about 40 eligible seniors at the three schools. We also participated in Mock Elections at Bloom and Rich Central. I thought these were conducted very professionally by Cook County and the schools. A special thanks to Carolyn Cosentino from Rich Central and Donna Jern from Bloom, and of course to Claudette! We will be conducting candidate forums for the upcoming local elections. We will need a lot of help. Please contact me at 708-747-0381 708-747-0381, if you are interested.

## LWVIL Convention 2011

### Sharon A. McGuire

Help LWVIL MAP THE FUTURE at the State Convention – June 10-12, 2011

Convention is at the Holiday Inn, North Shore Chicago at 5300 Touhy in Skokie, IL 60077

Convention Committee is planning an exciting, educational and entertaining event. Don't miss it – start planning now. Room rates are reasonable, and the rooms can be shared. The cost per room, including tax, is about \$105 per night.

Friday – June 10, 2011 – Workshops on a variety of topics are still being developed – but will include redistricting, nut and bolt of League and many other topics. If you have an idea for a meaningful workshop, email it to [info@lwwil.org](mailto:info@lwwil.org).

Saturday – June 11, 2011 – Opening session will start at 9 am. We have invited LWVUS President Elizabeth McNamara to be our keynote speaker. We will hear many reports and discuss relevant topics. Saturday evening is our banquet, at which time the Carrie Chapman Catt winner will be presented, and the entertainment will be the Chicago Bar Association Traveling Road Show. Spouses and friends are welcome to attend the Friday and Saturday night dinners, enjoy the entertainment, and have an opportunity to network.

Sunday – June 12, 2011 – Sunday morning we will elect officers and state board members, and determine the LWVIL program of issues for 2011-2013. Be there and have your voice heard!

Pubs and Wares and Silent Auction will again be featured, enticing you to bid and buy – and maybe make money for you local Leagues. Caucuses on issues and budget will be included. Plus, this is Networking time for Leaguers from all over Illinois.

Don't miss the 2011 LWVIL Convention in Skokie, IL  
June 10-12, 2011

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11/02/2010	ELECTION DAY
11/2010	OBSERVER CORPS TRAINING
12/20/2010	HOLIDAY POTLUCK
01/06/2011	COCKTAIL PARTY
01/23/2011	PROGRAM PLANNING
02/05/2011	ISSUES BRIEFING
06/10-12/2011	LWVIL CONVENTION



## News from League of Women Voters of Illinois

**Sharon A. McGuire**

### 2011 LWVIL CONVENTION: Skokie, June 10-12

"Mapping the Future" ...of our communities and League.

Voice what issues are most important to you and your community. Network with Leaguers from all over the State. Learn from relevant and informative workshops.

**Have fun!** You can do all this at the 2011 LWVIL Convention. Hope you can join us.

### LEAGUE LEADERS needed for 2011 LWVIL BOARD

The Nominating Committee is actively seeking suggestions for the 2011 LWVIL Board. You are all eligible to submit the names of people who would be good leaders for the Illinois League. Don't forget yourself! Don't be shy! Write the chair, Janet Kittlaus, [info@lwvil.org](mailto:info@lwvil.org), and request a Nominee Recommendation Form.

### Initiative to RECALL the GOVERNOR to appear on November 2 Ballot

[Quick Facts](#)      [Full Explanation of Recall Amendment](#)  
Found at LWVIL website.

### COMMISSION EVALUATES JUDGES up for RETENTION in Cook County

Read how the Judicial Retention Commission operated. Find links to the results of their research, along with the Commission's opinion regarding each judge (*Note: Those outside Cook County will also find this discussion very interesting.*)

### Additional Source of Candidate Information

Read the candidate responses to the [CHANGE Illinois!](#) Candidate questionnaire — 20 Questions about campaign contribution limits, public financing of elections, transparency, lobbying, redistricting, judicial selection and other key reform issues.



## ***90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the League of Women Voters***

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS PARK FOREST AREA welcomes all persons interested in promoting responsible government at any level. Good government does not happen without active citizen participation. The LWV studies issues, gets to know public officials, observes at public meetings, lobbies on issues, registers voters, and provides many educational services

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