



## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

League of Women Voters of Greater Rockford

# Rockford VOTER

December 2012

JOYCE HOLMBERG  
has broken her leg  
and is staying at P.A.  
Peterson, 1311  
Parkview, 61107.

We wish her a  
speedy recovery.

### ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

The Environmental Issues Committee met on Nov. 27 and had good discussion about genetically modified foods. Proposition 37, an initiative that was on the ballot on Nov. 6 in California failed. It proposed that the food industry had to label foods that had been genetically modified in any form. The food industry put in tons of money to convince people that it would be unnecessary and too expensive for them. There was a report on the book *Wheat Belly* by William Davis MD, a renowned cardiologist, who suggests that there is concern that the genetic modification of wheat could effect health negatively. We will next read the book *Full Planet, Empty Plates The New Geopolitics of Food Scarcity*, by Lester R. Brown, president of Earth Policy Institute and recipient of many prestigious awards. Our next meeting will be the 4th Tues. in January - Jan. 22 at 11:30 at Katie's Cup. Come one, come all - Diane Cushing (chair)

### **MEETINGS:**

#### VOTER SERVICE COMMITTEE:

LWVGR BOARD  
MEETING: the  
second Monday,  
North Suburban  
Library, 5:00.

HEALTH CARE  
COMMITTEE: third  
Thursday, 5:30 p.m.  
P.A.Peterson

IR COMMITTEE:

LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT:

EDUCATION:

ENVIRONMENTAL  
ISSUES:

### HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE

The Health Care committee will not meet on Dec. 20th.

We will meet on

Thursday, Jan. 17, 2013

5:30- 6:30 p.m.

at P. A. Peterson Center for Health Library,

1311 Parkview Ave. Rockford 61107

Chairman, Elaine Pfluger new phone number (779) 423-0342

### EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Education Committee did not meet in November but will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 18th at 9 am at the Stockholm Inn.

### Historian

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The League needs a volunteer to collect newspaper clippings and add to the Leagues history that is complete through the 1990's.

This is a job that wouldn't take much time, does not require going to meetings, but is vital to keeping the local League viable.

If you are interested and want to learn more contact Ann Powell 815 222-8208 or email [powell4040@comcast.net](mailto:powell4040@comcast.net) .

**JOIN THE FESTIVITIES**

**90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION,  
DECEMBER 8, 2012, 9:00 A.M.,**

**GIOVANNI'S RESTAURANT**

To celebrate our 90th anniversary, we have planned a morning of entertainment and reminiscences. State and local dignitaries have been invited, and our State League President will be present.

Reservation fee is \$20. Call Ann Powell, as the reservation date has passed.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Wednesday, January 23**  
Stockholm Inn  
State/Local Program Planning Meeting

**ISSUES BRIEFING**  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2013**

*LWVIL CONVENTION*  
*JUNE 7-9, 2013*

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