



League of Women Voters of Greater Rockford

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Rockford VOTER

June - July 2012

LWVGR Fund Raiser

Thanks to our loyal league members we have raised just under \$3000 towards our \$5000 goal.

The money allows us to continue with voter service activities and forums; public information meetings; action committees; communication on the internet and on paper; and other organizational expenses.

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VOTER SERVICE SUMMER PLANS

After registering over 300 high school students for the March 20 Primary, 2012, and the November 6, 2012, Election, Voter Service continues to make plans for the summer.

We hope to recruit more League Deputy Registrars for the November 6 Election and will be contacting various League members who may be interested in helping register voters for the November election. The Rockford City Board of Elections has scheduled a training session on Tuesday, August 28, at 5:30 p.m. at the City Board of Elections, 301 South Sixth Street, phone - 815-987-5750. Anyone in the city or county who cannot make this meeting may call and schedule individual training during the day, either at the city or the Winnebago County Clerk's office at 319-4252.

Sometime in August around 5:30 or 6:00 p.m, perhaps August 14,15, or 16, there will be an informational meeting for old Deputy Registrars and potential new Deputy Registrars to compare notes. This meeting will occur at Jane McAfee's church, a popular place for League meetings.

We are also planning our annual summer potluck at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 2, this time at Sue Stephen's home in DeKalb and will try to combine business with pleasure.

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE

iRead Volunteer Opportunity: The Education Committee met with representatives of the Harlem school district and United Way to learn about iRead, a reading mentor program used by both the Harlem and Rockford districts. The idea is to pair a volunteer reading mentor with children K-3rd grade. The volunteer spends 20 minutes a week with their child and ideally follows that child through the four years they're in the program. The idea is to foster a positive relationship with an identified child and through this relationship, work to both improve children's reading skills and their love of reading. Volunteers can have up to three students to mentor.

By the fourth grade, children should be reading to learn ideas, not learning to read. shown that children who do not read at grade level by third grade are more likely to become poor students and potential drop outs.

iRead is looking for volunteers to mentor as well as volunteers to help with the June 21st with sign-ups at the United Way's Day of Action at RVC. If you're interested in this volunteer opportunity, either as a mentor or to help with the Day of Action, please contact Ann Research has Kaye at the United Way at ann@unitedwayrrv.org or call her at 815-968-5400.

The Education Committee will meet June 19th at the Stockholm Inn at 9 AM. Our guests will be Karen Biescke and Molly Phalen, president and past president of the REA. They will speak on the pension as well as the positive directions in which they see RPS moving.

Please join us if you can. All are welcome.

Claire McIntyre, chair

MEETINGS FOR June

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

MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE

IR COMMITTEE:

LOCAL

GOVERNMENT:

The League would like to welcome back Annie Hose-Ryan as a renewing member.

EDUCATION:

June 19, 9:00 at
Stockholm Inn

Please remember that your membership renewals are due this month. You may send your renewal form and check to Ann Powell at 4040 Pepper Dr, Rockford, 61114.

**ENVIRONMENTAL
ISSUES:**

WHAT WE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE 2012 FARM BILL

CAUCUS

STEP UP TO THE PLATE & AG-VOCATE!

When: Right after the Meet & Greet Friday, June 8, 8:00-9:30 p.m.

Where: Jefferson East Sponsor: LWV Glenview, IL

The League has positions (e.g. sustainable agriculture and others under natural resources, social policy, & trade) that have direct bearing on many of the 15 titles (sections) of the Farm Bill, which is reauthorized every 5-7 years and expires September 30, 2012. Consumer awareness of how our food is produced has increased dramatically since the 2008 Farm Bill and voters are interested in topics like organic food production, soil & water conservation, nutrition, food safety, commodity subsidies, and biofuels. People are beginning to see their ability to live healthy lives starts with the food system.

Experts from the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition will address how to take action on the key provisions of the Farm Bill that affect our lives. The Coalition is an alliance of 93 grassroots farm, food, rural, and conservation organizations that advocates for federal policy reform to advance the sustainability of agriculture, food systems, natural resources, and rural communities.

Make your voice heard on food issues.

PLEASE copy and email this information to your League's delegates!

Questions to: lwvfood@gmail.com

LWVGR Membership Renewal Form

LWVGR year begins July 1 and ends June 30- dues for 2012-2013 are due July 1, 2012

Name _____
 Address _____
 Zip _____ E-Mail _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell
 Phone _____

Membership Categories:

Individual Membership \$60.00 Young Member (under age 35) \$20.00 Household two
 members at the same address \$90.00

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIPS (includes basic membership)

Carrie Chapman Catt - LWVUS Founder \$75.00
 Susan B. Anthony -Suffragist 1800s 100.00
 Elizabeth Cady Stanton - Suffragist 1800s 150.00
 Julia Lathrop, LWVGR Founder 200.00
 Additional Contribution or Pledge \$ _____
 Life membership free with 50 years of membership. Do you qualify?

Please send checks today to
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