



# BULLETIN

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*DEMOCRACY IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT*

## LOCAL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD APRIL 7, 2009

### LEAGUE TO HOST CANDIDATE FORUMS—MARCH 15

The Wilmette League of Women Voters will host candidate forums in the two contested races in the upcoming April 7 election. The forums will be held on **Sunday, March 15** at the Wilmette Village Hall, located at 1200 Wilmette Avenue. From **2-3 p.m.**, the public is invited to attend a forum for the four candidates for the three seats on the **Village of Wilmette Board of Trustees**. The public will be able to submit questions for the candidates to address. From **3:15 until 4:15 p.m.**, the public is invited to attend a forum for the four candidates running for the three seats on **Wilmette Park Board of Commissioners**.

Both forums will be broadcast live on Cable Channel 6. If you would like to assist with the forum as a timekeeper, question screener, or usher, please contact Voter Services Co-Chair Heidi Voorhees at 847-256-7299 or via e-mail at [HeidiJVoorhees@aol.com](mailto:HeidiJVoorhees@aol.com).

### LEAGUE TO DISTRIBUTE VOTER'S GUIDE

Continuing in the tradition of voter education, the Wilmette League of Women Voters will distribute a Voter's Guide prior to the upcoming April 7 election. The Voter's Guide will contain candidates' answers to questions on a wide variety of issues facing our locally elected bodies. All candidates have been invited to participate in the Voter's Guide, whether or not they are running in contested elections. These elections include The Village President, the Village of Wilmette Board of Trustees, District #39 Board of Education, District #37 Board of Education, New Trier Board of Education, the Wilmette Library Board, and the Wilmette Park Board of Trustees. The Voter's Guide will be distributed throughout the Village at businesses, the train stations, and other public areas. It will also be available on line at [lwwilmette.org](http://lwwilmette.org). Questions regarding the Voter's Guide may be directed to the Voter Services Committee Co-Chair Heidi Voorhees at 847-256-7299 or via e-mail at [HeidiJVoorhees@aol.com](mailto:HeidiJVoorhees@aol.com).

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!!!!

Did you realize that the League of Women Voters turned **89** on February 14?

Old? Sure.

Still vital? Definitely!

Think about how many fine organizations have come and gone in the past 50, not to mention 89 years. I feel such a sense of pride in being a part of this (still) vital organization that, for nearly nine decades, has worked to ensure our democracy is transparent, effective, and truly representative. Those challenges are as real today as they were for our suffragist foremothers who struggled for their right to vote so many years ago.

As you will see when you read through this edition of the *Bulletin*, the Wilmette League continues to both participate and initiate efforts to further active, informed citizenship. You will see that our League will be a vital resource for pertinent information about the April 7<sup>th</sup> Consolidated Election and, of particular importance, will provide relevant information about the candidates who seek to hold public office.

As important as our election related endeavors remain, our planned activities are not limited to this important election. Looking forward, you will see that new and varied programs and events are in the works for the upcoming months; some educational, some just for FUN and fellowship. So, my fellow leaguers, read through this *Bulletin*, note what we have done and are planning to do – and JOIN US!!!!

Remember, our OUTSTANDING website is constantly updated and has the latest, most up-to-date CALENDAR of EVENTS for our League. Check it out: <http://www.lwvwilmette.org/calendar.html>

I look forward to working with you in the coming months!

As always, I welcome YOUR feedback, ideas and/or suggestions.

Libby Bankoff

### STATE PROGRAM PLANNING MEETING

On February 12 Libby Bankoff hosted an all-member state program planning meeting. State Program Planning is the main tool of local League involvement in shaping the State League's public policy program, culminating with the adoption of the 2009-2011 LWV of Illinois program at the State Convention in June 2009.

At the meeting the members reviewed and discussed all State League positions (printed in the 2008-09 LWV – Wilmette directory). The positions cover issues affecting Government, such as Constitutional Implementation, Gun Violence, and Schools; Natural Resources; and Social Policy such as Children's Services and Immigration. The State League asked us to decide whether each position should be retained, restudied, or dropped. After careful review our League members voted to retain every existing position. We also discussed calling for a new study about hiring practices in state government, as well as taking state action on equity school funding. We decided not to do so at this time. Ultimately, the State League will decide on any statewide action items at the state convention, after considering input from all the local Leagues.

## [lwvwilmette.org](http://lwvwilmette.org)

The LWV of Wilmette website [www.lwvwilmette.org](http://www.lwvwilmette.org) has been recently updated. Be sure to check the Calendar for up-to-date information on meetings and events.

Our 2008-2009 Yearbook is now online and is easy to access from the website's home page. Links to other Leagues are available as well as valuable election, policy, action and advocacy information. Even the *BULLETIN* is online!

When using the website, be sure to press your "refresh/reload" button on your computer to make sure you have the most recent updates. You may need to do this on individual pages contained on the website.

## PROGRAM NOTES

Jeffrey Toobin's *The Nine* was the subject of a book review co-sponsored by the League and the Wilmette Public Library on February 10. If attendance is any indication of community interest, then the Supreme Court surely ranks at the head of the list of topics. Facilitators for the review were Brian Meyers from the library and our own, Susan Bandes, who is Distinguished Research Professor at the DePaul University School of Law. Toobin's book was the center of a stimulating discussion on the Court and its occupants, both present and future.

The League is grateful to Susan and Brian for their part in creating such a successful event. Also, thanks to Dorothy Speidel, Susan Morrison, and Judy Mandel for providing the delicious goodies.

If League members have suggestions of books that would serve as the basis for good, provocative discussion, please pass them on to Georgia Gebhardt at [ggebhardt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ggebhardt@sbcglobal.net) or phone at (847)853-8225.

## THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COOK COUNTY

### Where Does Cook County Spend Our Money?

A report from the LWVCC Employment Practices Study Committee

Saturday, March 14  
10am-12noon  
Palos Heights Library  
12501 S. 71st Ave., Palos Heights  
(2 blocks east of Harlem on 125th St.)

Coffee at 9:30am prior to presentation

The Employment Practices Study Committee of the LWVCC has just completed a 2 year study and this is your opportunity to hear what they have learned. **The Public is invited.**

# LWVIL Issues Briefing Notes

On the cold, blustery morning of January 31, 2009, more than 150 League members from across Illinois gathered for the 2009 LWVIL Issues Briefing. Three overarching issues were covered in the morning session:

## **Challenges Facing Illinois State Government The 2010 Census – A True Count Campaign Finance Reform & Ethics Legislation**

House Majority Leader and State Representative for the 25<sup>th</sup> District, Barbara Flynn Currie addressed the major **Challenges Facing Illinois State Government**. The challenges include:

### •Budget Deficit

Illinois is facing a projected \$3 billion shortfall in the current fiscal year's \$28 billion budget. Such a shortfall can only be remedied by cutting services or increasing revenues. Payments to providers of services for Illinois are low and increasingly slow, discouraging contracted providers of state services to reconsider doing business with the State. The federal Economic Recovery Act of 2009 should help Illinois by reducing the need for additional services and putting funds in the hands of folk who will spend it. However, federal assistance will not provide enough financial support to eradicate the State's deficit.

### •Pension Funding

Illinois has not met its responsibility for pension funding, resulting in a \$42 billion debt.

### •Corrections

After Human Services, Corrections is the next highest State expenditure. Representative Currie argued that there are too many non-violent offenders incarcerated. She noted that political fear of being labeled as 'soft on crime' has resulted in the passage of too many anti-crime bills.

The LWVIL received a grant from the Joyce Foundation to help provide a blueprint for representation and government funding through **The 2010 Census – A True Count**. Speaking to the gathered League members,

Elissa Johnson of the US Census Bureau asserted the importance of the decennial census to every US resident. She explained that the census is constitutionally mandated to (re)apportion the members of the US House of Representatives. That is, population changes since the last census count affect the allocation of the 'peoples' representatives in Congress. Additionally, the census results effects how the federal government will allocate \$300 billion of funds annually.

Ms. Johnson covered a number of pertinent facts regarding the Census, including:

- Census information is completely confidential.
- All residents are counted, not just US Citizens.
- Census forms, comprising only 10 questions, will be mailed in February 2010.
- A high initial mail-back response rate saves the government the higher costs of sending out enumerators.
- The long form has been replaced by the American Community Survey. Each month 250,000 surveys will be mailed.

David Morrison, Deputy Director of the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform (ICPR) spoke to the issue of **Campaign Finance Reform & Ethics Legislation**. He suggested that former Governor Blagojevich's impeachment conviction can be leveraged into meaningful reform, including:

- Campaign contribution limits to mitigate what has become a legalized bribe system.
- Public financing of campaigns although expensive, will save money in hidden costs (e.g., bloated contracts and hiring friends).
- Lobbyist registration and registration
- A better Statement of Economic Interest for Illinois lawmakers.

In conclusion, Mr. Morrison discussed the potency of citizens' phone calls to their legislators, noting that legislators definitely do 'take note'.

## CONSOLIDATED ELECTION 2009 IMPORTANT DATES

<b>February</b>	26	Last day to register poll watchers with the election authority.
	26	First day to request an absentee ballot.
	26	Registration reopens.
<b>March</b>	9	Last day to request an absentee ballot.
	10	Last day to register by deputy registrars.
	11	Grace period registration begins at office of election authority or place designated by election authority.
	11	First day for grace period voting at the election authority's office or place designated by election authority.
	16	Early voting begins at office of election authority or sites designated by election authority.
	24	Grace period registration ends.
	24	Grace period voting ends.
	24	Last day to receive poll watcher credentials.
<b>April</b>	2	Early voting ends.
	7	Consolidated Election.
	9	Registration reopens.

### ***Clean Elections Forum in Evanston***

The Illinois Clean Elections Act has been sponsored in the Illinois House. It would provide a voluntary method for candidates to opt for public financing, rather than relying on large donations or corporate contributions. Clean Election candidates in Maine and Arizona have found that they spend more time with constituents focusing on issues rather than fundraising.

Representative Julie Hamos will be one of the honored speakers for a panel discussion regarding alternatives to the business-as-usual way of funding elections in Illinois.

The forum discussion of the future of election and campaign finance reform in Illinois will take place on:

**March 2, 2009** at the **Evanston Public Library**, 1703 Orrington Ave., Evanston, Illinois

- 6:30 PM Meet and greet**
- 7:00 PM Clean elections video (PBS production)**
- 7:20 PM Panel discussion**
- 8:00 PM Question and answer**
- 9:00 PM Refreshments off site (less than one block away)**



*The forum is sponsored by the Illinois Ballot Integrity Project, the Illinois Clean Elections Foundation, and the Quick and Clean Foundation.*

## Results of the LWVCC Poll Reporting Project for November Election

Thanks to the many volunteers from thirteen local Leagues within suburban Cook County, the Cook County League has recently completed its Report on the November 4, 2008 election. Based on the information contained in the surveys from 407 precincts, the Cook County League has concluded that the election process continues to improve, even as new issues arise, as detailed in the Report. As in the past, the Report is being submitted to Cook County Clerk David Orr and his staff who are responsible for conducting elections within suburban Cook County.

The Report contains 5 key observations:

**Staffing** - The number one issue from the primary election was the need for more election judges. The surveys from November reflect that there has been a great improvement in staffing, with 78% of the precincts having a full complement of 5 judges, vs. only 50% for the primary. However, where precincts did not have a full complement, there continued to be problems. So the League continues to urge that recruitment efforts continue, both by Mr. Orr's office and by all the local Leagues. Ninety-five percent (95%) of the precincts had Equipment Managers, who are judges who receive additional training on how to set-up and trouble-shoot problems with the equipment. However, because the equipment is so heavy, the League continues to suggest that volunteers from local high schools and colleges be recruited to help with the set-up and closing. Also, more and sooner communication with election judges by Mr. Orr's office is needed so that the judges know that they will be working and whether or how they can receive training.

**Equipment** - The number one comment among all the surveys was that there was a desire for more touch-screens, which many voters would like to use if there wasn't such a wait. The need is aggravated by the fact that the surveys reflected that almost 1 in 4 touch-screens had some operational problems.

**Process** - Because so many voters are taking advantage of voting early or voting absentee, many of the surveys noted that the election judges were not able to complete the stamping of those voters' applications for ballot prior to the opening of the polls. While there were no reports that anyone actually tried to vote again on Election Day, the League is recommending that either the list of early and absentee voters be provided earlier, or that election judges receive more direction as to how to handle the list.

**Set-up** - The surveys showed that judges must be able to set up the polls prior to Election Day. Judges are required to report one hour prior to the polls opening at 6 am, but it took more than one hour in 90% of the surveyed precincts for set-up to be completed, and in over 50% of the instances it took more than 2 hours.

**Polling Places** - Eight-five (85%) of the surveys stated that the polling places were adequate, but the specific locations where there were problems cited are detailed in the final Report. In response to problems cited in the report for the February 2008 primary election, Mr. Orr's staff examined each of the locations and a number of changes were made for this election, which were noted as improvements in the surveys.

Detailed observations contained in the surveys have been included in the Report under the following categories: Staffing, Training and Manual, Process, Equipment, Supplies, Support, Polling Places, and Other.

All League members who were able to participate in any of the past three poll reporting projects sponsored by the Cook County League in conjunction with your local Leagues should know that your efforts have resulted in many improvements to the election process. Many of the election judges our volunteers have spoken to have expressed their gratitude. And as David Orr himself has stated, "there are never too many League of Women Voters in Cook County!"

### 2009 LWVIL State of the State Luncheon

Thursday, February 26, 2009

Union League Club of Chicago – 65 West Jackson, Chicago

## IS ILLINOIS READY FOR REFORM?

*Keynote Address: Carol Marin*

**Political Reporter and Columnist**

Online Reservations: [www.lwvil.org](http://www.lwvil.org)

## **Our National League Asserts That The United States Must Take Aggressive Action To Cut Its Greenhouse Gas Emissions To Stabilize Earth's Climate**

### **The evidence is clear that human-induced climate change is underway.**

The emission of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and other greenhouse gases—primarily by the burning of fossil fuels—has increased the blanket of heat-trapping gases in Earth's atmosphere. Global temperatures have risen approximately 0.8°C (1.4°F) above pre-industrial levels, and this small increase is already causing significant adverse effects. These effects—documented by the world's leading climate scientists and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)—include rising sea levels, intensified storms, higher global temperatures, and severe droughts and floods that are already having adverse impacts on human health, food supplies, and ecosystems, as well as national economies.

### **The United States has made a commitment to stabilize the climate.**

The United States Senate ratified the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in 1992, joining over 180 nations in a commitment to "stabilize greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system."

### **Prompt action is required to slow the build-up of greenhouse gases.**

According to the IPCC, global emissions must peak and begin declining *before 2015*. There is strong scientific consensus that warming of more than 2°C (3.6°F) above pre-industrial levels will lead to irreversible damage to our planet. The pre-industrial concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere, expressed as CO<sub>2</sub>-eq (CO<sub>2</sub> and other greenhouse gases and aerosols), was 280 parts per million (ppm). It was 375 ppm in 2005 and is increasing each year. We must start now to limit CO<sub>2</sub>-eq below 450 ppm, adjusting the target periodically as necessary, to reflect our understanding of the rapidly evolving science of climate change. Eventual stabilization at even lower concentrations of CO<sub>2</sub>-eq may be necessary.

### **The United States must adopt an aggressive trajectory for reducing its emissions.**

The United States must stop the "Business as Usual" emissions of greenhouse gases and impose aggressive emission reductions starting in 2010. We support adoption by the U.S. of a firm, verifiable cap that reduces emissions at least 25% below 1990 levels by 2020 and 80-95% below 1990 levels by 2050. Even with these aggressive reductions in the U.S., the global decrease in emissions may lag, as shown in the graphic, resulting in dangerous warming. Furthermore, part of the emitted CO<sub>2</sub> remains and accumulates in the atmosphere; thus, the atmospheric concentration will continue to increase until the global rate of removal exceeds the rate of release.

### **We have the capacity, responsibility and economic imperative to lead this effort internationally.**

The U.S. has met great challenges before—such as World War II and space exploration. Since we are responsible for much of the increase in atmospheric greenhouse gases, we need to accept responsibility for being the leader in solving the global climate challenge. Our efforts will transform our way of life by creating a new clean-energy economy and will allow the U.S. to maintain its technological leadership.

## Representative Beth Coulson (17<sup>th</sup> District) Talks to League Priorities

Wilmette League member Joanne Aggens, along with members of other local leagues, interviewed Illinois 17<sup>th</sup> Representative Beth Coulson on League priorities. A summary of the interview is as follows:

### **Illinois Fiscal Crisis:**

- Rep. Coulson indicated an underlying budget problem. Legislators can't cross-reference, match and compare budget line items from year to year. Categories are not comparable from year to year. Categorical consistency doesn't exist. In short, the State budget needs to be reconciled.
- Rep. Coulson indicated a 9 Billion shortfall. A possible solution: Illinois has one of the lowest Medicaid reimbursement rates in the country. She believes the state should negotiate 58% rather than 50% federal matching funds for the state's Medicaid stimulus package: This would amount to 3 billion \$.
- Rep. Coulson indicated capital funding could be handled with bonds. She would include all—mass transit & Amtrak, high-speed rail & inner-city rail, CTA, Pace & Metra. She supports mass transit. She is on the passenger rail caucus. There are now five trains a day between Chicago and St Louis and four trains a day between Chicago and Milwaukee. The new stop Billy Mitchell Airport in Milwaukee tripled rider ship from Glenview. There now are daily trains to Carbondale and Champaign. She supports a hub and spoke plan with additional infrastructure. Joliet is present rail bottleneck.
- Affordable housing is harder. No state-wide agency exists to disperse funds.
- Concerning equable funding for education, Rep. Coulson indicated educational funding by the state has increased during each of the last 12 years. Her focus is to take the burden of special education off local school districts by having the state fund special education. The Feds should pay 40%. Chicago gets \$6,000 per pupil which is the minimum per child in the state. New Trier Township gets \$218 per pupil from the state. She indicated the legislature has formed a new committee, "Education Accountability and Reform", to make recommendations.
- Federal Transportation Grants: Illinois is unable to access dollars. Illinois needs a capital plan.  
TIFF: Rep. Coulson supports modification of TIFF so that each entity involved in the TIFF receives per capita payments from the TIFF for operating expenses during the life of the TIFF. See the 1996 Glenview amendment to TIFF law.

### **Death Penalty:**

Rep. Coulson indicated she needs feedback from her community. She thought it would not be right to take a position on cost alone. She thinks 80% of her constituents are for (support) the death penalty. She thinks death penalty reforms are in order to guarantee each defendant has a qualified attorney so none are improperly convicted.

### **Judicial Elections:**

(Public Financing and Performance Evaluations): Rep. Coulson indicated that there is a new committee on government reform. She does not think the way we currently pick judges is right. She wants to find a way to do judicial retention differently. She indicated the Federal government does it better. The joint committee on government reform is holding its first meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Meetings will be held every Tuesday from now to the end of March. The committee is exploring open government, outside influences, campaign reform and procurement issues. She thought the league should testify since the League supports merit selection and Merit Selection is not out of the Rules Committee.

### **Election Laws:**

These need streamlining. Rep. Coulson wants better security of ballots.

### **Social Policy (criminal justice issues):**

Rep. Coulson wants evidence-based policy. She wants to keep youth out of adult incarceration. She favors spending more dollars on rehab than on incarceration.

## Take Part in Wilmette's Biggest Book Club

The LWV of Wilmette is partnering with the Wilmette Public Library to present the fourth annual community-wide reading and discussion program, "One Book, Everybody Reads," which will take place in April and May, 2009.

### The Man Who Loved China

Read Simon Winchester's book, [The Man Who Loved China](#); participate in library-sponsored community discussions; and attend a special event with the author on Sunday, May 3, 2:00 pm.

In [The Man Who Loved China: The Fantastic Story of the Eccentric Scientist Who Unlocked the Mysteries of the Middle Kingdom](#), author Simon Winchester tells the story of China's technological and scientific history through the extraordinary true-life story of Joseph Needham, a brilliant Cambridge scientist whose fascination with the country took him on a series of expeditions there in the 1940's. Needham's vision was to produce the definitive history of China's scientific and technological achievements; by the time he died, he had produced 17 immense volumes of "Science and Civilization in China," a work that described the country's long and astonishing history of invention and technology and marked Needham as the greatest one-man encyclopedist ever.

For more information about the program, the book, and a complete schedule of events, check the Wilmette Public Library's web site (<http://www.wilmettelibrary.info/onebook/>), see upcoming issues of [Off the Shelf](#), or call the Library's Readers' Assistance desk at (847) 256-6930.

## **APPLAUSE!! THANKS FOR STEPPING UP!! APPLAUSE!!**

**MANY THANKS SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO SO MANY PEOPLE, WHO, ON AN ONGOING BASIS, HELP TO MAKE OUR LEAGUE STRONG AND VIBRANT. HOWEVER, THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS DESERVE SPECIAL THANKS FOR 'STEPPING UP' THIS PAST MONTH.**

**Joanne Aggens** – for representing the Wilmette League at the Legislative Interview with State Representative Beth Coulson

**Susan Bandes** – for leading a robust discussion of *The Nine* by Jeffrey Toobin at the Wilmette Public Library

**Libby Bankoff, Ellen Falkof, Georgia Gebhardt, Ellen Krupp, Judy Mandel, Dorothy Speidel & Therese Steinken** – for providing invaluable service to the development of the Voter's Guide

**Donna Doberstein & Marilyn Weber** – for volunteering to host our BUNCO NIGHT in their condo's party room

**Georgia Gebhardt & Dorothy Speidel** -- for planning and organizing the book discussion of *The Nine*, by Jeffrey Toobin)

**Kathy Klawans & Sarah Oliver** – for providing veteran guidance at our League's State Program Planning All Member Meeting

**Judy Mandel, Susan Morrison & Dorothy Speidel**– for providing cookies and other treats at the book discussion of *The Nine*

**Mari Terman & Dorothy Speidel** – for diligently commencing the work of the 2009-2010 Nominating Committee

**Heidi Voorhees** – for her leadership in service to the development of the Voter's Guide

**\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\***

## **LWV of Wilmette's BUNCO NIGHT!**

**April 2, 2009!**

**7:00 pm**

**1440 Sheridan Road (Party Room)**

**BYO!**

Plan on an evening of JPF (**Just Plain Fun**) with the LWV and friends!!! If you don't know how to play Bunco, never fear. Everyone is **guaranteed** to learn in TWO minutes flat!

### **What is Bunco?**

It is a dice game with four people per card table, playing as partners. There are as many tables as there are (multiples of four) people. After a prescribed number of dice rolls, one team per table wins and the other loses. The winners move up to the next table and the losers move 'down' to a lower table. Thus, there is movement and change of players at each table for each round resulting in a very social as well as fun game!!!

**bun-co** also **bun-ko** (bung' ko)

*n. pl.* **bun-cos**, also **bun-kos**

1. A swindle in which an unsuspecting person is cheated; a confidence game.
2. A parlor game played in teams with three dice.
3. A winning throw in the above game; three of a kind of a specified number.

[Probably alteration of Spanish banca, card game, from Italian banca, bank, of Germanic origin.].

[Source: The Bunko Book, First Edition](#)

## **CALENDAR**

**February 26/League of Women Voters of Illinois State of State Luncheon**

**March 2/ Stop Pay to Play in Illinois, Evanston Public Library**

**March 8/ 16th Annual Luncheon Commemorating Women's History Month**

**March 11/ Board Meeting at the home of Georgia Gebhardt**

**March 14/Where Does Cook County Spend our Money?**

**March 15/ Candidate Forum Village Hall; 2-3 candidates for Village Board**

**3:15-4:15 candidates for Park Board**

**April 1/ Board Meeting**

**April 7/Election Day**

**April 2/Social Night—Play Bunco**

**May 3/Simon Winchester, author of The ManWho Loved China**

**The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual LWV Luncheon Commemorating Women's History Month!!!**

**This year we will be treated to a discussion of WOMEN IN JAZZ - Their struggles and success!**

**Sunday, March 8, 2009**

**11:45 a.m. Reception**

**12:15 p.m. Luncheon**

**1:00 p.m. Speaker**

**Location: Highland Park Country Club  
1201 Park Avenue West  
Highland Park**

Our speaker will be **Nicole Mitchell**.

Ms. Mitchell is a creative flutist, composer and bandleader. She was *Downbeat* magazine's "Rising Star Flutist 2005-2008"; she was voted "Chicagoan of the Year 2006" by the *Chicago Tribune*; the Jazz Journalist Association awarder her "Jazz Flutist of the Year 2008". Ms. Mitchell is the founder of the critically acclaimed *Black Earth Ensemble* and *Black Earth Strings*.

Cost: \$35

**RSVP IMMEDIATELY**

**(See Reservation Form Below)**

**Reservation Form (Cut, fill out and send!!)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ reservations at \$35 per person**

Make checks payable to: **LWVIL Education Fund**

Mail to: **Hollis Burgess, 945 Valley Road, Glencoe, IL 60022**