



BULLETIN

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WILMETTE

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DEMOCRACY IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

This bulletin has published a number of messages in the past several years, describing various Leagues initiatives. There have been studies on Immigration, the National Popular Vote and the Constitutional Convention question. We have just finished holding two candidate forums for the local election, published a Voter Guide, and registered over 100 high school seniors to vote. These efforts are all important, and contribute immeasurably to building the Wilmette that we are so proud of.

However, important as all these actions are, they cannot compare to the campaign to win support for the District #39 referendum! The Wilmette League unanimously endorsed and pledged to work for its passage. These next two weeks are crucial to the success of this effort. When I was canvassing today, I learned that there are a good number of our fellow citizens who are not aware of how serious this financial crisis is and the terrible damage that defeat of the referendum would do, not only to our families with children, but to our entire community.

National and international news has pretty much drowned out local concerns. Sadly, there are probably more people who know details about Charlie Sheen's personal life than the crisis in our schools. **That's why I am begging you to become involved in this campaign.** You can:

- 1) Study the referendum information on the District #39 website to arm yourself with the facts. The case for this referendum is compelling, so spread the word.
- 2) Go to www.supportwilmetteschools.com. You'll find a Wall of Support you can add your name to, plus there is information about the campaign and a sign-up to volunteer.
- 3) Write a letter to editor of the Beacon or the Wilmette Life urging a yes vote on April 5.
- 4) Phone Bank with the League the week of March 28. Hate phone banking? So do I. I'm doing it anyway! Bring your own cellphone. Contact Libby Bankoff.
- 5) Canvass in the neighborhoods. This is part of getting the word and the vote out.
- 6) Have a student away at college? Be sure that they take time to cast a yes vote. How-to information is on the [supportwilmetteschools](http://supportwilmetteschools.com) or Cook County Clerk's websites.
- 7) Attend the community informational meeting at the CRC on March 22 at 7:00 PM. CRC is the Community Rec. Center.
- 8) Early vote at Centennial, the Skokie courthouse, or Glenview Village Hall.

If you'd rather get your information from a live person, contact Libby Bankoff (Lbankoff@sbcglobal.net), (847)256-7509 or Georgia Gebhardt (ggebhardt@sbcglobal.net), (847)853-8225. We'll answer your questions or hook you up with the leaders of Citizens for Wilmette Schools who can tell you what jobs need to be done.

Let's change "YES WE CAN!" TO "YES WE DID!"

Georgia

**VISIT TO COOK COUNTY BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2011, 9:45 a.m.
COOK COUNTY BUILDING, 5th floor**

We have been invited, along with the other North Shore Leagues, to attend a Cook County Board Meeting. Karin Hribar, Vice-president of the League of Women Voters of Cook County will meet us there and give us a guided visit to the meeting. She will explain the proceedings and provide agenda, seating charts, vote tally sheets and an introduction to the commissioners from our area.

This is a great opportunity to witness how your county government works. See the new President, Toni Preckwinkle, and three new commissioners in action.

The County building is bordered by Washington St., Randolph St. and Clark St. West of the Daley Center. Meet on the 5th floor at 9:45. When you get to the 5th floor, go through security (near Toni Preckwinkle's office) and we will assemble by the doors of the board room.

R.S.V.P to Karin Hribar by April 26th, 847-818-0206, khribar@comcast.net

MEMBERSHIP

Since our membership directory was published in February, another new member has joined us. Please welcome Julie Wolf and add her contact information to your directory:

Julie Wolf ,1202 Lake Ave, Wilmette, IL 60091, 847-251-7104, Jfw42@aol.com

Calendar

April 5 —Election Day

April 19—LWV- Wilmette Board meeting, 1:00 p.m.
Wilmette Public Library

April 29—LWV-IL State of the State Luncheon, 12:00 p.m.
Union League Club, Chicago

June 7 —Annual Meeting, 7:00 PM, details to follow

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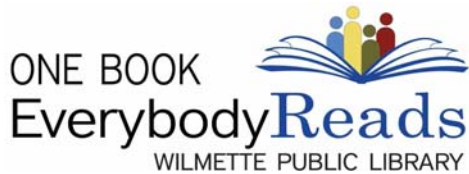
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For further information about Wilmette Public Library's 2011 **One Book, Everybody Reads** program, contact Barbara Goodman at bgoodman@wilmettelibrary.info or (847) 274-7784.

As part of its 2011 **One Book, Everybody Reads** program, the Wilmette Public Library presents a series of events related to **Let the Great World Spin**, the 2009 National Book Award winning novel by Colum McCann. For more information, visit www.wilmettelibrary.info/onebook or call (847) 256-6930.

April 16: **One Book, Everybody Reads** kicks off at Borders Books and Music in Wilmette. **Let the Great World Spin**, as well as Mr. McCann's other books, will be available for purchase. A raffle will be held, and the winner will receive a copy of the featured book. 12-2 pm. 3232 Lake Avenue, Wilmette.

April 25: Well-known local book discussion facilitator and reviewer Judy Levin will lead a discussion of **Let the Great World Spin** as part of the Wilmette Public Library's monthly "Fourth Monday Book Club" series. 7 pm. Wilmette Public Library Auditorium, 1242 Wilmette Avenue, Wilmette.

April 28; A screening of the award-winning documentary, **Man on Wire**, will be held. The film portrays funambulist Philippe Petit's high wire walk between New York City's Twin Towers. 7 pm. Wilmette Public Library Auditorium, 1242 Wilmette Avenue, Wilmette. **Repeated on May 17, 10:30 am.**

May 3: Community members are invited to enjoy small tastings of "New York Street Food" provided by Corner Cooks/Jerry's. The program is limited to 30 participants; seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. 7 pm. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Wilmette Public Library Auditorium, 1242 Wilmette Avenue, Wilmette.

May 5: Come for coffee, sweets and a discussion of **Let the Great World Spin**, led by one of the library's Adult Services librarians. 10 am. Link's Sweet Bean, 1141 Greenleaf, Wilmette.

May 12: Steve Bogira, author of **Courtroom 302**, will give an inside picture of the country's busiest criminal courthouse when he discusses "Criminal Courts, Chicago Style." Mr. Bogira has written for the *Chicago Tribune* and *the Chicago Reader* and is now the *Reader's* political editor. 7 pm. Wilmette Public Library Auditorium, 1242 Wilmette Avenue, Wilmette.

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**THE LEAGUE
OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF ILLINOIS**

Event: 2011 *State of the State* Luncheon

Date: Friday, April 29, 2011

Time: Luncheon 12:00 Noon

Speaker: Charles Thomas, ABC 7 Political Reporter

Honorees: Eileen Subak, LWVIL Criminal Justice and Children's Services Issues Specialist
 Recipient of the Flora Sylvester Cheney Award honoring
 excellent volunteer efforts that further the LWVIL mission.
 Illinois Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty
 Recipient of the Civic Participation Award honoring
 efforts toward the betterment of our community

2011 *State of the State* Luncheon Sponsorship Opportunities

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