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The League of Women Voters of Wilmette Presents

The State of the Village

Report from Your Local Government Leaders
with a Focus on Budget Issues

April 15, 2010

6:30 Buffet Dinner

7:30 Remarks

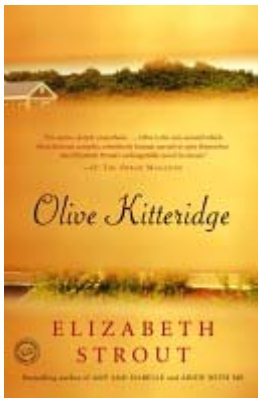
Gillson Park Lakeview Center



League of Women Voters
of Wilmette

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One Book, Everybody Reads



*As part of its One Book, Everybody Reads program, the Wilmette Public Library, and the League of Women Voters as cosponsor, present a series of events related to the Pulitzer Prize-winning book, **Olive Kitteridge**, by Elizabeth Strout. All events are free and open to the public. See page 4 of this Bulletin for program highlights. For more information, visit www.wilmettelibrary.info/onebook or call (847) 256-6930.*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President's Message

Our Annual Meeting, scheduled for May 27, is a great time to reflect on all that we've done in the past as well as gear up for the following year. What you may not know is that there are many members working behind the scenes preparing for the Annual Meeting. Without these hard-working women, we would not be able to seamlessly continue year to year, as transitions in our board, budget, and policies occur. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge these women and the committees they represent.

The Nominating Committee consists of **Cinda Axley, Dorothy Speidel, and Beth Nyhan**. It can be difficult choosing and nominating members as chairs for the various positions on our board, but these dynamic and conscientious women have done it. They have put a lot of time, effort, and thought into this arduous assignment, and I could not be more grateful.

The Budget Committee consists of **Susan Morrison, Kathy Klawans, and Jan Peterson**. These women have thoroughly and meticulously gone through every line item, anticipating costs and revenue, and managing to once again keep us in the black.

An Ad Hoc Committee was recently formed to update our local policy positions. This Committee consists of **Jae Choi Kim, Susan Morrison, Mari Terman, and Lali Watt**. Their job involved revising and updating the language of our policy positions, while staying within the tenor of the original position statement. They also deleted positions that were found to be fulfilled and obsolete. They went through stacks of historic documents and policies in their quest to finalize our current positions.

Thank you all for undertaking these challenging tasks. Your work and devotion keep our organization vital and strong. We all benefit greatly from the success and results of each of these committees.

Therese Steinken

2009-2010 ELECTED OFFICERS

President	Therese Steinken
VP/Programs	Georgia Gebhardt
VP/Membership	Libby Bankoff
Treasurer	Susan Morrison
Secretary/Programs	Dorothy Speidel

2009-2010 ELECTED DIRECTORS

<i>Bulletin</i> Editor	Dale Cohodes
Publicity	Judy Mandel
	Jan Peterson
Student Government	Deena Mitchell
	Lali Watt
Voter Services	Heidi Voorhees
	Ellen Falkof
Web Master	Beth Nyhan

2010 NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Cinda Axley, Chair, Dorothy Speidel & Beth Nyhan

A Word from our National President on Passage of the Health Care Bill

"Monumental, Historic and Transforming," Says League

Washington, D.C. – Statement from Mary G. Wilson, President of the League of Women Voters of the United States:

"Today's votes by the U.S. House of Representatives mark an historic milestone in American political history. The path that began with Social Security and continued with Medicare is reaching fruition with this health care legislation. Comprehensive health care reform will begin to undo decades of neglect and inaction that has left millions of Americans uninsured and at risk.

"This legislation is a monumental step in the fight for social justice.

"Too many citizens lack adequate health insurance coverage and rising costs threaten everyone. Passage of comprehensive health care legislation greatly expands coverage to include millions more Americans; protects the coverage that currently delivers care to most; reduces costs over the long term; and accomplishes these goals at a reasonable cost.

"It would be difficult to overstate the importance of today's actions, and we commend our elected representatives for standing up for Americans and having the courage to do what needs to be done to confront the health care crisis in our country. The League congratulates the House leadership on a closely-fought victory.

"We can expect transformational reform from these bills. Access to health care will be extended to all Americans. Mechanisms to control rising costs will be put in place. And the marketplace will be expanded and safeguards put in place to protect consumers.

"Truly, this legislation is monumental, historic and transforming.

"Today we took the critical step in dealing with the current health care crisis. Tomorrow, many Americans will wake up to a new week and a new future that looks a great deal more promising."

ONE BOOK, EVERYBODY READS

Olive Kitteridge

Elizabeth Strout's Olive Kitteridge is a collection of 13 short stories set in small-town Maine. Through Strout's masterful writing, the stories are bound together by the larger-than-life, unforgettable title character, Olive Kitteridge. The book is the 2009 Pulitzer Prize winner for fiction.

As part of its One Book, Everybody Reads program, the Wilmette Public Library presents a series of events related to Olive Kitteridge. The League of Women Voters of Wilmette is proud to be a partner with the Library of One Book Everybody Reads. All events are free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.wilmettelibrary.info/onebook or call (847) 256-6930.

April 17

One Book, Everybody Reads kicks off at Borders Books and Music in Wilmette. Elizabeth Strout's books, including Olive Kitteridge, will be available for purchase. A raffle will be held, and the winner will receive a complete set of Ms. Strout's three novels. 12-2 pm. 3232 Lake Avenue, Wilmette.

April 19

Elizabeth Taylor, Literary Editor of the Chicago Tribune, will discuss "Book Awards: Should the Prizes Influence What You Read?" Ms. Taylor, former President of the National Book Critics Circle and juror for the Pulitzer Prize, will discuss the process and influence of book prizes. 7 pm. Wilmette Public Library Auditorium, 1242 Wilmette Avenue, Wilmette.

April 24

Wilmette and Kenilworth residents may pick up a maximum of two free tickets at the Library's Adult Service desk to attend the May 16 event with Elizabeth Strout. You must have a ticket to attend. Remaining tickets will be available to non-residents beginning May 8. Ticketed seats will be held until ten minutes before the event; at that time any unfilled seats will be open for general seating.

April 26

Well-known local book discussion facilitator and reviewer Judy Levin will lead a discussion of Olive Kitteridge as part of the Wilmette Public Library's monthly "Fourth Monday Book Club" series. The discussion will focus on the various relationships among the characters in the small Maine town where Olive lives. 7 pm. Wilmette Public Library Auditorium, 1242 Wilmette Avenue, Wilmette.

May 16

Elizabeth Strout will talk about her book and take questions May 16 at the Community Recreation Center. Books will be available for sale and signing.

The League of Women Voters of Wilmette

Annual Meeting

7:00 pm

Thursday, May 27

Home of Beth Nyhan

2624 Blackhawk Avenue

*Agenda, 2009 Minutes, Nominating Slate, and Budgets
will be sent via email by April 22*

The League of Women Voters of Illinois invites you to visit the

ILLINOIS YOUTH CENTER-CHICAGO
Wednesday, April 14, 2010, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

In addition to the tour we will hear about pilot programs unique to this facility.

IYC-Chicago is one of eight centers administered by the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice that receive youth committed from Cook County.

Limited to twenty people. RSVP to Millie Juskevice by April 5th
millie@juskevice.com or call 773-848-0062

CALENDAR

April 15	State of the Village Dinner & Update Lakeview Center, 6:30 p.m.
April 16	Last day to mail Illinois Fair Map petitions
April 19	Board Meeting, home of Deena Mitchell 115 Dupee, 1:00 p.m.
May 16	One Book Everybody Reads Discussion with Elizabeth Strout at the Wilmette Community Recreation Center, 2:00 pm
May 17	Cook County Annual Meeting, see page 7 for details
May 27	Annual Meeting, home of Beth Nyhan 2624 Blackhawk Avenue, 7:00 pm



**Wilmette League of Women Voters Presents
 “The State of the Village” – A Report from Your
 Local Government Leaders with a Focus on Budget Issues**

Please join us for a buffet dinner and brief remarks followed by a question and answer period for our community leaders:

- Christopher Canning, President, Village of Wilmette Board of Trustees***
- Dennis O’Malley, President, Wilmette Board of Park Commissioners***
- Keith Dronen, President, District 39 Board of Education***
- James B. Koch, President, New Trier District 203 Board of Education***
- Cinda Axley, President, Wilmette Library Board of Trustees***
- Jeffrey Greengoss, President, District 37 Board of Education***

When: Thursday, April 15, 2010
 6:30 p.m. Buffet Dinner
 7:30 p.m. Remarks
 Where: Gillson Park Lakeview Center
 Cost: \$15/person
 RSVP: April 4, 2010

Reservation Form

Name(s) _____ Phone: _____

_____ Enclosed is a check for \$_____ for ___ reservations at \$15/person.

Make checks payable to the: Wilmette League of Women Voters

Mail to: Susan Morrison, 822 Forest, Wilmette, 60091, tel: 847-251-1214



TO: ALL LEAGUE MEMBERS

DATE: MARCH 26, 2010

**FROM: NANCY MARCUS, PRESIDENT,
LWVIL**

**RE: ILLINOIS FAIR MAP
AMENDMENT REMINDER**

Keep collecting signatures to get the IL Fair Map Amendment on the ballot.

This effort is uniting Illinois people to work together to reform redistricting in our state. Give your friends and family members petitions and ask them to gather signatures now!

For petitions and additional information go to: <http://www.ilfairmap.com/>

Nancy Marcus, LWVIL President

**Mail petitions to LWVIL by April 16th.
Address is on the petition.**

LWV-COOK COUNTY ANNUAL MEETING

The Cook County League of Women Voters Annual Meeting will be held on **Monday, May 17** from **9:30am-1pm** at the Brookfield Zoo in the Discovery Center. As in years past the business meeting will be followed by a program and lunch. The program this year will feature a panel discussion with the three Cook County Shakman Compliance Administrators. The Compliance Administrators are court appointed individuals with the charge of monitoring hiring practices within Cook County government to ensure compliance with the Consent Decrees stemming from the 1969 Michael Shakman lawsuit. The Shakman Decrees deal with political considerations in employment decisions (patronage). The three compliance officers will discuss the questions:

- What Do They Do?
- Why Do They Do It?

- What Have They Found?
- What Will Happen Next?

The panel will include Mary Robinson, Compliance Administrator for Cook County; Clifford Meacham, Compliance Administrator for the Cook County Sheriff's Office; and Jan Carlson, Compliance Administrator for the Cook County Forest Preserve District. All were appointed in 2008 or 2009.

You can access further information at the following websites: www.countyshakman.com, www.sheriffshakman.com, www.cookfpshakman.com

All LWV members in Cook County are welcome at the Annual Meeting. Further information about the meeting including information for delegates and registration information will be forthcoming in April.