



# BULLETIN

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WILMETTE**

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*DEMOCRACY IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT*

## LOCAL ELECTIONS! CANDIDATE FORUMS!

NEWS FLASH FROM VOTER SERVICES!

PLEASE JOIN US

**Sunday, February 27, 2011**

2:00-3:00 pm New Trier School Board

3:15-4:15 pm Wilmette District 39  
School Board

**Sunday, March 6, 2011**

2:00-3:00 pm Wilmette Village Trustees

3:15-4:15 pm Wilmette Park Board

All Forums will take place at the Wilmette Village Hall, Board Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
and will be taped for re-broadcast.

Please consider volunteering for the Forums: we need ushers, question sorters, timers.

Contact Dorothy Speidel, Voter Services Chair, [d-speidel@northwestern.edu](mailto:d-speidel@northwestern.edu), 847-989-4716

## VOTER REGISTRATION—REGISTRARS NEEDED

**Voter Registration at New Trier, February 15-16, Advisory period**

**Voter Registration at Library, Saturday, March 5, 1:30-3:00, and 3:00-4:30 pm**

We need 8 registrars each day Feb 15-16 for the New Trier registration and 3 registrars at the Library on March 5.  
Please contact Dorothy Speidel, Voter Services Chair, [d-speidel@northwestern.edu](mailto:d-speidel@northwestern.edu), 847-989-4716.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

"The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

It's doubtful that many Americans realize the full extent of the sacrifices, courage and determination that were necessary to add those two sentences to the Constitution. On January 18, the Wilmette League sponsored a showing of the HBO movie, "Iron-Jawed Angels," at the Wilmette Theater. The movie portrays a struggle that demanded women who were relentless in their dedication to the cause. Indeed, many of them risked their good health and lives to gain what we treat so casually today. I was gratified to see a number of high school students in the audience. It was a wonderful supplement to their American history curriculum on a subject that I suspect receives little attention, beyond a few dry references in a text.

In addition to "Iron-Jawed Angels," the League presented a historical slide show beginning with the founding of the Wilmette League and detailing its many programs in the community over the past 90 years. It probably comes as no surprise that many of the issues are the same now as they were years ago. Schools still are short of finances, and the Village continues to focus on business development. Fashion, however, has certainly changed. When was the last time you saw a League member in a suit, hat, and gloves?

For those of us who braved the icy blasts of winter, it was a wonderful evening of entertainment, popcorn and camaraderie. Thanks to Program Chair, Libby Bankoff, and her committee including Betty Jacobs, Beth Nyhan, Piper Rothschild and Jo Sawyer, who planned the event, to the "techies" (Lali Watt, Mindy Heidekat, Piper Rothschild) who put together the power point presentation, and to the Wilmette Historical Society and the Wilmette Library who, as always, were a wonderful resource.

The Wilmette League may be 90 years old, but I hope we have not lost our feisty, get-it-done attitude! Read further and find out what we're up to in the next few months. Then join us at a program, a forum, or participate in one of two studies we'll be doing in the months to come.

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## **NORTH SHORE LEGISLATORS TO ADDRESS THE STATE'S FISCAL CRISIS**

As the Illinois state government copes with one of the worst budget deficits in the nation, three North Shore Leagues of Women Voters have scheduled a forum where citizens will have an opportunity to speak directly with three state representatives about the state of the Illinois budget crisis.

The Leagues of Women Voters of  
Wilmette, Glencoe and Winnetka-Northfield-Kenilworth  
invite you to

### **MEET YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVES:**

Learn their views on the

**ILLINOIS FISCAL CRISIS**

And other significant issues

Please Join the Conversation with Representatives

**Daniel Biss (17<sup>th</sup>) – Robyn Gabel (18<sup>th</sup>) – Karen May (58<sup>th</sup>)**

**Sunday, February 13, 2011**

**3:00 – 4:30 p.m.**

**New Trier High School Northfield Campus**

**7 Happ Road, Board Room C234**

Come hear our State Representatives' thoughts on the State's current and projected fiscal situation as well as their ideas of how best and realistically to remedy the situation. Bring your questions as there will be time available for questions from the audience.

## **FORMATION OF STUDY GROUP ON DISTRICT #39 REFERENDUM**

Now that the Wilmette District #39 School Board has voted to go to referendum, the League is forming a committee to do a study. Using the results of that study, we will hold a consensus meeting at which a decision will be made to support, not support, or take no position.

An organizational meeting will be held at the home of Libby Bankoff on February 4 at noon. If you are interested in being a part of the study group, please email Georgia Gebhardt at [ggebhardt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ggebhardt@sbcglobal.net) or phone at (847)853-8225.

## IMPORTANT MESSAGE LWV-IL UNDER ATTACK

November 16, 2010

As you may have read or heard the League of Women Voters of Illinois came under attack. The LWV of Lake County held a forum for the 8th Congressional District, which was co-sponsored by Grayslake Central High School. During this forum there was a disruption from audience members demanding that the Pledge of Allegiance be recited. After most in the audience stood and said the Pledge, the Moderator tried to re-gain control. Many unfavorable blog articles were written about the Moderator, and the League and League was featured on *Inside Edition* and the *Glen Beck Show*. Some of the postings threatened the moderator of the forum and our executive director. Police reports were filed and an account was sent to the FBI. We stand by the Moderator and hope that all you can empathize with her role in this.

This is unacceptable behavior and should not be tolerated by anyone. Unfortunately this was not the only case of incivility. Leagues across the country have faced similar disruptions to their forums. Under the advisement of the LWVUS, the LWVIL chose not to respond to the blogs and articles. We will, however, work with the LWVUS to craft a message as we look forward to the 2012 elections. As Nancy Tate, Executive Director of the LWVUS said, "these attacks represent a concerted attack of our credibility as a trusted, nonpartisan organization-and one which is likely to get stronger in 2012. We intend to push strongly on this."

Looking forward to the 2011 Consolidated Elections in your towns, the LWVIL is working to create guidelines that will help you as you plan for upcoming forums. We cannot prevent occurrences like this from happening but with better preparations perhaps we can respond more effectively.

Our work in Voter Service projects is vital to not only the League but to our communities. We need to continue our Voter Service work as we have done for the last 90 years. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

—LWV-ILLINOIS

### CALENDAR

**February 5**—LWV-Illinois Issues Briefing, University Center, 525 S. State Street; 8:30 am

**February 13**—"Meet Your State Representatives" New Trier Northfield Campus; 3:00 – 4:30 pm

**February 15**—LWV-Wilmette Board Meeting; Wilmette Public Library; 1:00 pm

**February 15-16**—Voter Registration at New Trier High School; 8:20 am – 8:40 am during Advisory Period

**February 27**—Candidate Forums: Wilmette Village Hall Board Room  
New Trier School Board  
2:00 -3:00 pm

Wilmette District 39 School Board  
3:15 – 4:15 pm

**March 5**—Voter Registration at Wilmette Public Library, 1:30-4:30 pm

**March 5**—Women's History Month Luncheon, The Glen Club, 11:45 am

**March 6**—Candidate Forums: Wilmette Village Hall Board Room  
Wilmette Village Trustees  
2:00 – 3:00 pm

Wilmette Park Board  
3:15 – 4:15 pm

**18<sup>th</sup>** Annual Luncheon  
Commemorating  
**WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**



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"W...P...G...L..."

**SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2011**

11:45 a.m. Reception • 12:15 p.m. Luncheon • 1:00 p.m. Speaker

Location: The Glen Club, 2901 West Lake Avenue, Glenview (847-724-7272)

Entrance to • e Glen Club is directly across from the Glenview National 9 Golf Course.

Map available at [www.theglenclub.com](http://www.theglenclub.com)



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Dr. Bronson's book • icker than Oil: America's Uneasy Partnership with Saudi Arabia (Oxford University Press, 2006), has been translated into Japanese and published in paperback. Her writings have appeared in publications such as Foreign Policy, Foreign Affairs, • e New York Times, and • e Chicago Tribune. She has commented widely on foreign affairs in outlets such as NPR, CNN, • e Lehrer News Hour, • e Charlie Rose Show, and • e Daily Show with Jon Stewart. Dr. Bronson has served as a consultant to NBC News and the Center for Naval Analyses. She has testified before the Congressional Anti-Terrorist Finance Task Force, Congress' Joint Economic Committee and the 9/11 Commission.

**Cost: \$38 — Reservations must be received by March 1**

For more info call 847-604-1207, Glencoe ext.

Donations will be collected for the YWCA Evanston North Shore Domestic Violence Program and the YWCA Lake County School Age After School Program. In addition to monetary donations, the YWCA Evanston needs Polaroid 600 • lm, large and x-large disposable diapers, new socks and underwear for women and children, gi• cards to stores (Jewel, Dominick's, Target). Monetary donations to the YWCA Lake County will go towards purchasing children's board games.

**Reservation Form – Women's History Month Luncheon**

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

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

Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ reservations at \$38 per person

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

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