

Annual Issues Briefing
Saturday, March 4, 2017: 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
THEME: Making Democracy Work for Justice
University Center • 525 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois

The League of Women Voters of Illinois' Issues Committee is hard at work planning the 2017 Issues Briefing scheduled for Saturday, March 4, 2017 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with an opportunity to again gather for a "dine-around" experience following at 4:30 p.m.

Reservations by mail can be made any time. Go [here](#) for registration information. On-line registration will be available on January 16, 2017.

Please feel free to share these registration materials with friends and family.

2017 LWVIL ISSUES BRIEFING REGISTRATION

Name _____ League _____

Email _____ Telephone # _____

FULL DAY - \$60 per person (Early registration – Feb. 15 or before)

(includes continental breakfast, boxed lunch, two plenaries, briefing packet, workshops & materials)

MORNING PROGRAM ONLY - \$30 per person

(includes continental breakfast, plenary, workshop & materials and briefing packet (\$20 without breakfast)

AFTERNOON PROGRAM ONLY - \$35 per person

(includes boxed lunch, plenary, workshops & materials, briefing packet) (\$20 without lunch)

TENTATIVE AGENDA

9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Gathering & networking
10:00 a.m.	Welcome
10: 15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.	Morning Plenary <i>There's a Better Way: Making the Case for an Evidence-Based Funding Model for Illinois Schools</i>
Morning workshops:	

11:30 am – 12:30 pm – Choose one

- A. *Continuing the Discussion: An Educator's Perspective on Evidence-Based Funding*
- B. *The Impact of the Trump Presidency on Immigration & Refugees*
- C. *Protect Access to Healthcare in Illinois: the Affordable Care Act (ACA) & Medicaid*

12:30 **Boxed lunch** options. Please select one:

- GRILLED VEGGIE WRAP** Grilled seasonal vegetables in spinach tortilla wrap
- TURKEY & SWISS SANDWICH** Herb Roasted Turkey Breast, Swiss Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Dijonaise, Herbed Focaccia
- GREEK SALAD WITH GRILLED CHICKEN** Grilled chicken, tomatoes, cucumbers, Kalamata olives, feta cheese, red onion, and mixed greens with a red wine vinaigrette

There will be an opportunity to join in a lunch-time discussion on a relevant topic.

1:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Afternoon Plenary

The Illinois Budget Impasse: the Damage Caused to Illinois and its Residents

Afternoon workshops:

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Choose one

- A. *Higher Education Fund in Illinois: Creating Tools for LWVIL Advocacy*
- B. *Addressing Violence: What Works, What Doesn't, What those in Affected Communities have to Say*
- C. *Protect Illinois again Coal Tar*

Dine Around: 4:00-5:30 p.m.

I would like to gather with other League members at a restaurant for drinks and discussion.

Continue the Conversation.....Optional Dine Around

After a stimulating day, relax and socialize with fellow Leaguers a local restaurant before heading home. Participants will select and pay for their own drinks and food. Please indicate which restaurant you would like to go to and we will arrange to have tables available.

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Gino's East

521 South Dearborn Street. - 0.1 mile from the Issues Briefing
World famous deep dish pizza as well as pub snacks, soups and salads, sandwiches and pasta dishes, with a good selection of wine, beer, and house-made cocktails

Umai Japanese Kitchen and Sushi

370 South Clark Street. - 0.3 mile from the Issues Briefing
Classic Japanese techniques integrated with international flavors create mouth-watering bites for an eclectic crowd.

First Draft

649 South Clark Street - 0.3 mile from the Issues Briefing

Craft beer on tap and extensive lists of bourbon, scotch and tequila. Comfort food menu includes personal pizzas, small plates and charcuterie.

Tesori

65 East Adams Street - 0.4 mile from the Issues Briefing

Italian-inspired trattoria and bar in the loop - wine, craft beer and cocktails along with pastas, artesian pizzas, pastas and a variety of meat and seafood dishes for every palate.

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Why these restaurants?

The University Center is on a large college campus - serving the many colleges in the Chicago Loop. The closest restaurants are fast food chains and are not particularly good for groups and conversation. While there are several very nice places nearby, some are not open on Saturday and others do not open until 5:00 pm. Our selections represent a variety of cuisines and price points and are within easy walking distance from the Issues Briefing venue. (By the way, Hackney's, one of the most popular choices last year, has closed their Printer's Row location.)

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

Registration after 2/21/2017 is \$65

After January 31, 2017 register on-line
through PayPal at www.lwvil.org

Registration materials will be available on-line at www.lwvil.org/issuesbriefing

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ made payable to the League of Women Voters of Illinois.

For your convenience, the League accepts Visa and MasterCard:

Name on card:

Credit Card #: _____

Exp. Date: _____

Security Code: _____

Signature (required): _____

Address: _____

City _____ Zip _____

Please mail completed registration form and payment to:

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