

Diversity Days in La Grange

28th Annual Race Unity Rally

Sunday, September 8, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

Village of La Grange, Village Hall Auditorium

53 S. La Grange Road, La Grange

THEME: League of Women Voters Addresses Diversity

Featuring:

- **Audra Wilson, Executive Director, League of Women Voters of Illinois**
- **Village of La Grange Unity Proclamation**
- **“Watch My Feet” Performers, The LeaderShop**
- **CDG Diversity Achievement Awards:**



Mary Klonowski, LWV of the La Grange Area

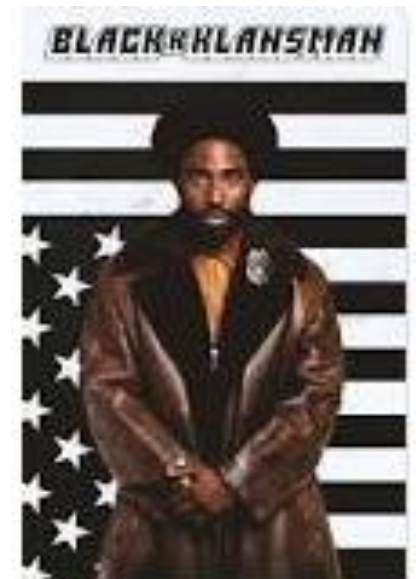
Becky Lorentzen & Harold Gibson, Expanding Our Circle Movie Series

FRIDAY NIGHT - FREE MOVIE and DISCUSSION

Sept. 6, 5:30 p.m., La Grange Public Library

All Are Welcome! Refreshments Will Be Served

Screening and discussion of the Spike Lee film, **BlacKkKlansman**, based on the “crazy, outrageous, incredible” true story of Ron Stallworth (John David Washington), the first African-American detective in the Colorado Springs police department. Set in the 1970s, the plot follows Stallworth as he plans to infiltrate the local Ku Klux Klan chapter. Presented in partnership with the La Grange Public Library.



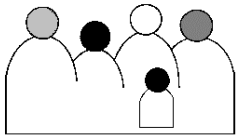
Pizza and Networking: 5:30 - 5:50 p.m.

Movie: 5:50 – 8:05 p.m.

Discussion: 8:05 – 8:35 p.m.

Sponsored by the CommUNITY Diversity Group of La Grange

For more information, contact Linda Eastman, 708-579-5114, or visit www.communitydiversity.org



**The CommUNITY
Diversity Group
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**Acknowledging our
cultural and racial
differences**

**Celebrating the
richness these
differences give
our society**

**Understanding
the implications
for our social and
political structures**

**Accepting
responsibility
for building a
caring community
by incorporating
these differences
into our systems.**

**...making our
society work
well for
everyone.**

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- ◆ 28th Annual Race Unity Rally: “League of Women Voters Addresses Diversity” Sunday, September 8, 2019, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m., La Grange Village Hall, 53 S. La Grange Road, La Grange
- ◆ Movie and Discussion: “BlacKkKlansman,” Friday, September 6, 2019, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the La Grange Public Library, 10 W. Cossitt Avenue, La Grange

The CommUNITY Diversity Group (CDG) will hold its 28th Annual Race Unity Rally on the topic of “League of Women Voters Addresses Diversity.” The CommUNITY Diversity Group’s Race Unity Rally began in the wake of the Rodney King riots in California. Events around the country have shown that we still live in a society where race raises troubling issues. Rally Co-Chair Marian Honel-Wilson stated, “The rally is an annual reminder to our community that we need to recognize and appreciate our diversity and work together to make our community a better place for everyone.”

Our guest speaker, [Audra Wilson](#), is the Executive Director of the [League of Women Voters of Illinois](#) (LWVIL), whose mission is to encourage the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influence public policy through education and non-partisan advocacy. Ms. Wilson will discuss the LWVIL’s upcoming 100th anniversary and its efforts to build a more diverse and inclusive membership.

The CDG’s Lifetime Diversity Achievement Award will be presented to Mary Klonowski, a long-time supporter of the CommUNITY Diversity Group of La Grange (CDG) and stalwart member of the League of Women Voters of the La Grange Area (LWVIGA). In addition, special recognition will be extended to Becky Lorentzen and Harold Gibson for initiating and coordinating the Expanding our Circle: Enriching Our Lives movie series. The LeaderShop’s youth dance group Watch My Feet will perform, and La Grange Village Board President Tom Livingston will present the village’s annual proclamation of Race Unity Day in La Grange.

The CDG, in partnership with the La Grange Public Library, will present a screening and discussion of the Oscar-nominated Spike Lee film “BlacKkKlansman” on Friday, September 6, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

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