



# The Voter Challenge

The League of Women Voters of Glenview/Glencoe is a nonpartisan political organization committed to the advocacy of the principles of democracy and the education of citizens about these principles. The LWV Glenview/Glencoe implements the mission of the League of Women Voters on the National, State and Local level through targeted actions that address specific needs.

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE/details	INFO
2018	HAPPY 200 <sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY ILLINOIS		
MARCH	CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH LWV Celebration Luncheon Mar 11 bring a friend	EVERYWHERE	flyer
Mar 5	EARLY VOTING BEGINS		
Mar 6	RSVP Deadline for Mar 11 Luncheon		
Mar 10	ONE EARTH Sustainability Fair/Film Festival	Park Ridge	flyer
Sun Mar 11	11:30a-2p Women's History Month Luncheon rsvp <a href="mailto:nmeister50@gmail.com">nmeister50@gmail.com</a> DEADLINE Mar 6	Wilmette Golf Club Restaurant 3900 Fairway (at Harms) W'mette	Flyer Pg 3-4
Mar 11	4p Public Info Meeting re GV Grove Referendum non lwv event	Kennicott House at the Grove	Pg 14
Mar 12	7p Freight Train Forum free and open to the public non lwv event	GBS Auditorium 4000 Lake Av,	Pg 11-12 flyer
Mar 19	7p "Equal Means Equal" documentary. why we need ERA free open to public non lwv event	Northbrook Library	Pg 19 flyer
Mar 20	PRIMARY ELECTION DAY VOTE	Various polling places	
Mar 24	10-11:30 GV Observers	Heinen's Meeting Room GV	Pg 10
May 22	G2 Annual Membership Meeting 5:30 cash bar, 6p buffet dinner 6:30-8p membership meeting	GV Golf Club Café 800 Shermer Rd, GV	Save Date
Jun-Jul 28-1	LWVUS Annual Convention here in the WINDY CITY	Chicago Hilton 720 Michigan Av	Save Date
NOV 6	ELECTION DAY	US	
	<u>THE BULLETIN BOARD</u> SEE Member POSTS	Submit posts by 29 <sup>th</sup> day of month	Pg 13

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## **6 TEENAGERS RUNNING FOR KS GOVERNOR**

(<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/02/08/us/kansas-governor-race-teenagers.html>)

## **PAPER BALLOT INITIATIVE**

This group may have outsmarted the Hackers.

[www.Auditelectionsusa.org](http://www.Auditelectionsusa.org)

## **CENTER FOR MEDIA AND DEMOCRACY**

Find out about ALEC

<https://www.prwatch.org/>



**Co-Presidents: Ann Yoshida & Sheri Latash**

Dear Friends,

Another busy month is upon us! As you may know, March is **Women's History Month**. If you're in the lobby of the Glenview Library this month, take a look at the display case and you'll see an LWVGG display. Thank you to Jennifer Black for making this happen for us.

Another GREAT way to celebrate the achievements of women is to attend the **Women's History Month Luncheon**, organized by our League and co-sponsored by the other north shore Leagues. The luncheon this year will feature grassroots activists from COFI (see below) who are making things happen in their communities. See the flyer in this newsletter and sign up **TODAY**, as our deadline, March 6, is fast approaching. Come by yourself or bring some friends; it is a friendly, fun event and we would really love a great turnout from our members.

In order to fund projects, send delegates to convention and just generally pay for the operation of the LWVGG, we are always on the hunt for painless fundraising ideas, and are considering resurrecting one from the past—the LWVGG Rummage Sale! Glamorous? Definitely. If you are a person who loves to run a garage sale, we would love to have your help! Shoot us an email and we will get in touch.

Finally, just a somber reminder that responding to **Time for Actions (TFAs)** is so important. Within the last week you should have received information about the Lethal Violence Order of Protection legislation, as well as the Gun Dealer Licensing Act. In all of our frustration and desire for change, the fact is that the mundane act of contacting your legislators and telling them how you feel about these important bills is one of the most important things you can do to help affect change.

See you at Mar 11 luncheon! *Sheri & Ann*

**Sun MAR 11 11:30a**

***Women's History Month Luncheon Speakers***  
***About COFI***

**The Power of Engaging Parents as Leaders** How One Chicago-Based Non-Profit is Helping Parents Create Real Change in Their Communities

On a Wednesday evening in January, a group of 17 parents came together at Lincoln Junior High's library for the orientation to COFI's Self, Family, and Team training. Founded in 1995, [Community Organizing and Family Issues \(COFI\)](http://www.cofi.org), is a Chicago-based nonprofit, that trains and supports parents in low-income communities to be powerful leaders on issues affecting their families. Originally from places as far and diverse as Mexico, Pakistan, and Jamaica, few of the parents in attendance knew what to expect of the training they'd be participating in for the next seven weeks. But despite this uncertainty and their different backgrounds, they soon found they shared common goals around their children, their local

public schools, and their desire to make positive change in themselves and in their community.

Using their own multi-step “[Family Focused Organizing](#)” model, COFI engages low-income and working parents as leaders in transforming their families, communities, institutions and the public policies that affect them. **READ MORE....**

<https://www.newamerica.org/education-policy/edcentral/power-engaging-parents-leaders/>

**COFI LEADERS TALK TO CHICAGO TRIB COLUMNIST MARY SCHMICH:**

*Fees, Fines, Loans and Scams: How the Poor Get Poorer*

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/columnists/schmich/ct-met-chicago-poor-debt-mary-schmich-20180201-story.html>

## **VOTER SERVICE INFORMATION**

By Nancy Kreloff, Sue Swaringen & Carole Weber

In this important and busy primary election season, G2 has been very active in registering voters, organizing candidate forums, and seeking out voter guide information in races where there are lots of new names running for office.

### **Candidate Forums**

LWV of Glenview/Glencoe, in partnership with the Leagues from Wilmette, Evanston, and Winnetka-Northfield-Kenilworth will present forums for the contested primary elections in the 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional, 17<sup>th</sup> State Representative, and 13<sup>th</sup> District Cook County Commissioner races this Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 9a.m.-12:20 p.m. at Community Recreation Center, 3000 Glenview Road, Wilmette, IL (east on Glenview Road, just west of Skokie Blvd.)

Be sure to come! Bring family and neighbors. After all, primary elections actually choose the candidates who will run in the November election! We have lots of League volunteers ready to MAKE DEMOCRACY WORK that morning.

Here's the schedule and list of candidates:

**9:00 - 10:00 am, 9th Congressional (R): John D. Elleson, Maxwell Rice, Sargis Sangari and D. Vincent Thomas Jr.**

**10:10 - 11:10 am, 17th District State Representative (D): Candance Chow, Pete Dagher, Alexandra Eidenberg, Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz and Mary Rita Luecke**

**11:20 am - 12:20 pm, 13th District Cook County Commissioner (D): Bushra Amiwala, Daniel Foster and Larry Suffredin.**

## **Voter Registration**

**Boy, have we been busy!! February saw a non-stop cavalcade of League voter registration events. We registered voters at 9 sites, including:**

**Glencoe Library  
Lodge Retirement Community in Northbrook  
Muslim Education Center in Morton Grove,  
Vi of the Glen  
Brookdale Retirement Center in Northbrook  
Covenant Village Retirement Center in Northbrook,  
Hanuman Temple in Glenview  
Glenbrook South High School  
Glenbrook North High School**

**Even this month's snowmageddon didn't stop us. We had originally been scheduled to register voters at GBS on Friday, Feb. 9, but when school was cancelled due to the snowstorm, our tenacious Leaguers stepped up on VERY short notice to register voters on the following Wednesday. After all the registrations were counted, we registered an impressive 167 new voters.**

**A HUGE thank you to our amazing troupe of deputy registrars, without whom none of this could have been accomplished:** *Pat Carlson, Marguerite Cole, Sondra Engel, Diane Freeman, Catherine Gray, Teresa Grosch, Josie Hamilton, Lisa Helford, Sarah Hill, Roxanne Junge, Sue Kravis, Nancy Kreloff, Paula Lawson, Stacy Powers, Eileen Ribordy, Jen Roberts, Dianne Schmidt, Robbie Schreiber, Sue Swearingen & Carole Weber.*

**Not only did we register first time voters at the high schools who were 'stoked' to become registered, we also answered many questions at the other sites and reassured seniors about their voting status. Job well done, ladies!!**

**And additionally, we should also give a special 'shout out' to David Kane at GBS and Scott Williams at GBN who, year after year, enthusiastically facilitate this activity at their schools and encourage the students to register.**

**Our League also participated in a very successful deputy registrar training session on February 3. Congratulations to** *Rhonda Diamond, Catherine Gray, Roxanne Junge, Jacki Kimel, Susan Kessler, Reggie Kljucaric, Sheri Latash, and Audree Rowe,* **who are now official deputy registrars. Look forward to new voter registration opportunities before the November 6 general election.**

## **VOTER and CANDIDATE INFORMATION**

**Here are a few sources of information for the primary election on March 20. Check for emails from LWVGG as we find additional resources.**

**\*\* LWV of Illinois Primary Voter Guide, for information about your own ballot and throughout the state, <https://lwvil.civengine.com>**

**\*\* LWV of Cook County's Voters Guide to the Cook County Primary, a video guide created in partnership with WTTW Channel 11, a 2-minute video of each candidate running for Cook County Office. <https://chicagotonight.wttw.com/2018/02/22/2018-voters-guide-cook-county-primary>**

**\*\* ABC7 TV is sponsoring a Democratic Primary Gubernatorial Forum on Friday, March 2. Shown live on social media and on ABC's digital channel from 7-10pm; also that night from 10:35-11:35 on ABC7 TV. More info at [abc7chicago.com](http://abc7chicago.com).**

**\*\* Cook County Clerk (for Cook County suburban residents), [www.cookcountyclerk.com/elections](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com/elections)**

**69 W. Washington, Suite 500, Chicago 60602, 312-603-5656 for information including: verifying your registration, locations for registration, grace period registration, early voting, election day registration and voting, your polling location, and voting by mail.**

## IMPORTANT VOTING INFORMATION

Date	Event
3/4	Last day to register online to vote <a href="http://ova.elections.il.gov">ova.elections.il.gov</a>
3/5 – 3/19	Early voting ( <i>selected locations &amp; hours</i> )
3/15	Last day to request a <u>mail ballot</u> , including military and overseas voters
3/19	Last day of <u>grace period registration and voting</u>
3/20	Last day <u>mail ballots</u> can be postmarked
3/20	Election day voter registration
3/20	<b>ELECTION DAY</b> Polls open 6 am – 7 pm. Election day voter registration and voting at home precincts only.

<https://www.ballotready.org/>



## Cook County On line Voter Guide for Primaries

<https://chicagotonight.wttw.com/2018/02/19/2018-voters-guide-cook-county-primary>

<https://lwvil.civengine.com>



**Gubernatorial Democratic Primary Candidate Debate The debate will air:**

- live on **Fri Mar 2, at 7 pm** ABC7's digital channel 7.2 (Comcast 217, RCN 618, WOW 219) as well as [abc7chicago.com](http://abc7chicago.com).
- ABC7's main channel on **Fri Mar 2, at 10:35 pm**.
- WGB0/Univision Chicago on **Sat, Mar 3 at 5 pm**.



- It will also be made available to downstate Illinois Broadcaster Association - member television and radio station. Check your local listing
- [www.endcitizensunited.org](http://www.endcitizensunited.org) to find candidates who pledge to get special interest money out of politics.
- ***DEMOCRACY IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT***



G2 Leaguers, friends

## Automatic Voter Registration Info from the Brennan Center (AVR)

- [Brennan Center Analysis of Automatic Voter Registration](#)[National Conference of State Legislatures Analysis of Automatic Voter Registration](#)

## Gerrymandering: Battle for Redistricting

Jane Ballengee

A week ago Representative Ryan Spain submitted the updated Redistricting Amendment to the House.

The Redistricting Coalition has received the House bill number is **HJRCA 43**. There was a gathering in Springfield on Tues, Feb 27 to discuss the importance of supporting and passing the amendment in meetings with legislators. The Legislature needs to complete the process and pass the Amendment by May 1st so that it can go on the ballot.

The Redistricting Collaborative prepared a survey on redistricting and submitted it to all the candidates for Governor. There were 11 surveys sent out and 6 were completed and returned.

There will be a number of steps we can all take to ensure we have the amendment passed in time to place it on the ballot. One step will be to attend to rally in Springfield in the near future to encourage our legislators to vote for the Redistricting Amendment. Another will be to contact your legislator and encourage him/her to pass the amendment. There are recommended news articles, letters to the editor, facebook, tweets that you can use to encourage passage.

Go to <http://www.changeil.org/> to read the results of the surveys as well as see additional information and steps for recommended communications to friends, family, and news outlets.

# CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## 5 Black Women Founders and Inventors You Should Know

African American women have founded various organizations, they've been the masterminds behind innovative products, and they've paved the way for new generations' thought leaders. These champions of change have solved medical mysteries, fought poverty, served on congressional committees, and have helped lead the movements against racism, sexism, and class barriers.

### 1. Patricia Bath, ophthalmologist and laser scientist (b. 1942)



Bath was an advocate for preventing and treating blindness. Not only was she the first African American to complete a medical residency in ophthalmology, but she also co-founded the American Institute for the Prevention of Blindness and established a new discipline known as community ophthalmology. Bath also became the first black woman doctor to receive a medical patent when she created the Laserphaco Probe, a new device for cataract surgery. As a young girl growing up in Harlem, New York, Bath noticed that surgery, and medicine in general, was a male-dominated profession. After receiving her medical degree

from Howard University College of Medicine in Washington, D.C., Bath joined the University of California, Los Angeles, as the first woman faculty member in the department of ophthalmology.

### 2. Anna Arnold Hedgeman, co-founder of the National Organization for Women (1899–1990)



Arnold Hedgeman was an author, politician, and educator who fought to end segregation among teachers of color. She was the first black woman to hold a mayoral cabinet position in New York. As one of the founders of the National Organization for Women, she was an advocate for education, feminism, and poverty issues. Hedgeman was also the first African American to hold a Federal Security Agency position in her role as executive director of the National Council for a Permanent Fair Employment Practice Commission. Instrumental in organizing the March on Washington in 1963, it was Hedgeman who pushed for female speakers to be part of the event that initially lacked the recognition of women civil rights heroes.

### 3. Miriam E. Benjamin, inventor of the Gong & Signal Chair (1861–1947)



In 1888, Miriam E. Benjamin became the second black woman to receive a patent. Her invention, the Gong and Signal Chair, revolutionized customer service practices. The chair included a small button that relayed a signal to an attendant when pressed. This invention would later be used in steamboats, restaurants, and even the U.S. House of Representatives. Today, Benjamin's creation is used to signal flight attendants on planes.



#### 4. Maggie Lena Walker, founder of St. Luke Penny Savings Bank (1864–1934)

**Maggie Lena Walker** founded the highly successful **St. Luke Penny Savings Bank**, an accomplishment for which she's recognized as being the first African American woman to charter a bank in the United States. Under Walker's leadership, the bank served a membership of more than 50,000 in 1,500 local branches. From 1903 to 1929, the bank issued more than 600 mortgages to black families, allowing many to realize the dream of home ownership. Walker also served as grand secretary of the Independent Order of St. Luke, an umbrella organization dedicated to the social and financial advancement of African Americans, and she actively campaigned for women's rights and desegregation.



#### 5. Marva Collins, founder of Westside Preparatory School (1936–2015)



**Marva Collins**, recipient of AAUW's 1989 **Achievement Award**, was one of the most influential education activists of the 20th century. In 1975, Collins founded the Westside Preparatory School in the impoverished community of Garfield Park in Chicago, Illinois. Collins **was well known** for providing education to low-income African American children who she felt the Chicago public school system had wrongly labeled as "learning disabled."

Through her teaching methods, which focused on phonics, reading, math, and English, Collins tackled behavioral issues and is credited for her techniques of classroom management. At one point, President Ronald Reagan even nominated her to become secretary of education.

*This post was written by former Media Relations and Social Media Intern Khallilah Beecham-Watkins.*

**G2 Co-President Sheri Latash and Dino Robinson, our speaker on *African American Life on the North Shore* on Feb 27. His website is: [www.shorefrontlegacy.org](http://www.shorefrontlegacy.org)**





Great group of new and tenured G2 Leaguers met on Saturday at Heinen's Meeting Room for orientation and Q & A of "all things League". If YOU missed it or would appreciate a "refresher" we will hold another one in April at Heinen's.



## **GLENVIEW OBSERVER CORPS FEB Highlights**

**NEXT MEETING: *Sat Mar 24* at Heinen's in GV 10-11:30a** meeting room to share observations of GV Boards and Commissions. Grab some coffee and join us. Members always welcome.

### **School District 225 (High Schools GBS,GBN)**

- Although a transgender restroom policy has been voted on by the board, parents continue to come to board meetings wanting to reopen the matter.
- A GBS junior has won a Grammy award.

### **School District 34**

- A Gifted Math Task Force has been created to examine the district's accelerated math classes.

### **Plan Commission**

- There was discussion regarding the new Goodwill store that will be built on Paddock Drive. There was discussion of new sidewalks, a lower sign height, new trees, reduced height of pole lighting, and dropoff areas.
- A new commissioner, Michael Korman, will be serving on the Plan Commission Board.

### **Glenview Village Board**

- The Lake St. bridge, just east Wagner Rd. is being reinforced.
- There was discussion of signs to be posted which will welcome people into Glenview
- Trustees discussed creating a BYOB license.

### **Park Board**

- Several awards were given to community members and retiring park district employees.
- A Glenview park will be named in honor of former Park District Superintendent Tom Richardson.
- A mobile chicken coop has been installed at Wagner Farm.



## Freight train parking forum

The Village of Glenview has scheduled a public forum to discuss community concerns related to the impacts of the [proposal to increase Amtrak's Hiawatha service](#) from seven to 10 round trips daily between Chicago and Milwaukee, and particularly the accompanying plans to build a 2-mile freight train holding track in west Glenview and a new switching mechanism at Dewes Street. The forum is scheduled:

**7p Mon, Mar 12**

**Glenbrook South High School auditorium  
4000 West Lake Avenue, Glenview**

State and federal legislators have been invited to attend.

- [Read this flyer to learn more about the forum.](#)
- [Click here](#) for more details and background about the proposed rail expansion plan.

## **GLENVIEW ISSUES: WHAT'S THE LEAGUE'S POSITION ON...?**

♦ You've read local newspaper articles and letters to the editor, received park district mailings, seen the yard signs, are still unsure which way to vote and are wondering what the League thinks about the following which will be **ON THE MARCH 20TH BALLOT?**

### **1. GLENVIEW PARK DISTRICT REFERENDUM**

There are three components to the proposed \$17 million bond referendum (total project cost is \$33 million): \$2.65 million for traffic safety & security improvements at The Grove as well as renovation of the interpretive center; \$1.0 million to leverage available grants to purchase open space in strategic locations; and ~\$13.35 million to both renovate the existing 44 year-old ice center and add another ice rink. The bonds would add approximately \$36 annually for 20 years to the tax bill of a home valued at \$500,000.

**Because our League hasn't evaluated this referendum proposal through a formal study process, we do not have a position on it. In two prior referenda, the League studied and advocated vigorously for using public funds to acquire and preserve The Grove, and preserve open land for public use with the acquisition of Wagner Farm. Ice center proposals have never been evaluated.**

### **2. EXPANSION OF HIAWATHA COMMUTER SERVICE/ADDITIONAL FREIGHT RAIL LINE CONSTRUCTION?**

In 2016 the Federal Railway Administration, Wisconsin Department of Transportation and Illinois Department of Transportation asserted that there is demand for additional trains on Amtrak's Hiawatha commuter rail service between Milwaukee and Chicago (which stops in Glenview); thus,

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they proposed that commuter service be increased from seven to ten roundtrips daily. However, this increase in commuter traffic would cause additional freight rail delays and so another part of the proposal is to create an additional freight holding track adjacent to current tracks that run through Glenview, past the Princeton Village, the Willows/Willow Woods/Willow Glen, Westgate at the Glen, and adjacent military housing subdivisions, as well as adjacent parks and nearby schools.

These regulatory agencies retained a consultant to perform an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the local impact of this proposal. Due to concerns about the inadequacy of the EA regarding the health and environmental impacts of idling freight trains, our League submitted written comments to the three agencies requesting that a full Environmental Impact Study (EIS) be conducted.

From the outset, the Village of Glenview objected to the Hiawatha proposal. Village representatives met with our state and federal legislators who, in turn, communicated their objections to the proponents. *On March 12, the Village will be sponsoring a public meeting to discuss the latest developments, their objections to the proposal, and to receive input from residents. A flyer about this public meeting can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.*

League natural resource positions support efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through greater use of public transportation. If increased ridership already warrants additional trains, or if additional trains at convenient times will encourage drivers to opt for trains, this would be good for the environment. However, we cannot take a position on the Hiawatha proposal because we haven't undertaken a formal study of it. Having said that, we strongly disagree with the EA's conclusions that there would be no local environmental impact. We simply do not know what the environmental and health consequences will be unless and until real time monitoring and sampling of current conditions is conducted. No such data collection occurred as part of the EA; therefore, there can be no extrapolation of the potential impact of additional freight traffic through town.

**Bottom line: We do not have a position on the Hiawatha proposal because we haven't undertaken a formal study of it; but, we reject the conclusions of the underlying Environmental Assessment and will continue to press for the more rigorous and appropriate Environmental Impact Study.**

**G2 WORKING GROUP update**  
**CIVICS FOR GROWNUPS 101**

Mary Hummel

We are steadily working toward our goal for 2018 to have a League community presentation. Some of our members have volunteered to generate some useful Civics Power Points which are instructive but also fun. More on this later. If you have Power Point Skills let me know and you can create a civics power point, too! It's fun and we have a template to guide you.

LWVGG is committed to offering mentoring by our Observer Corps as a great way for the #225 students to learn about local government. For a fun short weekly Civics podcast to keep learning civics. <https://www.civics101podcast.org>

## Civics Challenge

Here are 7 of the 30 questions in the **1870 Louisiana Voter Literacy Test**. Voters had to take this test if they couldn't prove they had a fifth grade education.

***One wrong answer is failure. You have 10 minutes to finish 30 questions. GO***

<b>1. Draw a line around the number or letter of this sentence.</b>
<b>5. Circle the first letter of the alphabet in this line.</b>
<b>8. Draw a line through the letter below that comes earliest in the alphabet.</b> <b>Z V S B D M K I T P H C</b>
<b>11. Cross out the number necessary when making the number below one million 10000000000</b>
<b>13. In the line below cross out each number that is more than 20 but less than 30</b> <b>30 16 48 29 53 47 22 37 98 26 20 25</b>
<b>20. Spell backwards, forwards</b>
<b>30. Draw five circles that (sic) one inter-locking part.</b>

**How did you do? Next month The Civics Challenge will have more!**

**Teddy Roosevelt stated in 1905, "*all contributions by corporations to any political committee or for any political purpose should be forbidden by law. Elections Rightfully Belong to The People Not to political parties. Not to the candidates. And certainly not to corporations*"**

**He then went on in his 1907 State of the Union address to suggest that the rancor of campaigning would disappear if Congress "*provided an appropriation for the proper and legitimate expenses of each of the great national parties.*"**

# **"THE BULLETIN BOARD"**

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MEMBERS CAN SUBMIT SHORT BRIEF POSTS BY 29<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF ANY MONTH.

### **YOU CAN ADVERTISE WITH US**

DO YOU KNOW A BUSINESS WHICH WOULD LIKE TO ADVERTISE IN THE VOTER/CHALLENGE? -- A HAIRDRESSER, INSURANCE AGENT, DENTIST, CLOTHING SHOP, TOY STORE, PRINTER, RESTAURANT, JEWELER, ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES!

ADS ARE ONLY \$100 FOR THE YEAR! IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA, CONTACT JENNIFER THIERMANN AT

[JENNYTHIER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JENNYTHIER@GMAIL.COM) OR CAROLE WEBER AT [CBW331@AOL.COM](mailto:CBW331@AOL.COM).

LEAGUERS ALWAYS HAVE GOOD IDEAS!

**MARCH 11  
4p**

**Public Information  
Meeting at the GV  
Grove's Kennicott House  
regarding the March 20  
Referendum**

**Looking for Leaguer  
who has video tech  
skills to work w GVTV to  
develop videos of our  
program to post to our  
website. Can you help?**

**Contact: Jane**

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### **Poll workers sought**

**The  
Cook  
County  
Clerk's  
Office**



**is hiring community  
members to serve  
voters during the  
[March 20 Primary  
Election](#) as election  
judges and equipment  
managers.**

**To learn more and  
apply, [click here](#).**

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**You left ME at Program Planning  
Potluck. I am a small glass bowl  
STAR shaped**

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**Looking for Leaguer who  
could run a Rummage  
Sale to fundraise for G2.  
Interested?**

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# Women's History Month Luncheon



Sunday, March 11, 11:30 - 2 p.m.

Wilmette Golf Club Restaurant - 3900 Fairway Drive, Wilmette, 60091 (intersection of E. Lake Ave/Harms Rd. Wilmette)

## This Is What Activism Looks Like *Empowering Parent Leaders in the Community*

Join us as we listen to **Executive Director Ellen Schumer** and **parent leaders** from **Community Organizing and Family Issues (COFI)** discuss paths to successful community engagement.

COFI's innovative model of Family Focused Organizing has engaged thousands of low-income African American and Latino parents in improving preschools, schools, communities and public policies in Chicago, throughout Illinois and beyond.

*Friends of the League are always welcome!*



**Questions?** Contact Mary Hummel LWVGG at [mhu3733@comcast.net](mailto:mhu3733@comcast.net)

In lieu of an honorarium, donations may be made at the luncheon to benefit the work being done at COFI. Cash or checks will be gratefully accepted, or you may donate online at [cofionline.org](http://cofionline.org).

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**Women's History Month Luncheon RSVP** - Complete/Send \$30 cash or checks\* payable to LWVIL Ed Fund

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ League \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Names \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch choice: Chicken Breast \_\_\_\_\_ Eggplant Parmesan \_\_\_\_\_

Total Attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

Mail RSVP to Norine Meister: 1030 Forestview Ln. Glenview IL 60025 by **MARCH 6**.

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## COFI, Community Organizing and Family Issues

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Using a multi-step process, these grassroots parent leaders have made major changes in public policies and systems that make a difference for low-income families, including winning the return of recess to the Chicago Public Schools (CPS), the banning of suspensions for children younger than second grade and convincing CPS to adopt restorative justice and scrap its zero tolerance policy, and creating and winning support for a program in which parents go door-to-door in low-income communities to connect families with high quality early education programs.

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For more information visit: [glenview.il.us/Pages/hiawatha.aspx](http://glenview.il.us/Pages/hiawatha.aspx)



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