

REGISTRATION

League of Women Voters® of Illinois Issues Briefing, Saturday, March 4, 2017: 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

University Center • 525 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: February 15, 2017

Name _____ League _____

Email _____ Telephone # _____

FULL DAY - \$60 per person

_____ (includes continental breakfast, boxed lunch, 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)

Morning workshops:

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – 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*

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

_____ **GLUTEN FREE OPTION** May be requested in advance.

Afternoon workshops:

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Choose one

_____ *A. Higher Education Funding 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 Against Coal Tar*

A draft agenda for the day can be found later in this document as well as dine-around options.

Jeanette Mullen (1926 – 1998) was a member of the League of Women Voters of Illinois Board of Directors and its Legislative Chair from 1961 to 1969 and spent time in Springfield advocating League issues with legislators.

From 1969 to 1970, Jeanette represented the 32nd Senatorial District at the Illinois Constitutional Convention – she donated the desk she used during the Convention to LWVIL where it remains today.

One of the issues about which she was particularly passionate was a fairer tax structure in Illinois.

Shortly after Jeanette's death on May 21, 1998, several friends and colleagues established a fund in her memory to raise contributions to support LWVIL's advocacy efforts, hence the Jeanette B Mullen Advocacy Fund. Solicitation of funds is ongoing.

Please consider contributing \$20 to support the Mullen Fund and thereby insure the availability of funds for the League's advocacy work.

There are two ways in which you can register for the 2017 Issues Briefing:

1. Fill out this registration form and return it with a check made payable to the League of Women Voters of Illinois.
2. You are welcome to register on-line and pay with a credit card by following this link:
<http://www.lwvil.org/issuesbriefing.html>

	Full-day	\$60.00		
	Morning only (breakfast)	\$30.00		
	Afternoon only (lunch)	\$35.00		
	Morning or afternoon only (no breakfast/no lunch)	\$20.00		
	Contribution to support the Mullen Advocacy fund	\$		
	TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$		

<p>Please mail completed registration form and payment to:</p> <p>League of Women Voters® of Illinois 332 South Michigan Avenue, Suite 634 Chicago, Illinois 60604 312.939.5935</p>	
<p>REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 Registration after 2/21/2017 is \$65 Register <u>online</u> through PayPal</p>	

AGENDA (as of February 10, 2017)
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MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK FOR JUSTICE

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> The Honorable Will Davis , Illinois House of Representatives (D) 30, East Hazel Crest Ralph Martire , Executive Director, Center for Tax & Budget Accountability Beth Purvis , Illinois Secretary of Education
11:15 a.m	<i>Break</i>
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Morning workshops <i>A. Continuing the Discussion:</i> <i>An Educator's Perspective on Evidence-Based Funding</i> Larry Frank, PhD, Director of Research, Illinois Education Association Gary Tipsford, Superintendent of Leroy Community Unit School District <i>B. The Impact of the Trump Presidency on Immigration & Refugees</i> Trisha Teofilo Olave, National Immigration Justice Center of the Heartland Alliance <i>C. Protect Access to Healthcare in Illinois: the Affordable Care Act (ACA) & Medicaid</i> Carrie Chapman, Director of Policy & Strategic Innovation, Legal Council for Health Justice
12:30	Boxed lunch Discussion Opportunity: What Impact on the 2016 Elections did a weakened Voting Rights Act have?

1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Afternoon Plenary

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

Dan Lesser, Director, Economic Justice, Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law

Paula Corrigan-Halpern, Vice President of Public Policy + Strategic Initiatives Children's Home + Aid

Taneka Jennings, MSW, Director of Government Affairs and Special Assistant to the President, Metropolitan Family Service

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Afternoon workshops:

A. *Higher Education Funding in Illinois: Creating Tools for LWVIL Advocacy*

Dr. Elaine Maimon, President, Governors State University

B. *Addressing Violence: What Works, What Doesn't, What Those in Affected Communities Have to Say*

Liz Dozier, Managing Director, Chicago Beyond

Taleza Rodgers, Leader, FORCE Project of the Community Renewal Society

C. *Protect Illinois Against Coal Tar*

State Representative Laura Fine (D-17)

Allyson Haut, Co-President, League of Women Voters of Wilmette

Dine Around: 4:00 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 at 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.)