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Important Dates

o **Noon-1 p.m. July 9,**
LWVGP board meeting,
Peoria Public Library
Downtown.

o **5:30 -7 p.m. July 18,**
Member Social, Springdale
Cemetery.

President's Message

Transformational Journey

"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." - Lao Tzu

At this year's League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) convention from June 28-July 1, a ***Transformational Roadmap*** for moving the national League forward into its second century will be reviewed and discussed. This roadmap will be used for a "transformational journey" that will ensure the League remains strong, visible, and relevant.

While on this journey, the following key League elements will not change: Mission impact work. Nonpartisanship. Membership organization.

The focus of the journey will be on four priorities designed to move the national organization forward:

1. Advance a clear strategic focus.
2. Build a more inclusive culture.
3. Build a healthier League network.
4. Increase capacity at all levels.

As we learn more about the ***Transformational Roadmap*** the LWVUS has presented, we as a local League will need and want to explore the four priorities to determine the path for our own "transformational journey".

So, I invite you to begin with a single step on the LWVGP journey by reading the five page Executive Summary of the LWVUS ***Transformational Journey*** that can be found at https://www.lwv.org/sites/default/files/2018-06/transformation_roadmap_exec_summary_april_2018.pdf. Then, consider what the LWVGP Roadmap might look like for our own "transformational journey". I look forward to working with you to create that roadmap to take us into the second century of Making Democracy Work!

Your fellow traveler,

Farrell Davies

LWVGP President

Welcome New Board Directors

We want to welcome the following new Board Directors approved by the LWVGP Board on June 11, 2018 to serve during the 2018-2019 term:

Terry Bibo-Knight- The Voter

Peter Kobak- Voter Guide

Elaine Hopkins- Press Releases

DRINKS & DIALOGUE, Wednesday August 15

Drinks & Dialogue will take a break for July and return on August 15. Join us to discuss voting rights and the security of our local voting system. Thomas Bride, Executive Director of Peoria Election Commission, will present.

Hope you are enjoying the summer! See you at the Membership Social on July 18 at Springdale Cemetery.

— Connie Romanus

PEORIA COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION, Tuesday, June 5

The Election Commission held its monthly meeting on June 5, with all commissioners present. They approved payment of bills, even though monthly bills for Ameren, American Water, and the copier had not yet arrived. This was due to the early meeting date (the first Tuesday rather than the second).

Executive Director Tom Bride gave an update on the Brandywine location. He stops by several times a week to check on progress. Currently, they seem to be on schedule for a September 1 move-in date. Metal studs and door framing are up, and electrical and fire alarm work is being completed. Bride's attendance has been helpful because an error was discovered in the placement of a wall. The wall would have run into a window, so it was moved slightly.

Bride will also put out a Request For Proposal (RFP) for software and/or hardware for the ePollbooks. The current software will not be supported after the fall election. He hopes new software will work on the current poll books. He is looking for a three year contract.

— Irene Pritzker

VOTER SERVICE

“We” are enjoying a break this month. We are looking forward to partnering with many of you as we partner with the Election Commission to conduct mock elections in eight (8) high schools the first two (2) weeks in September. We trust that YOU will check out our sign-up sheet at the Summer Social this month and sign up to help. We will have training for you later.

We are grateful for all our registrars! A couple of you have gotten trained this past month!! We will have an information sheet and sign-up sheet for the “BIG” naturalization ceremony on Tuesday, September 25 at the Bradley Renaissance.

Have a great month!

——— Mary Jane Crowell, Voter Services Chair



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Membership Drive is in full swing. A number of people have joined using PayPal, while others are mailing checks to the Post Office Box. We encourage all members to renew as quickly as possible and invite your neighbor, your family members and/or professional colleagues to become members. Our goal for this year is 175 members and we need you to make that happen. The year should be an exciting one with monthly programs and Drinks and Dialogue sessions dealing with current issues and related to the League’s Position Statements. Become involved by serving on a committee, participating in a study of a current issue or coming to an event to meet others with similar interests. Check below for an invitation to the July Membership Social on July 18, at Springdale Cemetery, as well as a form to complete to send with your dues. Be sure to inform us of any changes in your contact information.

Looking forward to seeing you on July 19. If you have questions or concerns, please contact one of us:

Linda Millen – 645-2542
Tchkids2@sbcglobal.net

Jan Deissler – 635-1872
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— Jan Deissler

Dues Invoice The League’s Membership Year is July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

2018/19 League of Women Voters of Greater Peoria Membership Form

Please select and circle your desired membership category and fill out the following:

- Name(s) _____
- Mailing address: _____
- Primary phone (s) & email address(es) _____

- **Make check payable to LWVGP for the circled membership amount, and mail this form and check to LWVGP, P.O. 9786, Peoria, IL 61612-9786**

Category	Individual	Household
Regular	\$62	\$93
Student/ Young Professional/Scholarship	\$31	n/a
Defenders of Democracy		
• Susan B. Anthony	\$100	\$150
• Carrie Chapman Catt	\$200	\$300
• Eleanor Roosevelt	\$300	\$450

Membership categories:

- Household = 2 members living at the same address. Student = full-time student. Young Professional = member 30 or younger

- *Scholarship = limited income, contact Membership Co-Chair Jan Deissler 309-635-1872 or Linda Millen 309-635-2542*
- *Defenders of Democracy = increased level of support acknowledged in Voter.
Thank you. Your membership makes democracy work!*

**You are
invited!**

It's Happening in July!

Summer Renewal Social

Wednesday, July 18, 5:30 – 7 pm

Springdale Cemetery - 3014 North Prospect Road
Near the Shaft and under the Big Top near Entrance

Please come and bring prospective members to celebrate our League's successes this past year and hear about plans for the upcoming year. League members and their invited guests are welcome. RSVP names by July 15 by responding to this e-mail or by phone to Jan Deissler at 309-635-1872 or Linda Millen at 309-645-2542.

RENEW RENEW RENEW

Renew your League of Women Voters' membership (Due in July)

**Your membership gives the League the political
clout to make democracy work!**

3 ways to renew, plus more membership categories

Please choose the renewal option that works best for you

- 1. In person, at the Summer Renewal Social with check or cash.**
- 2. Online, go to www.lwvgp.org and use PayPal to renew.**
- 3. Mail, use enclosed form and mail a check payable to LWVGP, P. O. Box 9786,
Peoria
61612-9786.**

As a member you will receive electronically our newsletter, *The Voter*, and alerts on breaking action in Illinois and Washington, D.C. You will also have opportunities to:

- Connect with and strengthen our community
- Help shape the policy decisions that affect our lives
- Learn more about and foster dialog on a broad range of issues
- Help preserve our constitutional rights and liberties

The League of Women Voters, making democracy work!



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

ON THE WEB:

www.lwvqp.org

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