



# League Links

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**Celebrating 55 years of community service**

Our Mission Statement/Purpose: The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Date	Time	Event
Thurs., Aug 4, 2011		Early Childhood
Wed., Aug 17, 2011	7:00 PM	Core Standards Cathy Duoba's 582 Bristol Lane, Elk Grove Village
Sun., Aug 28, 2011	1:00 – 3:00	Picnic Josetta McLaughlin's 1131 N. Dryden, Arlington Heights
Wed., Aug 31, 2011		Dues are due
Thurs., Sept. 22, 2011	7:00 PM	Palatine League Education Study Meeting Palatine Village Hall 200 E. Wood, Palatine

## SEPTEMBER MEETING

OUR USUAL SEPTEMBER MEETING IS BEING REPLACED BY THE EDUCATION PROGRAM MEETING OFFERED BY THE LWV PALATINE AREA AND BY THE TWO SEPTEMBER SUMMERTIME CHATS.

THE PALATINE AREA LWV EDUCATION STUDY MEETINGS THURSDAY, SEPT 22ND, 7PM - PALATINE VILLAGE HALL - 200 E. WOOD, PALATINE

This study meeting will summarize material from the LWVUS background papers and information gathered from interviews with local educators.

## The Federal Role in Public Education

What Could Be More Timely??

### The Summertime Chats

Just what is the role of the federal government in public education? That is the focus of the League this summer and fall. What could be more timely in these months when the Congress is debating whether to make deep cuts to the entire federal budget's discretionary spending, or to designate some areas for increased budget investment to secure the future? Is the government too broke to continue its role in education? Does the economic future of our country depend on the federal role in public education, *particularly as related to equity in funding*? Does our country's education system need core standards and should they come from the states or from the federal government?

An inquiring Leaguer wants to know! Leaguers are committed to forming opinions ONLY AFTER studying the facts. That's the purpose of our League's Summertime Chats. You read the background study papers which are available online at the LWVUS website. Select "For Members"; then hit "Projects and Programs" from the list on left; and finally select the "Education Study" from the list on right. After reading the materials, please come to the chats where we will have some fun together discussing and debating the issues involved.



**Don't miss this chance  
To learn, discuss, and weigh the facts**

**Become more effective with an opinion based on facts and deliberation!**

### Summertime Chats Schedule The Federal Role in Public Education

#### RSVP to Hostesses

**Thursday, August 4 7pm Historical Perspectives & Early Childhood Education papers**  
Joyce Mark's 200 W. Campbell, Apt 411, Arlington Heights  
847-253-3410

**Wednesday, August 17 7pm Common Core Standards & Assessments paper**  
Cathy Duoba's, 582 Bristol Lane, ELK GROVE VILLAGE  
847-437-6956 or 847-370-6956

#### September Chats Topics

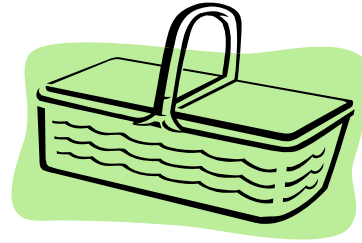
##### Funding and Equity Issues

##### Legislation and Funding for the Education of Children Who are Disadvantaged

Dates and locations for September Chats will be in September League Links.

If you would like to host a Chat, contact Cathy Duoba.

## August Picnic



**Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 1- 3 pm**  
**At the home of Josetta McLaughlin,**  
**1131 N. Dryden, Arlington Heights**

3<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Meet and Greet  
With Our Local State Legislators

Our annual summer picnic always draws a good crowd with its casual atmosphere and good picnic food. This non-election year, we also have the chance to talk informally with our local state legislators. We have invited the Senator and Representative from both our northern and southern area districts.

Look for your invitation via E-vite, which will contain information and the RSVP. If you cannot be reached online, please call Nancy Duel at 847-259-3793 to make a reservation. All food and beverages will be provided through a caterer since summer heat can play havoc with pot-luck dishes. Cost is \$10 per member. Guests are welcome. Invite a potential member.



### DUES NEED TO BE PAID BY AUGUST 31

According to our Bylaws, dues need to be paid by August 31. If you have not paid your dues for 2011-2012 year, please bring your checkbook to the August Picnic, or mail your check to Nancy Duel, 115 N Windsor Dr, Arlington Heights 60004. Dues are still \$75.00. Checks should be made payable to League of Women Voters.

### Gift Cards Are No-Pain Contribution to Our League

Our Gift Card project is an easy, painless way to raise money for our League. Please use the enclosed brochure to place an order. You get the full value of the gift card while our League receives a percentage of your payment. Cards are available now for Mariano's Fresh Market. If you place your order by August 24, it will be available at the August Picnic.

### WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

**August 26 will mark the 91st anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, which gave full voting rights to women.**



## COOL CITIES

What is a Cool City? It is a city that has made a commitment to stop global warming by signing the U.S. Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement. Begun in 2005, the Cool Cities campaign empowers city residents and local leaders to join and encourage their cities to implement smart energy solutions to save money and build a cleaner, safer future. Our local residents continue to work towards making Arlington Heights a Cool City. Here are a few things that YOU can participate in:

□□ The Arlington Heights Library (in conjunction with Cool Cities) will be show the movie **Green Fire** on **Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at 7 p.m.** **Green Fire** was produced in partnership between the Aldo Leopold Foundation, the Center for Humans and Nature, and the US Forest Service. The film provocatively examines Leopold's thinking, renewing his idea of a land ethic for a population facing 21st century ecological challenges. Leopold's biographer, conservation biologist Dr. Curt Meine, serves as the film's on-screen guide. The movie runs about an hour and 10 min. The viewing is open to the public and **admission is free**.

□□ [www.350.org](http://www.350.org) Moving Planet is a worldwide rally to demand solutions to the climate crisis—a single day to move away from fossil fuels. For too long, our leaders have denied and delayed, compromised and caved. That era must come to an end. Come on bike, on skates, on a board, or on foot. Come with your neighbors and your friends, your family and your co-workers. Come be part of something huge. It's time to get moving on the climate crisis. This years' [350.org](http://350.org) day is on **Saturday, September 24, 2011**. Visit the [350.org](http://350.org) website to find a rally location near you.

□□ The next meeting of the Arlington Heights Environmental Commission will be held Thursday, **August 11, 2011, at 7:30pm** in the Commissions Room at Village Hall. Anti-idling Education is on the agenda. Cool Cities has been working hard to encourage Arlington Heights to adopt an Anti-idling policy. If this interests you, please attend and participate. **Remember idling gets you nowhere!**

Submitted by Tabitha Long

### Frontier Days Thanks

Many thanks to those who worked shifts at the Cooling Station during Arlington Heights Frontier Days on July 3: Anne Budin, Nancy Duel, Cathy Duoba, Paul and Susan Fuller, Karen Hribar, Rosemary Krizan, Tabitha Long, Judith Royal, and Dawn Walter's daughters, Jordan and Dawn Jr. The booth did not get busy until late afternoon when the crowds came for the entertainment. The weather cooperated, although Anne's car did not. The Fullers helped in getting Anne home. The Festival Committee paid League \$242 for League's work at the Cooling Station. Special appreciation to Rosemary Krizan for coordinating this fund raiser for the League for many years.

## The Clean Air Promise

A citizen's campaign to protect our public health.



Recently the League and its partner organizations **launched a citizen's campaign** to protect our public health. **The Clean Air Promise** offers everyone in our community – the public, business leaders and elected officials – a means to come together to do something for real people and for real communities.

Go to [www.peoplenotpolluters.org](http://www.peoplenotpolluters.org) to see our ad that features real children suffering from asthma and a plea from Alex Allred, the mother of one such child. Her youngest son, Tommy, suffers from asthma as a result of the toxics spewing from smokestacks at a nearby cement plant in Texas. It was impossible to hear her describe the terror she has experienced seeing her son fight to breathe without wanting to stand up, make the promise, and demand that polluters take the simple steps to prevent such suffering. This story is just one of many.

League's forty years of education and advocacy to protect the Clean Air Act and the EPA's duty to enforce its provisions culminated in strong advertising in Missouri and Massachusetts this spring. That advertising and the supporting efforts of our friends in the environmental community is **resetting the debate on the future of the EPA from jobs and regulation to public health**. As League expected, efforts to eviscerate the EPA continue. The League, in partnership with environmental and public health organizations, will ask members of Congress, other elected officials, key community leaders and the public to make the **"Clean Air Promise."**

Protecting the public health by controlling air pollution is something we depend on Congress to do. It is time for our elected officials to vote for people not polluters.

Please visit [www.peoplenotpolluters.org](http://www.peoplenotpolluters.org) to make the promise and send a message asking your elected officials to make the promise as well. The League offers so many opportunities for the public to engage in discussion of the issues, but when we stand with those who are truly impacted by the issues, we really make a difference.



## Voter Protection Project Update

### **We Made a Difference in 2011**

Now that most of the state legislatures have ended their sessions we have a clearer picture of the impact of our voter protection project. The League's efforts in the states have resulted in the defeat of twelve voter ID bills across the country in 2011 (CO, DE, IA, ME, MO, MT, NM, NC, NH, OR and VA). However, eight new suppression bills passed in AL, FL, KS, RI, SC, TN, TX and WI. The fight continues in all these states. The impacts of the new laws are already being felt by long-time voters. Please see these articles from South Carolina <http://www.thestate.com/2011/07/17/1900835/many-face-fight-to-prove-id.html> and Wisconsin [http://host.madison.com/ws/news/local/govt-and-politics/article\\_e1412868-a434-11e0-bc0c-001cc4c002e0.html](http://host.madison.com/ws/news/local/govt-and-politics/article_e1412868-a434-11e0-bc0c-001cc4c002e0.html)

## Congressional Redistricting Status Report

Leagues are encouraged to view video from a special event, "[Congressional Redistricting: A Status Report](#)" held this week at the Brookings Institution in Washington DC. View video at [http://www.brookings.edu/events/2011/0718\\_redistricting.aspx](http://www.brookings.edu/events/2011/0718_redistricting.aspx).

The event featured national redistricting experts, including several League partners, who provided a status update on Congressional redistricting nationwide. The speakers touched upon several aspects of redistricting at the heart of many Leagues' efforts, including the impact of recent reforms in California and Florida, efforts to increase transparency and public participation, and likely Voting Rights Act challenges to redistricting proposals in Texas, North Carolina, and elsewhere. Learn more at [lww.org/redistricting](http://lww.org/redistricting).

## League Addresses Women's Rights in Egypt

The League of Women Voters Education Fund's Global Democracy Project will work with women in Egypt at the invitation of the U.S. Embassy. The League will meet in Cairo and Alexandria with leaders of civil society groups working to address women's rights issues throughout Egypt. The meetings, which are aimed at ensuring women will have a leading role in the forthcoming elections, will also include media interviews with Al Tahrir and Maspero TV stations as well as other media outlets. The League's publication, "Empowering Citizens to Influence Public Policy: A Guide for Civil Society Advocates," has been translated into Arabic to be used as a road map for these strategic meetings.

## League Opposes Balanced Budget Amendment

The League and coalition partners sent a [letter to Congress](#) urging them to oppose any balanced budget amendment to the United States Constitution.



### Excerpts from the letter

"The undersigned national organizations strongly urge you to oppose any balanced budget amendment to the United States Constitution. A balanced budget constitutional amendment would damage the economy, not strengthen it. This balanced budget amendment (H. J. Res. 1) would impose an arbitrary and severe cap on total federal spending, which, remarkably, would require much deeper cuts than the draconian cuts in the Ryan budget resolution.

**In short, this amendment is a recipe for making recessions more frequent, longer, and deeper, while requiring severe cuts that would harshly affect seniors, children, veterans, people with disabilities, homeland security activities, public safety, environmental protection, education and medical research. It would almost certainly necessitate massive cuts to vital programs including Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, veterans' benefits and other programs, and, as noted, lead to even deeper cuts than the House-passed budget.**

A responsible deficit reduction plan must embrace both spending cuts and new revenues, including curbing special-interest tax loopholes, not a one-sided reliance on spending cuts.

A balanced budget amendment has no place in the Constitution of the United States. It should not be used as a substitute for real leadership on fiscal policy."

**League Urges House to Support Capps Amendment** The League and coalition partners sent [a letter to the House of Representatives](#) urging House members to support the "Capps amendment," which would protect Americans from life-threatening pollutants.

**Florida League Hits the Airways for Voters' Rights** LWVFL has been working hard on behalf of voters. This week, President Deirdre Macnab was quoted in a [Washington Post op-ed](#) highlighting the "state-by-state crusade to disenfranchise voters" through photo ID and other anti-voter efforts like those underway in Florida. On the same day, Macnab took the FL state legislature to task in a hard-hitting [Orlando Sentinel op-ed](#) that shone light on leaders' undeniable "scheme" to keep Florida voters shut out of the state's long-delayed redistricting process.

**North Carolina League Speaks Out for Voters' Rights** The North Carolina League has seen a whirlwind of activity recently, speaking out across the state on behalf of voters' rights, addressing failure in the redistricting process, and fighting back against renewed attempts to strip underrepresented voters of opportunities to participate. LWVFL has been working hard on behalf of voters. This week, President Deirdre Macnab was quoted in a [Washington Post op-ed](#) highlighting the "state-by-state crusade to disenfranchise voters" through photo ID and other anti-voter efforts like those underway in Florida. On the same day, Macnab took legislature to task in a hard-hitting [Orlando Sentinel op-ed](#) that shone light on leaders' "scheme to shut voters out of the state's long-delayed redistricting process".

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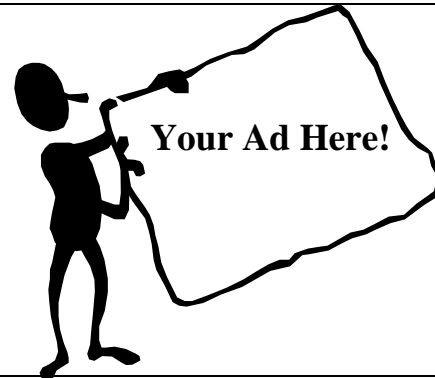
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August and September 2011

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- **Purchase cards to buy groceries, office supplies, clothing, books, sporting goods, housewares, gasoline, pharmacy items.**
- **Purchase cards to donate to food pantries or homeless shelters**
- **Purchase cards for your favorite restaurants.**

**No matter what cards you purchase you will be assisting League of Women Voters in its fundraising.**

**THANK YOU**

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Lands End \$25	14						
LL Bean \$25	18						
Old Navy \$25	9						
Talbot's \$25	9						
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Barnes and Noble \$10	9						
Barnes and Noble \$25	9						
<b>Department Stores</b>	%	Qty	Total				
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Best Buy \$100	3						
Office Depot \$25	4						
Office Max \$25	4						
Office Max \$100	4						
Staples \$25	5						
Staples \$100	5						
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AMC \$25 Gift Card	8						
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Amazon.com \$100	4						
Fannie May \$20	24						
Honey Baked Ham \$20	9						
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Walgreens \$25	6						
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**See you at the picnic!**

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