



# VOTER

June 2011

## President's Corner

*Sigi Psimenos*

It's summertime! I hope everyone has the opportunity to take some time off! On that note, we'll keep this issue of the Voter short and sweet.

In League,

Sigi

## Reminder: Membership Dues

*Dennis Schwank*

If you haven't yet renewed your membership, please take a minute to write a check to LWVEA for \$60, if an individual member, or \$90, if a household. Of course, you may want to add a little, as some of us do, as a contribution to our worthy cause.

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Questions or comments? Please contact [Dennis Schwank](#), Treasurer, LWVEA at (847) 697-5507.

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# Upcoming Events

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Tuesday, July 19, 2011</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>	Gail Borden Library	City Council Study Outreach. In conjunction with the ECN's Elgin Alive series
<b>Wednesday, July 20, 2011</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	Tyler Towers Clubhouse 1450 Plymouth Ln, Elgin, IL 60123	Board Meeting. Attend this action-oriented meeting to bring our local programs alive. Key community issues are always discussed in a non-partisan manner.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Saturday, September 17</b></li> <li>• <b>Saturday, September 24</b></li> <li>• <b>Saturday, October 1</b></li> <li>• <b>Saturday, October 15</b></li> </ul>	<b>9:00am-12:00pm</b>	Elgin YWCA, 220 East Chicago Street, Elgin, IL 60120	<p>How to Run for Public Office: A Woman's Focus.</p> <p>Are you interested in becoming a civic leader? Let us help you.</p> <p>The YWCA Elgin and the League of Women Voters of Elgin/Carpentersville are offering a four week workshop that will help participants understand the process of becoming a civic leader and how to achieve this goal.</p> <p>The program is scheduled to occur over the course of four (4) weekends, from 9:00am - 12:00pm each day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Early Bird Registration: \$90.00 (deadline: July 1, 2011)</li> <li>- Registration Fee: \$120.00 after July 1, 2011</li> </ul> <p>For more information, or to register, visit <a href="http://www.ywcaelgin.org">www.ywcaelgin.org</a> or call the YWCA Elgin at 847.742.7930</p>
<b>Thursday, October 13, 2011</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.</b>	DePaul University – Naperville Campus	Voices for Illinois Children Kids Count Symposium Leading experts discuss the importance of the years from birth to 8 and how these years impact life- long learning
<b>Wednesday, December 14, 2011</b>	<b>TBD</b>	The Anvil Club, 309 Meier Ave, East Dundee, IL 60118	LWV Annual Holiday Dinner. Join us for the League's annual holiday dinner on Wednesday, December 14th, 2011 at the Anvil Club. Additional details to be provided.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Would you like to serve on the **Community Garden Network Committee**? If so, please contact Donna Askins at [donna.askins@gmail.com](mailto:donna.askins@gmail.com) or 815.751.2799.

**League Committee Members are needed** for the **Elgin City Council Study**. Contact Wendy Covich at [w.covich@dla-ltd.com](mailto:w.covich@dla-ltd.com)



# Federal Education Study Committees Now Forming

*Laurel Bault*

If the federal role in public education is on your interest radar – now is the time to join one or both of the study committees! LWVEA will be joining with the League of Central Kane County to complete this timely and critical consensus process. The Education Study scope focuses on public education from preK through grade 12, with a focus on (sub-committee 1) **Common Core Standards**, and (sub-committee 2) **Funding and Equity Issues**.

While the complete timeline and committee meeting schedule has not yet been finalized, the consensus must be approved by our board at the November 16, 2011 meeting to meet the submission date set by LWVUS.

On October 19, 2011, 7 p.m. at Batavia Library, Batavia, IL – Ralph Martire from the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability will be presenting on the funding issue for all interested, so mark your calendar now.

To join one of the two committees (or both) please contact **Laurel Bault** – EA Study Chair via e-mail at [laurelbault@yahoo.com](mailto:laurelbault@yahoo.com). Please title your e-mail as **LWV Education Study**. To access the study guides and background papers on standards and funding issues, [click here](#) or search for education study on the homepage of [lwvus.org](http://lwvus.org).

## LWVEA Co-Sponsors Kids Count Symposium in October

*Laurel Bault*

The 2011 Illinois Kids Count data book, published by [Voices for Illinois Children](#), looks at the many factors that prepare children to have the greatest opportunities for learning in school. By the end of third grade, children should be ready to make the shift from “learning to read” to “reading to learn” – a critical building block for continued success. Much goes into preparing children for this transition, from high-quality early learning opportunities to good health to supportive families and communities. The **Kids Count Symposium** will provide the opportunity for attendees from Suburban Cook, DuPage and Kane Counties to hear leading experts discuss the importance of the years from birth to 8 and how these years impact life-long learning. Because the League of Women Voters and public policy are key components to healthy families and communities, our board voted to become a co-sponsor of this event. Please mark your calendars:

***Voices for Illinois Children Kids Count Symposium***

***Thursday, October 13, 2011***

***DePaul University – Naperville Campus***

***8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.***

For more information, please contact **Laurel Bault** at [laurelbault@yahoo.com](mailto:laurelbault@yahoo.com).



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**September 17, 2011 • September 24, 2011 • October 1, 2011 • October 15, 2011**

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**9:00am - 12:00pm**

**YWCA Elgin, 220 E. Chicago St., Elgin, IL 60120**

**Registration Fee: \$120.00 after July 1, 2011**



**Act Now! - Early Bird Registration: \$90.00 (deadline: July 1, 2011)**



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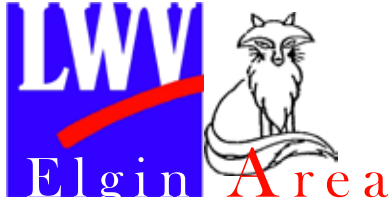
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The League of Women Voters of the Elgin Area invites you to become a member of this active, grass-roots oriented organization. Membership costs: \$60 Individual; \$90 Household; \$30 Student.

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