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## NEW MEETING SCHEDULE

Over the past few years, there has been much discussion among League members about adjusting the times of our meetings to better accommodate the needs of our membership. Noon time meetings are great for our retired members, but difficult to attend for those who cannot break away from school or work. The same is true in securing speakers. Many are willing and eager to present, but daytime requests frequently conflict with other responsibilities.

This year, League will offer a public meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of most months at 7:00. The place may vary, so please check the website and/or Voter for details. That meeting will be followed by a second meeting at noon on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday. The topic will be the same; we may replay part of the taped Tuesday presentation and offer members an opportunity to comment on points of view.

From time to time, there may be a reason to schedule a special evening meeting to accommodate an out of town speaker or a time-sensitive topic.

The monthly meeting of the League Board will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. at the Atlanta Bread Co.

The League Board will continually evaluate this schedule and discuss it again next spring. We encourage you to take advantage of this schedule and attend meetings when possible.

## WANTED

### Secretary to the LWVCC Board

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

- 1) Good listener
- 2) Able to follow lively discussions to their resolutions
- 3) Available for 9 AM monthly meetings on 4th Tuesdays

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## SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETINGS - *yes, two of them. Come to one or both.*

### ObamaCare: Its Impact on Local Health Care Providers

Champaign County Healthcare Consumers staff will discuss the impact of the Affordable Care Act on organizations and agencies that provide health care.

#### Evening:

Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, Time: 7PM  
Where: Urbana Civic Center

#### Noontime Tape Replay:

Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, Time: 11:30-1:30  
Where: Clark-Lindsey Activity Room

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Do you have friends or acquaintances who might be interested in the League? Email Sue Phillips at [suephillips1018@att.net](mailto:suephillips1018@att.net) or phone her at 359-8818 with names and addresses and we will send them *the Voter* for the next three months.

## OTHER MEETINGS OF INTEREST

### UIUC YMCA Friday Forum

September 6<sup>th</sup> through November 8<sup>th</sup> Noon at the Y  
"Re-thinking Security: Beyond Mass Incarceration"  
LWVCC is cosponsoring this series

### Champaign County Health Care Consumers

Health Insurance Marketplace Informational Meeting  
September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 7PM at Champaign Public Library

### Sierra Club

"Champaign County's Water: Where It Comes From, Where It Goes, and How We Can Protect it Along the Way"  
September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 7-8:30 at Champaign Public Library

# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

## League of Women Voters of Champaign County

Dear Members,

The summer is nearly over! For me, it's been a busy one as I acquaint myself with League activities and personnel, as well as view our community through the League lens. It's time, however, to look forward to another year of informational meetings on contemporary topics that challenge us as citizens in a democratic society.

We will continue programs and activities for which we're noted: observer corps, candidate forums, court watching, voter registration. We will also make greater efforts to connect and engage with the broader community by collaborating with other organizations that share our positions on critical issues. How will we do this? We will investigate opportunities to sponsor or co-sponsor meetings and forums of public interest. We will examine our organizational structure to find ways to become more nimble in responding to causes we support. Finally, we will utilize technology to promote our League, communicate our position, and articulate League's mission.

This is an ambitious agenda, and I'm sure we will miscalculate, make mistakes, and require do-overs. Yet, we must take the risks and continue to position ourselves to be of service to our community in these challenging times.

This year will be a rebuilding year -- a time to assess and capitalize on our strengths, determine where our energy and resources can do the most good, and continue to be the conscience and force that has always marked the League of Women Voters.

Sincerely,

*Barbara Wysocki, LWVCC President*

## Membership Form – League of Women Voters of Champaign County

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Include this email address in the League Membership Directory? YES NO (please circle one)

Please circle the type of membership: Individual Dues\* \$65.00 Student Dues\* \$5.00  
Household Dues\* \$97.50 #New Member Due \$32.50 #New Household Dues \$48.75

Please make checks payable to LWVCC, and mail to: Sue Phillips, 1018 W William, Champaign, IL 61821

#Dues for new members, for one year, are half the amount paid by continuing members.

\*Dues and donations are not tax deductible as charitable contributions from your federal income tax return. You may, however, make a tax deductible contribution to the Education Fund (of LWVCC) by writing a separate check made payable to "LWVIL Education Fund". Please include "Champaign County" on the memo line of your check.

Check your *Voter* mailing label for the month your membership dues are payable.

## LWVCC CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Gerri Kirchner has agreed to take over as chair of the LWVCC Criminal Justice Committee. Currently the committee is educating itself about the activities of the County Board as it makes decisions about possible changes and improvements in the judicial system, specifically the jail structure in Champaign County.

The county interviewed several consultants and hired Dr. Kalmanoff of the Institute for Law and Policy Planning (ILPP) of California to conduct The Champaign County Criminal Justice System Assessment at a cost of \$125,000. The preliminary draft report was presented to the county board in April 2013. You can access the report via this link:

<http://www.lwvchampaigncounty.org/criminal-justice-system-needs-assessment.html>

**ILPP's final report will be presented to the County Board at a study session on Tuesday, September 24 at 6:00 pm, at Brookens.**

The Champaign County Community Justice Task Force (members appointed by the county board) issued their final report and presented it to the board on June 21, 2013. A PDF version of the committee's 80 page report can be accessed at this link:

<http://www.co.champaign.il.us/CJTFRReport.pdf>. A summary report is presented on pages 1-20, which outlines the Task Force's recommendations. ILPP was asked to consider these recommendations as part of the community input for the final report presented in September.

While triggered by facility needs, these two studies represent an effort to evaluate the entire county criminal justice system when considering how to make the best use of county resources. Both reports have studied the various issues and provide specific recommendations. It is expected that ILPP's final report will present an assessment of several alternative plans for meeting facility needs.

The committee will be evaluating and determining how the League can best assist voters on this complicated issue. Please attend the November general meeting for an update on the committee's work.

"ILLINOIS  
PIONEERS"  
FEATURES  
LEAGUE  
MEMBER  
LILIAN KATZ

September 12<sup>th</sup>  
7:30PM  
WILL-TV

Lilian Katz is a Professor Emerita of early childhood education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where she is also principal investigator for the Illinois Early Learning Project, a contributor to the Early Childhood and Parenting Collaborative, and editor of the first on-line peer-reviewed early-childhood journal, *Early Childhood Research & Practice*.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### GENERAL MEETING – EVENING SESSION

WHEN: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>

TIME: 7PM

LOCATION: URBANA CIVIC CENTER

TOPIC: OBAMACARE: ITS IMPACT ON LOCAL HEALTH  
CARE PROVIDERS

### GENERAL MEETING – REPLAY OF 9/17 MEETING

WHEN: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>

TIME: 11:30AM - 1:30PM

LOCATION: CLARK-LINDSEY ACTIVITY ROOM

TOPIC: OBAMACARE: ITS IMPACT ON LOCAL HEALTH  
CARE PROVIDERS

### BOARD MEETING

WHEN: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>

TIME: 9AM

LOCATION: ATLANTA BREAD COMPANY, NEIL ST

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES:

[WWW.LWVCHAMPAIGNCOUNTY.ORG](http://WWW.LWVCHAMPAIGNCOUNTY.ORG)

## LWVCC 2013-2014 Programs

September: ObamaCare: Its Impact on Local  
Health Care Providers

October: Illinois: Time to Pay off the Credit Card

November: Champaign County Criminal Justice  
Review

December: Social and Final Celebration of our  
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

January: Yes for Independent Maps

February: Our Water, Who Controls It?

March: Observer Reports

April: Observer Reports

May: Annual Meeting

June: LWVUS Convention Report