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MAY MEETING

The Fiscal Crisis in Illinois: a Solution

Ralph Martire, the executive director of the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability, a bi-partisan research and advocacy think tank that promotes fair, efficient and progressive tax, spending and economic policies will be our speaker at this year's annual meeting.

Mr. Martire, a tax policy expert known as a lecturer with the ability to make state fiscal policy understandable and even entertaining, teaches a Master's level class on education finance and fiscal policy for the University of Illinois and Roosevelt University. He has also taught fiscal policy seminars for various universities and the International Fulbright Scholar Program. In February 2011, he was appointed to serve on the U.S. Department of Education Equity and Excellence Commission.

Mr. Martire graduated from Indiana University with a B.A. in history and received his JD from the University of Michigan.

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The Fiscal Crisis in Illinois: a Solution

When: Thursday, May 9th, 2013

Time: 7PM

Where: Robeson Pavilion Rooms at the Champaign Public Library

This meeting is open to the public.

MAY ANNUAL MEETING

Please make reservations by email with Trisha Crowley at tcrowley9491@gmail.com. The cost of the meeting is \$10; payment can be made at the door.

When: Thursday, May 16th, 2013

Time: 7PM – dessert and coffee

7:30 – meeting

Where: Savoy Room of Hawthorn Suites
101 Trade Center Drive, Champaign

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Do you have friends or acquaintances who might be interested in the League? Share your newsletter! We will add them for three months to the mailing list for *the Voter*. Email Sue Phillips at sphillip3@netzero.com or phone her at 359-8818 with names.

2013 STATE CONVENTION

Bloomington Friday June 7, 2013 to
Sunday June 9, 2013.

The League of Women Voters of Illinois biennial convention is going to be conveniently held at the Marriott in Bloomington, Illinois this year. Our League supports its members who want to attend by paying the registration fees and hotel costs. We would like to encourage as many of our members to attend as possible. The schedule normally has workshops Friday and Saturday and convention business Sunday morning, so maybe you would like to go for a day or even part day. We will keep you informed of workshops and programs. Signing up in advance is, of course, encouraged but keep the dates in mind even if you do not want to make a commitment right away.

Volunteer

The McLean County League of Women Voters has asked us for volunteers to assist them as they are hosting the State Convention. They are scheduling two hour volunteer slots and sign up will start soon through the McLean County League website. We will send an email to our members when the signup spreadsheet is ready. The McLean County League is taking on quite a task, so it would be nice to be neighborly and provide support.

PUBLIC HEARING WITH Dr. ALAN KALMANOFF, NEEDS ASSESSMENT CONSULTANT ON CHAMPAIGN COUNTY CORRECTIONS

The Champaign County Board will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, May 2, 2013 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Lyle Shields Meeting Room, Brookens Administrative Center, 1776 East Washington Street, Urbana, Illinois.** The meeting will offer an opportunity for members of the public to pose questions to Dr. Alan Kalmanoff, the Executive Director of the Institute for Law and Policy Planning (ILPP), regarding the DRAFT Report of the Champaign County Corrections Needs Assessment, as prepared by ILPP and presented to the Champaign County Board on April 30, 2013.

The Public Hearing will be broadcast live on Comcast Cable Access, and live-streamed via the internet at this link: <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/champco1776>

If members of the public are unable to attend the meeting, questions for Dr. Kalmanoff may be submitted in advance or during the meeting to this e-mail address: Jailissues@co.champaign.il.us. (Please include your name and address with the e-mail question.) Questions received via e-mail will be presented as time allows during the public hearing.

The DRAFT Report will be available no later than 8:00am on Wednesday, May 1, 2013 on the Champaign County web site at: www.co.champaign.il.us.

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.

100th Anniversary of Illinois Women Suffrage

During 2013, LWVIL will celebrate the 100th anniversary – June 26, 1913 - of Illinois women getting the franchise in Presidential elections. The story of suffrage for Illinois women is unique and important in the nation's history:

- Illinois was the first state east of the Mississippi to expand the vote to women
- Illinois was a more populous state than any previous state to give women the vote
- Because it was neither prohibited in the U.S. or Illinois state constitutions, Illinois women were able to vote for Presidential electors, shifting the balance of power in national elections. This propelled the national suffrage movement into its final phase, leading to the 19th amendment in 1919.

We have convened a small group to make specific plans to celebrate this anniversary. We want you to think if there is a way your League would like to mark the occasion. Please join in the planning for this historic observation. The committee is also interested in what you can find in your community about the events that took place when the suffrage bill was passed in June 1913. Please contact the committee by email with your ideas, suggestions and history notes at il.womenvote100@gmail.com.

GRADUATED RATE INCOME TAX PROJECT

Campaign for Better Illinois

Monday May 13th 5:30 to 7 PM at the Urbana Civic Center Peter Starzynski, **Campaign for Better Illinois**, one of the partners with the LWVIL and CTBA for our fiscal policy action on graduated income tax is presenting an information meeting forum. He is a fantastic field worker and is very good at helping all of us in this alliance understand that advocating for a position is a concert that is very well orchestrated beyond just knowing the facts. Those of us who have attended in the past have found him most uplifting and at this point each of these sessions is different as we find out what issues need to be addressed by this League action items

This is for anyone interested in the future financial viability of the State! Bring friends!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

U-C SANITARY DISTRICT SPECIAL MEETING
TOPIC: "POLICY REGARDING THE SALE OF EFFLUENT
OR BIOSOLIDS"

WHEN: WEDNESDAY MAY 8TH, TIME: 6:30PM

WHERE: STATION W, 1100 EAST UNIVERSITY AVE, U.

MORE INFORMATION: WWW.U-CSD.COM

GENERAL MEETING

WHEN: THURSDAY, MAY 9TH, TIME: 7PM

LOCATION: CHAMPAIGN PUBLIC LIBRARY

TOPIC: THE FISCAL CRISIS IN ILLINOIS, A SOLUTION

GUEST SPEAKER: RALPH MARTIRE

CAMPAIGN FOR BETTER ILLINOIS

WHEN: MONDAY, MAY 13TH, TIME: 5:30PM-7PM

LOCATION: URBANA CIVIC CENTER

ANNUAL MEETING

WHEN: THURSDAY, MAY 16TH, TIME: 7PM

LOCATION: HAWTHORN SUITES HOTEL

CALENDAR CONTINUED:

GRADUATED RATE INCOME TAX
COMMITTEE MEETING

WHEN: THURSDAY, MAY 23RD, TIME: 4PM

LOCATION: CHAMPAIGN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Contact: Debbie Rugg at 621-7180 or DebRugg@aol.com

GENERAL MEETING

WHEN: THURSDAY, JUNE 13TH, TIME: NOON

LOCATION: TBA

LWVCC Volunteer Opportunities

OBSERVER CORPS BOARD WATCHER

Champaign Unit 4 School Board, Urbana Park District,
Urbana Planning Commission

STATE CONVENTION

Most jobs will require a very short time commitment. Contact the
League of Women Voters of McLean County to volunteer,
info@lwvmclean.org.