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## Calendar

### January

17- Table Talk, Pancake Café,  
75<sup>th</sup> and Rickert; 9:00 am.

29 – Program Planning Meeting,  
Panera Bread on Rte. 59 and  
Cantore Dr., 9:00-11:30 am

### February

5 - LWVIL Issues Briefing,  
University Center, 525 S. State  
St., Chicago; 8:30 am- 3:30 pm

### March

7- Gerrymandering movie;  
Nequa Valley H.S., 2360 95<sup>th</sup> St.;  
6:00 pm.

### April

5 – Consolidated General  
Election

### June

2 – Annual Meeting TBA



## Program Planning Meeting January 29, 9 – 11:30 am

**Panera Bread, Rte 59 and Cantore Drive, just north of 95th Street  
near Showplace Movie theater**

We've scheduled a morning gathering to brainstorm state issues we'd like to see addressed in the upcoming biennium which will be kicked off at our State Convention in June. Our January meeting takes the place of our old pot luck Program Planning meeting, which has seen a drop in participation in recent years. It's the board's hope that more members will be willing to invest 2 hours for the important and interesting assessment of the League's work at the state level. Coffee and goodies, plus a surprise or two to supplement the stimulating conversation! Feel free to have lunch with fellow Leaguers after the main meeting.

Let 2011 be YOUR year of commitment to active pursuit of civic engagement and responsibility!

**PRESENTS:**

# “TABLE TALK”

Join us on Monday, January 17 at the Pancake Café, 75<sup>th</sup> St. and Rickert , for more informal conversation about issues of the day. This month we'll be joined by Naperville resident and Juvenile Justice advocate Pat Lawrence, who will share some experiences of her involvement with the DuPage youth correctional facility in Warrenville.

Outrage, laughter, and ideas for action all welcome! Bring a friend!

**We will grab a table at Pancake Café  
1292 Rickert Drive, Naperville  
Monday, January 17, 2011 at 9:00 am**



**THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME.  
Individuals will be responsible for their own food and beverage orders.**

## Local Elections Loom

The League faces a challenge to our basic commitment to informed voter participation in the April Elections. City Council, Park District, and School Board seats will be in contention. Are we up to the work? We need our members to step up with help, from small tasks to greater involvement, to help the League have an effective presence in this fundamental activity of democracy. This is a grassroots organization and you know that

**Democracy is not a spectator sport!**

Can you help in any of these ways?

- Planning forums for City Council, Park District, and School Boards?
- Developing questions for candidates?
- Working to Get Out the Vote?

Contact Annette Smith at [prspt@aol.com](mailto:prspt@aol.com)

# LWVIL Issues Briefing

*Want information to give you a reliable perspective on Illinois political issues?*

Register for the LWVIL Issues Briefing: New Governor-New Direction?  
University Center - Conference Chicago - Lake Room  
525 South State Street · Chicago  
Saturday, February 5

Main Program: 9 – 12 (with continental breakfast); **New Governor - New Direction?**

A political analysis of where Illinois is headed with its deficit, backlog of bills, school funding, health and social services and other important issues (Panel: Kathy Ryg, Voices for Illinois Children, and others TBA)

Lunch

Workshops: 1-3

Effective Lobbying 2011; Redistricting; Health Care reform's Illinois Impact; Pensions Reform Possibilities and Probabilities

Registration by January 27. Various package combinations possible: See our website for registration details.

*And the winner is...*

## **Gerrymandering: The Movie!**

**March 7, 6:00 pm at Nequa Valley High School, 2360 95th St**

We're teaming up with social studies students at Nequa Valley High School to present a showing of *Gerrymandering*, a new movie which addresses how redistricting affects political life in our country. The movie's website describes it as follows:

Right now, across the country, our two major political parties are gearing up for a once-a-decade war whose winner will control Congress for the next ten years, and possibly more. There will be battles in every state, and each will be kept carefully hidden from the prying eyes of average voters who only become more disenchanted with their government with each meaningless election.

Democrats and Republicans collude to keep these skirmishes private so that they can maintain total control over the ultimate political weapon: the ability to directly determine the outcome of elections. Why bother stuffing ballots when they can just draw districts? For the first time, *Gerrymandering* exposes the most effective form of manipulating elections short of outright fraud. **After the 2010 Census is finished, will you know where your district went?**

# Recipe for Success

If you were fortunate enough to attend our fabulous holiday party at Jeff and Kim Knezovich's house in December, then you are probably still savoring the wonderful *Toffee Meringue Cake* made by our own Jeff, himself. There was not a bite left on the plate that evening, but fear not. Jeff is making the recipe available here!

## Jeff Knezovich's (Now Famous) Toffee Meringue Cake

Preheat oven to 275 degrees.

9 large egg whites  
1 tsp vanilla extract  
1 tsp distilled white vinegar  
1 3/4 cups confectioners' sugar  
1 pint heavy cream  
4 chocolate-covered toffee bars (Heath or Skors Bars), chopped finely  
For garnish: 5 additional toffee bars - 3 cut into triangles, 2 chopped coarsely

In a large bowl, beat egg whites with electric mixer until soft peaks form when beaters are lifted. Beat in vanilla extract and vinegar until well blended. Gradually add sugar, beating constantly, until peaks are stiff and glossy. Spread evenly in 8" cake pans that have been sprayed with non-stick spray.

Bake 1 hour in 275 oven. Layers will be puffed and golden. **DO NOT OPEN THE OVEN!** Turn off heat – let stand in the oven 2 hours or until cooled. Layers will be soft; slightly less puffed.

For frosting, whip cream in medium bowl with electric mixer until soft peaks form when the beaters are lifted. (There will be four cups of whipping cream.) Divide whipping cream into 2 equal portions. Fold the chopped toffee bars into one portion.

To assemble, place one meringue on serving plate. Spread the candy-mixed whipping cream portion on that layer. Place remaining layer on top of the frosted bottom layer. Spread top layer with plain whipping cream – do not frost sides. Garnish top with toffee triangles, then sprinkle with chopped candy, filling in bare spaces. Refrigerate 8 hours or overnight.

For pictures taken at the party, visit our website and click on "What's New."

*Enjoy!*

Are you getting your Illinois Voter? You should have received the Fall 2010 Illinois Voter by mail. If you did not, please call Jane Barnes (630 820 0255) to check on your contact information.

# Information about Planned Parenthood

Submitted by Jean McCollum

Planned Parenthood has been mentioned in the press several times recently, usually as encouraging abortions. In fact, PP is a 501c3, not for profit organization and will not provide an abortion if the woman has any hesitation, or uncertainty about the decision. Instead, she is given medically accurate information so that she can make the decision that is best for her. All options are offered including adoption, through "the Cradle" adoption agency in Evanston, or completing the pregnancy.

For the last year, through June 2010, there were 17,619 patient visits to the Aurora Planned Parenthood clinic.

Planned Parenthood offers many other services, over 90% of which are preventive; here is the list:

- Gynecological Exams-including Pap Test & Breast Exams
- Comprehensive Birth Control Services including Pills, Depo, Implanon, Patch, Ring, IUD, Diaphragm, Male & Female Condoms
- Emergency Contraception (morning after pill)
- Infection Diagnosis Treatment and Prevention- including Urinary Tract and Yeast Infections
- Sexually Transmitted Infection Testing, and Treatment
- Pregnancy Testing
- HIV Testing and Counseling
- Colposcopy and LEEP - treatment for abnormal Pap Tests
- Male Reproductive Services
- Gardasil (HPV Vaccine) Twinrix (Hep A & B Vaccine)

Their services are professional, affordable and confidential.

## New on Our Website!

Check out our "What's New" page for interactive national Census information. If you want even more information about the results of the 2010 Census, we've provided a link to the federal website. Go to <http://naperville.il.lwv.org/New.html>

**Interested in participating in League interviews of our Congressional Representatives? Contact Jane Barnes for details of interviews being planned with other area Leagues in January.**

# Wanted

## Input on Local Issues

What issues face Naperville in the upcoming year? If you can't make a meeting, here's your chance to speak up on topics you'd like to see your League address in 2011-2012.

Please take a few moments to jot down public issues that concern you, using the form below, and drop your ideas in the mail to the League Board, 1520 Aberdeen Court, Naperville 60564.

**These local issues deserve League attention:**

**I would like more information about:**

**I can help in the following ways:**

**Help to plan an informational program**

**Help with publicity for League programs**

**Help provide hospitality for a public meeting**

**Make phone calls or email contacts**



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