

Member Bulletin

November 2023

Help wanted! We're looking for more LWVIL board members who are:

- Committed to attend monthly board meetings, including at least two in-person board meetings/year
- Ready to play an active role on a working board, estimated 5–10 hours per week
- Able to use Google Workspace and Zoom

Areas of greatest need: voter service, issues and advocacy, membership, development, strategic planning, writing, marketing, communications, publicity, training.

Interested candidates should email lwvilsecretary@lwvil.org.



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President

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List of Lobby Day Successes Doesn't End with

Legislative Victories

At the top of LWVIL's priorities for the recently completed Lobby Day event was to influence our legislators not to renew the controversial Invest in Kids Act, which indirectly funded private school scholarships with public funds via state tax credits to well-to-do donors.

Thanks to lots of help from members around the state, partner organizations, an endorsement of our position by NAACP, and others, our efforts were successful! But our successes at Lobby Day did not stop there. Here's what we accomplished in Springfield on October 24:

- Influenced the sunseting of the Invest in Kids Act.
- Influenced passage of SB0690, which helps to preserve tax authority for townships who successfully passed referendums to implement 708 Mental Health Boards.
- Motivated over 15 local leagues to send members to Springfield, and many more than that to make phone calls and send letters to lawmakers supporting the League's positions.
- Empowered a new group of League activists, some of which were meeting a legislator for the first time, by pairing them up with experienced advocates to show them the ropes.
- Learned about IIK from coalition partners and the art of compromise from one of Senate President Don Harmon's staffers.
- Expanded our perspectives, met new members, made new memories, and had fun.

We'll be back in Springfield this spring. Get engaged. Make a plan to join us. More details will be provided at a later date.



Upcoming Meetings

Productive Conversations Without Confrontation

Thursday, November 16
6:00 pm

[Register to attend.](#)

Experts from the News Literacy Project, the National Institute for Civil Discourse and the League of Women Voters will talk about how misinformation manipulates emotions and exploits biases, providing strategies for civil conversation and resources to help you debunk falsehoods in a productive way and help your community find reliable election information.

Preference, Tradition, or Requirement Training

Wednesday, November 29
12:30 and 5:30 pm

[Register for 12:30 pm.](#)
[Register for 5:30 pm.](#)

"But we've always done it that way!" Use the Preference, Tradition or Requirement (PTR) evaluation tool to focus on what really matters and how to best accomplish your goals.

This is the second in a series of Leadership Development Trainings hosted by LWVIL, with presenters from the LWVUS Organizing Team.

This training has been rescheduled from its previous date of November 9.

Voter Service Roundtable

Saturday, December 9
10:00 am

[Register to attend.](#)

Join us to prepare for the 2024 election season! We'll go over the election calendar, talk more about the Illinois Voter Guide, candidate forums, our GOTV toolkit and answer questions you may have. Any League member interested in voter service is welcome to attend.



Save the Date for Issues Briefing

Mark your calendars today! LWVIL's annual Issues Briefing will be held Saturday, February 24, 2024. Stay tuned for more information.



Local League Events

Find more events (and share your local League's events!) on the [LWVIL website event calendar.](#)



Submit Your League's Photos

We love to see the smiling faces of League members! Help LWVIL elevate and share the hard work of our members by [submitting photos of your local League's activities](#).

All photo submissions will be added to our photo library. They may be used in LWVIL marketing and communications materials, including possible placement on the LWVIL website and social media platforms.

Members power the League! Thank you for your time and donations.



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