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LWVEA Co-Sponsors Kids Count Symposium

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.

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, [register online](#) by [clicking here](#) or contact Laurel Bault at laurelbault@yahoo.com.

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Upcoming Events

Date	Time	Place	Description
<p>Saturday, October 1, 2011</p> <p><i>thru</i></p> <p>Saturday, November 5, 2011</p>	<p>9:00 am - 12:00 pm</p>	<p>Elgin YWCA, 220 East Chicago Street, Elgin, IL 60120</p>	<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. The YWCA Elgin and the LWVEA are offering a workshop that will help participants understand the process of becoming a civic leader and how to achieve this goal.</p> <p>October 1: Orientation and the Nuts & Bolts Running for Political Office October 15: Building Your Leadership Team, Define Your Message & Public Speaking October 29: Fundraising Activities November 5: Mobilize to Win Election Day</p> <p>For more information, or to register, visit www.ywcaelgin.org or call the YWCA Elgin at 847.742.7930</p>
<p>October 13, 2011</p>	<p>8:30 am – 1:30 pm</p>	<p>DePaul University Naperville Campus</p>	<p>Voices for Illinois Children Kids Count Symposium</p>
<p>October 19, 2011</p>	<p>7 pm</p>	<p>Batavia Library</p>	<p>Federal Education Study: Funding Forum with Ralph Martire of the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability</p>
<p>October 19, 2011</p>	<p>7-9 pm</p>	<p>Dundee Township Park District Senior Center</p>	<p>Discussion on bill SB2484, which would preclude mining on forest preserves unless mining already occurred at the site.</p>
<p>October 22, 2011</p>	<p>8:30 am - 1 pm</p>	<p>TBD</p>	<p>Federal Education Study: Consensus Meeting</p>
<p>December 14, 2011</p>	<p>TBD</p>	<p>The Anvil Club, 309 Meier Ave, East Dundee, IL 60118</p>	<p>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.</p>

What do you picture as a “forest preserve”?



Choice A



Choice B

The mission of the forest preserve is to restore, restock, protect, and preserve

Public meeting hosted by Senator Noland

Where: Dundee Township Park District Senior Center
665 Barrington Avenue, Carpentersville

When: 10/19/11 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Why: Discussion on bill SB2484, which would preclude mining on forest preserves unless mining already occurred at the site

Come and make your voice heard on Wednesday, October 19th

Current legislation for Forest Preserve Districts enables mining on forest preserves. Wouldn't it be logical to protect the very land the trees of a forest grow on? Wouldn't it be logical to retain the land versus mining it and thereby losing the land forever? Wouldn't it be logical for the government to follow its mission and not run a mining business? It certainly is logical that mining companies would want access to public lands since purchasing land is expensive and mining removes the value of the land itself. New legislation to exclude mining on forest preserves will insure common sense prevails.

Run Like You Mean It

Sigi Psimenos

As you know, our league together with the Elgin YWCA are combining our efforts in presenting an exciting program titled "**How to Run for Office-A Woman's Focus**". (First let us assure you that although this program is geared to women, men are not excluded, and will likewise be able to benefit greatly from their participation in the 4 sessions.)

It's our intention to teach this course in an effort to induce good people to run for public office by taking the mystery of running a campaign out of the mix. Take a moment of run through this draft, and we'll be in touch shortly with the final product- Diane Robertson, Loni Mecum & Sigi Psimenos.

Introductory Session

Saturday, October 1, 2011

Orientation and the Nuts and Bolts Running for Political Office - Free to the Public

9:00 am to 10:30 am: Identify Your Call to Service; Know Your Community and the opportunities. Why do you really want to run? Do you have time to do the job? Challenges women face! What if you take care of the one issue that made you run-Will you be willing to tackle the many other issues that will certainly follow?

Possible Speakers: Melissa Bean (Former US Rep) , Karen McConnaughay (Kane County Board Chair), Sue Harney (Dundee Township Supervisor), Tish Powell (Elgin Councilwoman) & Anna Moeller (Elgin Councilwoman)

10:45 am to 12:00 pm: Know your legal requirements for public office; Find out what paper work and forms need to be filled-out; Rules for filling out and filing petitions in your community.

Possible Speakers: (City Clerks-Former & Present) Diane Robertson, Loni Mecum & Kim Dewis

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm: Strategizing—
Questions--Answers

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How to Run for Office: A Woman's Focus

Free introductory session
October 1st, 2011!!!

Session Dates:
October 1st, 15th & 29th
and November 5th

\$25 per session

Sessions will be held at
the YWCA Elgin
220 East Chicago St.
Elgin, IL 60120

From 9:00am to 1:00pm

FOR MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER GO TO:
elgin.ywca.org/runOffice

or call the YWCA Elgin at 847.742.7939



Identify your call to service • build your leadership team • define your message • connect with people • fundraise • win the election!

Session 2

Saturday, October 15, 2011

Building Your Leadership Team, Define Your Message & Public Speaking

(\$25/Session includes work materials)

9:00 am to 10:30 am: Build your leadership team; Organizing your inner circle; Organizing the whole campaign committees; Define Your Message; Critical Public Issues; Campaign Literature Endorsements;

Possible Speakers: Mayor Dave Kaptain (Elgin), Sue Harney (Dundee Township Supervisor), Sue Moylan (Former Councilwoman & Library Board), Joanne Armenta (Former Council Candidate, Pres. of LULAC, Library Foundation Chair), Sue Olafson (Elgin-Media/Public Information Officer, Sara Evans (Social Media Extraordinaire)

10:45 am to 12:00 pm: Voter Contact and Next Steps (Challenges of voter contact for women differ for men. It would be good to have someone present who has some good "war" stories about the campaign trail ; Today what has changed; examples of connecting with people through social networks. Develop your Data Base (book of voters); Targeting Voters; Walking Door to Door.

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm Strategizing—
Questions—Answers

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LWVEA Got Moving

Wendy Covich

September was a wonderful day to celebrate alternative energy! Several members from LWVEA and ECCO met up with people from across the suburbs and the Sierra Club to reduce carbon emissions and here's what it looked like!



Session 3

Saturday, October 29, 2011

Fundraising Activities (\$25/
Session includes work materials)

9:00 am to 10:45 am Why it is different for women and men! Know the rules of giving/legal rules as well as know your audience; asking people for money; Fund Raisers; Appearances at Events.

Possible Speakers: Dave Berke, Nick Beggars, Dorothy Miller

11am to Noon: Strategizing—Questions—Answers

Session 4 -Final Session

Saturday, November 5, 2011

Mobilize to Win Election Day (\$25/
Session includes work materials)

9am to Noon: This is the last session and we will do a mock Candidates Forum role playing and have a celebration fest for all the winners who invested in the class and completed. The mock session lead by the LWV. Their will be a constructive critique of all participants.

Possible Speakers: Former Elgin Mayor Ed Schock, Sue Harney (Dundee Townership Supervisor), Traci Ellis (Attorney &U-46 School Board) and all program participants Session 3

Federal Education Study Underway

Laurel Bault

Collaborative work between Elgin and Central Kane Leagues on the Federal Role in Public Education study is going well! 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.

The Consensus Process is the backbone of the League of Women Voters. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR today for Saturday, October 22, 2011 - 8:30 a.m. and join both Leagues in discussion and consensus process for this very important study. The schedule for the day is as follows:

October 22, 2011 (Saturday): League Consensus Meeting

- 8:30-9:30 overview of core standards/assessment
- 9:30-10:30 meet in separate leagues for consensus
- 10:30-11 break
- 11-12 funding and equity overview
- 12-1 meet in separate leagues for consensus.

This schedule will allow League members to participate in both pieces of the process, or a choice of one or the other.

[More information about the Study](#) can be found on our new League Website - and you can also find the complete set on Consensus questions there. More will be posted in October. League members will get much more out of the consensus process if they come prepared with background information.



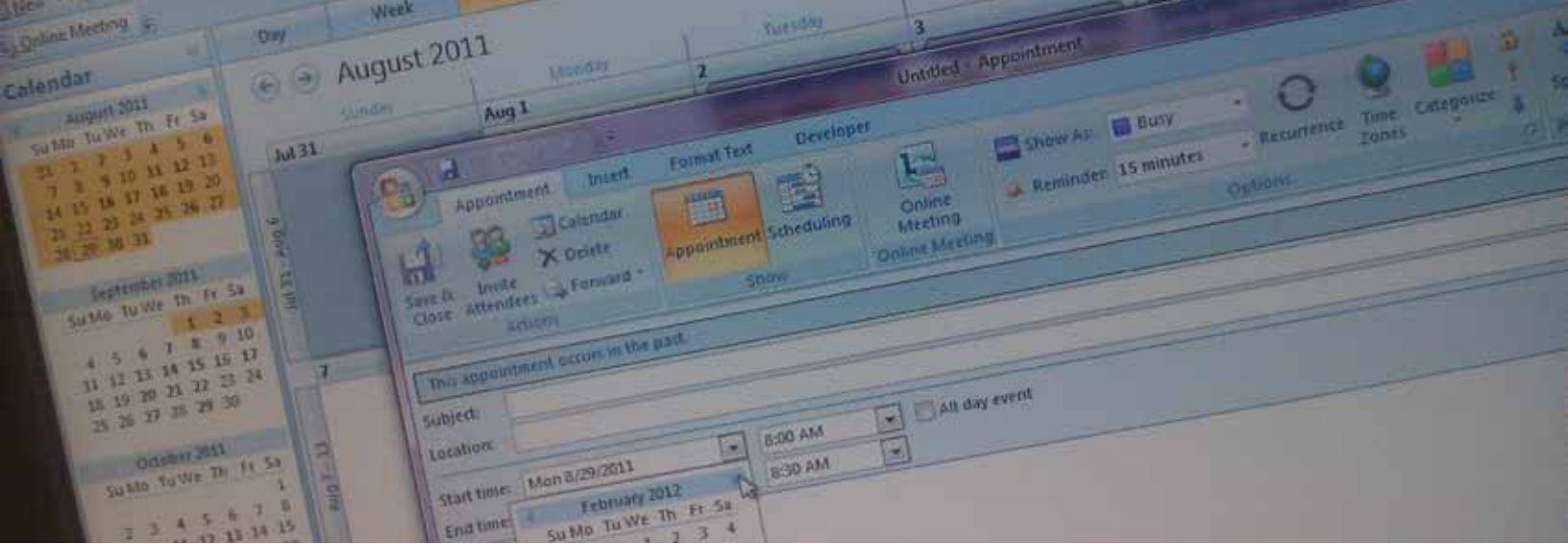
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Upcoming learning opportunity:

October 19, 2011 (Thursday) – Funding Forum

Ralph Martire - Center for Tax and Budget Accountability will address Federal Funding and our questions. 7 p.m. Batavia Library - 10 South Batavia Ave. (Rt. 31) in Batavia, IL

Questions, comments, thoughts - please contact Elgin Committee Chair Laurel Bault, at laurelbault@yahoo.com or 224-587-3611.



A Report from Afghanistan



Mark your calendars for Thursday, February 9, 7:00 PM at Gail Borden Public Library

Program: **The Cost of War, the Price of Peace: A Report Back from Travel to Afghanistan**

[Kathy Kelly](#), a 2003 Nobel Peace Prize nominee and coordinator of [Voices for Creative Nonviolence](#), will recount her perspective developed from five visits to Afghanistan since 2010 where she gained insight from Afghan health care professionals, journalists, agronomists, students, and laborers regarding the cost of the U.S. war in Afghanistan.

This event is Co-Sponsored by AAUW, LWV of the Elgin Area, Fox Valley Citizens for Peace and Justice, and the Gail Borden Public Library. Open to the public.

Illinois' Budget Crisis, then & now

Learn more on Tuesday, April 10, 7:00 PM at Gail Borden Public Library.

Program: Illinois Tax Policy and Our State Fiscal Crisis

[Dr. Ron Baiman](#) of the [Center for Tax and Budget Accountability](#), a bi-partisan think tank, will explain how ineffective tax policies have contributed to Illinois' current budget crisis and what changes might alleviate education, social services and pension funding issues.

This program is co-sponsored by AAUW, LWV of the Elgin Area and Gail Borden Public Library and is open to the public.





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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.

To join, please send this form and your payment payable to: League of Women Voters of the Elgin Area, 569 Franklin Blvd., Elgin, IL 60120

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