

LWV OPRF Board of Directors 2017-18

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS for 2017-18

ADMINISTRATION: Peggy Kell

ADVOCACY: Diane Moses

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COMMUNICATIONS: Sarah Shirk, Marissa Garza, Alyssa Ralston, Peggy Kell

DRINKS & DIALOGUE: Heather Cunningham, Susan Stall

ENVIRONMENT: Marsha Borders, Beverly Graham

FUNDRAISING Garden Sale: Beverly Graham

FUNDRAISING 2019 SOV: Vice-Presidents

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: Carolyn DeCoursey, Jean Peterman

LEAGUE MATTERS: Peggy Kell

LWVCC LIAISON: Beverly Graham

LWVLAKE MICHIGAN LIAISON: Sarah Shirk

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: Marilyn Cantisano, Linda Bauer

MEMBERSHIP RECORDING: Ann Bolan, Leigh Eicher

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

OBSERVERS: Mary Haley

SECOND TUESDAY: Judith McDevitt, Stephen Jordan, Glynne Gervais

VOTER SERVICE: Peggy Kell

Standing committees to be appointed by the Board of Directors

BY-LAWS:

FINANCIAL REVIEW:

POLITICAL ACTIVITY POLICY:

LWVOPRF Committees

The primary purpose of the **Advocacy Committee** is to visit and interview our two State Senators, Kimberly Lightford and Don Harmon and our three State Representatives, Emanuel Chris Welch, LaShawn K. Ford and Camille Y. Lilly on current legislative issues from the League of Women Voters.

LWV-OPRF Communication Team assures consistency across communication platforms in all formats including: digital/electronic messaging, paper publications, and e-mail. Committee divides management of communications through editorial oversight assignments.

Current editor assignments are:

Website/Week in Preview/Newsletter/E-Mail Editor: Peggy Kell

FaceBook Editor: Open

Instagram Editor: Open

Meet-Up Editor: Marissa Garza

Communications Editor to Local Newspapers + On-line Calendars: Sarah Shirk

The **Environmental Committee** works to educate the public on environmentally friendly practices. Currently the Committee is working in collaboration with the Shedd Aquarium on their “Shedd the Straw” Campaign to encourage restaurants to restrict their use of plastic straws.

The **Membership Committee** takes leadership in recruitment of a diversified membership and retention of members through a variety of strategies, including providing a mentor for new members upon request. Also ongoing gatherings are held to introduce new members to current members and volunteer opportunities. Encourages member participation in LWVOPRF activities and events to assure a continuing stream of informed and experienced leaders.

The **International Relations Committee** coordinates discussion groups for the Great Decisions Program, America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The program model involves reading the Great Decisions Briefing Book, watching the DVD and meeting in a Discussion Group to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today.

Participants in the **Observer Corps** are the eyes and ears of the League at public meetings; they attend town board and commission meetings to listen and take notes on the agenda items. They do not speak, testify or act in any way on issues under discussion. Observers share observations and identify issues meriting League attention.

The **Voter Services Committee** Coordinates Voter Registration drives at various community locations (sometimes in partnership with local organizations) throughout the year, organizes educational events to inform members and the community on voting rights issues, schedule and moderate candidate forums for local municipal elections.

The **Nominating Committee** is made up of 2 Board members and 3 members at large for the purpose of recruiting candidates to fill the positions on the Board. The Board is comprised of the President, (or 2 co-Presidents), 3 Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, plus 6 Directors. The proposed slate of the Committee will be sent to all members of the LWVOPRF at least 2 weeks before the Annual Meeting, and will be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

Second Tuesdays is an informal public monthly discussion forum held on second Tuesday mornings September-June from 9:30-11am at the Nineteenth Century Club, 178 Forest Avenue, Oak Park. Speakers present on a variety of topics of local interest, followed by Q & A. Topics are selected based on attendee suggestions and current community concerns. Second Tuesday committee members recruit speakers, arrange publicity, and host these monthly events. Please check the website calendar for topics.

“Drinks & Dialogue” is a monthly evening social event to learn about a current local, state or national issue in the news. We invite a speaker knowledgeable about the central theme who leads the lively discussion and offers relevant advocacy. Topic, speaker and date are listed on the LWVOPRF website and in the weekly email blast. Generally held on the third Thursday of each month from 5:30-7 pm at Skrine Chops House, 7230 Madison Street, Forest Park. .

Leaguers Who Lunch is a new monthly program where League members and prospective members can gather for lunch at a local restaurant to meet other members and chat informally about events of the day. See website for next gathering.