

LWVOPRF 2nd Tuesday Discussions

8 September 2015 at 19th C. Charitable Association from 9:15 am to 11:00 am

Resource speaker: Peggy Kell, LWVOPRF President

Topic: How does 2nd Tuesday discussion fit the LWVOPRF Mission?

There were about 18 participants to pose a few questions about the league mission and how 2nd Tuesday fits within those parameters. Peggy Kell's vast understanding of LWV mission enabled her to sort out answers quickly. Much discussion surrounded voter registration and league members who can be deputy registrars, even at local block parties! A small minority of today's participants are not deputy registrars and were urged to become one.

Evening meetings were discussed and noted: LWVOPRF is offering a free drink and snacks on Third Wednesdays at Doc Ryan's in Forest Park, from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm, with a focused format for discussions.

The topic of the challenge of communicating much information in this 21st century, and our need to be selective for information pertinent to our needs. Especially in the area of the low voter turnout even in Illinois, and limited political involvement, it is a challenge to our mission of education for informed political choices. As LWVOPRF and IL did a study on Charter Schools to support a league position, the question for this year is waiting to be selected. Of note is the national focus to study amending the US constitution to deter corporations largess for candidates.

Peggy discussed LWVII joining a consortium of states to broaden the knowledge base of issues attended to by individual states, shared community knowledge. An example might be: if our environmental committee is dormant at the moment, a member might attach themselves to an active environmental committee in another state.

October's topic: is How are local governmental units cooperating? Matt Baran, President of the OPPL Board of Trustees, and active in the consortium will be here to answer your questions. We trust we will see on 13 October 2015 at 9:15 for another lively discussion. All questions are entertained and answered!

Thank you for your interest,

Dale and Marilyn Fitschen and Mary Rose Lambke, co-chairs 2nd Tuesday