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The History and Impact of the Electoral College

A thought provoking discussion led by League Issues Specialists

January 3, 2019—ROSELLE, Illinois—The League of Women Voters Roselle/Bloomingtondale will host a presentation titled, “The History and Impact of the Electoral College” on Tuesday, January 8th at 7:00 pm at the Bloomingtondale Public Library located at 101 Fairfield Way in Bloomingtondale.

The Electoral College is a puzzling system that often has voters scratching their heads about how it works and why we use it. More and more Americans are questioning this system and would like to see it replaced with direct election of our President.

Our guest speakers will be Issues Specialists from the state League, Peggy Pissarreck and Rosemary Heilemann. Peggy is currently the senior governance and compliance manager for a medical specialty society located in suburban Chicago. Peggy serves on the Board of LWV Arlington Heights-Mount Prospect-Buffalo Grove Area and co-chairs its Program Committee. She also serves on the Illinois League’s Electoral College Committee, along with Rosemary Heilemann. Rosemary is a retired high school teacher. She has been a member of the League of Women Voters for 40 years and is currently a member of LWV Deerfield Area, working also with LWV Lake County Interleague Organization.

Rosemary, Peggy, and members of several other Leagues decided to use the League infrastructure as a means to educate the public about the abolition of the Electoral College system for electing the President and Vice-President, a position the League has held since 1970. Their committee has given 24 presentations in Illinois, one in Michigan, and one in Virginia, and Leagues in California and Wisconsin have used League materials to give their own presentations. As a result of these efforts, the LWV of the U.S. passed a resolution at its national convention on July 1, 2018 stating, “The League of Women Voters of the United States urgently reaffirms its long-held position that the Electoral College should be abolished.”

Peggy and Rosemary will lead a discussion including a brief history of the Electoral College, its impact on our democracy, and how to change to a direct election of our President.



Peggy Pissarreck



Rosemary Heilemann

Start the new year out right with a thought provoking evening with the League of Women Voters Roselle/Bloomingtondale. This meeting is free and open to the public.

About The League of Women Voters® of Roselle/Bloomingtondale

Formed in 2012, the League of Women Voters of Roselle/Bloomingtondale provides information on topics that impact our local, state and federal government. The League works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. With over 98 years of experience and almost 800 local and state affiliations, the League is one of America's most trusted grassroots organizations. The League does not support, endorse or oppose political candidates. Membership in the League is open to men and women age 16 and over. All League meetings are open to the public.

For more information about the League's events and monthly meetings, or to become a member of the League of Women Voters of Roselle/Bloomingtondale, please visit www.lwvrb.org or contact Diana Hoke at 630-283-2894. And don't forget to 'like' the League on Facebook at www.facebook.com/lwvrb. For more information on the League of Women Voters of the United States, visit www.lwv.org, or the League of Women Voters of Illinois, visit www.lwvil.org.