



League members are invited to the Annual Meeting of the Lake Michigan League of Women Voters on October 21 and 22, 2011. It will be held at the [Hilton Oak Lawn](#) in Oak Lawn, Illinois. The hotel is conveniently located near I-294, southwest of Chicago. We have exciting topics and knowledgeable speakers planned, and we are eager to mutually move forward to become better informed advocates for Lake Michigan.

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On Friday evening, we are delighted to have Todd Main, Deputy Director of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, as our keynote speaker. He will inform us about Invasive Species, including the latest on the Asian Carp, as well as the Millennium Reserve System.

On Saturday morning, we will begin our day with an informal discussion of how to be an effective advocate. After breakfast, Debra Shore, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, will address the increasingly frequent problem of stormwater and wastewater discharges known as combined sewer overflows. After our LMLWV business meeting, we are very pleased to have Judy Beck, Lake Michigan Manager for the US EPA, report on the State of Lake Michigan.

We have planned two tours to educate us about the Calumet region. On Friday afternoon, we will tour the Lake Calumet area by trolley, learning about the interplay of remaining wilderness areas with industry and landfills. On Saturday, we are offering a free walk through Beaubien Woods, led by Jean Sellar, a steward from Friends of the Forest Preserves. LMLWV members have advocated for federal Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) funding, which is the source of funds for projects to restore wetlands and remove invasive species in Beaubien Woods.

Each local League that has paid membership in LMLWV League is entitled to one vote in the proceedings at the Annual Meeting. If you are unable to attend, please find someone from your League to serve as the delegate for your League. Then, **send the name of the delegate and the League to lakemichiganlww@gmail.com** .

If financial concerns prevent your League from sending a delegate, please know that several \$75 scholarships are available to enable delegates to attend. Direct inquiries to LMLWV Vice President Cheryl Chapman at ccfritter@yahoo.com.

If your League will not be represented, you may designate a member from another League to vote as your proxy. The form may be accessed from the sidebar. If you wish for us to assign your proxy to an attendee, sign and date the form, but leave it otherwise blank. Mail the proxy form to

me at 558 N. Edgewood Ave., La Grange Park, IL 60526.

A summary of events at the meeting and the registration form may also be accessed from the sidebar, above. The Annual Meeting is open to all interested League members and friends. (Of course, only credentialed delegates may vote at the business meeting). Would you kindly assist us by publicizing this meeting to your members through your normal communication channels? Your help is extremely appreciated.

Kindest regards,

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