

# The Voter Challenge

The League of Women Voters of Glenview/Glencoe is a nonpartisan political organization committed to the advocacy of the principles of democracy and the education of citizens about these principles. The LWV Glenview/Glencoe implements the mission of the League of Women Voters on the National, State and Local level through targeted actions that address specific needs.

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE/details	INFO
Jun 3	3p Love, Loss and What We Wore RSVP tickets are at the box office	Oil Lamp Theater, 1723 GV Rd, GV	
Jun 6	(NEW) G2 Board Meeting Members always welcome	JourneyCare Hospice 2 050 Claire Ct GV	
Jun 9	9:30- 1p LWV Moderator Training Questions? Carole Weber	Mt. Prospect Library	Pg 4
Jun 19	7p-8:30 R.A.I.N presents "Juneteenth, The End of Slavery" a discussion of US history you might not have learned in school non lwv event	NB Library Pollak Room	Pg 3/ flyer
Jun 27,28	LWVLMR/UMRR Annual Meeting	Chicago Judy Beck	Pg 8-9
Jun 28-Jul 1	LWVUS Biennial Convention	Hilton Hotel 720 S. Michigan	
Jun 28	6-7:30p Nevertheless She Persisted Betsey Means reenactment Eliz Cady Stanton/Jane Addams open to public	Harold Wash Library Pritzker Aud	Flyer pg 14
Jun 29	7:30-8:30p Second City Improv AllStars benefit for LWVIL open to public	Hilton Hotel, Chicago	Flyer pg 15
Jul 1	<b>BEGIN G2 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE pay dues online/ check</b>	<a href="http://www.Lwvglens.org">www.Lwvglens.org</a> PO Box 2393 Glenview IL 60025	
Jul 12, & Jul 25	6:30-8:30p TWO Book(s) Discussion & Dessert: Thurs Jul 12 Make Trouble. Wed Jul 25 The New Jim Crow. Both in paperback	Josie Hamilton's GV home 7/12 Teresa Grosch's GC home 7/25 Driving directions in July VC	Pg 9
Jul 16	11:30 Food for Thought Cook Co League Lunch w/ retiring Cook Co Clerk David Orr	DePaul University center 11 <sup>th</sup> fl 1 E Jackson, Chicago	
Jul 28	10-11:30a GV Observers	Heinen's	
Aug 7	6-8p G2 Annual FriendRaiser End of Summer Bash short program/updates 7:15	Member home in NB	Save date
Sep 9	11:30 G2 League Lunch	Hackney's on Lake	Save date

Oct 6	FriendRaiser/Bake Sale/Voter Reg.	Wagner Farmers Mkt GV	Save date
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**2018 JUNE VOTER CHALLENGE**

**EDUCATION**

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**TARGETED ACTIONS**

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# ILLINOIS PASSES ERA

**Take Time to thank our State Reps and Senators!!**

**Co-Presidents: Sheri Latash & Ann Yoshida**



Dear Friends,

What a great turnout we had at our annual meeting last week! It is wonderful to come together with shared purpose and to gain enthusiasm because we feel each other's energy and passion for positive change.

We elected three new board members and said our thank yous to three people who

have been productive board members these last few years and are stepping off the board. **Jane Ballengee, Rhonda Diamond and Jennifer Black** each made unique contributions, and their

concern for the welfare of the LWVGG showed every day. We thank them so much for their service.

Joining us this year will be **Sue Swaringen, Pat Carlson and Roleeta Nandan**. Each of these fine people bring a quiet caring and thoughtful judgement and we are so lucky that they will join the LWVGG board.

In addition to conducting the business part of the meeting we also voted to explore two important areas of interest for our local league. Two new areas of emphasis were added to our program.

They are:

**1. Welcoming Communities:**

An exploration of the Welcoming Communities concept, with League participation in an already existing network of organizations related to the Glenview Values Project.

**2. Understanding Local Government:**

With the goal of demystifying the process surrounding the operation of local government, LWVGG hopes to create local government primers which can be used as a reference by citizens. (See Sheri's column below).

One of the things I like about the two new avenues we will pursue is that they embrace some of the finest values of the League of Women Voters: inclusivity, fairness, leveling the playing field and helping members of our community better



## **An Introduction to the "Welcoming Community"**

Sheri Latash

Members attending the May 22 Annual Meeting voted to adopt an exploration of the "welcoming community" concept into actions we might take at the local level in the coming year.

### **What is a welcoming community?**

It is an initiative of open communities, a 4 decades old non-profit organization that promotes housing, economic and social justice in North Suburban Chicago. Its principles provide a framework by which municipalities can evaluate themselves in order to become more accessible, safe, and engaged; and by which residents can hold their elected and appointed representatives accountable.

Read more at: <https://open-communities.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/.../JusticeProjectFlyerBW.pdf>

### **Why is our League involved?**

access their own government. Come and join us as we examine these ideas and find concrete ways to put ideals into actions.

As we begin our new "League year", we welcome new members and we hope that they, along with veteran members, will find ways to make the League a meaningful and fulfilling organization in their lives. See you soon,

Ann & Sheri

- Welcoming community principles align with impact on Issues, the compendium of League positions on representative government, social policy, natural resources, and international relations. Those positions form the basis for League advocacy at all levels of government.
- LWV Cook County and LWVIL are also examining many of these same issues (eg. gun violence prevention, affordable housing, living wage), with an eye toward formulating recommendations to local government, as well as activities to bring equity and diversity to our Leagues and local communities.

### **How Can I Participate?**

- A brainstorming organizational meeting of our members will be scheduled in July date tbd.

In the meantime, build your understanding by attending informative events, like that sponsored by R.A.I.N (Racial Awareness in the Northshore) an

organization chaired by LWVGG member Alice Lonoff.

**On Tues June 19 7-8:30 pm in the Pollak Room at the Northbrook Public Library** there will be a presentation by Bill Horine, former AP US History teacher at GBN. He will talk about JUNETEENTH-The End of Slavery (June 19) and other

**JUNE 9 9:30a-1p**

**MODERATOR TRAINING FOR  
CANDIDATE FORUMS**

League-sponsored candidate forums are an important voter education service. As we look ahead to a lively 2018 campaign season, we need moderators who can keep these events on track. Consider attending the upcoming moderator training workshop to see if you'd like to get involved.

Jan Dorner, LWVIL Voter Service Co-Chair and seasoned trainer, will lead the workshop on Sat, June 9 9:30 a- 1:p at

pivotal but overlooked events in US History that are not always in textbooks. Free and open to the public.

Questions? Sheri Latash

Mt. Prospect Public Library at 10 South Emerson Street, Mt. Prospect. The workshop is designed for both new and experienced moderators. Friday, June 1 is the deadline to register.

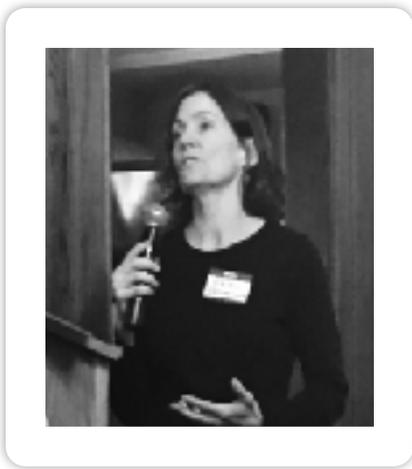
To register, please send your (1) name, (2) name of your league, (3) your email address, and (4) phone number to [voterservice@lwvil.org](mailto:voterservice@lwvil.org). An email confirmation of your registration will be sent. While space is limited, there must be a minimum of 10 Leaguers registered for the workshop.

Questions? Contact Carole Weber.



**One Person. One Vote.  
The Case for Abolishing the  
Electoral College**

Janet Spector Bishop



In November 2016, Hillary Clinton received 2,864,974 more votes than her opponent. But despite being the clear majority choice, she is not the President.

The culprit is the Electoral College, which places the

Presidential election in the hands of 538 "electors" who vote for the candidates. In each state, the candidate with the most electoral votes wins.

This is no way to run a democracy. And as Wilmette League member Karen Glennemeier pointed out at the April 18 League Lunch, the League has advocated for the abolishment of the Electoral College since 1970.

Glennemeier noted that most of the framers did intend for the President to be chosen by the citizenry. But communication was poor in the 1700s and they feared citizens might be uninformed - or ill-informed - about national races. Putting the final vote in the hands of better-educated and informed electors might be "safer." And there were other concerns -- but none of them are relevant today.

### The Damage to Democracy

"Informed, active participation of citizens in government is fundamental to democracy," Glennemeier said. "But the Electoral College is detrimental to our democratic process." The College:

- Discourages voting in non-swing states. Why bother to vote when you know your state will go blue or red in any case?
- Polarizes our electorate. Seeing only red or blue discourages discussion and debate that could lead to center ground.

- Erases each state's minority vote. All that counts is the "winner take all" electoral vote.

### Myth Busting

Despite these drawbacks, said Glennemeier, entrenched myths have ensured support for the Electoral College.

**Myth:** Without the College, Presidents would be chosen by big states like California and Texas.

**Reality:** Presidents wouldn't be chosen by "states." They would be chosen by people. One person, one vote.

**Myth:** Smaller states need the College to ensure their interests are represented by the President.

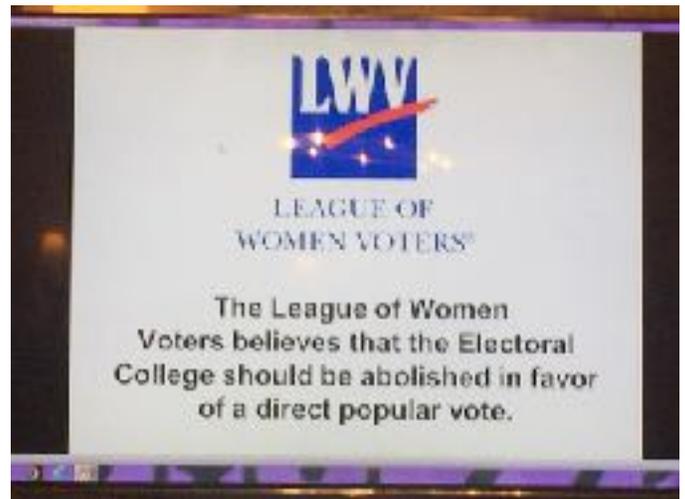
**Reality:** There is no coherent "small state" interest that needs protecting. Citizens have diverse interests. Small states don't vote as a bloc.

**Myth:** The College protects the rights of the minority from the tyranny of the majority.

**Reality:** Such rights are already protected by the courts and the Senate, where every state has two votes.

**Myth:** Abolishing the College would primarily benefit Democrats.

**Reality:** The Electoral College has had a negative impact on both parties - this is not a partisan issue.



### Steps Toward a Solution

**"The League supports a Constitutional amendment that would replace the Electoral College with direct election of the President," Glennemeier explained, conceding that such an amendment has been proposed many times, with no action taken.**

**But there is an interim measure.**

**The National Popular Vote Interstate Compact would guarantee the Presidency to the candidate who receives the most popular votes in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. However, the Compact won't take effect until enough states have passed such laws to represent a total of 270 electoral votes. Currently, 10 states (including Illinois) and DC -- representing with 165 electoral**

**votes -- have enacted the Compact. In May 2018, Connecticut's Legislature joined the group. Governor Malloy is expected to sign the bill - adding seven electoral votes to the total.**

**How to create momentum? "Start a conversation," Glennemeier urged. "Build awareness that change is possible." And continue to encourage our Congress people and Senators to support a Constitutional amendment that eliminates the Electoral College.**

**"It may seem like a daunting task," she noted in conclusion. "But Constitutional amendments have happened in the past. So let's get to work."**

**Interested? Check out the full presentation at [www.lvwilmette.org/electoral-college-reform.html](http://www.lvwilmette.org/electoral-college-reform.html)**

## **Gun Violence Prevention**

**Kaiser Permanente begins gun violence study**

**On Mon, April 10, Kaiser Permanente announced that it would begin studying gun violence by investing \$2 million in research to identify what news studies, data and interventions its doctors and hospitals could adopt to reduce gun deaths and injury.**

**Kaiser Permanente decided to jump-start its effort because of the huge effect of gun violence on its patients. The health system has more than 12 million member patients across the country, and between 2016 and 2017, its doctors treated more than 11,000 gunshot wounds.**

**The annual budget for gun-violence research at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention was \$2.6 million in 1996. That was the year Congress passed a rule essentially killing almost all federal funding for such work. The rule,**

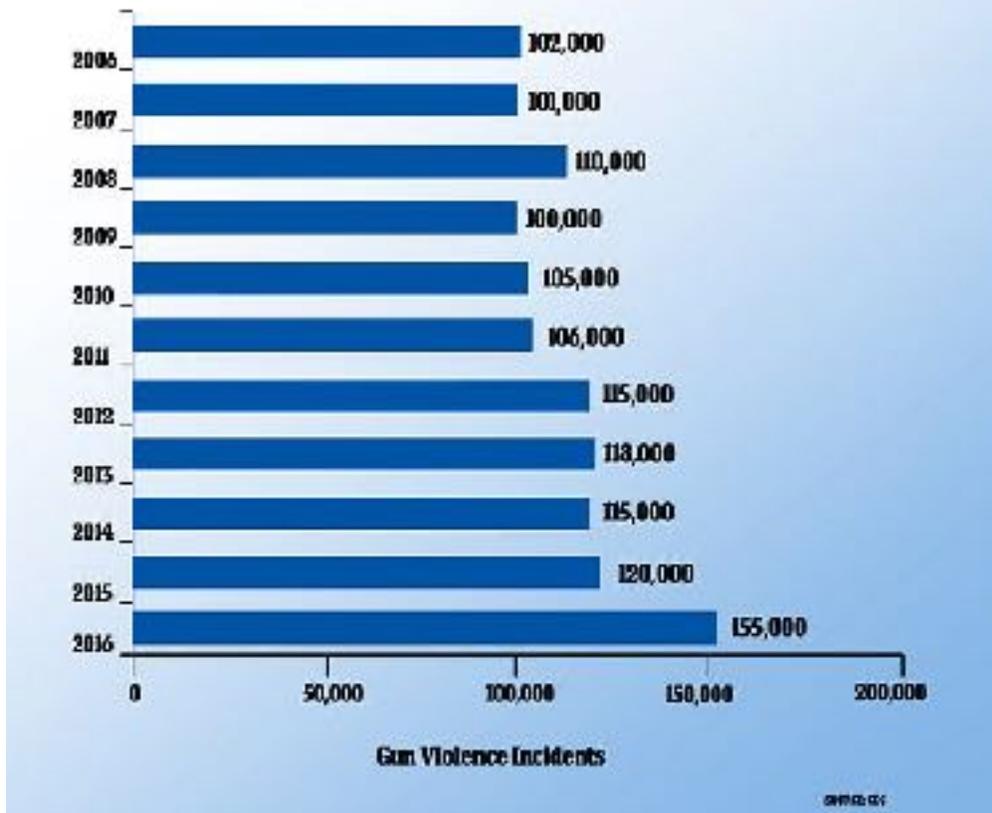


**known as the Dickey Amendment, was backed by the National Rifle Association and remains in place.**

**On Capitol Hill, language accompanying last month's \$1.3 trillion spending bill clarified that the CDED can conduct research on gun violence but Congress did not restore any federal funding for that research.**

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## Increase in Gun Violence Throughout the Decade



• CDC data revealed a 28 percent increase in gun violence from 2015 to 2016

• Shootings increased for the second straight year after over a decade of stability

• The deadliest shooting in 2016 was the massacre at Pulse night club in Orlando, Florida, that left 49 dead and 50 wounded.

## My Thoughts after the March in Parkland Florida

By Josie Hamilton

When no meaningful gun legislation was enacted after the Sandy Hook massacre, I thought it was hopeless to think anything would change in our country regarding access to guns. After attending the march in Parkland, I've changed my opinion.

I believe we will see meaningful gun legislation pass thanks to the passionate, articulate teens from Parkland, Florida. If you Google Emma Gonzalez speech, "We Call B.S", I think you'll be as hopeful as I am that change will occur.



**JUNE 27-28**  
**LWVLMR/UMRR Annual Meeting**

The two League regional groups, LWV Lake Michigan Region and the LWV Upper Mississippi River Region have sent a survey out to Local Leagues across the country to find out what they are doing about water issues, what is successful and what is problematic. The results will be presented at a June 27th session the day before national convention. **WATER; ADVOCATING FOR PROTECTION; PUT YOUR LEAGUE ON THE MAP!** will be held at the historic Standard Club at 320 S. Plymouth Court from 2-8 pm. Registration will be on the LWV Lake Michigan Region web site at [www.lwvlmr.org](http://www.lwvlmr.org)

Both LWVLMR and LWVUMRR will be holding their Annual Meetings on the morning of June 27th as well. **NEEDED: If any GG Leaguers would like to provide B&B for some that are traveling from Iowa, MN ,WI and MI, please let me know. I am a board member of both organizations and will try to match travelers and beds.**

Judy Beck



**INTERESTED IN THE GREAT LAKES read below about Foxconn**

**:Great Lakes Compact**

**Foxconn water diversion fight: Groups challenge DNR ruling**

MICHAEL BURKE [mick.burke@journaltimes.com](mailto:mick.burke@journaltimes.com) May 29, 2018

**MOUNT PLEASANT — Midwest Environmental Advocates on Tuesday announced its filing of a legal action in opposition to a multimillion-gallon daily water diversion from Lake Michigan for Foxconn Technology Group.**

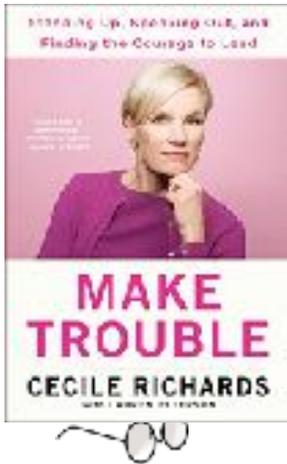
**On Friday, the last day an objection could be filed, MEA filed its petition under the Great Lakes Compact to challenge the state Department of Natural Resources' April 25 approval of the City of Racine's request to divert 7 million gallons per day of water outside the Great Lakes Basin.**

**"This legal challenge is essential, as Wisconsin's approval of the Lake Michigan water diversion requested by Racine tests the integrity of the Great Lakes Compact by ignoring a key requirement of the historic agreement entered into by the eight Great Lakes states and enacted into federal law," stated MEA attorney Jodi Habush Sinykin. "This mistake must be corrected to defend the Great Lakes Compact and to protect our magnificent Great Lakes in the near and distant future."** **READ MORE from LWV Google Group.... [http://journaltimes.com/business/local/foxconn-water-diversion-fight-groups-challenge-dnr-ruling/article\\_d40efb81-ac2c-535c-ac8a-595be6b8f1ed.html](http://journaltimes.com/business/local/foxconn-water-diversion-fight-groups-challenge-dnr-ruling/article_d40efb81-ac2c-535c-ac8a-595be6b8f1ed.html)**

**July 12 and July 25**

**2 Summer Book Discussion & Dessert Opportunities**

**Come to one or both. Bring a friend. You do not have to read the book to attend. This is not a Book Club**

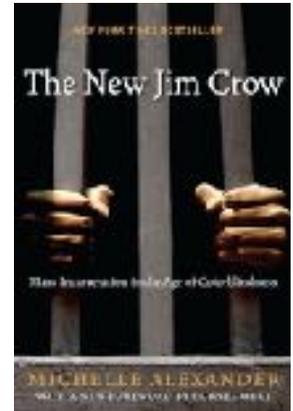


**July 12 at Josie Hamilton in Glenview Make Trouble Cecile Richards**

**July 25 at Teresa Grosch in Glencoe The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness Michelle Alexander**

**Both in paperback**

**Driving directions in July Voter Challenge**



## **GLENVIEW OBSERVER CORPS MAY Highlights**

**NEXT MEETING: Sat JULY 28 at Heinen's in GV 10-11:30a meeting room to share observations of GV Boards and Commissions. Grab some coffee and join us. G2 Members always welcome. If you would like to become an Observer, contact Ann Yoshida**

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### **School District 225 GBS,GBN**

- New classroom furniture models from SteelCase were piloted this year w/possible purchase over the next few years.
- Consideration to moving from “traditional” calendar to “collegiate” calendar for SY2019.
- A GBS student announced plans to run for school board in 2019 in *Journal* letter to Ed.
- Approved 5 year teacher contract.
- Some parents request each school have its own end of year musical.

### **Library Board**

- A request for commercial use of Community room for a fee based tutoring session was withdrawn.
- The progress of ongoing focus group discussed; staff manager demonstrated use of the new Polaris online catalog.
- --Minutes of closed session were reviewed by committee of board and none were selected for release to the public.
- --The Board approved reinstatement of reciprocal borrowing for the DVD collection after it was determined that the theft ring was no longer a threat.
- --The retirement of the Head of Circulation was discussed. A public reception was approved.
- The current Board of Trustees officers re-elected to a second term.
- Trustee reported on a meeting at the Oak Park Public Library and questioned the Assistant Director about library policy and procedures for handling homeless and mentally ill patrons.

### **Plan Commission**

--Discussion of the proposed Western Golf Assn; Evans Scholars office building.

### **Village Board**

- Wagner Farm purchased 2 new work horses brothers, Bill and Bob.
  - \$400,000 allotted to IDOT for environmental impact study of Amtrak holding track project.
  - Award winning Flood Control efforts receive FEMA 5 rating results in 25% drop in flood insurance.
  - BYOB licenses approved.
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# **YOU ARE THE GOVERNMENT**

## **Update CIVICS CORPS**

Mary Hummel

If there is a high school student in your family, they will be taking a semester course of IL mandated Civics in high school. Our League Observer Corps will mentor any student who would like to see how local government works by observing at a commission or board meeting. This will earn the students community service learning credits. A RUBRIC based on the Open Meetings Act was created for use to Observers and was made available to the Civics teachers. Encourage them to attend a meeting, or better yet, go with them!

A new NPR Civics podcast is at <https://www.civics101podcast.org>

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**We're also grateful to all the G2 members who have contacted business owners throughout Glenview, Glencoe and Northbrook in support of our advertising**

**And finally a big thank you to Deb Anderson for her tech magic in transforming ordinary business cards into colorful, inviting pages to browse through.**

## **“the bulletin board”**

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**Welcoming committees are starting soon. For more information contact Sheri Latash.**



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STUFF....BUT  
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# Juneteenth

## THE END OF SLAVERY

Former GBN history teacher Bill Horine will discuss Juneteenth and other pivotal but often overlooked events that may challenge your view of American History. Presented in partnership with RAIN (Racial Awareness in the Northshore).

**TUESDAY, JUNE 19**  
**7:00-8:30PM | POLLAK ROOM**  
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Thursday, June 28, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Franklin Auditorium

Retiree Maura will recreate Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Jane Addams

Background photo montages and suffragist music

Historical and anecdotal narrations

1872 Information Table and Voter Registration

**Friday, June 29 7:30-8:30p**

**The Best of Second City!**  
**LWVUS 2018 Convention Fundraiser to benefit**  
**LWVIL and LWV Chicago.**

**Enjoy an evening of laughter and benefit LWVIL and LWV Chicago at the same time. The LWVUS national convention is in Chicago this year, from June 28-July 1. As host city and state, we are presenting famed Second City comedy in a special performance. A portion of proceeds will benefit the host Leagues.**



**Mark your calendar for Friday, June 29, right on the site of the convention at the Hilton Chicago Hotel Grand Ballroom, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Order tickets for yourself and friends today!**

**You do not need to be registered for the Convention to attend this Second City performance.**

**Please note: the \$52 ticket price plus fees has a preconvention purchase deadline of June 25. After that June 25 deadline, tickets can only be purchased onsite at convention of ticket price of \$58 plus fees.**

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