


November Events: Join Us for League Talk and Book Club



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Dear League Members and Friends,

We have two not-to-be-missed events this month. These events are open to ALL. Please join us! Register using the links below:

Nov. 14, 6:30pm: [League Talk: Women as Candidates for Political Office](#) by Dr. Mary Jo McGowan (Zoom)
Dr. McGowan teaches Public Policy and Model UN courses at UNCC. Her book, *Campaign Finance Complexity: Before Campaigning Retain an Attorney*, was published in 2018. Among her many accomplishments, Dr. McGowan was appointed a Republican Presidential Elector in 2012. She worked as a Graduate Teaching Fellow and was Faculty advisor to UNCC GOP in 2011. In 2010 she served on the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee, and in 2009 Dr. McGowan was recognized as an E.A. Morris Fellow.



Nov. 28, 7pm: [LWVCM Book Club-The Secret History of Home Economics: How Trailblazing Women Harnessed the Power of Home and Changed the Way We Live](#) by Danielle Dreilinger (Zoom)

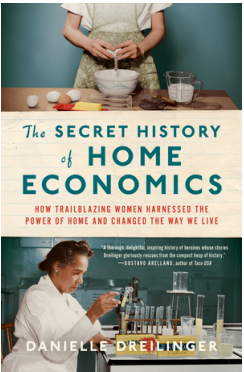
Goodreads description:
The term "home economics" may conjure traumatic memories of lopsided hand-sewn pillows or sunken muffins. But common conception obscures the story of the revolutionary science of better living. The field exploded opportunities for women in the twentieth century by reducing domestic work and providing jobs as professors, engineers, chemists, and businesspeople. And it has something to teach us today.

In the surprising, often fiercely feminist and always fascinating *The Secret History of Home Economics*, Danielle Dreilinger traces the field's history from Black colleges to Eleanor Roosevelt to Okinawa, from a Betty Crocker brigade to DIY techies. These women—and they were mostly women—became chemists and marketers, studied nutrition, health, and exercise, tested parachutes, created astronaut food, and took bold steps in childhood development and education.

Home economics followed the currents of American culture even as it shaped them. Dreilinger brings forward the racism within the movement along with the strides taken by women of color who were influential leaders and innovators. She also looks at the personal lives of home economics' women, as they chose to be single, share lives with other women, or try for egalitarian marriages.

This groundbreaking and engaging history restores a denigrated subject to its rightful importance, as it reminds us that everyone should learn how to cook a

meal, balance their account, and fight for a better world.



We look forward to welcoming you!

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