



# League of Women Voters Highland Park/Highwood

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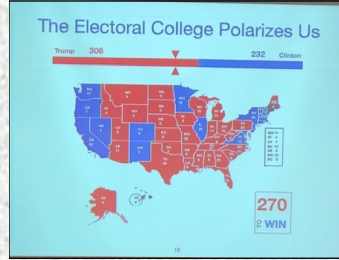
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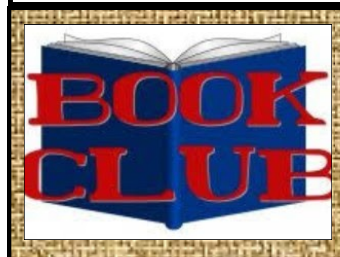


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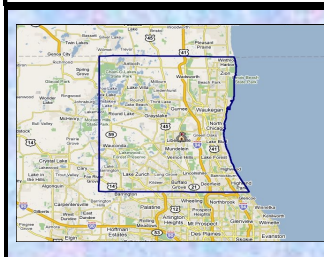
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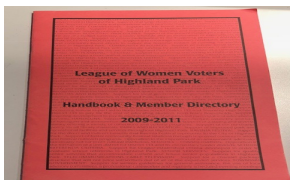
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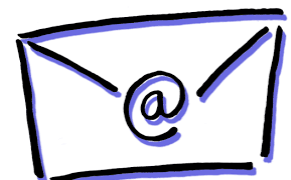
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Don't forget to send your  
**Membership Dues**



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**WE ARE PLANNING A POST ELECTION DISCUSSION** with drinks and appetizers.  
Look for details of this event in email soon!

# HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEAGUE

Dear Leaguers,

As you can see from the reports and photos in the pages of this bulletin, we've had a busy few months since our last bulletin in July. We've had successful programs on renewable energy and Electoral College reform. Readers enjoyed discussing "Shrill" and "The Woman's Hour" with other League members at our monthly book group meetings at the library. We registered voters for National Voter Registration Day and the "How-To Fest" both at the HP library. Together with Leagues from Deerfield, Lake Forest/Lake Bluff, and Glenview/Glencoe, we held two Candidate Forums the last two Sundays in which our members volunteered as greeters, timers, and photographer. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard on these events.

By the time you read this the Women's March in Chicago, "March to the Polls 2018," will have occurred. The League of Women Voters of Illinois was a sponsor and our League will have joined area Leagues, other organizations and individuals in support of women's rights including equal rights, equal pay, reproductive justice, affordable healthcare, affordable childcare, racial justice, voting rights, freedom from violence, LGBTQ+ rights, immigrant rights, fair wages, access for persons with disabilities, environmental protections, and other critical areas of focus.

Coming up are so many opportunities for you to get involved. Many of us will be attending the discussion on Lake Michigan Coastal Change at Rosewood Beach Interpretive Center October 17 (sponsored by the Lake Michigan Region League). We are planning a post-election discussion sometime during the week of November 12. Come meet other members and learn about public safety and security at our holiday party in December. We are discussing a collaboration with the library to offer a Great Decisions program beginning in January. Looking forward to spring, we are exploring a program of partnering with local Highland Park High School to enhance voter education in the classroom and to involve a group of students in "Stroll to the Polls", a program to increase voter turnout. (See page 3 for information on Stroll to the Polls).

I am happy to report that we have a growing group of new or returning members. Welcome! We look forward to seeing many of you as well as our long-time Leaguers as we all do our part to make democracy work.

Reminders:

Don't forget to vote!

Please send in your dues if you haven't already done so.

**Judy Miller** for the Leadership Team  
JudyAtHome@gmail.com



# HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEAGUE

## Events in the planning stage ...

Look for more information soon!!!

### Post Election Discussion

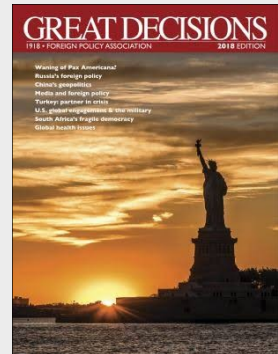
Plans are in the works for an afternoon get-together the week after the election for discussion, drinks and appetizers!



### Holiday Party

Always a great gathering; we have the location and are working to coordinate a date with our speakers.

More information soon!



### Great Decisions

Our League will be collaborating with the Highland Park Library to

offer a [Great Decisions](#) program beginning early 2019.

*Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The program model involves reading the Great Decisions Briefing Book, watching the DVD and meeting in a Discussion Group to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today.*



### Stroll to the Polls

We are considering following the LWV Naperville's "Stroll to the Polls" action project.

We would partner with Highland Park High School and their students to increase voter turnout for spring elections in previously low turnout precincts.

Click [here](#) for a Chicago Tribune article on the project.

We need to know that we would have member participation if we are to do this program. Please contact Judy Miller: [judyathome@gmail.com](mailto:judyathome@gmail.com) if you are interested.

# HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEAGUE



**FIRST PROGRAM FOR  
LWVHP/HWD 2018— 2019  
TOWARD RENEWABLE ENERGY IN  
OUR  
HOMES AND COMMUNITIES**



## Re-Cap of Aug. 28th Meeting Toward Renewable Energy in our Homes and Communities

At the writing of this we are experiencing unprecedented rain and heat and humidity at the time of year when we are accustomed to a cooling pattern heralding fall. Climate Change is at home, in our midwestern communities.

On August 28th the LWV/HP sponsored a panel on Climate Change. A significant film clip from The Age of Consequences set the tone for the immediacy and scope of the problem as it explored the issue of National security in the face of extreme weather across the globe. Speakers, Catherine Buntin and Jack Kelly from the Climate Group of Chicago Area Peace Action focused on the broad scope of what we all face, emphasizing the dangers exacerbated by the current administration, and the need for legislation that will curb our use of fossil fuels. The international organization 350.org is making headway across the globe to get Off Fossil Fuels Fast and the Climate Group is engaging local communities to set standards and achieve measurable progress in moving to renewables. There is growing support for the Citizens Climate Lobby program that mandates a tax on carbon at its source and sends the revenue directly back to the consumer. Federal, State and Local legislation mandating the use of renewables is essential.

Ramesh Kanapareddy, Highland Park Director of Public Works gave a comprehensive overview on what Highland Park and Highwood are doing to address climate change through ordinances and practices that conserve energy in a big way, and move the community in the direction of sustainability. From fleets to facilities, snow plowing to pesticides, Highland Park is exemplary. We still need to find a solution to aggregate renewable energy sourcing for the community.



City Councilman, Kim Stone ably filled in details on city practices while making important suggestions for individual citizens to be part of the mechanism that mitigates our changing climate. From switching to LED lights and reducing garden turf, to reducing the amount of meat in our diets and composting food waste, we can make a big difference. Food waste is at the top of behaviors that increase our carbon footprint, while causing the even more dangerous production of methane. Our driving habits can be big contributor to CO2 too. The goal is less single passenger transportation. Look to fuel economy in our cars, and aim to walk more.

Finally, and especially appropriate in this midterm season, is a call to all to vote! We have a responsibility to be educated voters, asking those running for office what their positions are on the environment, and what specific legislation, to address the critical and all-important issue of a warming planet, will be on their agenda.

**Submitted by Andy Amend**

## LWVHP/HWD – LWV OF ILLINOIS

### STATE OF THE STATE 2018

The annual State of the State Program of the LWVIL was held in the evening of September 29, 2018, at Arlington International Racecourse. Thanks to the generosity of Barb Lippai, members Rose and Larry Feder, Judy Miller, and Carole Kohn attended.

The theme of the program this year was "How do Women Manage the Politics of Politics?" The keynote Speaker was Sheila Simon, former Illinois Lieutenant Governor (D-Ret.). The panel was moderated by Elaine Nekritz, former state representative for 15 years from suburbs north and northwest of Chicago (D-Ret.). The panelists were Beth Coulson, former state representative from all or parts of Evanston, Wilmette, Morton Grove, Skokie, Northbrook, and Glenview for seven terms (R-Ret.); former State Senator from the Fox Valley for five years Karen McConaughay (R-Ret.); and current Mayor of Deerfield since 2009 Harriet Rosenthal (non-partisan).

Another speaker was Audra Wilson, the new executive director of the League of Women Voters of Illinois. Audra is a public interest attorney with a depth of experience in poverty law and diversity.

Sheila Simon regaled us with stories of her visits to the State Capital as a child and as lieutenant governor when she noted that the absence of paintings and statues of women and people of color in the building. She encouraged activism of many kinds, including running for office. Sheila strongly asserted that Audra will "rock" in her new position.

Interestingly, each of the panel members told a similar story. As a community member, she had a particular issue or concern, which drew her into the public sphere. These included healthcare, the taking of residential property by the state, and housing issues. As they spoke with public officials and community members or appeared before them, their knowledge, passion, and ability to explain their points of view in a straight-forward manner was noted. People suggested they run for office. In response, these women often demurred with claims that they had never done that, did not know how, and the like. Eventually, they decided to do it. Their message to us all and, particularly to the younger members of the crowd, was "run for office."

**Article by Carole Kohn**



#### September 29th

Left: Carole Kohn, Judy Miller, Rose Feder and Larry Feder with Sheila Simon, Keynote Speaker, former Lieutenant Governor of Illinois.

*Part of the evening included a tour of the Racetrack, from Governor's Room to jockeys' hangout.*

#### August 24th

Right:  
Elaine Adler,  
Bonnie McNeill (LWVDA)  
and Bonnie Cox  
(LWV-IL President)



#### MEETING WITH BONNIE COX, PRESIDENT OF THE LWVIL

On August 24, 2018, Bonnie Cox, our LWV-IL President, met with members of the League of Women Voters of Highland Park/Highwood and the Deerfield League group as part of her effort to speak with leaders of various leagues in Illinois. The meeting, held at a private home in Deerfield, enabled Bonnie to inform us of some of the current projects of the state league and discuss some of our concerns.

Bonnie discussed the impending hiring of a new executive director for the state league about whom she was very excited. (Audra Wilson is now on board – see State of the State above.)

We discussed at length the new Illinois Voter Guide, an online resource that can be found at [IllinoisVoterGuide.org](http://IllinoisVoterGuide.org). See page 10.

In addition, we learned about some of the plans for the coming celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the LWVIL. Bonnie was happy to learn of the many artifacts we collected during our celebration of our own 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and we shall be forwarding some of these to the State League.

**Article by Carole Kohn**

# LWVHP/HWDHIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD

## Electoral College

This summer the National Convention of the League of Women Voters of the United States adopted a resolution that "urgently reaffirms its long-held position that the Electoral College should be abolished."

The Electoral College committee of LWV-Illinois, led by Rosemary Heilemann, was successful in getting this resolution adopted. This group has created an amazing presentation on "Why Should We Abolish the Electoral College?" and has warehoused the materials for use by the public on the LWV Wilmette website. Included is a powerpoint presentation with an accompanying script, handouts and FAQs. The presentation can be used by any community or religious organization or school—available to all who are interested.

The materials are located at <https://www.lwvwilmette.org/electoral-college-reform.html>

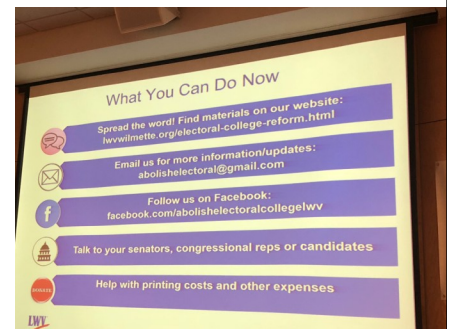
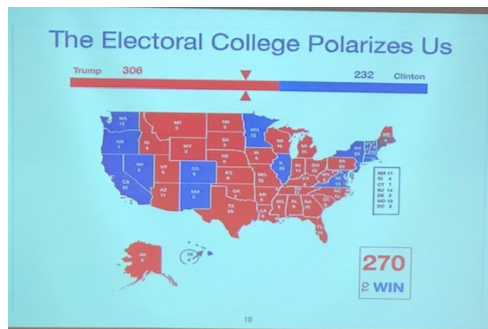
On October 3rd, our League sponsored a presentation by Rosemary Heilmann. Almost 60 people attended the event in the auditorium of the HP Library. Titled "**Myths and Facts About the Electoral College**" Rosemary walked us through the presentation. Some of the focus is on:

- ★ Why Should We Abolish the Electoral College?
  - ★ The framers' intent and how none of the original concerns remain relevant today.
  - ★ How the Electoral College is an imperfect system that is damaging to our democracy.
  - ★ Myths vs Facts
- ★ How Do We Abolish the Electoral College?
- ★ It's time for Change. It's so simple. It's so fair. One Person—One Vote.

Rosemary gave accolades to local HP residents, Councilwoman Kim Stone and Mark Levy, for encouraging the formation of the LWV-Illinois Electoral College Committee.



Rosemary Heilemann, LWVIL Electoral College Committee



### Endorsements and Praise are Starting to Flow In on the LWVIL Electoral College Presentation "Electoral College Reform—Why We Should Abolish the Electoral College and How to Do It" :

**Dr. Tom Ginsburg**, Constitutional scholar at the University of Chicago.

*"The League of Women Voters is a critical organization for American democracy, and their electoral college proposal makes imminent sense. In years to come, the need to reform the archaic way we elect the president will only become more pronounced, and I hope the League's proposal gains widespread attention."*

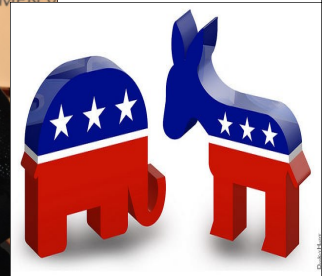
**Dr. George C. Edwards III**, University Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Political Science and Jordan Chair in Presidential Studies at Texas A&M University.

*"With this excellent presentation on the electoral college, The League of Women Voters are making a major contribution to improving democracy in America."*

## League Candidate Debates: Another Success

On Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, our League, along with those of the Deerfield area, Glenview/ Glencoe and Lake Forest/Lake Bluff, and the Union League Club sponsored Congressional and State debates. More than 250 people were present at Deerfield High School to question candidates for the following offices: State Senate 29<sup>th</sup> District; State Representative 58<sup>th</sup> District; 19<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. The discussions included gun control, state funding, school financing, school safety, immigration and bipartisanship. The Leagues and the Union League Club once again displayed their commitment to enrich the lives of our community. The Leagues also presented their usual dedication, attention to detail and expertise in the formation of the Debates.

**Elaine Adler** for the Leadership Team.



Sponsored by League of Women Voters of Deerfield Area, Glenview/Glencoe, Highland Park/Highwood and Lake Forest/Lake Bluff

**Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm**

Deerfield High School, 1959 N. Waukegan Road, Deerfield  
Doors open at 1:30 pm

- State Senate 29th District**  
Julie Morrison (D) - Barrett Davie (R)
- State Representative 58th District**  
Bob Morgan (D) - Rick Lesser (R)
- U.S. 10th Congressional District**  
Brad Schneider (D) - Doug Bennett (R)



# LWVHP/HWD VOTER REGISTRATION NEWS

**Election Day is now less than a month away** and our Voter Registration Group (Debbie Brown, Rose Feder, Stoney Freeman, Shoshana Friedman, Nancy Goldberg, Margaret Lindsay, Rheta Pickard and Debby Zirin) has been participating locally with tables for voter registration at the HP Library’s “How-to Fest” on September 23rd and for National Voter Registration Day on September 25th.

*The League of Women Voters proudly participated in the seventh annual **National Voter Registration Day 2018 (NVRD)**, a nationwide, nonpartisan effort to register hundreds of thousands of voters on a single day. National Voter Registration Day (the fourth Tuesday in September), founded in 2012 by voting rights and community organizations, including the League of Women Voters, has been a highly effective nonpartisan campaign to register hundreds of thousands of eligible voters through neighborhood events as well as online. Embraced by the bipartisan National Association of Secretaries of State, as well as a host of celebrities, corporations, bipartisan elected officials and organizations, National Voter Registration Day is a true celebration of democracy in America.*

## Spread the word ...

The statewide General Election is Tuesday, November 6.  
Prepare to vote with the Illinois Voter Guide.



With the Illinois Voter Guide, you can:

- **Explore your ballot!** Dive into the background and opinions of every candidate on your actual ballot.
- **Make informed choices.** Find a reason to vote for every office on the ballot, and save your choices as you go.
- **Vote!** Breeze through the ballot box by bringing your saved ballot to the polls.
- You can find the Illinois Voters Guide [here](#):

## A bit of info ... EARLY VOTING SITES for NOVEMBER 6, 2018 GENERAL ELECTION

Early Voting		
Sep 27 – Oct 19	Lake County Clerk’s office 18 N. County St., Room 101, Waukegan	Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Oct 22 - Nov 3	Highland Park Police Station 1677 Old Deerfield Rd. Highland Park	Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Saturday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Sunday Closed
	West Deerfield Township Office 601 Deerfield Rd. Deerfield	Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Saturday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Sunday Closed

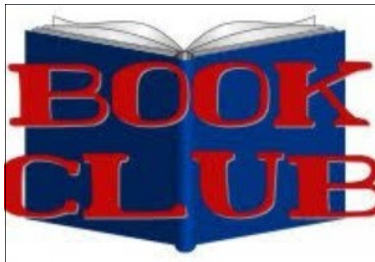
For complete information for all of Lake County, including state mandated early voting sites with extended hours check the following link:

<https://www.lakecountyl.gov/DocumentCenter/View/13400/Early-Voting-Locations-Dates-and-Times>



# LWVHP/HWD BOOK CLUB

Organized and led by Barb Kronish, our Book Club meets the last Wednesday of each month in the HP Library from 1:00 to 2:30. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 31st when we will review:

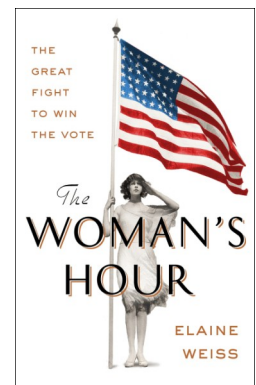
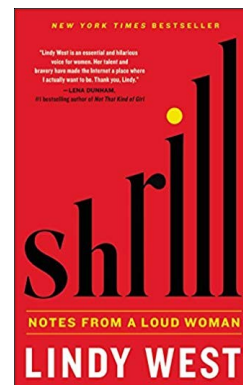
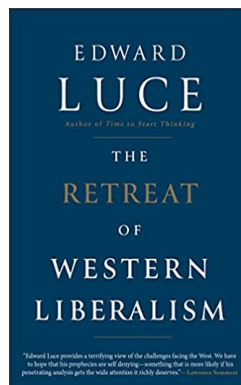
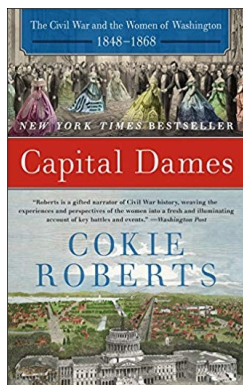
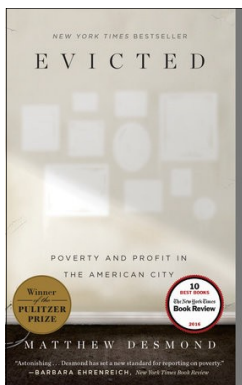


## Hidden Figures

by Margot Lee Shetterly



It's a great group, which is open to both League members and non-members. Join us, bring a friend and bring book title recommendations!



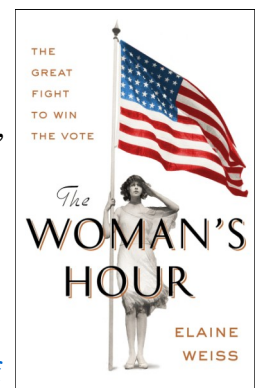
**Our September book, *The Woman's Hour*, by Elaine Weiss was reviewed by our group as an excellent, compelling read.**

**There are many great reviews of this book.**

Goodreads about the book: "The nail-biting climax of one of the greatest political victories in American history: the down and dirty campaign to get the last state to ratify the 19th amendment, granting women the right to vote."

"Anyone interested in the history of our country's ongoing fight to put its founding values into practice--as well as those seeking the roots of current political fault lines--would be well-served by picking up *The Woman's Hour*." --Margot Lee Shetterly, author of the #1 New York Times bestseller *Hidden Figures*

An excerpt from *The Woman's Hour* hallmarks LWV's role in the celebration of the ratification of the 19th Amendment ... "Church bells rang all across the nation at noon on Saturday, August 28, in celebration of women's enfranchisement. Mrs. Catt had instructed the League of Women Voters in every state to arrange a celebration of bells in their communities marking the historic occasion. Church and school bells pealed, factory and train whistles blew, firehouse sirens blared, and car horns were tooted in the state capitals, big cities, and little towns. In Philadelphia, bells were rung on Independence Square. The mayor of Chicago supplemented his order for municipal clamor with a request that at the strike of noon all men doff their hats in honor of the new women citizens."



# LWVHP/HWD MEMBERSHIP

## LWVHP/HWD

Our League welcomes new (or returning) members:

*Rich Basofin and Joan Zahnle, Stoney Freeman, Shoshana Friedman, Amy Gilbert, Jackie Hirsh, Lisa Hirsh, Barbara Mazur, Lois Melvoin, Carol Miller, Michal-Ann Somerman, Linda Spies, Deborah and Bruce Spitzer, and Michael Tarnoff (family).*

Membership renewal requests were mailed in early October. If you haven't renewed yet, please support our League activities by returning your dues either by mail or via PayPal through our website. If you have recently joined and your name isn't listed— we still welcome you—just may not have the completed list when this article was completed.

League has continually been a catalyst for change, frequently initiating advances in local government as well as government at other levels. Our educational programs and candidate forums have contributed to the development of an informed electorate. No matter the level of support, we are certain you will benefit from your League membership.

### Membership:

- Individual \$70
- Household \$100

### Mailing address:

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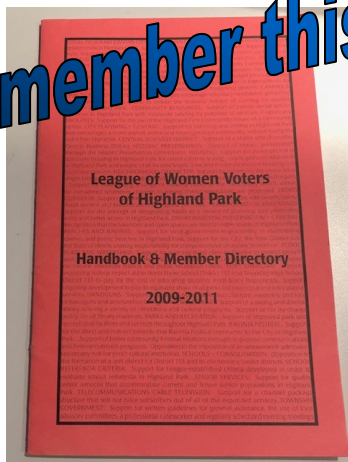
**Website:** [league@lwvhp.org](mailto:league@lwvhp.org) (you can pay dues using PayPal)

Questions? Contact our Membership chair, [Marlene Senescu](#)

***Invite your friends to our events this year!***

# Membership Dues Reminder

## Remember this?



### Electronic Member Directory

Some of us still use our League's old paper Handbook & Member Directory that was last updated in 2011. Of course newer members don't have one, and, it doesn't include up-to-date information.

We plan to create an Electronic Member Directory to be distributed to members only, which will include:

Name, Address, Telephone and email addresses.

If you would prefer to not have your contact information included in our Electronic Member Directory (in other words to opt out) ...

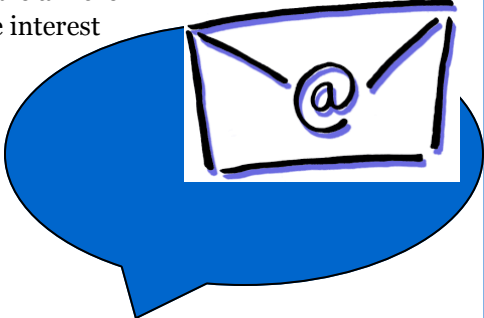
Please email our Membership chair, [marsenescu@comcast.net](mailto:marsenescu@comcast.net).

# HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEAGUE

## COMMUNICATIONS TEAM UPDATE:

The Communications Team has had a busy start to the League season.

- Our League has had increased publicity notices, thanks to our membership chair, Marlene Senescu! Our events have been showing up in the Landmark, Patch, Highlander and Metromix.
- We’ve created and circulated numerous posters and flyers for our events since August. Bryna Gamson designed the beautiful one for the Oct 3rd Electoral College Event.
- We’ve been generating more messages through mailchimp emails and average about 50% open rates. When we asked how that compares to other Leagues, we were told many groups have in the 30% open rates.
- We are getting more hits on our Facebook page, partly due to your clicking “share”! Hopefully we will start an instagram account soon.
- Research and integration of a new website is still planned. Our goal is to have a more up-to-the-minute (at least more timely) website, hopefully generating more interest in our League.
- Publication of a Voter Guide for the Spring 2019 Consolidated Election will be provided, coordinating with the Voter Services Team.



Be a part of our Communications Team, we make things happen!

*If you would like to help with Facebook or Instagram contact:*

**Nancy Goldberg** [jamn148@gmail.com](mailto:jamn148@gmail.com).

## LWV HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEADERSHIP TEAM

### Leadership Team 2018—2019:

- Elaine Adler
- Nancy Goldberg
- Carole Kohn
- Judy Miller
- Marlene Senescu

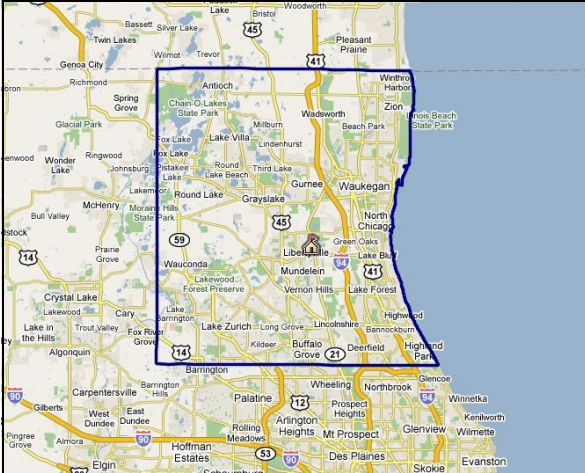
**Contingency Nominating Committee 2019:** Barbara Kronish, Barbara Lippai, and Ginny Schulte

**Treasurer:** Ginger Seff



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# LWV OF LAKE COUNTY AND LAKE MICHIGAN REGION



## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LAKE COUNTY

LWV-LC members convinced the Waukegan Park District not to use a coal tar-based sealant on a large parking lot and instead switch to an asphalt-based sealant, which is the safer alternative. Banning coal tar-based sealants is a LWVIL goal. LWV-LC thanks those Lake County communities (Highland Park, Deerfield, Vernon Hills) which have passed ordinances banning the hazardous coal tar-based sealants.

For National Voter Registration Day, deputy registrars participated in multiple registration drives throughout the county.

Members are monitoring the Lake County Board and the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission's actions regarding Foxconn in Racine, Wisconsin.

The League is supporting a request of \$100,000.00 for a Lake County Crisis Intervention Center to be used to increase the number of beds for mental patients in Lake County. This will give the sheriff's department a better method of handling mental patients who often are incarcerated because there is no alternative.

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LAKE MICHIGAN REGION

# GREAT LAKES PANEL DISCUSSION

*Upcoming Event*

### **GREAT LAKES PANEL DISCUSSION** **Panel Two: Lake Michigan Shoreline Change**

**Wednesday, October 17 • 7 p.m. at Rosewood Interpretive Center • Highland Park**

For more information, please visit  
**[SenatorJulieMorrison.com](http://SenatorJulieMorrison.com)**  
Or contact the district office at (847) 945-5200



**STATE SENATOR**  
**Julie Morrison**

State Senator  
29<sup>th</sup> Senate District

## Lake Michigan Coastal Change

Wednesday, October 17, | 7 p.m.

Rosewood Interpretive Center, Highland Park

### Panelists

**Rebecca Grill,**  
Natural Areas Manager  
Park District of Highland Park

**Kaitlyn McClain**  
Planner  
US Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District

**Ethan Theuerkauf**  
Coastal Geologist  
Illinois State Geological Survey

# ADVOCACY: LWV OF ILLINOIS

**TIME FOR ACTION**



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## **REAUTHORIZATION of Violence Against Women Act HR6545**

FROM: Bonnie Cox, President  
Jean Pierce and Allyson Haut, Issues & Advocacy  
Co-Chairs

### **ACTION NEEDED:**

**Call your U.S. Representative.**  
Find their phone number [HERE](#).

If your Representative is one of the Bill's Cosponsors (on the list below) please thank her or him:  
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]\*  
Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]\*  
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]\*  
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]\*  
Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]\*  
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]\*  
Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]\*  
Rep. Bustos, Cheri [D-IL-17]  
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]  
Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]

If your Representative is NOT on the list of Co-sponsors, please urge him or her to sign on to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act, HR6545.

### **WHY IT MATTERS:**

Since 1994, when funding for the Act was first authorized, the US League of Women Voters has supported violence prevention programs in all communities through the allocation of public monies in government programs to prevent violence.

Since VAWA was first authorized in 1994, violence against women has decreased by close to two-thirds.

## **Combating the Illegal Gun Trafficking Act SB 337**

FROM: Bonnie Cox, LWVIL President and Hilary Denk, LWVIL Issues Chair,  
Mary Klonowski and Holly Fingerle, LWVIL Issue Specialists, Gun Violence Prevention

### **ACTION NEEDED:**

**Contact your Illinois State Representative to support SB 337, Amendment #3, the Combating Illegal Gun Trafficking Act.**

This bipartisan bill incorporates key provisions of the Gun Dealer Licensing Act (GDL), in addition to incorporating new provisions that expand the bill's appeal across both aisles.

### **WHY IT MATTERS:**

- ★ The new measure would require the Illinois State Police, rather than the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, to certify dealers who have been certified as Federal Firearm Licensees.
- ★ Illinois State Police can inspect the Gun Dealers once/year.
- ★ The legislation also treats all gun dealers the same, eliminating an exemption for retailers for whom firearms make up less than 20 percent of their profit - the so-called "big box store exemption."
- ★ The bill incorporates provisions for electronic record keeping and safe storage.
- ★ Requires persons who sell guns privately to maintain proper transaction records or face penalties.
- ★ Provides penalties for not checking for valid FOID cards.
- ★ The key provisions from the Gun Dealer Licensing bill that will be maintained:
  - Installing surveillance equipment,
  - Maintaining an electronic inventory, anti-theft measures,
  - employee training.

<https://my.lwv.org/illinois/chicago/action-alert/time-action-support-sb-337-amendment-3-combating-illegal-gun-trafficking-act-now>

## ENVIRONMENT and HISTORY

### GREEN NOTES:

When asked about some tips for Green Notes, HP Councilwoman Kim Stone responded ...

“Energy efficiency is always a good idea this time of year - caulking and sealing and smart thermostats “

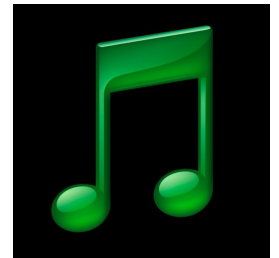
Here is some information on programmable thermostats:

A **programmable thermostat** is a thermostat which is designed to adjust the temperature according to a series of programmed settings that take effect at different times of the day. Programmable thermostats may also be called **setback thermostats** or **clock thermostats**.

As we approach the heating season, the programmable thermostat may be set to allow the temperature in the house to drop when the house is unoccupied during the day and also at night after all occupants have gone to bed, re-heating the house prior to the occupants arriving home in the evening or waking up in the morning. Since most people sleep better when a room is cooler and the temperature differential between the interior and exterior of a building will be greatest on a cold winter night, this reduces energy losses.

Commonwealth Edison, in collaboration with Nicor Gas, offers a no-cost home energy assessment with free and discounted efficiency products for your home including LED light bulbs. All ComEd customers pay for the Energy Efficiency Program, a government mandated program, as a part of their regular electric bill. Take advantage of a service you are entitled to by calling 888-652-2955. For more info,click [here](#).

Councilwoman (and League member) Stone has great environmental information on her website [FriendsOfKimStone.com](http://FriendsOfKimStone.com).



### SUFFRAGE

Yellow or gold had long been the American suffrage campaign's symbolic hue, signifying the flame of freedom's fires; the Woman's Party adopted a version of the British suffragists' tricolor of:

**Green, White, and Violet/purple**

(a chromatic acronym for “**G**ive **W**omen the **V**ote”)

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

## LWV Candidate Debates

When **October 14th 2:00 pm**  
 Where Christ United Methodist Church  
 600 Deerfield Rd, Deerfield  
 Description Debates for Lake County offices of: Clerk, Treasurer and Sherriff  
 Lake County Boards—11th and 21st Districts  
*Sponsored by League of Women Voters of Deerfield Area  
 Glenview/Glencoe, Highland Park/Highwood and  
 Lake Forest/Lake Bluff*



## LWV Lake Michigan Region Great Lakes Panel Discussion

When **October 17th 7:00 pm**  
 Where Rosewood Interpretive Center, Highland Park  
 Description Great Lakes Panel Discussion  
 Lake Michigan Shoreline Change



## LWV HP/HWD League Book Club

When **October 31st 1:00—2:30 pm**  
 Where HP Library (room to be determined)  
 Description Hidden Figures, by Margot Lee Shetterly  
 ★ Note—Book club will usually meet on the last Wednesday of each month



## LWV HP/HWD Post Election Discussion

When Week of **November 12th: Late afternoon**  
 Where Local Fun Venue for drinks and appetizers  
 Description Late afternoon post election discussion



## LWV HP/HWD Holiday Party

When Week of **December 10th: Evening**  
 Where Home of Elise and Peter Barack, 1379 Sheridan Rd, HP  
 Description Annual Holiday Party with a chance to meet local officials

