NEWSLETTER

Fall-Winter 2020

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Criminal Justice Program
Gender Issues, Emerging Adults,
And more

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Sentencing Laws, Police
Licensing and Funding

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Celebrating Community
Connections

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Our League is collaborating with other local Lake County Leagues to conduct a series of **programs** on selected study topics to help members get ready for Consensus:

DECEMBER 3 AT 3 PM: An excellent program took place on Pre-Trial and Courtroom Procedures with Joy Gossman, Lake County Chief Public Defender. A recording is available on YouTube.

DECEMBER 7 AT 2 PM: A Webinar addressing Gender Issues, Emerging Adults, Bias, Investment in the Community and Restorative Justice with Sarah Staudt of the Chicago Appleseed Fund for Justice.

DECEMBER 9 AT 7 PM: A program speaking about Sentencing Laws and Procedures, Police Licensing and Funding with Mike Nerheim, Lake County State's Attorney, 2012—2020.

DECEMBER 16 AT 12 PM: A program focused on Policies and Procedures of the Illinois Department of Corrections with Dr. David E. Olsen, Criminal Justice Department, Loyola University.

See page 4 For meeting/webinar links and registration (where required).

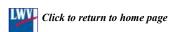


ZOOMING IN ON THE HOLIDAYS
with LWVHP/HWD

Monday, December 14th: 4 - 5:30 pm

Celebrating Community Connections, One Woman's Story:

Carmen Patlan, Executive Director, Highwood Public Library



LEADERSHIP TEAM MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends,

As we close in on the shortest day of 2020, I must say that my mood is running parallel to the diminishing number of daylight hours. We are hearing of more friends and neighbors testing positive for COVID-19 and Dr. Fauci warned yesterday that "We may see a surge upon surge." It's been four weeks since the election, November 3. I think we are all glad that it's over. (Is it really over?) I was only disappointed, not surprised, that the Fair Tax Amendment failed. This is a link to an excellent analysis of many of the reasons where the campaign went wrong: http://www.chicagomag.com/city-life/November-2020/Why-the-Fair-Tax-Failed/

Thank you to all members and friends of our League who worked so hard on the Fair Tax and Get Out the Vote campaigns. Thanks to those who got out voter registration information or registered voters; those who spread the word about IllinoisVoterGuide.org; those who designed original graphics for yard signs, flyers and candidate forums publicity; those who participated in candidate forum planning and implementation; those who distributed flyers and palm cards to Highwood retailers; and those who acted as poll observers or election judges. Record-breaking numbers of votes were cast in this election. This unprecedented turnout is a testament to the determination of the American voters and the strength of our democratic system.

For the benefit of myself and, I'm sure, many others, I searched the Internet with the question "how to stay positive during the pandemic". One article quoted the book "*Emotional Inflammation: Discover your Triggers and Reclaim your Equilibrium During Anxious Times*, by Lise Van Susteren, MD and Stacey Colino: ""A powerful remedy to these anxious, turbulent times we're experiencing is to consciously recognize and confront inaction, to move from being a bystander to being an upstander. ... It's about moving from observing in silence to making *good noise*."

As most of you know, the Illinois LWV is updating its 25 year-old position on Criminal Justice (CJ). We've all witnessed injustices over the years. Our current position is outdated or silent on many aspects (e.g., policing). It is imperative that we update our position so that we can fully participate in criminal justice advocacy. Over the past few months, members of our League together with other committee members from LWV Deerfield Area, LWV Lake Forest-Lake Bluff, LWV Northwest Lake County (under the umbrella of LWV Lake County) have been educating ourselves on the 14 topics that comprise the scope of the CJ study. We have read materials from LWVIL, viewed other local Leagues' presentations by experts, and planned our own (Zoom) programs for our members. I hope you will all spend some time learning about the topics, either by viewing our programs, other reading, or other Leagues' programs. (Zoom recordings of past programs are available and I will be sending out a list of recommended ones.) The informed participation of all our members is solicited for the consensus meetings in January. This method of soliciting grassroots input from members of the League of Women Voters is what makes us respected. For the most part, "where we stand" on issues does not come down from some remote leadership, but is crafted by considering the input of all the members over a period of time based on study and discussion and consensus. It is this very intense method that gives us confidence that our positions fairly represent the views of our members. When you see the final version of the position you feel pride in knowing you helped craft

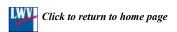
it. Please register for our remaining presentations if you haven't already done so. (Dates, links and other details can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.)

We look forward to seeing many of your faces at events this month.

Happy holidays,

Judy Miller, Leadership Chair (on behalf of the Leadership Team) iudyathome@gmail.com; 847-831-1790; 847-721-1790 page:2





JOIN OUR HOLIDAY ZOOM GET TOGETHER

Celebrating Community Connections, One Woman's Story:

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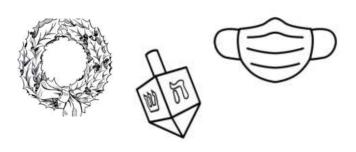
Monday, Dec 14th: 4:00—5:30 PM

Watch for a zoom invitation in email and on our website

We are pleased to announce that this year's Holiday Party will feature Carmen Patlan, the Highwood Public Library's Executive Director. Carmen came to Highwood from the Waukegan Library where she was the Community Engagement and Outreach Manager with responsibilities for Spanish literacy. She established the award winning Promotoras/ Ambassador Program that reached out to underserved Latinos by establishing channels to identify and meet their various needs. This program was nationally recognized by the White House, receiving the National Medal from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Carmen was "recognized as an innovative, nationwide leader in community service" by first Lady Michelle Obama.

Carmen is active in the Latino community – "cultural sensitivity motivates me to raise awareness of the needs of the undocumented, the uninsured, the marginalized and survivors of domestic violence. Understanding the dynamics of the Latino culture inspires me to engage and inspire them to be invested in their community."

Join us to hear how Carmen is moving the Library to a vibrant community presence.





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The Highland Park/Highwood LWV has joined with other local Leagues in Lake County, sharing resources, to present several programs on selected study topics and prepare us for for the consensus meetings in January. The remaining programs, listed in **red** below, will feature local experts from the Lake County and Chicago areas.

<u>December 3</u>, An excellent program with Joy Gossman, Lake County Chief Public Defender, speaking on Pre-Trial Procedures and Courtroom Procedures and Access. The Program was recorded and is available here on YouTube.

<u>December 7 at 2 pm</u>, a webinar with Sarah Staudt, Senior Policy Analyst and Staff Attorney at Chicago Appleseed Fund for Justice, will discuss Gender Issues, Emerging Adults, Bias, Investment in the Community and Restorative Justice. NO Registration is required. The webinar link is <u>here</u>.

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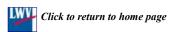
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CONSENSUS MEETINGS WILL BE

JANUARY 7 AND 12, 2021

AT 6:30 PM



Contested Election Program October 1, 2020

By Carole Kohn

On the evening of October 1, 2020, our League hosted a zoom program on the subject of "Legal Perspectives on a Contested Election." Our speaker was David Melton, J.D., a semi-retired attorney, who remains active in bar associations and law reform efforts in the areas of campaign finance reform and election law, civil liberties, and federal courts. For obvious reasons, the subject was a "draw": we had more than 60 participants. The program was moderated by our own Betsy Lassar, and we received many compliments about the presentation.

David presented a brief history of the Electoral College and discussed constitutional and state law provisions relevant to it. He noted that the election is actually conducted by over 10,500 local election authorities. The initial ballot counting is performed by local authorities. This includes the counting of provisional and mail-in ballots, the resolution of disputes, and the proclamation and reporting of local results. Next comes the compilation and reporting of statewide results. There is a succession of dates by which results are to be reported. By December 8, 2020 (the Safe Harbor Date), the Elector slates are to be determined in the states, and by December 14, 2020, the Electors' votes are cast by the states and the results transmitted to the U.S. Senate. On January 6, 2021, the elector ballots are cast in the U.S. Senate.

As we are now well aware, disputes may arise during the local counting phases, during the state certification process, or during the Congressional counting process. Issues that may arise include claims of fraudulent ballots, legislative changes to electors, use of the counts to short-circuit counts, and kicking the election to the House of Representatives. This process is clearly complex and contains many gaps that do not provide clear resolution.

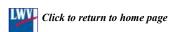
The program was recorded and is available on our YouTube channel LWV HP-HWD. Here is the link to the **recording**.



Betsy Lassar, Moderator



David Melton, J.D.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME



eague has continually been a catalyst for change, frequently initiating advances in government at the local and other levels. Become a member or renew your membership! Participate! Let your voice and opinion be heard.

Please note: New members who joined on or after July 1, 2020 are automatically renewed.

You can renew your membership or join on our <u>website</u>. Please note there is a \$3 PayPal fee included if you choose to JOIN On Line via our website.



We all know how hard these past few months have been. But it is in times like these, that the League thrives, probably because our Trusted Good Name represents a powerful force that supports fair elections, getting out the vote, informing/educating voters and supporting issues like a clean environment, women's rights, equality and more. Joining the League of Women Voters is a great way to get involved in our community and play an active role in our democracy.

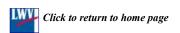
Since our Summer Newsletter we'd like to welcome our NEWEST MEMBERS: Sara Armstrong, Elinor Baylis, Eliisa Capstick, John Frawley, Judith Kaufman, Annette Lidawer, Candace Mintz, Kim Parson, Susan Piro, and Andres Tapia. Noted in our Summer Newsletter were 4 additional new members: Candice and Robert Dalrymple, Laurie Hanson and Victoria Ratnaswamy. We now have 118 members! Of course we hope you will help us attract even more new members! The League is trying to attract more young and diverse members. With your help, talking up the LWV to friends, neighbors, daughters and sons, we can make our local league even more powerful in our mission.

Marlene Senescu

JOIN ONLINE OR RENEW ON OUR WEBSITE!



VOLUNTEERS WANTED: We encourage all members of League, new and old, to engage. In addition to working on communications/social media and the candidates forums, mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, there are opportunities to work on other activities, including study and advocacy committees, voter service and membership. Contact Judy Miller for more information.





Voter Service: GOTV

COVID-19 created challenges this year, but the importance of this year's election kept us motivated to get out the vote and educate voters. In the Spring primary election we were able to work with Highland Park High School to successfully get the students involved in "Stroll to the Polls." But the November election presented bigger challenges. Thank you to all members who helped by placing our "Your Vote is your Voice" signs on their lawns. The signs could be spotted from Lake Bluff to Chicago! The project was a complete success. We could have sold more as people from around the state were requesting them.

Other GOTV signs were on display at the Highland Park and Highwood Libraries (Spanish/English).

The Illinois LWV, through a grant, provided English/Spanish palm cards that we distributed to Highwood merchants. A PowerPoint presentation was displayed at HPPL as well as on our own website. Our two candidate forums were widely viewed and because they were recorded from Zoom and placed on our League's YouTube channel, we received even more "hits" after the original presentation. The Illinois-VoterGuide.org helped to inform our citizens and was praised. We supplied "Vote by Mail" and other voting information on our website, our Facebook and in many emails. Highland Park had a 75-80% turnout and Highwood about a 70% turnout. That is something to be proud of and we know that we were a part of this large number. We will work on the next election to hopefully surpass this number.

We feel that we did our part to accomplish our LWV mission of educating and empowering voters. Across the nation, the League of Women Voters worked by being poll watchers, election judges, transporters to polling places, educators and more. The LWV of Georgia is still working to make sure all citizens have a chance to vote. LWV of Georgia can use our support. I just sent a small check to them to help them with their guest to enable all Georgia citizens to vote.

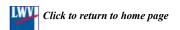
We should be proud to be a part of this wonderful, well-respected national organization that has helped make elections fair and educated the public, while remaining nonpartisan for over one hundred years.

Marlene Senescu, reporting on our GOTV/Voter Service Activities.



EMPOWERING VOTERS
DEFENDING DEMOCRACY





COMMUNICATIONS TEAM UPDATE:

- Working with the Program Chairs and our Leadership Chair, we have hosted several Zoom Meetings and recorded programs which were released to our YouTube Channel "LWV HP-HWD".
- While COVID-19 kept our League from in-person activities, we collaborated with the HP Public Library to
 create slides for presentation in the check out hall of the Library as well as a large "Make A Plan to
 Vote!" sign presented to the Library for outdoor display. My neighbor, Joe Passini, crafted the beautiful
 sign holder, which he gifted to our League! Also created was a colorful, dual language Drop Box flyer
 which was promoted on FaceBook, on our Website and Nextdoor Highland Park.
- Marlene Senescu literally ran with the "Your Vote is your Voice" yard signs—an amazingly quick turn-around.
- The Commemorative note cards honoring "Votes for Women" with original art contributions by local women artists, were a great success. Deb Weil and Nancy Goldberg had 100 sets created and as of last week there were only 2 sets remaining. Fundraising profits will be used for Voter Education projects. Contact me if you wish to purchase the remaining card sets (cost per set is \$25.)
- Make sure you check our Facebook Page, "Like" us and invite your friends to like us as well!
 If you would like to help with our website, Facebook or Instagram contact me:

Nancy Goldberg jamn148@gmail.com.

Many thanks to our article contributors: Elaine Adler, Carole Kohn,, Barbara Lippai, Judy Miller and Marlene Senescu. Also thanks to the proof editors: Rose Feder, Bryna Gamson, Alan Goldberg, Carole Kohn and Judy Miller.

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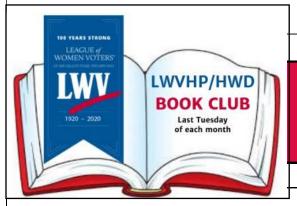
LOOKING FORWARD >>>>>

JANUARY—Another traditional, enjoyable League experience: Become part of the committee to organize a Candidates Forum for local elections in the spring. Contact **Elaine Adler**

FEBRUARY—Join us for a virtual, Zoom, festive evening with dynamic Nick Sandys, Producing Artistic Director of Remy Bumppo Theatre Company in Chicago. Nick is an award-winning actor, director, fight choreographer and educator. *Date to be announced*.

GREAT DECISIONS 2020

The resumption of Great Decisions is still TBD.



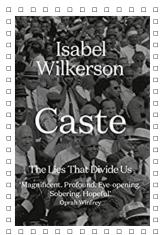
LWVHP/HWD BOOK CLUB

We now have 36 LWV HP-HWD members and friends who have been participating in our Book Club reviews. Membership in the League is not required, although certainly encouraged.

Our readings are diverse: from timely memoirs to historic fiction to the January selection **Caste**, by Isabel Wilkerson, which examines the unspoken and cruel caste system that has shaped America, "a hidden rigid hierarchy of human rankings."

"So many other people, places and subjects we have visited, talked about and critiqued ... it is a continuing adventure; a time for more stimulation. The book group is a time exercising what's left of our minds—and we welcome everyone who is interested to join us on the last Tuesday of every month. Zoom invitations will be emailed to the book club list. If someone is interested in joining us have them email Nancy Goldberg to be added to the book club notification list." - Barbara Kronish





19th Amendment Ratification Timeline

Order	State	Ratification Date	Notes	Order	State	Ratification Date	Notes
1	Illinois	June 10, 1919		25	Oregon	Jan 12, 1920	
2	Wisconsin	June 10, 1919		26	Indiana	Jan 16, 1920	
3	Michigan	June 10, 1919		27	Wyoming	Jan 26, 1920	
4	Kansas	June 16, 1919		28	Nevada	Feb 7, 1920	
5	Ohio	June 16, 1919		29	New Jersey	Feb 9, 1920	
6	New York	Jun 16, 1919		30	Idaho	Feb 11, 1920	
7	Pennsylvania	June 24, 1919		31	Arizona	Feb 12, 1920	
8	Massachusetts	June 25, 1919		32	New Mexico	Feb 16, 1920	
9	Texas	June 26, 1919		33	Oklahoma	Feb 23, 1920	
10	lowa	July 2, 1919		34	West Virginia	March 10, 1920	Confirmed Sept 21, 1920
11	Missouri	July 3, 1919		35	Washington	March 22, 1920	
12	Arkansas	July 28, 1919		36	Tennessee	Aug 18, 1920	Aug 26, 1920 Certified
13	Montana	Aug 2, 1919		37	Connecticut	Sept 14, 1920	Reaffirmed Sept 21, 1920
14	Nebraska	Aug 2, 1919		38	Vermont	Feb 8, 1921	
15	Minnesota	Sept 8, 1919		39	Delaware	March 6, 1923	Rejected June 2, 1920
16	New Hampshire	Sept 10, 1919		40	Maryland	March 29. 1941	Rejected Feb 24, 1920; Not certified until Feb 25, 1957
17	Utah	Sept 30, 1919		41	Virginia	Feb 21, 1952	Rejected Feb 12, 1920
18	California	Nov 1, 1919		42	Alabama	Sept 8, 1953	Rejected Sept 22, 1919
19	Maine	Nov 5, 1919		43	Florida	May 13, 1969	
20	North Dakota	Dec 1, 1919		44	South Carolina	July 1, 1969	Rejected Jan 28, 1920; not certified until Aug 22,,1973
21	South Dakota	Dec 4, 1919		45	Georgia	Feb 20, 1970	Rejected July 24, 1919
22	Colorado	Dec 12, 1919		46	Louisiana	June 11, 1970	Rejected July 1, 1920
23	Kentucky	Jan 6, 1920		47	North Carolina	May 6, 1971	
24	Rhode Island	Jan 6, 1920		48	Mississippi	March 22, 1984	Rejected March 29, 1920

CALENDAR of UPCOMING EVENTS

LWV Lake County Criminal Justice Programs

When December 7th: 2:00 pm
Where Virtual Webinar on Zoom

Description Sarah Staudt, Senior Policy Analyst/Staff Attorney

Chicago Appleseed Fund for Justice

Gender Issues, Emerging Adults, Bias and more ...

Link to the Webinar

LWV Lake County Criminal Justice Programs

When December 9th: 7:00 pm
Where Virtual Program on Zoom

Description Mike Nerheim, Current Lake County State's Attorney

Sentencing Laws and Procedures, Police Licensing

and Funding

Link to the Required Program Registration



Dec 7

LWV HP/HWD Holiday Zoom Meeting

When December 14th: 4:00—5:30 pm
Where Holiday Virtual Meeting on Zoom

Description Celebrating Community Connections, One Woman's Story

Bring a glass of something and appetizers as we celebrate

Community Connections with the award winning,

Carmen Patlan, Executive Director, Highwood Public Library Zoom invitation will be sent via email a few days before the event

LWV Lake County Criminal Justice Programs

When December 16th: 12:00 pm
Where Virtual Program on Zoom

Description Dr. David E. Olson

Professor, Criminal Justice Dept., Loyola University

Sentencing Laws and Procedures, Police Licensing

and Funding

Link to the Required Program Registration



CALENDAR of UPCOMING EVENTS

LWV HP/HWD Criminal Justice Consensus Meeting

When January 7th: 6:30 pm
Where Virtual Meeting on Zoom

Description * Consensus Meeting on Criminal Justice Position Update



LWV HP/HWD Criminal Justice Consensus Meeting

When January 12th: 6:30 pm
Where Virtual Meeting on Zoom

Description * Consensus Meeting on Criminal Justice Position Update



LWV HP/HWD Book Club

When **January 26th: 3:30—5:00 pm**

Where Virtual Meeting on Zoom

Description We will be reviewing "Caste" by Isabel Wilkerson

Zoom invitation will be sent to Book Club friends

A few days before the meeting



LWV HP/HWD Theatre Event

When February TBD

Where Virtual Theatre Meeting on Zoom

Description Award winning, Nick Sandy, Producing Artistic Director

Remy Bumppo Theatre Company



* All Leagues in Lake County will start together with a discussion on the topics. We will then "breakout" into our individual League "meeting rooms" where each League can come to its own consensus on these subjects.

We will continue to meet via Zoom and look forward to exciting Programs, Book Club and other meetings.

Please keep a look out for announcements on

email, Facebook, Instagram and our Website.

Hoping to be in person soon.