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By Trevor Noah
 - Centennial Gala Celebration** **Dec 5**
100th Anniversary of the LWV
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 - Great Decisions** **Jan 15**
Climate Change and the
Global Order
Highland Park Public Library
 - Film Festival** **Jan 25**
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You are cordially invited to attend the
100th ANNIVERSARY
The League of Women Voters
GALA CELEBRATION

Thursday, Dec 5th, 2019 7 P.M. to 9 P.M.
Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres
At the elegant home of
Marci and Ron Holzer
Donation \$75
League of Women Voters HP Education Fund
*EMPOWERING VOTERS * DEFENDING DEMOCRACY*

1920 - 2020

100 Years 1920—2020

Join us as we celebrate the inception of the League of Women Voters on
February 14th, 1920 at the Congress Hotel, right here in Chicago
And
After a long, hard-fought battle, the ratification of the 19th Amendment, winning all
American women the right to vote on August 18th, 1920.

Valet Parking * Fabulous Door Prize

RSVP by November 30th. Questions? Email lwvlocal@comcast.net
Checks may be mailed to LWVHP, Box 396, Highland Park, IL 60035
Or
Pay by credit card using the Donate button on our website, LWVHP.org

Your \$75 per person donation to the League of Women Voters of Highland Park/Highwood
Education Fund, a 501(c) (3) organization, is tax-deductible to the extent permitted by
law. Your donation will support our work to register voters and provide voters with elec-
tion information through voter guides as well as candidate forums and debates. The
League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, public policy educational organization.

About the American Suffrage Colors

“The American suffrage colors—purple, white and yellow—stood for loyalty, purity and hope, respectively. But, the brightness of the white left the biggest impression.”

LWV HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD

LEADERSHIP TEAM MESSAGE

Dear Leaguers,

It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving is in a couple of weeks. The fall really flew by for me.

We've been very busy since the summer newsletter. We've had some well-attended and well-received events. Since all took place on clear days, I would also say well-scheduled since we missed all those autumn downpours. We've held three book club meetings, three Great Decision meetings, a membership event, our second immigration program of the year, a public meeting on the Bike-Walk plan with the City. We've helped newly naturalized citizens become registered voters.

A few weeks ago as we began planning our annual holiday party, a very exciting email arrived in our League mailbox. A non-member wanting to help get out the vote (in a nonpartisan way) offered to host and underwrite a fundraiser for our League – the purpose to help support and expand our voter education outreach. Nancy Goldberg, Leslie Cole (a new member) and I visited her in her beautiful home and left realizing how wonderfully generous the offer was – how could we not accept? The Leadership Team agreed! So that is how we are having a gala benefit this year instead of a holiday party. The theme was easy ... marking the 100th birthdays of the LWV and the ratification of the 19th Amendment! We hope you will join us (and invite your friends and neighbors). The money we raise will go to voter outreach, voter education, candidate guides and forums.

Yesterday, an attorney friend told me that she has been pondering how she will answer her future grandchildren when they ask what she had done to help democracy at this time in history. She wanted to DO something, not just give money. I told her that I had lots of suggestions and would be sending her some emails. I thought of our immigration program a few days ago and the shortage of attorneys working with immigrants, and then went through my inbox. These were my suggestions:

- Volunteer, as an attorney, at North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic to help immigrants in our community with immigration, domestic violence and housing issues
- Get involved with Lake County Complete Count Committee, focusing on strategies to insure a complete count in hard-to-count areas of Lake County, including minority populations, low-income households, and populations with language barriers.
- Contact our state legislators about:
 - ◊ Sponsoring a Fair Maps Amendment – redistricting should be vested in an independent special commission
 - ◊ Supporting the License to work act (SB1786, eliminate driver's license suspension as a penalty for non-moving violations)
 - ◊ No representation without population (HB203, counting prisoners, for census as residences of their home communities, not prison where they can't vote)
 - ◊ Felony murder reform bill (HB1615, individuals who have not been convicted of actually inflicting injury during the felony cannot be convicted of murder)
 - ◊ Block illegal ownership (SB1966, closing holes in FOID card system)

Just as our host for the Gala and my friend are ready to act, maybe you, too, are moved to do something for our democracy. Besides lending your home and the list above, there are so many opportunities with our League. We need volunteers for voter registration, Stroll to the Polls, Candidate forums, publicizing our programs, representing our League on various committees, and more.

The last thing I want to say is please pay your dues. With everything going on, we are behind in sending out statements. For complete information, go our website, LWVHP.org, and pull down the "Join Us" tab on the top.

Hope to see you soon,

Judy Miller, on behalf of the Leadership Team JudyAtHome@gmail.com



Join Us for a fun filled evening!

GALA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION 100th ANNIVERSARY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

December 5, 2019

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The League of Women Voters of Highland Park/Highwood will be holding a gala centennial celebration on December 5, 2019. Admission to the gala is a donation to the League of Women Voters Education Fund. The gala celebrates the 100 year anniversaries of the establishment of the League of Women Voters at the Congress Hotel on February 14, 1920, and, the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, winning the right to vote for all American women on August 18, 1920.

Registration is required; Donation \$75 per person ●●● Event location upon registration

To register for the event select CENTENNIAL GALA at

<https://my.lwv.org/illinois/highland-parkhighwood/donate-online>

Donations to the League of Women Voters of Highland Park/Highwood Education Fund, a 501(c) (3) organization, is tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law. Donations support League's work to register voters and provide voters with election information through voter guides as well as candidate forums and debates. The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, public policy educational organization.



IMMIGRATION SERIES PART II—Nov 5th

IT TAKES A VILLAGE—

Some information and impressions from our program on a local perspective on immigration.

By Carole Kohn



On the evening of November 5, 2019, the League of Women Voters of Highland Park/Highwood presented the second in its series of programs on immigration at the Highwood Library. We brought together a group of local professionals working to provide local immigrants with various kinds of services. The meeting was very informative and well-attended, and audience members commented on the commitment, empathy, knowledge, and creativity of the providers.

We heard from various professionals on Legal, Social, School, and Library Services.

Introduction and Moderator Pablo Alvarez, HPHS guidance counselor, Moraine Township Trustee and Chairman of the Township Latino Advisory Committee.

Legal issues: Susan Shulman, J.D., Executive Director, North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic

Social services: Liz Chavez – Family Service of Lake County, Supervisor, Nuestro Center; **Ana Soto** – Parent Educator, Family Focus; **Lupe Somerville** – Moraine Township.

Schools Services: Charo Mendoza, MSW – HPHS Social Worker and **Luisa Espinoza-Lara**, Family Engagement Specialist, Title I, District 112.

Library Services: Executive Director, **Carmen Patlan**, Executive Director, Highwood Library.

It quickly became apparent that all of these people knew each other quite well and regularly make referrals to each other or their agencies or to other resources. We also learned how they engage the immigrant community to help newcomers to the area or people having similar issues to deal with. Thus, at the schools, a child who has been in the country for several years may help a newcomer acclimate. Or the parents in the first family may help a newcomer learn about schooling requirements or where to go for a kind of help.

In introducing the program, Pablo Alvarez spoke of the many waves of immigrants who previously came to America from different parts of the world and read the 1883 sonnet "The New Colossus" by the poet Emma Lazarus. She wrote the poem to raise money for the base of the Statue of Liberty and the poem was cast into a bronze stone and mounted in that base. During the ensuing discussion about the interlocking range of services the speakers provided Pablo stated: "It takes a village."

We learned from Susan Shulman that the Legal Aid Clinic provides help mostly with immigration, domestic violence, and housing issues, which are often inter-related. They have helped prepare documents for families where some member(s) are potentially subject to deportation to deal with guardianship of their children. Susan stated that the Highwood police officers have told her they do not consider themselves ICE agents. Their organization needs additional attorneys to meet current needs.

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Liz Chavez told us how she runs various afterschool programs to help elementary and middle school children with homework and English learning. She noted she could use some new volunteers for this – with commitments starting at one day a week for a few hours. They may coordinate with teachers to provide help with English and Math, as well as social and emotional needs. Additional outreach is provided on Fridays and days off by field trips or arts/cultural activities. Additionally, during the summer they run a 5-week camp. She also runs programs for Seniors.

Ana Soto provides home visits to aid in servicing infants and children ages 0 to 3 and their families. She may direct a woman to prenatal or other care, help the family prepare for child-raising or additional child-raising, and help monitor the childrens’ development. Ana said her organization needs funds for baby supplies and other items.

Lupe Somerville is the person at the Moraine Township who can help someone apply for a wide range of services available to all residents or senior and other for income-qualified residents, such as General/ Emergency Assistance; Food Pantry; Utility assistance; application assistance for Medicaid, SNAP, Benefit Access, and TSNF. She noted that suggestions on what to donate to the Food Pantry are set forth on the website.

Charo Mendoza works with students and teachers at HPHS to provide for students’ particular needs, be they linguistic, academic, social-emotional, or others. These may be long-ranging needs of the students and/or their families or immediate ones, such as those of a new arrival in the area without skills in speaking English. Charo also sponsors a club for students in the DACA program and their friends to deal with their particular needs, including the fact that there are ways for such students to go to college.

Louisa Espinoza-Lara began her job with District 112 about eight months ago after working at the high school and many other agencies, and it appears she has become a master juggler. She too works with students and teachers to provide for the best possible academic setting. She helps students in elementary and middle schools and their families understand the requirements of our school systems and try to adjust to the many new issues they must confront. These have included using a computer, accessing computers if they cannot afford internet connections at home, taking new forms of transportation, helping teachers understand students’ particular needs, and the like.

Carmen Patlan is the new Executive Director of the Highwood Library (eight months), and she is one dynamo. She just returned from Washington D.C. where she was accepted for a program of 40 libraries to discuss how libraries can help get a full and correct count in the upcoming census. Carmen runs programs in English literacy at various levels, citizenship, yoga and Zumba, book discussions, computer help, Spanish adult learning, classes for new mothers, beginning coding for children, and homework help – to name a few. The Highwood Library has limited resources. Go to their website to donate to the Library or join Friends of the Library and become involved.

In writing about what each of these service providers said, I highlighted a few who specifically discussed financial or other needs. Obviously, these are non-profit organizations or government entities. The non-profits clearly all need funds, and there is probably a way to volunteer for most of them. Get out there. Let’s be inspired by these people and make the village larger.



Local Immigration panelists: Susan Shulman, Moderator Pablo Alvarez, Luisa Espinoza-Lara, Charo Mendoza, Carmen Patlan, Ana Soto, Lupe Somerville and Liz Chavez

Event—MoveHP: Bike Walk 2030 - Oct 23rd

On the evening of October 23, 2019, the LWVHP/HWD partnered with the City of Highland Park for a presentation and question and answer session, seeking input from the public of the City new draft Bike Walk 2030 Plan, now titled MoveHP. This latest draft of the plan, recently released, can be found at https://www.cityhpil.com/projects_detail_T22_R33.php. The plan was presented by the City’s Deputy Director of Community Development Drew Awsumb. Public Works Director Ramesh Kanapareddy and Councilwoman Kim Stone joined in the presentation.

The meeting, held in the City Council chambers, gave those in attendance the opportunity to learn the history of this non-motorized transportation plan. It is an update to the 2012 Bike-Walk HP 2030 Plan and proposes that the City of Highland Park plan for improvements to the City’s street and transportation system that will serve all transportation users: cyclists, pedestrians, transit users and drivers, regardless of age or ability. The Plan aims to provide each user with an improved, more enjoyable and safer access to local and regional destinations. Since the last plan was issued, the city has completed multiple pedestrian and cycling-focused projects, including adding 18 miles of shared-use lanes, constructing 2.5 miles of sidewalk, and adding or improving connections between shared-use trails. In 2018, the City was awarded a Bronze status as a Bicycle Friendly Community by the American League of Bicyclists, one of only 19 Bicycle Friendly Communities in the state.

Updates to the plan were needed to reflect new bike infrastructure and pedestrian connections, integrate the Family Friendly Bikeways Action Plan (2016), and re-evaluate project priorities. Those presenting the updated plan believe its formulation involved significant stakeholder input, and that it represents the community’s current needs and desires in this area.

The group reported that, using public outreach and careful analysis, city staff formed a set of goals, objectives and recommendations to make Highland Park more walk- and bike-friendly community. Infrastructure improvements in the plan follow three main themes:

- Sidewalk Infill: Well-connected pedestrian and bicycling networks make it easier and safer for people to walk and bike. Highland Park has numerous gaps in its sidewalk network; MoveHP recommends filling these gaps as a key improvement.
- Improved Intersections & Crossings: Police crash data shows several dangerous intersections for pedestrians and cyclists, and several intersections are hard to navigate. MoveHP recommends the redesign and improvement of intersections across the city to increase safety and comfort.
- East-West Connections: Public outreach stressed the importance of improved east-west connections, especially over US-41. Connecting a fragmented network is a key recommendation of MoveHP Implementation.

They stated that Highland Park will need to utilize five strategies to successfully implement MoveHP. This includes: using MoveHP regularly, using MoveHP as a guidebook for the Bike Walk Advisory Group (BWAG) and the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG), continuing to review the CIP (Capital Improvement Plan), identifying and applying for funding, and updating MoveHP on a regular basis.

Frequently consulting MoveHP, and regular evaluation and updating of the Plan, will ensure its implementation is successful and adapts to new challenges.

The draft plan is being presented to various city and community groups prior to its presentation to the City Council.



Ramesh Kanapareddy,
City HP



Judy Miller, LWV; Drew Awsumb City HP, and Councilwoman Kim Stone

Membership Meeting

October 10, 2019

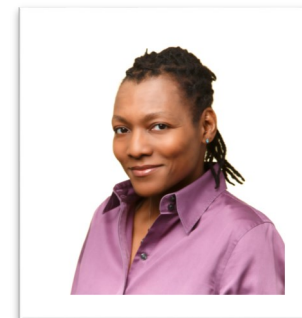
Our membership event on October 10th was extremely successful. We had a chance to visit with each other, meet our guest speaker Audra Wilson, Executive Director of LWVIL and sample delicious wines and cheeses skillfully paired by our host and hostess, Barb and Steve Lippai.

Audra covered a variety of topics stressing our continued mission of civic engagement as our primary focus - helping people get involved in the voting process, and, issue based advocacy—a few of the positions she mentioned: support of a fair tax; opposition to partisan gerrymandering; support of a complete count and more. She talked about the struggles people of color still have for voting rights and League’s commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion.

Audra also spoke with great excitement about the upcoming events for the commemoration of League’s 100 year anniversary.

Our League is kicking off our Centennial celebrations with the 100th Gala Celebration! You should have received your electronic invitation in your email. In case you did not, please email us at

lwvlocal@comcast.net.



Audra Wilson, LWVIL
Executive Director



Mark your calendars for the September 24, 2020 LWVIL 100th Anniversary Commemorative Luncheon.



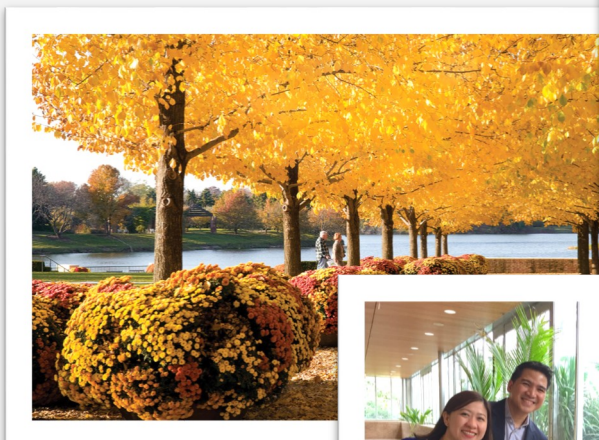
Front: Carole Kohn, Shoshana Friedman, Back: Nancy Goldberg, Judy Miller, Audra Wilson, Elaine Adler, Barbara Lippai, and Marlene Senescu

HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEAGUE

VOTER REGISTRATION UPDATE—Oct 10th

A group of our League Deputy Voter Registrars were honored to assist the Deerfield Area League with registering new citizens to vote at the Chicago Botanic Garden on Oct 10th. From our League: Debbie Brown, Gail Brown, Rose Feder, Nancy Goldberg, Barbara Mazur, Rheta Pickard, and Marlene Senescu. Barb Mazur summarized the ceremony as follows:

The ceremony began with welcoming remarks from Jamie Diatta, Supervisory Immigration Officer. Then followed the presentation of colors and the national anthem. The candidates for citizenship rose as their home country was read aloud. When all were standing Judge Rebecca Pallmeyer, Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois administered the Oath of Allegiance. She spoke to the candidates and mentioned how appropriate it was to welcome them as new citizens at the Botanic Garden where the great variety of flowers all contributed to the total beauty of the garden. She said that they were like the flowers, each unique and contributing to the fabric of our country. She asked that they not reject their home country culture but rather to share it and bring it into the American whole. After she spoke, everyone rose for the Pledge of Allegiance. Following were remarks by Representatives Brad Schneider, Jan Schakowsky, Lauren Underwood and Sean Casten.



We will once again coordinate with the High School to register students in January and then again on Senior Check-out Day. We currently have 14 Deputy Registrars. If you are a member and interested in becoming a Deputy Registrar, please contact [Marlene Senescu](#).

YOUR VOTE COUNTS

HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEAGUE

LWV Highland Park/Highwood and Highland Park High School

STROLL TO THE POLLS - SUNDAY MARCH 8, 2020

DEMOCRACY IN ACTION!! Volunteers needed to help make the “Stroll to the Polls” initiative a success!! We need you to help drive through designated areas in Highwood and HP to verify accessibility to homes for the students. Packers are needed to assemble materials for the teams and we need lots of volunteers to help the day of the event.

This will be an interactive event with the goal towards engaging HPHS students and community members in the effort to get residents to vote in the March 17, 2020 primary elections.

Our objective is to encourage students to actively engage in the voting process from registration to reaching out to the community so that they can appreciate the importance of their individual participation.

Teams of 2 to 3 students are given designated walking routes with clipboards, maps, instructions, speaking points, and materials to leave behind if residents are not home. These materials are bilingual and nonpartisan with information about polling places and names of candidates running for office.

HPHS Civics Department is incorporating the “Strolls” program into their curriculum and is promoting the program in school. LWV is actively providing support and logistics in close coordination with the Civics teachers.

The weather March 8th could be a challenge and the Civics Department has offered to make the “Stroll” a field trip with the gathering point being the school. Discussions of format including buses to the precincts, event refreshments and added festivities (hot chocolate before canvassing and pizza after) are details to be finalized.

Follow-up regarding comparison voter turn-out data will be made available by LWV to HPHS in anticipation that the Civics Department will want to incorporate it into their own student response information.

The long term goal is to develop commitment to the voting process and understanding that each vote really matters.



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Email: Judy Miller judyathome@gmail.com

HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEAGUE

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

Sadly we remember two long-time members of LWVHP/HWD who recently passed.

Ruth Buhai was a 55 year member of the League of Women Voters, a Board member, and a pioneer for women's rights. Ruth and her husband Bob (former HP Mayor) were active volunteers within our community.

Beverly Rosenstein was a long-time member who served as League President during the 1970s. Beverly spearheaded and authored many studies, always contributing to the benefit of our League.

Mark your calendars for two special Centennial Events:

December 5, 2019 LWVHP/HWD Gala Centennial Celebration

and

September 24, 2020 LWVIL 100th Anniversary Commemorative Luncheon.

Our Highland Park/Highwood League of Women Voters continues to grow. We are excited about 2020 and the many activities planned to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the League.

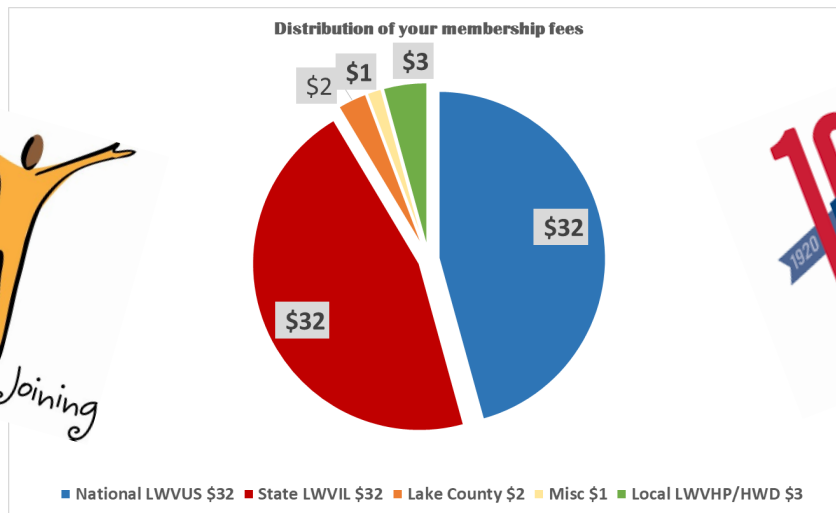
Please spread the word to help us continue to grow. Men have been members of LWV since 1973 and compose 20% of our current membership roster. We welcome both women and men and definitely want to grow our ranks with younger members. You can help by liking us on Facebook and Instagram.

Membership renewal requests will be sent soon. Your dues provide membership in LWV: National, State, County, Lake Michigan Region, Whether renewing or first joining, paying your dues is simple on our new website. Click on <https://my.lwv.org/illinois/highland-parkhighwood/join-us> where you can either join or renew on line or by mail. Only \$3 of your dues goes to LWVHP/HWD. Please note that the \$3 dollar fee for on line payment covers the PayPal fee.



New Members Are Joining

new members ...



Welcome to Mary Beth Ar-

zac, Evey Horwich, and Emily Murphy

Marlene Senescu, Membership Chair

HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEAGUE

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE:

1. WE DID IT ... WE ARE LIVE ON OUR NEW WEBSITE!

We hardly missed a beat and the new website is chock full of features. If you haven't yet done a trial run, visit us at lwvhp.org. The website framework is very powerful and we will be looking to increase our use of its features. Your feedback will be greatly appreciated.

2. Since we have increased our mailing list, we now find that we need filters in mailchimp in order to reduce the number of emails you receive.
3. Thanks to **Marlene Senescu**, we have been getting great local paper publicity coverage about our events.
4. Again ... about Facebook ... when we have an event posted, please mark yourself as going or interested. It helps to promote the event to a larger community. If you see yourself on a post, tag yourself. And, please *invite your Facebook friends to like our page*.
5. We have recently used electronic invitation applications to send invites. Judy Miller created the evite for the membership event on October 10th and I (with Judy's help) created the paperless post invite for our Gala Centennial Celebration. Our goal is to use less paper and minimize cost!

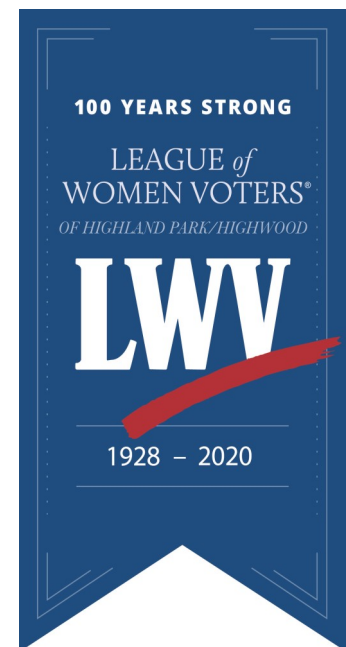
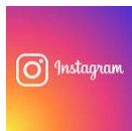
Be a part of our Communications Team, we make things happen!

If you would like to help with Facebook or Instagram or want to get us going on twitter please contact:

Nancy Goldberg, Communications Chair

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HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEAGUE

SAVE THE DATES:

Suffragette Film Festival

Saturday, January 25th at Lake Forest Library
To be announced soon

Sunday, January 26th at Highland Park Public Library
Suffragette: 2015 British historical period drama

Sunday, February 2nd at Lake Forest Library
To be announced soon

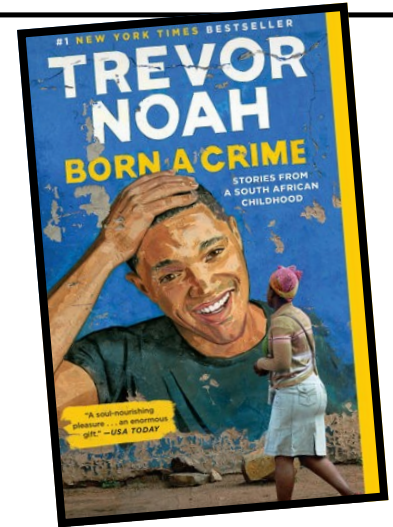
Sponsored by the Leagues of Highland Park/Highwood and Lake Forest/Lake Bluff

LWVHP/HWD BOOK GROUP

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, our next Book Club discussion will take place on Nov 20th, at the new Curt's Café on 2nd Street in HP.

Goodreads: The compelling, inspiring, and comically sublime New York Times bestseller about one man's coming-of-age, set during the twilight of apartheid and the tumultuous days of freedom that followed.

We will skip December and reconvene on January 29th when we will review the novel, "Perla" by Carolina De Robertis.



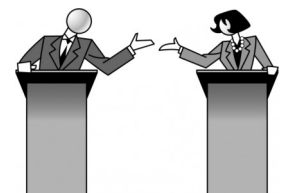
GREAT DECISIONS 2020

After a successful first season of Great Decisions, we are ready for the 2020 series! Partnering again with the Highland Park Public Library our first session will be Wednesday, January 15th with video and discussion about the **Climate Change and the Global Order** reading. More information will follow on both the Library and our League websites.

2020 Topics: Climate Change and the Global Order, India and Pakistan; Red Sea Security; Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking; U.S. Relations with the Northern Triangle; China's Road into Latin America; The Philippines and the U.S. and Artificial Intelligence and Data.

CANDIDATE FORUM PLANNING

Elaine Adler and team have begun planning for upcoming March 2020 Candidate Forums. If you are interested in planning and/or volunteering, please email: Elaine.



HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEAGUE

LWV LAKE COUNTY

Monthly meetings are held and attended, when possible, by LWVHP/HWD members Marlene Senescu, Carole Kohn, Nancy Goldberg, Elaine Adler and Judy Miller. If you are interested in attending the County meetings email: Nancy

Since July some of the wide range of topics included:

- Lunch talk and a walk at the beautiful Illinois Beach State Park with IBSP Steward, Don Wilson.
- Reports and discussions on: Redistricting; Ethylene Oxide; Water Sheds; Training opportunities for Roberts Rules of Order, Candidate Forums and Observer Corps; Centennial Celebration planning; Voter Registration and more.
- Speaker presentations: Lake County Mental Health Crisis Center, Illinois Violent Death Reporting.
- A visit and tour of the Lake County Jail—**they need new or almost new books for their library.**



EVERYONE COUNTS.

The census counts every person living in the U.S. once, only once, and in the right place.

Illinois will lose \$1,500 every year, for ten years, for each person not counted.



Census 2020: be counted!

Be counted! The U.S. Census data is used to make decisions around education, healthcare, infrastructure, and political representation. With a decreasing population in Illinois, getting an accurate and complete count of every person living within the state is crucial to ensure that we receive the proper funding for our communities and representation in our government. Learn more pass along the knowledge. Click [here](#) for great information from LWVIL.

LWV HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEADERSHIP TEAM

Leadership Team 2019—2020:

Elaine Adler	Shoshana Friedman	Nancy Goldberg
Carole Kohn	Judy Miller	Marlene Senescu

Nominating Committee 2019—2020:

Rose Feder, Ginny Schulte and Ginger Seff



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AS WE CELEBRATE LEAGUE'S 100TH

AMERICAN LEGION CELEBRATES ITS CENTENNIAL

On September 26th our League paid tribute to the HP American Legion (AL) , Post 145, in honor of its 100th anniversary. The presentation was made by Leadership Team member Elaine Adler at a celebratory dinner at the Bella Via Restaurant. Elaine cited a number of commonalities shared by the two organizations.

Both organizations are closely aligned in parallel policies and origins, which are only a year apart.

Both were founded in adversity: the AL to support world-weary veterans; the League to support the battle for Women's Suffrage.

Both sought recognition in a historical period of change and upheaval-seeking a place in society when the demographics were changing

Both had a cause to action.

Both had a desire to have disenfranchised people experience the American dream of democracy and the milieu it offered to millions.

Both are nonpartisan, not for profits that carry substantive influence in Washington

Both are grassroots, voluntary organizations that encourage the informed and active participation of citizens and try to correct injustice.

Both have people who belong to the two organizations.

Both exude success; the Legion's for patriotism, its support of veterans and their families and its continued influence on our society; the League's for its focus on important current issues and education.

Both are devoted to the legacy of their founders.

Ad Astra! As they continue to "reach for the stars," The American Legion Post 145 and the League of Women Voters of Highland Park/ HWD will continue to reach for the stars as they add to the luster of community education and involvement.

The League of Women Voters of Highland Park/HW congratulates the American Legion on its 100th!

Elaine Adler for the Leadership Team



American Legion Post Commander Larry Sassorossi with Elaine and Jerry Adler on September 26, 2019.

GREEN NOTES

Make haste, make haste
Reduce food waste
Don't fill your plate before you taste.

It's a challenge to meet
As we're offered so much to eat
But methane's NOT sweet and in food scraps replete.

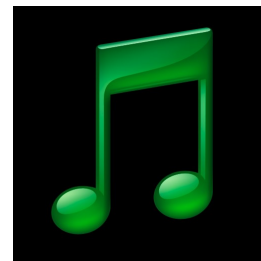
Methane is at least 28 times more potent than CO₂ in releasing greenhouse gas!
The food sustainability Index for 2017 reveals that the U.S. is second only to Australia in per capita food waste!

Project Drawdown researchers found that reducing food waste could have the same impact on reducing greenhouse gas emissions over the next three decades as onshore wind turbines, preventing 70 billion tons of greenhouse gas from being released into the atmosphere.

Reducing food waste is one of the most important things we can do to reduce global warming, and it demands everyone's participation. The pay-offs also include feeding more people, increasing economic benefits, and preserving threatened ecosystems.

So shop with care
Of waste beware
Leave no garbage for the planet we share!

Happy Holidays!
Andy Amend



WOMEN'S HISTORY



The Ossoli Club of Highland Park started in the rooms of the Highland Park Club House in 1894. Originally known as "The Monday Club," the organization settled on the name Ossoli in honor of Margaret Fuller Ossoli, a 19th Century American journalist, women's rights activist and early proponent of feminism and the education of women. According to the Club Rules, "The object of the Ossoli Club shall be the interchange of thought as a guide to right living." In addition to its early support of women's suffrage, the Club established a "bathing club" and "play ground" on Lake Michigan at the foot of Central Avenue in Highland Park in 1909. The modern beach included slides, Teeters, swings, merry-go-rounds, and lockers. Mrs. Francis D. Everett reported that families, mothers, high school students, a few fathers, society leaders and French nurses enjoyed the beach, bringing annual attendance to 26,000.

Source: [The Ossoli Bathing Beach](#), by Mrs. Francis D. Everett, corresponding secretary, General Federation of Women's Clubs, 1916-1918. Social Service Review, August, 1916, p. 19. *** Researched by Leslie Cole ***



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

LWV HP/HWD League Book Club

When **Nov 20 1:00—2:30 pm**
 Where Curt's Café 1766 2nd Street, Highland Park
 Description "Born a Crime" by Trevor Noah
 Stories from a South African Childhood



LWV HP/HWD Centennial Gala Celebration

When **Dec 5 7:00—9:00 pm**
 Where Home of Marci and Ron Holzer
 Address provided on Registration
 Description Let the partying begin... an evening of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres
 Music and more ... at the elegant Holzer home in Highland Park



LWV HP/HWD Great Decisions

When **Jan 15**
 Where Highland Park Public Library
 Description 1st in our 2020 Great Decisions Series
 Climate Change and the Global Order



LWV HP/HWD and LWV LF/LB Film Festival

When **Jan 25 Details to follow**
 Where Lake Forest Library
 Description First in a Suffrage/Feminist Film Festival



LWV HP/HWD and LWV LF/LB Film Festival

When **Jan 26 Details to follow**
 Where Highland Park Public Library
 Description Second in a Suffrage/Feminist Film Festival



LWV HP/HWD League Book Club

When **Jan 29 1:00—2:30 pm**
 Where Curt's Café 1766 2nd Street, Highland Park
 Description "Perla" by Carolina De Robertis
 A dark time in contemporary Latin America is illuminated through the story of a privileged child.





CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

LWV HP/HWD and LWV LF/LB Film Festival

When **Feb 2** **Details to follow**
 Where Highland Park Public Library
 Description Second in a Suffrage/Feminist Film Festival



LWV HP/HWD League Book Club

When **Feb 26** **1:00—2:30 pm**
 Where Curt's Café 1766 2nd Street, Highland Park
 Description TBD



LWV HP/HWD Stroll to the Polls

When **Mar 8** **Details to follow**
 Where Highland Park and Highwood area
 Description Collaboration between HPHS and LWVHP/HWD
 Getting out the Vote.



LWV HP/HWD

Description Candidates Forum—Details to follow



LWV HP/HWD and LWV LF/LB Theater Performance

When **May 23** **2:30 pm**
 Where Remy Bumppo Theater, Chicago
 Description The Agitators: A Drama exploring the relationship between
 Frederick Douglass and Susan B Anthony



FOR UPDATES TO OUR EVENT CALENDAR ... visit us on our website!

<https://my.lwv.org/illinois/highland-parkhighwood/calendar>

Thanks to Carole Kohn, Elaine Adler, Judy Miller, Leslie Cole, Andy Amend and Bryna Gamson for their contributions to this newsletter.

Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year.

Let's celebrate many, wonderful LWV Centennial events together! **NRG**