

A great example of LWVIL Leagues sharing and growing together. LWV Highland Park/Highwood completes its first “Stroll to the Polls 2020” with Highland Park High School as Students Go Door-To-Door to Increase Voter Turnout.

The LWVHP/HWD “Stroll to the Polls”, team was led by Shoshana Friedman, coordinator; with Judy Miller and Nancy Goldberg as co-chairs. The team thanks the Naperville League for sharing their process and offering guidance and our neighboring League from AH-MP-BG for supplementing our volunteer pool.

“Stroll to the Polls” on Sunday morning, March 8 was a great success! A year in the planning, the program involved the League of Women Voters of Highland Park/Highwood and the Social Studies Department of Highland Park High School (HPS) preparing students for this first-time voter education project. More than 100 enthusiastic HPS students from Civics classes gathered at the High School to kick off the Stroll, with hot chocolate and donuts, to hear about the importance of voting from featured speakers: HPS Social Studies teachers Joe Brysiewicz and Deborah Linder; League coordinator of the event, Shoshana Friedman; Highwood

Mayor Charlie Pecaro; Highland Park Councilman Tony Blumberg, and two student speakers. Thirty plus volunteers from the League, Grand Times (a local intergenerational program) and the teaching staff of HPHS and their spouses were there to register, organize the students into teams and hand out packets of materials.

Following the kickoff rally, the students and volunteers boarded buses for drop-off points in three local precincts in Highland Park and Highwood. The student teams eagerly walked their assigned routes, speaking with residents and leaving behind nonpartisan materials with information about voter registration and early and Election Day voting for the upcoming Illinois Primary Election.

A pizza party greeted the students upon their return to the High School.







