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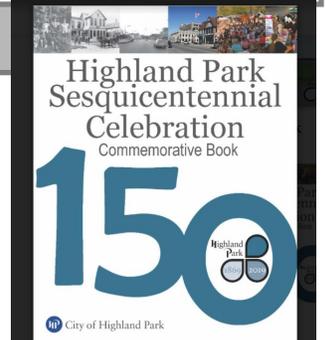
- Book Club **July 31**
 HPPL "The Book of Unknown Americans", by Christina Henriquez
- LWVIL Annual Luncheon **Aug 6**
 Metropolitan Club of Chicago
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- Book Club **Aug 28**
 HPPL "Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI", By David Grann
- Great Decisions **Sep 18**
 Decoding US-China Trade
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League Members Marlene and Stuart Senescu with HP Police enjoying the HP150 Historic Architecture Bike Tour. On July 8th, Stuart received a City Proclamation for organizing the tour on behalf of the Bike Walk Advisory Committee.



Our League salutes HP with a page in the City's Commemorative Book. We are proud of our City's history and renew our commitment to continuing our mission of Empowering Voters and Defending Democracy. You can pre-order a copy from the [city](#).



NEXT UP: Book Club July 31st: "The Book of Unknown Americans"

***** If you have any LWVHP/HWD old materials, email lwvlocal@comcast.net. We would like to add to our archive at HPPL. *****

LWV HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD

LEADERSHIP TEAM MESSAGE

Dear Leaguers,

Walking in the Botanic Garden, biking on the Green Bay Trail, dining al fresco in downtown HP, summer concerts at Ravinia and the Garden, and relaxing with a good book: those aspirations are usually what's on our minds at this time of year. It's hard to stay in that summertime mindset while listening to the news of what's going on at the border, in Washington, in our oceans and lakes and worrying about children in detention camps and getting bitten by West Nile virus carrying mosquitoes in Highland Park.

Just as, this summer, I'm excluding walking and biking and concentrating on the less active pastimes that I can do, I'm also trying to focus on what I can do that may make a difference for others. I participated in the local *'Vigil to End Human Concentration Camps' – Families Belong Together* at Port Clinton on July 12. I hope some of you were able to make your voices heard at one of the many rallies and marches around the Chicago area for Immigrant and Family Rights. In Highland Park, some of our members are involved in establishing a local Curt's Café to provide life-skills and restaurant training to at-risk students in the Highland Park, North Chicago, Gurnee, and Waukegan. There are so many ways to make a difference.

As members of the League, we ourselves **educate, participate, and advocate** - as well as encourage others to do the same – in order to create a more perfect democracy. Through the League Education Fund, we work to turn citizens into educated, participating voters through our registration drives, candidate forums, voter guides and other projects.

It's been a busy spring. Since our last newsletter:

- Our Great Decisions Group has met three times to learn about and discuss critical global issues: the relationship of Mexico and the U.S. past and present; the rise of populism in Europe; and refugees and migration throughout the world.
- At our annual meeting and luncheon in May, Anita Banerji helped us understand the challenges threatening our democracy if we do not have a fair and accurate 2020 census count ([page 3](#)).
- On July 10th at the Immigration Program, we heard about some actual close-to-home immigration cases and learned the basics and history of immigration legislation in the United States from Lake Forest College lecturer and immigration attorney, Magdalena Wilk ([page 6](#)).
- The highlight of the spring for Carole Kohn, Nancy Goldberg, and me was the privilege of serving as your delegates to the League of Women Voters of Illinois biennial convention in Champaign ([page 8](#)). All three of us continue to be impressed by the passion and dedication of the women involved in the league.
- It was super fun for Leaguers to participate in the Highland Park 4th of July Parade again this year. We were delighted to hear the cheers from the spectators as we drove our royal blue convertible through the crowds. (Thank you, Judy Zimmerman.)

The Leadership Team wants to say "thank you" to everyone who has engaged with the League recently, in whatever way. You make a difference. We are also so appreciative to the staff and board of Highland Park and Highwood libraries for their collaboration in allowing us to use their facilities and promoting our programs. Thank you, too, to the City Council of Highland Park for their recognition of the role of the League in Illinois' ratification of the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote 100 years ago. Congratulations to our member Stuart Senescu who was also recognized by City Council for organizing the historic bike tour of Highland Park in honor of the city's 150th anniversary.

Now on to the future ... Although we're taking it a little slower in the summer, please continue to watch your emails, Instagram and Facebook posts for ways YOU can make a difference. (Make sure to follow LWV, LWVIL and LWVHP on your social media).

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

IMMIGRATION SERIES

First League Program

In the Immigration Series was a Big Success!

By Carole Kohn



On the evening of July 10, 2019, we held the first in a series of programs on immigration at the Highwood Library. Despite the extremely hot weather, we had significant attendance at the presentation by Magdalena B. Wilk, an immigration attorney in Lake County, and also a Lecturer in Politics at Lake Forest College. Magda spoke to us about a **“HISTORICAL OVERVIEW OF IMMIGRATION CONTROL IN AMERICA.”**

Magda presented an explanation of the kinds of proceedings she works on, such as family-based immigration, humanitarian immigration (such as asylum and programs for domestic violence victims), nationalization, and removal defense. She noted that backlogs have plagued the relevant agencies for years, but clearly have gotten worse. Thus, an applicant for asylum who passes the initial screening now may be given an immigration court date in 2021. In reflecting on the current situation, she noted that about twice as many people overstay their visas each year than the number who cross the southern border.

After giving us an overview of the status and prospects of many current immigrants, she discussed the broad overview of immigration law and policy in American history. The country has moved back and forth between welcoming some or many immigrants to more restrictive policies in general or restrictions on particular types of immigrants, particularly with regard to their countries of origin.

Magda’s presentation was clear and useful and a wonderful overview of an area of law and policy that is not only controversial, but highly complex. We plan several more programs in this series, including one with a panel discussing matters of local relevance.



Read the State League’s Immigration Policy

For more information about our speaker, check out Magdalena Wilk’s [biography](#)




Annual Luncheon May 18, 2019

Planning FOR A Complete Count Census 2020.

On May 18, 2019, our League was expertly informed about the importance of completing Census 2020. Our speaker was Anita Banerji, Director of Forefront's Democracy Initiative, Census 2020 Outreach. She presented a strong message about encouraging the necessity for full participation in the Census. She focused on several salient points. The data from the Census drive the financial decisions planned by government bodies, businesses, nonprofits and philanthropy. Illinois could lose billions of dollars if its residents are undercounted. Outreach is needed in certain parts of the state that include counting low-income and rural families, young children, people of color and immigrants. To make people understand the importance of reporting and to help them feel safe, a variety of trusted religious groups and organizations should be available for needed explanations.

The Annual Meeting, held at Bella Via Restaurant in Highland Park, was an informative public meeting. If you missed it, join us next year for another great educational experience and a delicious lunch.



	<p>Annual Luncheon KEYNOTE SPEAKER</p> <p>Anita Banerji Director Forefront's Democracy Initiative CENSUS 2020</p>
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91st Annual Business Meeting May 18, 2019

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

- “Leadership Team Convener” title changed to be “Leadership Team Chair.”
- Leadership Team 2019-2020: Elaine Adler, Shoshana Friedman, Nancy Goldberg, Carole Kohn, Judy Miller, Chair, and Marlene Senescu
- Nominating Committee 2019-2020: Rose Feder, Ginny Schulte, Ginger Seff

DIRECTIONS TO THE BOARD:

- Look into the benefit of our Newsletter being in the body of email, rather than as an attachment.
- Great Decisions: A question was presented regarding a varying fee structure for Great Decisions.
- Student Membership: A question was presented to explore a lower annual fee for students. Also discussed was clarification of membership tiers (regular, associate and student) with PMPs for each.
- Extend Voter Outreach: What is the possibility of adding Senior Centers and/or Nursing facilities.?

Bylaws were altered to conform to the LWVUS Bylaws stating that Membership is open to all persons at least 16 years of age. Discussion about membership fees for students will be researched.

MOTIONS:

- A motion was made and passed to review and update the **School Referenda Criteria** position (see below).
- A motion was made and passed to review and update the position on Boards and Commissions related to the change of nomenclature from commissions to advisory boards.
- A motion was made and passed regarding proposed City Planning action items. This involves keeping a watchful eye on:
 - On future CBD development.
 - The use of non-motorized means of transportation and planning of transportation and roads throughout the community. *The City Walk/Bike Program that was scheduled for last spring will take place this fall.*
 - Government acquisition, development or divestiture of public property (e.g. District 112 buildings.)
- A motion was made and passed to take action under our Environmental Preservation position as it applies to flood plain and watershed .

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School Referenda Criteria:

At the Annual meeting the membership voted to update our local [School Referendum Criteria](#) position in anticipation of a referendum to rebuild the elementary schools in the next 3 - 5 years. This update will be conducted as a study, requiring a balance of members with a variety of viewpoints - opinions on all sides of any possible rewrite. It is of course reasonable to expect members to come with a variety of opinions; those with strong views will be encouraged to put aside preconceived perceptions and make an effort to see all sides of the issue. Our School Referenda Criteria is included below.

The update will only go forward if we have a critical mass of interested Leaguers to commit to it. Interested in being part of the first study we have had in several years? Send [Barb Lippai](#) an email.

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HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEAGUE

ON THE ROAD TO THE 19TH AMENDMENT

The 19th Amendment reads:

"The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."



State of Illinois depicted in purple, white and gold (colors of the National Woman's Party suffrage flag) - indicating Illinois was one of the original 36 states to ratify the 19th Amendment.

National Park Service

City of Highland Park Mayoral Proclamation



In Celebration of The 100th Anniversary of Illinois Being the First State to Ratify the 19th Amendment

WHEREAS, Illinois had long been at the forefront of the movement to provide women the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, in Illinois the first women's suffrage association was established in Earville in LaSalle County in 1855, just seven years after the first women's rights convention in Seneca Falls, New York, which called for suffrage for women; and

WHEREAS, the first statewide suffrage organization, the Illinois Women Suffrage Association was established in 1869, becoming the Illinois Equal Suffrage Association in 1891; and

WHEREAS, also in 1891, Illinois enacted a law allowing women the right to vote for elective school offices; and

WHEREAS, in 1913 Illinois enacted the Presidential Suffrage bill which gave Illinois women the right to vote in federal and municipal elections, not otherwise restricted to men under the Illinois Constitution; and

WHEREAS, with the enactment of that law, Illinois became the first state east of the Mississippi River to give women such right to vote for President of the United States, and is credited with being a major positive influence in advancing the women's suffrage movement in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 1919, the proposed 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution was passed by the United States Congress and sent to the states for ratification; and

WHEREAS, 100 years ago on June 10, 1919, Illinois became the first State to ratify the 19th Amendment; and

WHEREAS, Illinois led the way for the necessary three-fourths of the States to ratify the 19th Amendment, which became part of the Constitution on August 26, 1920.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NANCY R. ROTERING, Mayor of the City of Highland Park, do hereby proclaim June 10, 2019 as a day to celebrate women's right to vote and the important role Illinois played in achieving that right in the United States.

DATED this 10th day of June, 2019

Nancy R. Rotering
Nancy R. Rotering, Mayor

Ghida S. Neukirch
Ghida S. Neukirch, City Clerk



June 10, 2019 on the 100th anniversary of Illinois ratifying the 19th Amendment, the City of Highland Park presented a beautiful Proclamation commemorating the date. Our League, now in its 91st year, thanked the City and spoke about its mission to register and educate voters and advocate for issues.

Front row representing the League: Alan Goldberg, Stuart Senescu, Marlene Senescu, Andy Amend, Nancy Goldberg, Judy Miller, Rose Feder, Larry Feder, Elaine Adler and Jerry Adler.

Back Row Highland Park Council Members and Mayor: Adam Stolberg, Kim Stone, Dan Kaufman, Nancy Rotering, Tony Blumberg, Alyssa Knobel and Michelle Holleman.



CELEBRATING HP150 ON JULY 4TH

We were proud to be part of Highland Park's Sesquicentennial Celebrations by marching/driving in the July 4th Parade.

Once again we were attired in our special League T-shirts, as we marched or rode in a beautiful royal blue convertible, celebrating the anniversary of our nation and the 150th anniversary of our beautiful city. We were greeted along the parade route by applause from the spectators, reinforcing our mission statement that "Your Vote Counts" and handing out our colorful bookmarks with information about our League.



Many thanks to Judy Zimmerman for driving behind our walkers in her beautiful car !

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ILLINOIS

LWVIL 50th Biennium Convention, June 8–9, 2019

Three members of our leadership team – **Judy Miller**, **Nancy Goldberg**, and **Carole Kohn** – attended the 59th Biennium LWVIL 2019 Convention over the weekend of June 7-9, 2019, in Champaign Illinois. More than 135 delegates gathered with staff, visitors and volunteers to discuss key issues and engage in all things League. On Friday, June 7th, there was a series of interesting pre-convention workshops to attend. Convention business was transacted on Saturday and Sunday. Learning from a wide range of leaders from around the state about their varying approaches to many substantive and practical issues was fascinating.

On Friday, each of us attended three different pre-convention workshops:

- Developing and Maintaining an Effective League Board
- Creative Membership Activities
- #Trending #LWV
- Create, Foster & Sustain Partnerships in your Community
- Going from Studies, to Consensus, to Advocacy
- IL Count Me in 2020: Making the Case for a Fair and Accurate Census Count in Next Year
- Engaging and Educating Voters for 2020: Candidate Forums and Voter Guides
- Criminal Justice Reform: The Way Forward -- Research, Legislation, and League Advocacy
- Board Training: How to Read Financial Statements, Treasurers' Reports & Budgets

Discussion of the above workshops, including powerpoint presentations, can be found at <https://www.lwvil.org/pre-convention-workshops.html>.

During the business section of the convention, participating Leagues overwhelmingly recommended retention of all current positions. Leagues assumed that the study to update the Criminal Justice position would be continued. The following Action Foci for the 2019-2021 Biennium were adopted:

- Affordable Housing
- Abolish Electoral College
- Environment
- Fiscal: Graduated Rate Income Tax
- Gun Violence Prevention
- Immigration
- Redistricting

In addition, by will of the convention, the following were also added to action foci:

- Use of the term "climate crisis" or "emergency climate action at all levels of government"; and
- Fair Count Census

Bylaws changes adopted by the convention included a provision authorizing the Board to authorize pilot program memberships at the state or local level of limited scope.

Information about the convention, including relevant reports, can be found at <https://www.lwvil.org/lwvil-convention-2019.html>.

During this year's convention we welcomed special guest speaker, Anisa Tootla, Chief Operating Officer of LWV-US. She had a special conversation with LWVIL Executive Director, Audra Wilson, about the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion principle and practice that is central to the LWV's current and future success in engaging all individuals, households, communities, and policy makers in creating a more perfect democracy. They highly recommend reading the following books: *White Fragility* by Robin Diangelo and *Color of Law* by Richard Rothstein.



HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEAGUE

Stroll to the Polls

Modeled after an award winning [LWV Naperville Stroll to the Polls program](#), plans are underway, chaired by Shoshana Friedman and Judy Miller, to have our own Stroll to the Polls before the March 2020 Illinois Primary elections. Brainstorming meetings have been underway with Highland Park High School Social Studies Department Chair, Joseph Brysiewicz, Civics teachers, and Lesa Friedrich, Director of Student Activities.

The goal is to have students and league members go to “**Low Turnout**” precincts, to provide voters with nonpartisan information on the location of their polling places, the names of candidates and sources for their bios.

Highland Park High School has multiple Civics semester sessions and the Civics teachers want both Fall and Spring semester students to be involved in the program. The department wants the students to do as much of the planning as possible.

Following are just a few of the plans:

- Target Date is March 8, 2020.
- Maps will be created from precinct turn-out records.
- Chaperones (League Members and parents) will walk with the students while they knock on the doors.
- Internal publicity campaign to be launched to get the students excited about participating.
- External publicity campaign to be launched to alert the community and get doors to open.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

Happily, our Highland Park/Highwood League of Women Voters continues to grow. (To date our membership has increased 37.5% since last year.) Thank you to all our members who are bringing in friends and family. Our numbers give us power. People are stepping up to join League, which has a known record as a non-partisan political organization focused on educating our community to be informed voters, protecting voter rights, eliminating big money from elections, favoring fair and unbiased redistricting, supporting a clean environment, championing women’s rights, defending humane treatment for immigrants and more.

Our HP/HWD Program Committee has created an outstanding program schedule and membership participation, as well as neighboring leagues’ participation, has been increasing and drawing new members. 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.

Keep an eye out for a membership event, planned for September!

Welcome Jenanne Rock, Leslie Cole, Cynthia Heineman and Patrice Rosenbaum. Welcome back Susan Benjamin, Rick Heineman and Janice Goldblatt

[Marlene Senescu](#), Membership Chair



New Members Are Joining

HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEAGUE

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM UPDATE:

1. WE HAVE SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO TELL YOU – WE'RE MOVING!

Your lip may start quivering at this news, but we believe it is the right thing to do. This summer, we're moving to a newer home for our website – one that is more eye-catching and information-yielding.

We will all gain due to newer technologies that allow for:

- The inclusion of photos
- Bolder and brighter print
- Sharing of actions and alerts with State and National
- Looking as good on a mobile phone as on a desktop computer
- Presenting a more attractive face to the public
- And much more ...



So stay calm. All your familiar menu items still will be included. And whether you'll need a puppy to get you through this is up to you.

We look forward to bringing us all up-to-date. We have several members who are interested in helping with content and presentation ideas. If you have interest, please [email](#) us.

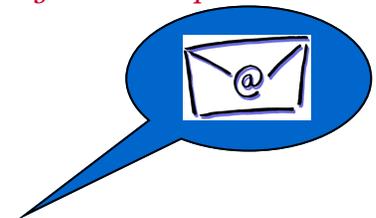
LWVHP/HWD Webmaster (Rose Feder)

2. Our communications outreach is increasing. We have expanded our mailings to friends and members through Mailchimp. Perhaps this has been said before, but, many thanks to Councilwoman and League Member, **Kim Stone** for her encouragement and guidance. Thanks to **Marlene Senescu**, we have been getting great local paper publicity coverage about our events. Special thanks to **Bryna Gamson** for offering some very eye-catching ideas for projects.
3. A take-away from LWVIL Convention was introduction to a relatively new product, **Canva**, a graphic-design web-site, which has been used for a couple of projects and is very exciting. Other Leagues have been very complimentary about our communications and we are sharing events and postings with our neighboring Leagues.
4. 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. This fall the Leadership Team will be developing a **SURVEY** to find out more about what types of events/programs you would like League to offer. Along the lines of the recent "What are your Hot Topics For Cold Wintery Days?" Included in that survey we will ask about what you would like to see in emails, newsletters, and other forms of communications, like Facebook, Instagram, Twitter or email.

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 me:

[Nancy Goldberg](#), Communications Chair



HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEAGUE

VOTER REGISTRATION UPDATE

Thanks to Linda Kirschbaum, Rheta Pickard, Shoshana Friedman and Debby Zirin for **registering 192 new voters** at the 5/20/19 event at Highland Park High School. Publicity by Lesa Friedrich, our contact at the school, helped generate long lines of enthusiastic students. We worked non-stop for over three hours while students waited patiently and we established a new LWVHP/HWD record.

YOUR VOTE COUNTS

And, the next election isn't until the March 17, 2020 primary!

Since 2016 our League has registered 743 new voters. We collaborated with other Lake County Leagues on May 1st at Cristo Rey High School in Waukegan, where another 47 voters were registered.

Note: Keep your eye out for info on National Voter Registration Day, this year it will take place on September 24th.

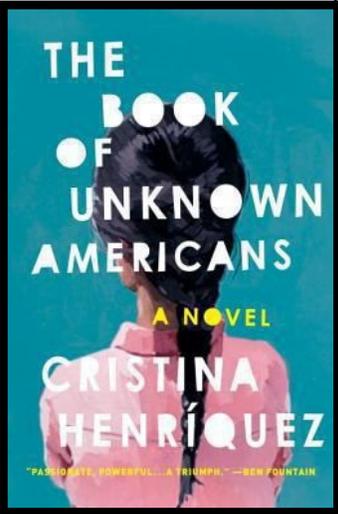
LEAGUE BOOK GROUP

Our next Book Club discussion will take place on July 31st from 1:00 to 2:30 pm at the Highland Park Library when we will discuss **“The Book of Unknown Americans”**, by Cristina Henríquez. The novel offers a resonant new definition of what it means to be American.

Our League Book Club, meeting at the HP Library on the last Wednesday of each month, from 1:00–2:30 pm is open to all. Contact [Barbara Kronish](#) if you have any questions.

Since April we have reviewed 3 notable books:

- **A Woman is No Man** by Etaf Rum, a novel focused on Arab Women living in America
- **Educated** by Tara Westover, a remarkable memoir of growing up in a subgenre of extreme American life
- **Lab Girl** by Hope Jahren, a memoir of survival and love for humans and plants.



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:

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Green Notes and *Women's HISTORY*



Reduce Plastic Use *contributed by Andy Amend*

The heat of the summer, and with it concerts, rallies and outdoor living, does encourage our need for hydration. But, quench that thirst without a disposable plastic water bottle, regardless of where a free one was offered. The insatiable appetite for this nasty item is reminiscent of The Sorcerer's Apprentice. And as the plastics keep coming the waters, streams and even streets become victims of this scourge. Who has not heard of all kinds of marine animals beaching and bloating with our plastics. We who partake are contributing to the problem. Further, consider the toxins that spew from petro chemical plants that manufacture these bottles, and know that the air in these communities is not what it is on the north shore. Lastly, is the exploding micro-plastic problem, with the most recent findings that plastic bottles are leeching chemicals into bottled water.



And ... just a few quotes

"Be a part of the solution not part of the pollution." (multiple sources)

"Plastics, in all forms—straws, bottles, packaging, bags, etc—are all choking our planet ... we must find ways to reduce and eventually eliminate single-use plastic products" (Governor Jerry Brown)

"There will be more plastic than fish in the ocean by 2050" (World Economic Forum)

WOMEN'S HISTORY



The vote is the emblem of your equality, women of America, the guarantee of your liberty. Carrie Chapman Catt

Photo on left: ALICE PAUL SEWS A STAR ONTO THE NWP RATIFICATION FLAG, REPRESENTING ANOTHER STATE'S RATIFICATION OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT, Library of Congress

Thanks to contributors to this newsletter : Elaine Adler, Andy Amend, Larry Feder, Rose Feder, Bryna Gamson, Carole Kohn, Barbara Lippai, Judy Miller and Rheta Pickard. - Nancy Goldberg



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

LWV HP/HWD League Book Club

When **July 31 1:00—2:30 pm**
 Where HP Public Library, Brenner Room
 Description “The Book of Unknown Americans” by Cristina Henriquez
 A novel about what it means to be an American



LWVIL Annual Luncheon

When **August 6 11:30 am—1:30 pm**
 Where Metropolitan Club of Chicago
 Oak Room, 66th Floor (Willis Tower)
 Description Rhetoric vs. Reality: Why the Time is Now for Equal Pay
 Speaker: Laurel Bellows, Former President of the American Bar Association
 Contact [Judy Miller](#) to ride with us and join us at our table



LWV HP/HWD League Book Club

When **August 28 1:00—2:30 pm**
 Where HP Public Library, Brenner Room
 Description “Killers of the Flower Moon:
 The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI” by David Grann
 A haunting true-life murder mystery that contributed to the
 Founding of the FBI



LWV HP/HWD Great Decisions

When **September 18 7:00—9:00 pm**
 Where HP Public Library, Auditorium
 Description Sixth in our 2019 Great Decisions Series
 “Decoding US-China Trade”



National Voter Registration Day

When **September 24 —plans are in the making**
 Where HP Public Library
 Description We will host a Voter Registration Table

