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Hello, Everyone!

Erin and I hope you enjoyed the various Candidate Forums, the LWVIL Issues Briefing, and the many other tasks you have participated in and/or for which you volunteered thus far this League season in trying to keep yourselves informed about what is happening in our area! Although I was not able to attend the Issues Briefing at the University Center in Chicago on Saturday, February 10th, Erin and several other members attended and said it was very informative and well worth their time.

In addition to the various forums, on Sunday, February 25th, our League hosted a special presentation on Home Rule which was on the March 20th ballot for Homewood voters. This presentation was held at St. Paul Community Church on Dixie Highway, and the guest speaker for this event was Michael T. Peddle, Ph.D. who is an Associate Professor of Public Administration in the School of Public and Global Affairs at Northern Illinois University. Dr. Peddle presented the pros and cons of home rule from the standpoint of the State of Illinois statutes. He was very receptive of all the questions and comments from the audience. Comments regarding the workshop were quite positive; and, attendees who lingered after the program thanked the League for putting this together. There was even some interest from some about becoming League members. Many thanks to everyone who helped make this event a success.

We want to thank all of you who helped with the Candidate Forums, the Home Rule event and the voter registrations. We can all take pride in the services we provide to the many villages and residents of the area. Thank you all!

This year's Annual Meeting and breakfast will be held at the Idlewild Country Club in Flossmoor on Saturday, May 19th, with guest speaker, Ms. Tanya Radakovich-Murray, local head of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. You will find more details and a registration form in another article in this bulletin. You will also find information about the actual meeting which will include a slate of officers and board members who will serve for the next two years, any proposed by-law changes and other related business materials. This is always an informative and enjoyable event. Erin and I certainly hope you will put it on your calendar and plan to attend.

Erin and I also hope that many of you will consider attending the League of Women Voters' 53rd National Convention 2018 which will be held June 28 – Sun., July 1 at the Hilton Chicago. Many volunteers will be needed, and it would be wonderful if our League is well represented on the volunteer committee. Please keep an eye open for opportunities to volunteer which will be published in LWVIL's future E-News. "Perks" for volunteers include entrance to the plenary sessions and caucuses on the day you volunteer, a \$10 travel voucher, and a discounted ticket to attend the Second City performance on Friday, June 29, at 7:30 pm.

Thanks again for all the Candidate Forum-Voter Service help AND a special thanks to Sandra Slayton for chairing and taking responsibility for our participation in the Voter Service activities.

Erin & Mary Emily



*Presidents' Message 2018
Mary Emily Grant & Erin Roeper—
Co-Presidents*

Sponsorship Spotlight



Growing up in a farming, gardening family, I was bitten by the bug early and have been gardening since I was a little girl. Thanks to an 18-year stint in corporate America, I've learned a lot about business management. In 2007, I decided to combine my passion for plants and gardening with my business and entrepreneurial background to grow a garden consulting, coaching, and maintenance business of my own. I love what I do even more than I imagined, and still find time for my own ornamental and kitchen gardens, volunteering as a University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener and sharing my gardening passion through my blog.

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The League of Women Voters of the HF Area Presents:
 A Public Meeting on
The Continued Benefits of Recycling

April 18th at 7 pm- Homewood Public Library
 Speaker: Megan McElligott-Laxton
 Homewood Disposal Education Coordinator

One of the many projects of the HF League of Women Voters was the founding of the volunteer recycling program many years ago. That was the beginning of what has become a very successful municipal recycling system. Today this system includes an outreach coordinator that works with schools and community education such as the science museum.

Megan McElligott-Laxton is that coordinator and we are proud to have her speak with us about how recycling is working, what markets are doing with secondary goods, how landfills are affected, how it effects our carbon footprint, and what we can do to improve citizens' awareness of how and what to recycle. Through our bulletins we have devoted time to recycling to help learn more terminology so that we as citizens and consumers can respond to the need for making the earth a healthy planet! Please come to celebrate Earth Day 2018. We will have a sign-up sheet for a spring recycling tour.

The public is invited to attend this free program, so ask your neighbors and friends to join us. As always, refreshments will be available beginning at 6:45 pm.

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Voter Services Report – April 2018

The Homewood-Flossmoor (HF) League co-sponsored two candidate forums with the Park Forest (PF) League this election season. The first forum was held on February 18th at the Matteson Library for candidates vying for the position of 38th District State Representative. Over 60 people attended this lively forum with three of the four invited candidates participating. In addition, prior to the forum, we allowed a Democratic candidate for the 2nd U.S. Congressional District to make a 2-minute statement. This concession was made because the planned forum for this position was cancelled because the second Democratic candidate could not attend, and the League does not hold "empty chair" forums.

On March 10th separate forums were held for the 5th and 6th district Cook County commissioners at the Park Forest Library. Two of the three candidates participated in the 6th district forum, and all three candidates participated in the 5th district forum. Forum invitations were sent to three Republican candidates for the 2nd Congressional District seat after one of the candidates reached out to us. A forum was tentatively scheduled for March 18th at the Flossmoor Library. One candidate had responded by the deadline for this bulletin.

On February 8th we made another visit to Waterford Estates Senior Home where we conducted a voter registration drive last fall. On this visit we registered 9 additional residents.

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LWV-HF AREA WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

In addition to the six new members who have been introduced to you in our bulletins this season, we'd like to also warmly welcome the following individuals who have joined our League since September 1st: **Claudia McLain** (Oak Forest), **Linda Daniels** (Hazel Crest), **Julia Haverty** (Frankfort), **Siobhan Lombardi** (Flossmoor), **Magda Roth** (Homewood), and **Cassandra Matz** (Olympia Fields). We look forward to seeing all these new members at future events and hope their schedules will allow them to become actively involved with our League in the months ahead.

Our total membership now consists of 112 women and men. LWVHF-Area is one of 11 local leagues in Illinois (out of 40) with membership over 100. Let's continue to invite our friends, neighbors and family to join our vibrant organization and try to reach 120 by the end of the summer!



Penny Thomas joined the LWV in 2017. After participating in the 2017 Women's March she wanted to find some way to put her inspiration into action. The LWV seemed to be a good place to start. She is excited about working with the Climate Change Committee.

She and her husband, Darius, recently celebrated their 50th anniversary with two weeks in Hawaii. They are fortunate that their two adult children live nearby in the Chicago area. They have two wonderful grandchildren and share their home with three beloved dogs. They are both retired United Methodist ministers and have resided in Homewood for seventeen years.

Penny's interests include environmental sustainability, racial justice, and equality for women – among other issues. She loves to travel, read, garden, and explore genealogy. She and her husband take dogs to a nursing facility and volunteer with PADS.

Homewood Summer Farmers' Market



Once again, this summer, beginning in June, our League will have a table at Homewood's Farmers' Market one Saturday a month to register voters. As she has done for the past few years, Sharon Cooper has agreed to coordinate the volunteers. When we know the dates, we'll be sending an e-blast, asking for your help. Please consider volunteering when you receive that E-blast announcement. This is an easy, enjoyable way for you to contribute some time to the work of our League.



ANNUAL MEETING – LWV H-F AREA

Saturday, May 19, 2018

Idlewild Country Club, 19201 Dixie Highway, Flossmoor IL

10:00 a.m.

The Annual Meeting of the Homewood-Flossmoor Area League of Women Voters will be held on Saturday, May 19, 2018, at the Idlewild Country Club in Flossmoor. Please plan to attend with a friend or a neighbor to enjoy good food and conversation.

Ms. Tanya Radakovich Murray, the Illinois local head for Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America will be our guest speaker.

The April-May bulletin contains most of the information to be discussed during the meeting. Please complete this reservation form and mail your check for \$30.00 – made payable to the [LWV Education Fund](#) – to **LWV H-F Area, P. O. Box 801, Flossmoor IL 60422**. **Questions? Call Mary Emily Grant (335-4349) or Erin Roeper (828-5391).**

RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY MAY 9. BE ADVISED THAT NO CHECKS OR CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED THE DAY OF THE EVENT. MEMBERS MUST MAKE RESERVATIONS by May 9. PLEASE HELP OUR COMMITTEE BY MEETING THIS DEADLINE.

LWV H-F AREA ANNUAL BREAKFAST MEETING

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Guests _____

Name of Guest(s): (Please Print) _____

Amount Enclosed _____ Reservation(s) @ \$30 _____

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
Slate for 2018 Annual Meeting

Proposed slate for election on May 19 for two-year term 2018-2020

<i>Office</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Co-President	Barbara Hayes	2020
Vice-President	Deborah Hampton	2020
Treasurer	Laura Debolt	2020

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Lillian Bacon	2020
Penny Thomas	2020

NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2019

Carol Vance, Chair
Roxie Williams
Betty Baker

Continuing in their present positions through May 2019 Meeting

Co-President	Mary Emily Grant
Secretary	Dominique Newman
Directors	Jennifer Eich-Magan Annie Lawrence Joan Strohm Glenda Townsend

LWV BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

BUDGET CATEGORIES:	2017-2018	2017-2018	2018-2019	
REVENUE	Budget	Year to Date	Proposed	
Dues	\$6,615.00	\$5,005.00	\$6,860.00	\$70/\$35
Member Contributions				
1. General	\$400.00	\$506.00	\$500.00	
2. Bulletins Mailed	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$30.00	
Fundraising				
1. Bulletin Ads	\$1,000.00	\$450.00	\$1,000.00	
2. Phonathon	\$500.00	\$187.50	\$200.00	
Annual Meeting/Special Meetings	\$500.00		\$1,800.00	
Return on Investments	\$600.00	\$835.08	\$700.00	
Miscellaneous				
1. Room Rental Deposit	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
2. Other		\$167.00		
Transfer from Savings	\$2,860.00	\$500.00	\$2,395.00	
TOTAL:	<u>\$12,655.00</u>	<u>\$7,800.58</u>	<u>\$13,585.00</u>	

EXPENDITURES

A. Operating Costs				
1. General Supplies (Includes Printing)				
2. General Postage/PO Box	\$68.00		\$68.00	
3. Insurance	<u>\$115.00</u>	<u>\$115.00</u>	<u>\$115.00</u>	
Sub-total	<u>\$183.00</u>	<u>\$115.00</u>	<u>\$183.00</u>	
B. Board & Administrative Comm.				
1. President (Transportation & Expenses)				
2. Board Expenses (Postage & Supplies)	\$115.00		\$115.00	
3. Finance Committee (Postage & Printing)	\$150.00		\$150.00	
4. Membership				
a. Book	\$450.00		\$475.00	
b. Committee Expense (incl. Postage)	\$350.00			
c. Membership Recruitment	\$1,000.00	\$725.24	\$1,000.00	
5. Media			\$200.00	
6. Honoraria	\$150.00		\$150.00	
7. Meeting Room Rental	\$350.00	\$304.00	\$350.00	
8. Annual Meeting	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,800.00	
9. Diversity Dinners	<u>\$150.00</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>	
Sub-total	<u>\$3,215.00</u>	<u>\$2,179.24</u>	<u>\$4,390.00</u>	

	2017-2018 Budget	2017-2018 Year to Date	2018-2019 Proposed	
C. Delegates, Travel, etc.				
1. National Convention	\$2,000.00			
2. State Convention			\$1,500.00	
Sub-total	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	
D. Financial Support for the League				
1. National PMP	\$3,024.00	\$3,024.00	\$3,234.00	\$33/\$16.50
2. State PMP	\$2,835.00	\$2,835.00	\$3,136.00	\$32/\$16
3. Inter-League Organizations				
a. Cook County	\$378.00	\$392.00	\$392.00	\$4/\$2
b. Upper Mississippi River Region	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	
c. Lake Michigan	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	
Sub-total	\$6,287.00	\$6,301.00	\$6,812.00	
E. Bulletin				
1. Printing	\$400.00	\$145.11	\$250.00	
2. Postage	\$150.00	\$88.20	\$150.00	
3. Web Site	\$120.00	\$119.95	\$125.00	
Sub-total	\$670.00	\$353.26	\$525.00	
F. Educational Activities				
1. Program Committees				
a. National	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	
b. State	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	
c. Local (Special Projects)	\$25.00	\$470.00	\$25.00	
2. Voter Service				
a. Candidates Meetings	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	
Sub-total	\$100.00	\$470.00	\$125.00	
G. Action				
1. National	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2. State/County	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
3. Local	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Sub-total	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
H. Miscellaneous				
Sub-total	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	
TOTAL	\$12,655.00	\$9,418.50	\$13,585.00	
Surplus or Deficit			\$0.00	

PROPOSED LOCAL PROGRAM

ALTERNATIVES TO INSTITUTIONALIZATION SHORT AND LONG-TERM

Support of a coordinated community-based system of supportive services for the elderly designed to avoid delay or shorten their institutionalization. A broad range of services is supported emphasizing information and referral.

DIVERSITY

Participate in a coalition of area community groups whose goal is to assure that diversity enhances rather than threatens the vitality of the south suburbs.

HAZAROUS MATERIALS

Work in a coalition with other local groups to monitor hazardous waste disposal and its impact on our area.

HOME RULE REFERENDA

Support the following criteria to evaluate home rule referenda: financial analysis, demonstration of need, education and information, and citizen participation.

HOUSING

Support for senior citizen housing in Homewood.

LOCAL SCHOOL REFERENDA

Support the following criteria to evaluate bond and/or tax increases for local school districts, program review, citizen participation, long-range planning, cost-effective measures and supplemental revenue, and demonstration of need.

POLL WATCHING

Action to implement existing LWVIL position on election laws and procedures in the H-F area.

SCHOOL FINANCE

Continue monitoring current and proposed new methods of school financing with emphasis on the impact on schools in the H-F area.

SHELTER FOR THE HOMELESS

Support a coalition of faith communities, agencies individuals who make up South Suburban Public Action to Deliver Shelter (PADS).

SOLID WASTE

Support curbside recycling in the local area and work to develop markets for recycled products.

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING

Monitor and evaluate the TIF (Tax Increment Financing) and its impact on education funding, economic development and distribution of tax dollars to the community.

South Suburban Diversity Dinners

presents

The State of Diversity

in the South Suburbs

Have We Progressed?

April 21, 2018 @ 5:30pm
Rich South High School, Richton Park, IL

Join the Discussion
#LetsTalkDiversity2018
www.DiversityDinners.com





Diversity Dinners 2018 Guest Registration



Saturday, April 21, 2018

Rich South High School, 5000 Sauk Trail, Richton Park, IL 60471

Meet & Greet: 5:30pm Dinner & Program: 6:00pm

Register online at www.diversitydinners.com or complete the registration form below.

\$15/person, price includes buffet dinner & entry to event

Registration deadline: Friday, April 6th

Send bottom portion & check to:
Diversity Dinners of the South Suburbs
P.O. Box 605
Homewood, IL 60430

For questions, contact:
Hildy Kingma
hkingma@vopf.com
708-283-5622



Note: Guests are required to be at least high school age or older

Guest 1	Guest 2
First Name: _____	First Name: _____
Last Name: _____	Last Name: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____
Email: _____	Email: _____
Mailing Address:	Mailing Address:
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

If you have additional names, please submit them on a separate piece of paper following the format above.

Sponsorship Opportunities Also Available!
Visit diversitydinners.com for more information



Climate Change Committee Report March/ April 2018

Recycling Terms:



What is **Medical Waste?**

Medical pills and pill containers are considered a **hazardous waste**, due to the fact that they can enter groundwater, watersheds, and other vital water systems that can affect the health of all living things.

In Homewood: The Police Department is taking medical containers and medicine and disposing of them properly.

****Please don't flush down toilets or sinks....this eventually enters the ecosystem.**



Book Review: *Project DrawDown* edited by Paul Hawken.

From *Green American winter 2017*. Submitted by Penny Thomas

The Book, ***Project DrawDown***, outlines the results of hundreds of top scientists and climate experts who attempted to map, measure, and model the most substantive solutions to global warming in terms of impact. They created climate and financial models for 80 solutions to climate change and examined 20 more that were future possibilities.

We need more than solar, wind, and cutting back on how many burgers we eat. Those are crucial solutions, but an entire system created the problem and we need all of the solutions, big and small, to heal the system.

All we hear in the news today about the climate is bad. But that causes people to often feel numb and disengage. People come together around opportunity and possibility, not the probability of disaster. The author says that the way to reverse global warming is to address current human needs. “.98 of the top 100 solutions are regenerative development. If you do them, we're better off with respect to life in a measurable way, whether it's water, food, grassland, soil health, marine life, pollinators, etc. In other words, the development, when completed, leaves the world better off than when we started.”

The top ten solutions, ranked in terms of emissions reduction potential over a 30-year period follow:

1. Refrigeration Management
2. Wind Turbines (onshore)
3. Reduced Food Waste

“Producing uneaten food squanders a whole host of resources--seeds, water, energy, land, fertilizers, hours of labor, financial capital--and generates greenhouse gases at every stage--including methane when organic matter lands in the global rubbish bin.”

4. Adoption of a Plant-rich diet

“The production of meat and dairy contributes many more emissions than growing, vegetables, fruits, grain, and legumes...If cows were their own nation, they would be the world's third-largest emitter of greenhouse gases.” Eating too much animal protein can also cause health problems, resulting in increased health care costs.

5. Tropical Forest Restoration
6. Educating Girls

“Education (of girls) is the most powerful lever available for breaking the cycle of intergenerational poverty, while mitigating emissions by curbing population growth.”

7. Family Planning (goes hand in hand with #6)
8. Solar Farms
9. Silvopasture (from Latin for “forest” and “grazing”)

“This is the integration of trees and pasture for forage into a single system for raising livestock. This cuts down on deforestation.”

10. Rooftop Solar

The complete list, and full explanation of all 100 solutions, can be found in the book!



LWV COOK COUNTY ANNUAL MEETING

Meeting and Luncheon

Monday, May 14, 2018

9:30am – 1pm

University Center – 525 S. State St. – Chicago -Lake Room

Directions and Parking Info at:

<http://conferencechicagouc.com/location/>

**Featured speaker: Richard Monocchio,
Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Cook County.**

- 9:30 am Registration – Coffee/Muffins -- Silent Auction**
- 10 am Annual Business Meeting**
- 11:30 am Buffet Lunch**
- 12noon Speaker: Richard Monocchio, Ex. Dir. of the Housing Authority of Cook Co.**

Cost: \$35 per person

RSVP by Monday, May 7

For further information contact LWVCC at 312-939-5935 x27 or cook@lwvil.org

LWVCC Annual Meeting -- May 14, 2018

PLEASE INCLUDE NAMES OF ALL ATTENDEES (Use back side if needed.)

Name(s) _____ League _____

Address _____ City/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I will be serving as a Delegate from my League

**Make check payable to LWVIL Education Fund and send to:
Amy Little; 2107 S. Fairfield, Chicago, IL, 60608**

Enclosed is a check for: \$ _____ for _____ reservations at \$35 each

I cannot attend but my contribution of \$ _____ is enclosed

**** Reminder for Silent Auction Purchases: CASH or CHECK...Thank you**

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53RD NATIONAL CONVENTION

CREATING A MORE PERFECT DEMOCRACY



Thurs., June 28 – Sun., July 1, 2018 at Hilton Chicago - 720 S. Michigan Ave.

The LWV H-F Area League will be sending three delegates from the Board to attend this year's LWVUS National Convention. However, all members are invited to attend this biennial convention.

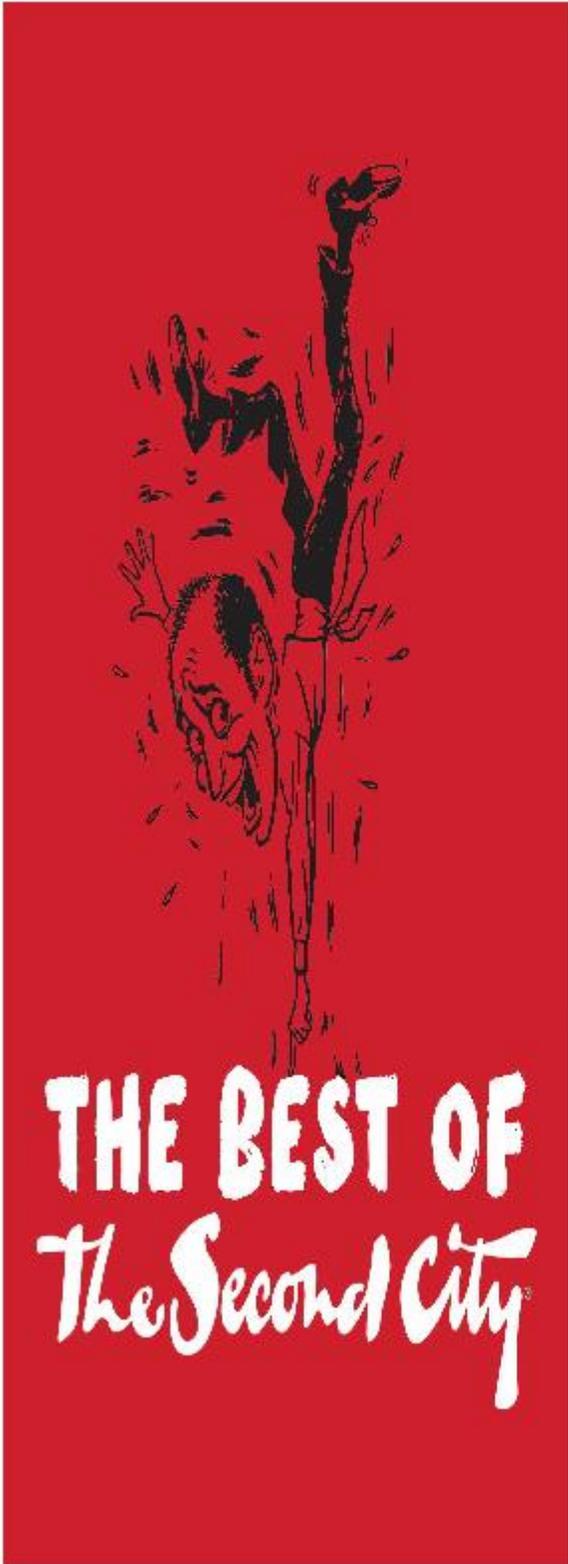
Log on to lww.org for more information.

In addition, many volunteers are needed to help during the convention.

Please consider volunteering for one or more 2-3-hour time slots.

Use this link to sign up to volunteer:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b084cada722aaf94-volunteers/28336594>



**LWV Illinois Hosts
2018 Convention
FUNDRAISER**

COMEDY NIGHT
Friday, June 29, 2018

7:30 pm

The Grand Ballroom

Tickets: \$52 (PRE-CONVENTION PRICE + fees until June 25th)

Tickets at the Convention: \$58 (+ fees)

The Chicago Hilton

720 South Michigan

Chicago, IL 60605

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March 21st ERA PROGRAM.
Speaker Michelle Fadeley, President of IL NOW
Homewood Library



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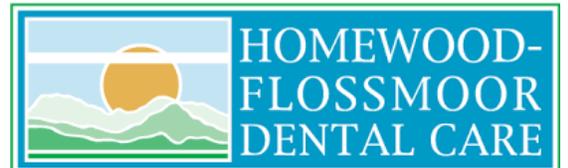
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