



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR AREA

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Presidents' Message April / May 2019

Hello, Everyone!

Barbara and I hope you have enjoyed the various Candidate Forums, the LWVIL Issues Briefing, and the various programs that you have participated in and/or for which you volunteered.

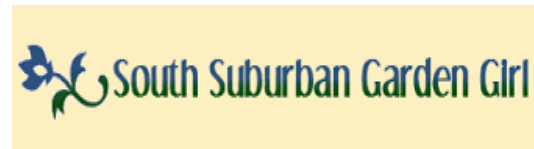
We want to thank all of you who helped with the Candidate Forums. We can all be proud of the services we provide to the many towns and residents of the area. Thank you all!

This year's Annual Meeting and dinner will be held at the Idlewild Country Club in Flossmoor on Thursday, May 9th at 6:00 p.m. Audre Wilson, Executive Director of LWVIL, will be our guest speaker. 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 bylaw changes and other related business materials. This is always an informative and enjoyable event. Barbara and I hope you will put it on your calendar and plan to attend. We would love to see you there.

Barbara and I also hope that many of you will consider attending the 59th Biennium LWVIL 2019 Convention, June 8-9, 2019 - Pre-Convention Workshops: June 7, 2019, at the Champaign Suites 101 Trade Centre Drive, Champaign, IL.

Thanks again to all of you who volunteered for all the Candidate Forums AND a special thanks to Sandra Slayton and Barbara Hayes for taking responsibility for our participation in these forums.

Barbara Hayes and Mary Emily



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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Program and Event Reminders

Wednesday, April 10th – LWVIL's Lobby Day 2019
Springfield, IL

Wednesday, April 17, 2019, 7:00 p.m. – Climate Change
Grande Prairie Library, Hazel Crest

Thursday, May 9, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – Annual Meeting
Idlewild Country Club, Flossmoor

Monday morning, May 13, 2019, 9:30 a.m. – LWVCC 2019 Annual Meeting
Business segment begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by guest speaker and lunch
University Center, 525 S. State St., Chicago.

Friday-Sunday, June 7-9, 2019 – LWVIL Convention
Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham Champaign
101 Trade Center Dr, Champaign

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization encouraging informed and active participation in government. It influences public policy through education and advocacy. We never support or oppose any political party or candidate.



**The League of Women Voters of the H-F Area
Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. - General Meeting
Grande Prairie Library
3479 W. 183rd Street, Hazel Crest**

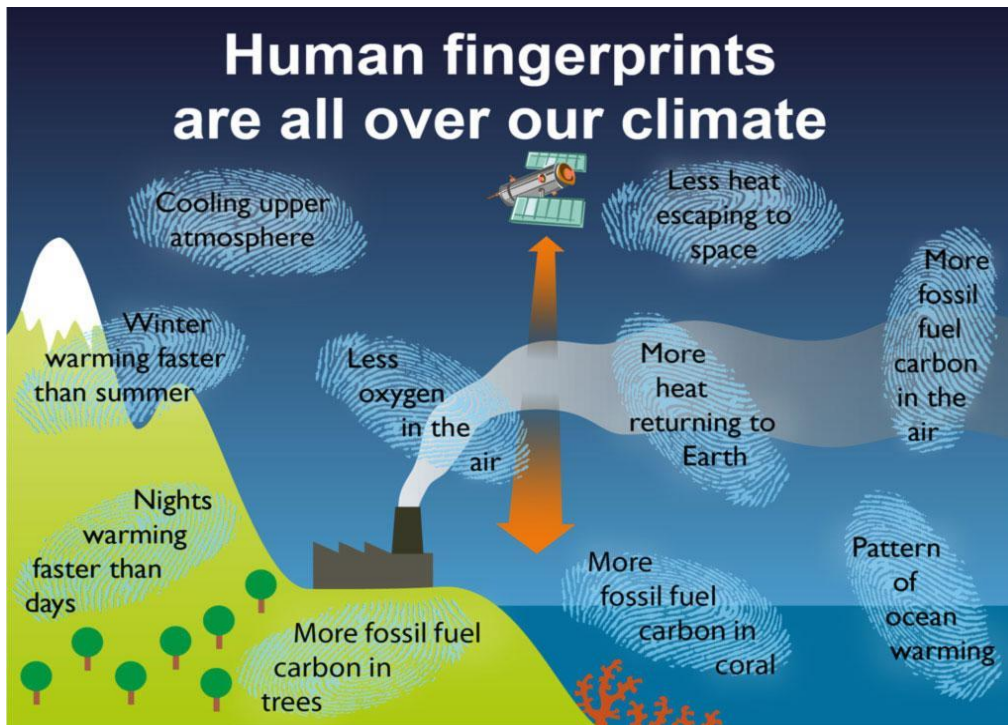
Guest Speaker: Dr. David Zaber

Dr. David Zaber will speak to League members and the community about the present condition of the environment. He will talk about how climate change has affected our weather and specifically how it affects our area, water, health, and options to make a change in the conditions that have made our warming planet an urgent problem. We hope to do more than just celebrate Earth Day, but to also help people commit to protecting the only home we have.

Dr. Zaber is an environmental scientist and educator with more than 25 years' experience in conservation resource management and higher education field. A particular focus of his research has been on methods for assessing the health of freshwater ecosystems. He served as Director of Science at Defenders of Wildlife, Wildlife Toxicologist for the National Wildlife Federation's Great Lakes Office and Science Fellow for the Environmental Law and Policy Center.

Want to help the environment? Bring your own water bottle or coffee cup! Light refreshments provided.

Climate Change: The Big Picture



22nd ANNUAL DIVERSITY DINNERS



On Saturday, April 13th, the 22nd Annual Diversity Dinners will be held at Rich South High School. After a delicious buffet dinner, Troy Cicero of MulticultuReal@ Communications will facilitate discussions with the theme, “Let’s Continue the Conversation.” With the expertise and guidance of Mr. Cicero, the evening will invoke meaningful, informed and inspiring conversations among community members. This experience can open doors to enhanced appreciation for the unique mosaic of people who live in the south suburbs.

Diversity Dinners, funded by contributions from individuals, businesses and local organizations, is coordinated by the villages of Park Forest, Homewood, Richton Park, Matteson and Olympia Fields; Homewood-Flossmoor High School District 223; Rich Township High School District 227; League of Women Voters of Homewood Flossmoor Area; League of Women Voters of Park Forest Area; and the National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI).

The cost of the dinners is \$15.00. All guests must be at least 14 years old.

Please plan to join other area residents on April 13th at the Diversity Dinners for a meaningful evening, as we celebrate one of the priceless assets of our community.

To obtain registration information, please visit our website at:

www.diversitydinners.com or contact Hildy Kingma, Village of Park Forest, at 708-283-5622 or email: hkingma@vopf.com. The deadline for submitting guest registrations is April 3, 2019.

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LOBBY DAY

Save the Date!

Are you ready for your voice to be heard in the halls of the State Capital? Are you ready to make a difference in the laws and legislation of Illinois? If you are, then mark your calendar for **LWVIL's Lobby Day 2019 on Wednesday, April 10th.**

The goal of Lobby Day 2019 is to create a League presence in Springfield and to build and maintain relationships with legislators.

We are hoping to gather all voices: League members, community members, engaged citizens and everyone in between to join us for a training and briefing on League-supported legislation and to schedule meetings with key legislators to make our voices heard.

Whether you are pushing a bill or simply re-establishing a relationship with your state lawmaker, we are going to Springfield to make LWV a visible, viable presence in Springfield.

All are encouraged to find out who in your League plans on participating and decide who will contact your legislators' offices to make appointments at 10:30 am or later to see them in their Springfield offices as soon as possible.

Fee is \$10 per person. Lunch will be provided. You can register by clicking the button below.

MEET ROXIE WILLIAMS-THOMPSON / CANDIDATE FORUMS



Please join us in welcoming Roxie Williams-Thompson to our membership. Mrs. Williams-Thompson is an American businesswoman, humanitarian, community activist for homeless youth, and CANTV television host. She is best known for championing diversity, team building and leadership training for Fortune 500 company executives and State of Illinois Park District staff.

Born in Chicago to Matthew and Lillian Williams, Roxie Williams was educated in both Catholic and public schools. Roxie achieved a bachelor's degree in psychology, a master's degree in Divinity, with a 2nd Masters in Theology. She is currently working on a doctorate degree in family counseling.

She is a licensed and ordained minister, dedicated wife and mother of one biological adult child, 2 additional adult children and 2 grandchildren from her marriage. Starting her career as the Executive Secretary for the personal care entrepreneur Edward G. Gardner of Soft Sheen Products, Roxie was groomed to be a humanitarian and successful entrepreneur. A single mother working 2 jobs (as counselor and grant writer) during most of her professional career in order to provide a better life for her son, she became the 1st African American Subsidized Child Care Director for the State of Illinois through Child Care Initiatives, funded by Jane Addams Hull House.

Currently, she is the president of a community network developing small local businesses. She also partners in a thriving family-owned and operated soul food restaurant. She and her husband are well known local business owners who continue to help as many as they can as often as they can.



The League of Women Voters H-F Area Candidate Forums are completed. Several of our League Members in conjunction with the League of Women Voters Park Forest Area have worked consistently in providing opportunities for community members to see and listen to the candidates and their platforms. We have covered many forums: school districts, trustees, park district commissioners and other forums. We couldn't have had a positive success without the support of dedicated League members.

I would like to thank our members for an extraordinary job as Greeters, Screeners and Timers. They include the following members:

Veroncia Amen, Carol Vance, Dominique Newman, Jennifer Eick-Magan, Emily Wiegand, Pat Jackson, Sue Orlowski, Cheryl Berger, Roxie Williams, Anne Bailey, Glenda Townsend, Laura Debolt, Joan Strohm, Annie Lawrence, Sharon Holland, Sharyl and Roy Inlow, Ruby Marsh, Lucy Kokanee, Lia Oldaker, and Peggy Butler.

These members were highly motivated. They interacted with the audience and candidates, and asked people in the audience to join the League. At the same time, the League members had an unrivaled willingness to help other members.

Moderators Sandra Slayton and Lillian Bacon were the "Dynamic Duo" who did an incredible job together. Sandra Slayton is our League Moderator who trained Lillian Bacon during our last candidate forum. They worked very well together and were upbeat and optimistic. They have the highest level of dependability, always there and on time. We are very proud to have them serve the community. Wow, what a League Team we have. Overall, our H-F League members are real team players. Thank you for a good job!

LWVUS position on Carbon Pricing:

From LWVUS Toolkit for Climate Action

On July 26, 2018 LWVUS Convention held a caucus on promoting effective action on carbon pricing. The status of the League’s position on this issue is:

“The League of Women Voters stands united with, and in support of, efforts to price carbon emissions, whether cap-and-trade, carbon tax/fee, or other viable pricing mechanisms. The league does not have a position on how the revenue generated is to be used. We do not espouse any method of pricing carbon over another. We will evaluate all proposed methods based on their effectiveness to abate emissions and whether the method can be successfully implemented.”

Cap-and-Trade: A system that curbs emissions by limiting the quantity of a pollutant (e.g. carbon dioxide) that can be emitted and then allocating a corresponding number of tradable emissions permits to sources covered by the program.

Carbon Tax: A tax that curbs emissions by raising the price of fossil fuels based on the carbon content

Carbon Pricing 101

The Sauk-Calumet Sierra Club and LWV of Arlington Heights, Sponsors

We are invited to attend this informative event presented by Mike Zaniello of the Citizens’ Climate Lobby. This program will explain the concept of carbon pricing, the ways it can be designed, and its projected effectiveness in curbing climate change.

Date: June 19

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Homewood Science Museum, 18022 Dixie Highway, Homewood



Local News: Natural Gas Power Plant Planning for Glenwood, meeting report from March 5, 7 pm

by Carol Vance

Many citizens of Glenwood, Homewood, Flossmoor, and Chicago Heights lined up single file to a microphone to ask the Zoning Board of Glenwood many questions about the proposed plant.

The crowd overflowed to a backroom after the hearing room was filled, with many more standing. The citizens that asked questions of the board were overwhelmingly against the construction of the plant because they had no prior knowledge of it and felt that there was not sufficient scientific evidence that the plant would not cause major health threats to the community through air and water pollution. Others in attendance were against it because it would be located close to poorer communities of Chicago Heights, (20278-20292 Cottage Grove Ave) and that no other bids or comparison information was being sought by the board. Some concerns were carbon emissions, that the pipes would carry fracked gas, and that the gas pipes, with breakage, could affect and contaminate water pipes nearby. Others wondered if there was a need for this type of project at all and felt that it could adversely affect home and property values.

The company that proposed the plant, Oak Meadow Energy from Boston, MA, claimed to have already invested over \$100,000k in the planning of the project and that Glenwood would have a huge economic gain through taxes. The company had planned to give the board and attendees various reports with their lawyer present: however, the public wanted to be heard instead. Another meeting is scheduled in Glenwood, April 23, 6:30 pm.

To learn more directly from the Village of Glenwood contact:

- www.villageofglenwood.com 708-753-2400 MWF 9am-5pm.

For more information regarding opposition to the plant:

- nopowerplantglenwood@gmail.com
- Facebook group “Proposed Power Plant in Glenwood”
- Contact: Caroline Wooten, IL Sierra Club caroline.wootten@sierraclub.org 781-385-8185





ANNUAL MEETING – LWV H-F AREA

Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Idlewild Country Club, 19201Dixie Highway, Flossmoor IL

The Annual Meeting of the Homewood-Flossmoor Area League of Women Voters will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2019, at the Idlewild Country Club in Flossmoor. Please plan to attend with a friend or a neighbor to enjoy good food and conversation.

Audre Wilson, Executive Director of LWVIL, will be our guest speaker. Audra Wilson is a public interest attorney with a depth of experience in poverty law and diversity. She began her work with the League of Women Voters of Illinois in October of 2018.

Please complete this reservation form and mail your check for **\$40.00 – made payable to the [LWV Education Fund](#)** – to **LWV H-F Area, P.O. Box 801, Flossmoor IL 60422. Questions? Call Mary Emily Grant (708-335-4349) or Barbara Hayes (708-699-9513).**

RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY **MAY 3. BE ADVISED THAT NO CHECKS OR CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED THE DAY OF THE EVENT. MEMBERS MUST MAKE RESERVATIONS by May 3.** PLEASE HELP OUR COMMITTEE BY MEETING THIS DEADLINE.

LWV H-F AREA ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Guests _____

Name of Guest(s): (Please print)

Amount Enclosed _____ Reservation(s) @ \$40 _____



**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
Slate for 2019 Annual Meeting**

Proposed slate for election on May 9 for two-year term 2019-2021

<i>Office</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
President	Barbara Hayes	2020
Vice President	Sandra Slayton	2021
Secretary	Dominique Newman	2021
Treasurer	Laura DeBolt	2020

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Lillian Bacon	2020
Eugenia Cutler	2020
Cheryl Berger	2021
Carol Vance	2021
Lorea Farley	2021
Pat Jackson	2021

NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2020

Roxie Williams, Chair
Ruby Donahue
Veroncia Amen



PROPOSED LOCAL PROGRAM

ALTERNATIVES TO INSTITUTIONALIZING 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.

HAZARDOUS 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, and 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.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR	
2019-2020	
	BUDGET
REVENUE	
Dues	6,820.00
<u>Contributions</u>	
1. General	500.00
2. Bulletin	50.00
<u>Fundraising</u>	
Bulletin Ads	1,000.00
Annual Meeting/Special Meetings	1,800.00
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	
Transfer from Savings	0.00
Investment Returns	700.00
Other	
TOTAL	10,870.00
EXPENDITURES	
<u>Operating Costs & General Supplies</u>	
Bulletin	250.00
Equipment	250.00
General Postage	500.00
General Supplies (including Printing)	300.00
Insurance (LWV IL Liability)	125.00
Membership Book Printing	
Membership Book Postage	
PO Box	80.00
Website	
Sub-total	1,425.00
<u>Board & Administrative Committees</u>	
Annual Meeting	1,800.00
Diversity Dinners	150.00
Speaker Gifts and Meals	150.00
Meeting Room Rental	350.00
Membership Committee & Recruitment	800.00
Media	200.00
President (Transportation & Expenses)	250.00
Sub-total	3,700.00

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR 2019-2020	
<u>Delegates, Travel, etc</u>	
1. National Convention	1,500.00
2. State Convention	-
Sub-total	1,500.00
<u>Financial Support for the League</u>	
1. National PMP	3,136.00
2. State PMP	3,136.00
3. Inter-League Organizations	
a. Cook County	-
b. Upper Mississippi River Region	25.00
c. Lake Michigan	25.00
Sub-total	6,322.00
<u>Educational Activities</u>	
Program Committees	250.00
Environmental	250.00
Local (Special Projects)	150.00
Voter Service Candidates Meetings	150.00
Sub-total	800.00
<u>Action</u>	
National	50.00
State/County	50.00
Local	50.00
Sub-total	150.00
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	700.00
TOTAL	9,472.00



The League of Women Voters of Cook County
2019 Annual Meeting
Monday, May 13, 2019
University Center, 525 S. State St., Chicago

The LWVCC 2019 Annual Meeting will be held on Monday morning, May 13, 2019, at the University Center, 525 S. State St., Chicago. The business segment begins at 9:30 am and will be followed by our speaker and a lunch that will conclude by 1:00 pm.

The entire LWVCC Board are excited to share with you that **the newly elected Cook County Assessor, Fritz Kaegi** will be the guest speaker. We look forward to hearing his ideas on ways to improve the Assessor's office.

The business meeting will include all decisions that need to come before the membership, including election of officers and directors, program recommendations, and approval of the 2019-20 budget. All committee reports as well as action items for the Annual Meeting will be sent to the local Leagues four weeks prior to May 13th.

LWVCC bylaws require that in odd numbered years the annual meeting shall elect a President[s], Vice President, Treasurer, and three board Directors – all to serve 2-year terms. Local Leagues are encouraged to make suggestions for any of these positions to the current Nominating Committee. The Chairperson of the Committee is Sarah Shirk. Please submit recommendations and/or questions to her at sarahshirk@hotmail.com.

Members with any program changes and or suggestions should submit them to Nancy Marcus at ngmarcus614@gmail.com by February 28th.

Please put the LWVCC Annual Meeting date, Monday, May 13, 2019, on your calendars.

Dear Local League Presidents,

As you know, the LWV Cook County Annual Meeting will be Monday, May 13. During the business meeting, delegates representing all 13 Cook County Local Leagues will vote on the election of officers and directors, program recommendations, and the budget for 2019-2020. All committee reports as well as action items for the Annual Meeting will be sent to the local Leagues four weeks prior to May 13. LWVCC bylaws require that in odd numbered years the annual meeting shall elect a President(s), Vice President, Treasurer, and three Board Directors, all to serve 2-year terms. There is still time to make recommendations to the Nominating Committee Chairperson, [Sarah Shirk](#).

Local League delegates for the May 13 Annual Meeting are based on membership numbers for the 2019-2020 year. Attached you will find membership and delegate numbers for all local Cook County Leagues. Included in this information is the membership percentage increase/decrease that some of our locals have experienced. Congratulations to those locals that have increased their numbers. And some dramatically!

Also attached is the flyer/invitation for the Annual Meeting. We will be sending this information out to all Cook County members next week. Payment can be made online with a credit card or by mailed check.

Our speaker for the luncheon will be the new Cook County Assessor, Fritz Kaegi. We are excited to hear his plans for the future.

Please get back to us if you have any questions or need more information.

Sincerely,

[Peggy Kell](#) and [Nancy Marcus](#)

LWV Cook County Co-Presidents



2019 LWVIL Convention
Convention: June 8-9, 2019
Pre-Convention Workshops: June 7, 2019
[Champaign Suites](#)
101 Trade Centre Drive
Champaign, IL 61820

The 59th Biennium LWVIL 2019 Convention is a great weekend-long meeting of LWVIL members to congregate together to talk about key issues, participate in mission related programming, and prioritize the work of the LWVIL. We hope that all members will attend in order to have engaging and compelling conversations about all things League.

This is YOUR convention! Help us make it a great one!

Take some time to prepare for the 2019 LWVIL Convention by completing the **Convention DO IT NOW List**, a list of key steps that we would like every participating member to finalize before the convention.

- **Choose which workshop ideas fit your needs and interests.**
- **Put your program evaluation caps on! Is there an issue you or others in your LWV think warrant a study or a position adjustment on the state level? Remember: Your local LWV responses are due by March 1. You can access the Program Planning Materials at lwwil.org/program-planning.**
- **Help the Nominating Committee know of those who have the time, talent, and skills to dedicate to the LWV at the State Board level. Contact Nominating Committee Chair, Michelle Peterson, at micpeterson3@gmail.com.**

Important Dates

Please keep in mind these Convention Deadlines:

March 1

Local League submission of program evaluation and suggestions

Local League submission of suggested by-law changes.

April 26

Local League proposals for adoption of or amendment to a LWVIL position to be made from the floor of the Convention must be sent to all local Leagues.



To the H-F Area League of Women Voters' members, sponsors, and friends. I want to thank you all for giving me the opportunity of being the webmaster for the past 5+ years. I've learned a lot and have humbled myself to the understanding of what it truly takes to be part of an organization like this. Your dedication to getting out the vote should be awarded. It was truly an honor to be part of such an honorable organization. I will miss you all, but I will be around...

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