



League of Women Voters Highland Park/Highwood

BULLETIN

April 2018

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90TH ANNUAL MEETING, LUNCHEON AND PROGRAM OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD

Saturday, May 19, 2018

9:45 a.m. Annual Business Meeting

12:00 noon Luncheon and Program

Luncheon Speaker:

Hon. Barbara Flynn Currie

First Woman Majority Leader of the Illinois House of Representatives

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Luncheon is Open to Family and Friends



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OTHER LOCAL ARTICLES

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- [Voter Registration](#) - *part of what League is all about*
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- [CELEBRATING](#) ... *fun images for our 90th Anniversary*



[CALENDAR](#)

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Please join us for a
 Celebratory *90th* Anniversary Luncheon
 League of Women Voters of Highland Park/Highwood

Saturday, May 19, 2018 at 12:00 noon
 Bella Via Ristorante
 1899 2nd Street, Highland Park

Keynote Speaker: **Hon. Barbara Flynn Currie**
 Majority Leader of the Illinois House of Representatives

Barbara Flynn Currie is the first woman Majority Leader of the Illinois House of Representatives. First elected to the Illinois House in 1978, Ms. Currie represents the 25th District in Chicago, which includes parts of the communities of South Chicago, South Shore, Woodlawn, Hyde Park and Kenwood. Her legislative accomplishments include sponsorship of the first Illinois Freedom of Information Act and universal pre-school.

Ms. Currie graduated with honors from the University of Chicago and went on to earn a Master's degree in political science. She is a longtime member of the League of Women Voters and on the board of the ACLU of Illinois. Ms. Currie is active in many civic, community and environmental organizations and has been honored by many organizations, including being the recipient of the Illinois Environmental Council's Lifetime Achievement Award.

To reserve your place at this GALA CELEBRATION LUNCHEON:
 send your check and reservation information to the address below,
 or use the **DONATE** button on our website lwvhp.org
 (use the comment box for your reservation details).

Name(s) _____

Luncheon:		
Voter	\$45	# attending _____
Supporter	\$60	# attending _____
Sponsor	\$100	# attending _____
Total:	\$ _____	



Please make checks payable to LWVHP/HWD and send your completed response form to
 LWVHP/HWD, P.O. Box 396, Highland Park, Illinois, 60035.

RSVP requested by May 15th.

Questions? Please contact Ginger Seff at (847 432-9087) or gingerseff@hotmail.com

***** Luncheon is open to family and friends! *****

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING NOTIFICATION

MAY 19, 2018

Members: Did you get this in your email?

WAIT, WAIT ...

WE DIDN'T FORGET THE ANNUAL MEETING

We decided to send the invitation by email to members

The 90th Annual Business Meeting

Will precede the Celebratory Luncheon

Saturday, May 19, 2018 at 9:45 a.m.

Bella Via Ristorante

1899 2nd Street, Highland Park

YOUR VOTE COUNTS



LWV HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD ANNUAL MEETING WORKING PAPERS

LWVHP/HWD LOCAL PROGRAM

2018—2019

LOCAL PROGRAM FOR CONSIDERATION:

The following local program planning suggestions have been received. They are presented in the order in which the topics appear in the position papers. Please review these ideas. The Leadership Team will put forth its recommendations at the annual business meeting at which time those present will approve a local program for 2018-19.

City Planning

General: Since design review is now part of the Plan Commission responsibilities, consider integrating measurable criteria of design.

Neighborhood Character: Consider support for preserving the character of single-family residential neighborhoods through the use of traditional zoning techniques. Regulation should be of measurable criteria not subjective matters of taste such as a design review process. Consider support for maintaining a range of housing prices in the community, which should be considered whenever changes in zoning district regulations are proposed.

Transportation and Roads: Consider support for the concept of designating roads as a means of planning and promoting unity and better access in Highland Park.

Environmental Preservation

Consider the addition of climate change to the environmental section. This could include a position favoring the use of renewable energy in our municipalities and by residents which would be especially pertinent in guiding the choice of provider/energy mix if the City enters into a municipal aggregation contract.

Handguns

Include in this position, the city's ban on assault weapons.

Library

Consider addressing changes that may come up with regard to the Library and Community Center remodeling.

Ravinia Festival

Conduct a study of the Ravinia Festival as to who provides the police; who provides security; does Highland Park benefit or lose revenue? ; what is the current contract with Highland Park?; etc.

Schools

School Referenda Criteria: Consider **including established criteria that are related to children's health and the importance of children being able to walk or bike to school.**

Township Government

Consider updating the township guidelines.



*LWV HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD
ANNUAL MEETING WORKING PAPERS*

NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

AND BYLAW CHANGES

2018–2019

The Nominating Committee Report is a work in progress and not available for the bulletin. The report will be included in the working papers at the May 19th annual business meeting.

There are no *Bylaw* changes for 2018–2019



LWV HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD ANNUAL MEETING WORKING PAPERS

BUDGET 2018—2019

LWV-HP BUDGET

		Fiscal Year 7/1/2017-6/30/2018		Fiscal Year 7/1/2018-6/30/2019	
		Budget	YTD	Budget	
INCOME ACCOUNTS					
300	Dues	5,350	4,731	6,140	
310	Business Campaign	0			
311	General Fund Contrbs	0			
312	Ed Fund	552	552	528	
330	Ways and Means			500	
340	Interest	0			
350	Annual Meeting	1,300		1,300	
390	From (To) Reserves	521		(502)	
TOTAL INCOME		7,723		7,966	
EXPENSE ACCOUNTS					
General Administration					
410	Board Tools and Expenses	125	379	150	
430	Finance Drive	0		0	
431	Membership	200	46	300	
432	Member Book	0		0	
Bulletin Expense					
440	Bulletin Supplies	0		0	
442	Bulletin Printing	0		0	
449	Phone	0		0	
450	Stationary	0		0	
451	Postage	0		0	
452	Web Hosting Fee	200	250	250	
453	Insurance	85	85	85	
454	PO Box Rental	124		150	

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BUDGET 2018—2019 CONTINUED

LWV-HP BUDGET

		Fiscal Year 7/1/2017-6/30/2018		Fiscal Year 7/1/2018-6/30/2019	
		Budget	YTD	Budget	
EXPENSE ACCOUNTS <i>continued</i>					
Programs and Activities					
510	Meeting Expenses	150	305	300	
511	Annual Meeting	1,300		1,300	
512					
520	Study Committees	50	0	50	
540	Voter Service	1,000	30	1,000	
550	Action - General	0			
Conventions and Outside Meetings					
610	National Convention	0			
620	State Convention	0			
630	State/Regional Meetings	0			
Per Member Payments					
710	National PMP	2,224	1,656	2,112	
720	State PMP	2,085	2,070	2,112	
730	Lake County (etc) PMP	155	138	132	
740	Lake Michigan LWV	25		25	
Income Tax					
800	Income Tax Expenses	0			
TOTAL EXPENSE		7,723		7,966	
NET INCOME (INCOME MINUS EXPENSE)					

Notes:

PMP for Ill & Nat'l=\$32

300 Increase of 5 members

LWV HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD

Our LEAGUE'S HISTORY Exhibition is in the lobby of First Bank of Highland Park

When a person turns 90, there is often a birthday party. What do you do to celebrate an organization, run by hundreds of volunteers, that turns 90? This milestone is the perfect time to reminisce and capture the identity of our beloved League (and also have a party!). In the past, many documents from the League's early history had already been donated to the Highland Park Historical Society. But what about the remaining programs, presentations, minutes, publicity flyers, bulletins and newspaper clippings that might be sitting in the basements or drawers of all the League members over the years? League members responded to a call for donations of these records, documenting our history since 1928. They are already at the Highland Park Library where the Highland Park Historical Society Archives and Research Center is located.



First Bank of Highland Park had agreed to use their marquee to announce the 90th anniversary celebration of our League on May 19. We were delighted when they additionally invited us to mount an exhibition of the League's history on the **Ruth Fell Wander Memorial Community Art Wall** at the bank for the month of April.

Nancy Goldberg and I identified some of programs the League has worked on over the years and dedicated portions of the 21-foot wide display to topics such as Education, Local Government, Gun Control, Environment/Land Use and Voter Rights. We also decided to highlight the inception of the League and Ruthie Wander's tenure as president of the League in the '70's. League brochures are available to take home and there is a "mini" voting booth for the younger visitors. A friend of Nancy's, Janet Krehbiel Pieracci, architect and gifted artist, designed several banners (which will be used at other events) and drew up detail specifications for the wall.

Carole Kohn and I were responsible for finding appropriate materials to meet our selection criteria. At the library, both of us reviewed the contents of archive boxes: yellowed minutes of board meetings beginning in 1930, observer reports, annual meeting programs, newspaper clippings, surveys, unit presentations and some, mostly recent photographs. We were anxious to see how the League was portrayed in the local press. In order to do that, Carole went through indices of the Highland Park News and its predecessors and then spent many hours viewing these publications on microfilm. Some of our fascinating "finds", along with many other important memories, can be seen on the Wall in the lobby of at the bank through April 26.

The bank hosted a "photo op" reception for our exhibition on April 3. While it is up, the bank will donate \$2 to the League for anyone who likes The First Bank of Highland Park on their Facebook Page ([click here](#)).

Many thanks to everyone who contributed their time to this project: Nancy Goldberg, Carole Kohn, Janet Krehbiel Pieracci, Rose Feder, and Marlene Senescu.

Judy Miller

LWV HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD

Ruth Fell Wander Wall—First Bank of Highland Park



Our materials have been archived at the HP Library! In January we began looking through the archives.



Assembly off site and at the Bank



VOTER RIGHTS

LEAGUE INCEPTION

GUN CONTROL

ENVIRONMENTAL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

EDUCATION

ZONING / LAND USE



HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEAGUE



Celebrating Women's History Month

Highland Park Women in the Military: True Grit

On Wednesday, March 21st, Joann Brooks and Sonja Martin captured the attention of Leaguers as they related their experiences in the military. They both served while also wives and mothers who were deployed outside of the U.S. Their tours of duty included Germany, South Korea and Iraq.

Joann enlisted into the Women's Army Corps (WAC), served twenty-one years in active duty and was a Warrant Officer, Computer Specialist and Commander.

Sonja served in the Regular Army twenty years as a Quartermaster where she had to procure the necessities for the men who were part of her Convoy. An interesting note: she had to select the clothing and other items for the captured Saddam Hussein in 2003.

Joann's and Sonja's successful exploits were achieved alongside the men that they commanded.

The League audience saw the charm, strength and pride of these American military women who were delighted to share their experiences.

When you encounter women in the military be sure to thank them for service to our country.

Elaine Adler



Sonja Martin and Joann Brooks



Sonja Martin with Judy Miller, Rose Feder, and Elaine Adler

HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEAGUE

VOTER REGISTRATION EVENTS

In January, League representatives registered 156 enthusiastic HPHS high school students as new voters.

On April 16, 2018, Gail Brown, Rose Feder, Nancy Goldberg, Betsy Lassar, Margaret Lindsay, Marlene Senescu, Janet Swartz and Cindy Wolfson registered 34 new voters after the naturalization ceremony at Highland Park High School.

An additional registration event is planned in May for Senior Check-Out Day.



Contact Rheta Pickard if you are interested in becoming a deputy registrar: rspickard@comcast.net

NEW LEAGUE BOOK GROUP



Starting on **April 25**, we will meet the last Wednesday of most months at the Highland Park Library.

The April book will be the NY Times best seller, *EVICTED*, by Matthew Desmond. The library has multiple copies of the book and you can watch an interview with the author at the online EVICTED site.

Meeting time on April 25th will be 1 to 2 pm in the Brenner Room, to the left as you enter the library. *Please note that only covered beverages (water, coffee, etc.) are allowed in the room..*

LWV HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEADERSHIP TEAM

Leadership Team 2017—2018:

Elaine Adler

Rose Feder

Judy Miller

Ginger Seff

Marlene Senescu

Carole Kohn

Contingency Nominating Committee 2018:

Barbara Kronish, Barbara Lippai, and Ginny Schulte



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League of Women Voters of the United States
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**MORE
PERFECT
DEMOCRACY**Check out the [LWVIL](#) website for details about:

- Chicago as the Host City
- Volunteers Opportunities
- Second City Fundraiser on Friday June 29th in the Hilton Hotel Grand Ballroom.



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

The LWVIL Electoral College Committee will have a Caucus Room at the convention

Delegates to the 2017 LWVIL Convention voted to support elevating the existing LWVUS position on abolishing the Electoral College to a national program focus for the 2018-2020 biennium. The National League has declined to make this issue a priority at this time.

A local group comprised of members from many LWVIL Leagues, has formed the Electoral College Committee, which has been granted a Caucus Room at the convention.

Following are a couple of excellent documents created by the Electoral College Committee:

- [Who Will Elect the President](#) is an excellent pamphlet explaining the Electoral College.
- [Explanation of the LWVUS position](#) on abolishing the Electoral College and background for LWVUS to prioritize for the 2018-2020 biennium.

LWVUS NATIONAL CONVENTION



League of Women Voters Highland Park/Highwood

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

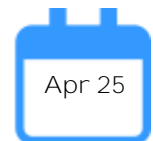
LWV HP/HWD Ruth Fell Wander Community Arts Wall

When April (April 2nd—April 26th)
 Where First Bank of Highland Park, 1835 1st St.
 Description **Showcasing our League’s 90 year history with many**
 of the accomplishments of our League gathered from our archives



LWV HP/HWD League Book Club

When April 25 1:00—2:30 pm
 Where HP Library, Brenner Room
 Description New York Times Best Seller, EVICTED, by Matthew Desmond



LWV HP/HWD Annual Business Meeting

When May 19, 9:45
 Where Bella Via Ristorante, 1899 2nd St., Highland Park
 Description Members invited to the meeting, preceding the Celebratory Luncheon.



LWV HP/HWD 90th Anniversary Luncheon and Program lwvhp.org

When May 19, Noon
 Where Bella Via Ristorante, 1899 2nd St., Highland Park
 Description 90th Year Anniversary Celebration continues with a lunch
 and program featuring Illinois State Representative and
 Majority Leader, Hon. Barbara Flynn Currie.
 LWVHP/HWD will be presented a proclamation from the City of
 Highland Park





League of Women Voters Highland Park/Highwood

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

LWV HP/HWD July 4th Parade lwvhp.org



When July 4th

Where Downtown Highland Park

Description March with us as we continue our 90th Anniversary celebration as Grand Marshal of the Highland Park Independence Day parade! More details to follow!



Editor's note: Thanks to Elaine Adler, Andy Amend, Rose Feder, Nancy Goldberg, Barbara Kronish, Judy Miller, Rheta Pickard and Ginger Seff for contributions to this bulletin.

GREEN NOTES:

Coffee, tea or water? Great drinks but watch the containers.

Starbuck's is using 4 billion hot beverage containers daily worldwide. That equals the harvest of 1.6 million trees. Greenpeace is leading a campaign to pressure Starbuck's to find a cup that can at least be recycled.



At the same time, in the plastics arena, scientists predict that if we don't begin to ameliorate the problem now, by 2050 the volume of plastics in our oceans will be equal to that of the fish.

What are you using for your coffee, tea or water? Do something for Earth Day (April 22) this year and make some new habits that will really make a difference. Take a travel mug to Starbucks or any coffee spot. Many give discounts when you do. Then start using a re-usable water bottle. You'll save money and prevent plastic pollution, just two of the many benefits resulting from ceasing the use of disposable single-serve bottles.

We are celebrating 90!




**League of Women Voters
Highland Park/Highwood**