

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**  
**OF THE**  
**HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR AREA**  
**(LWV HF-AREA)**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**

**May 19, 2024**  
**2:00 – 6:00 P.M.**



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
OF HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR AREA

*Hazel Crest Municipal Center*  
*Presidents Ballroom*  
*3601 W. 183<sup>rd</sup> Street*  
*Hazel Crest, IL 60429*

**IN MEMORIAM**  
***Deborah Turner, President LWVUS***  
***Dr. Jane Brown, LWVHF***  
***June Gerrish, LWVHF***

**LWV-HF Area  
Annual Meeting Agenda**

**MAY 19, 2024**

Welcome and Call to Order	Deborah Hampton and Sandra Slayton, Co-Presidents
Adoption of Order of Business	Carolyn Cosentino, Vice President
Report of Disposition Of 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes	Peg Butler and Veroncia Amen
Elected Officials Introduction	Co-President
Guest Speaker	Becky Simon, President LWV Illinois
Honorees	Lorea Farley Jessica Groen Erin Roeper
Treasurer's Report	Pat Jackson
Proposed Budget	Pat Jackson
Conversion to 501 (c)(3)	Chastity Neal
Nominations & Elections	Kate Atkins-Trimnell & Committee
Membership	Lorea Farley
Directions to the Board	All Members
Announcements and Other Business	Deborah and Sandra, Co-Pres

Adjournment

**Current Board of Directors  
2023-2024**

<b><u>Executive Board</u></b>	<b><u>Term Ending</u></b>
Deborah Hampton and	2025
Sandra Slayton, Co-Presidents	2025
Carolyn Cosentino, Interim Vice Pres.	2024
Patricia Jackson, Treasurer	2024
Pearlene Carter, Secretary	2025

**Directors**

Elaine Chisholm	2024
Lorea Farley	2024
Cheryl Gansauer	2024
Mary Griffin	2024
Jessica Groen	2024
Michelle Hayes	2024
Trinita Henry	2025
Lillian Lee	2024
Gina LoGalbo	2024
Chastity Neal	2025
Mamie Smith	2024
<b><u>Nominating Committee</u></b>	2024

Kate Atkins Trimnell, Chair, Ruby Donahue, Lillian Lee, Michelle Hayes, Lillian Lee, Gina LoGalbo

**Presidents' Message**  
**Deborah Hampton and Sandra Slayton**  
**Co-Presidents**

This year, we have had the pleasure of serving as Co-Presidents, sharing the role and responsibilities inherent in the position of President. As Presidents, we not only participate in local HF Area activities, but serve as our league's conduit to LWV Cook County, LWV Illinois, and LWV U.S. The knowledge we gain from these interactions is valuable and rewarding, though it involves an enormous number of meetings and virtual contacts. Many times, over the last year, we have marveled at the resilience of our predecessor, Barbara Hayes, who served as the single President for four years and unselfishly devoted much of her time and life to the League.

We are so grateful for the assistance of our Executive Committee and Board of Directors who embrace their roles as Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Program Chairs, Co-Chairs, and all-around supporters of the League's mission, goals, and values. Most of all, thanks to our general membership without whom, our League would not exist. You have stepped up to volunteer for various assignments, generously donated your time, talent, funds, and refreshments; supported our charitable causes and fund-raising efforts, attended many meetings, participated in numerous voter registration drives, lobbied legislative representatives on causes we've championed, and have kept our league vibrant, relevant, and serving our communities.

The League of Women Voters is a multi-level organization operating at the national, state, county, and local levels, all speaking with one voice. The LWV H-F priorities align with those of the national, State, and county. Last year, with the support of LWV Cook County, we championed the initiative for the Pretrial Fairness Act which ended cash bail in Illinois. This leveled the playing field for those without the financial means to post bail. Previously, individuals charged with the same type of crime could be treated differently based on their financial means.

We also worked to ensure the sunset of the Invest in Kids Act that was enacted in 2017 under Governor Rauner. This Act provided a 75% tax credit to contributing individuals and businesses, and subsidized tuition for students in parochial and other non-public schools. The Act was intended to be a positive initiative, however, every tax credit dollar given to an Invest in Kids donor was taken from public funds and should have been used to support public schools.

We can look back with pride at our achievements and will continue to champion the positions of the League of Women Voters at all levels. With this being a presidential election year, our focus will continue to be on registering voters. In the last couple of months, we've conducted registration drives at numerous area high schools, and this campaign will continue. 2025 is also a municipal election year, and in the interest of educating voters on the candidates, we plan to conduct several candidate forums. Your assistance in these processes is appreciated as always.

## Presidents' Message (cont'd)

Recently we embarked on an effort to convert our league from a 501(c)(4) to a 501(c)(3) organization. The 501(c)(3) designation will provide a tax advantage for sponsors and contributors who donate to our League to the extent tax laws allow. Under our current designation, only funds designated for the Education Fund are tax-deductible. This conversion has been a lengthy legal process but is expected to be completed by year's end.

And, next year we will be implementing a new, more streamlined membership management system developed by the LWVUS, that will facilitate the engagement of more members, through local, state, and national websites and national membership campaigns. It will include a unified membership dues structure for all Leagues nationwide and will provide the option for members to pay more or less than the suggested fee.

Members are a vital source of organizational power for LWV, carrying out the League's mission on the ground and serving as the organization's strongest base of support. The new system is expected to grow the LWV's membership nationwide in number and diversity so that our organization looks like the people we serve and has the collective power to ensure all voices are heard. More information on the new system will be forthcoming as implementation begins.

Thank you so much members, for your commitment and support. With your active participation, we can continue to make a difference and be an asset to the communities we serve. We look forward to another great year of working with you shoulder-to-shoulder *Empowering Voters and Defending Democracy*

Yours in League,

Deborah and Sandra



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
OF HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR AREA

**MEMBER RECOGNITION 2024-2025**

**50 + Years**

*Peg Boivin  
Peggy Butler  
Barbara Gordon  
Karen Maurer Pat  
Paulsen*

**30 + Years**

*Anita Healey  
Edna Littlewood  
Sylvia Tufts*

**20 + Years**

*Marjorie Armstrong  
Ruby Donahue  
Ruby Marsh  
Freeda Marshall  
Eugenia Williams-Pauling  
Chris Schmitt*

**15 + Years**

*Cheryl Gansauer  
Erin Roeper  
George Roeper Joan  
Strohm  
Kate Atkins-Trimnell  
Linda Sue Palcek*

**The League of Women Voters of Homewood-Flossmoor Area**

**April 2024 Treasurer's Report**

<b>Beginning balance March 31, 2024</b>	<b>\$12,248.23</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>\$4,373.00</b>
<b>Transfers</b>	
<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>\$2,598.89</b>
<b>Ending balance April 30, 2024</b>	<b>\$14,022.34</b>

**Statement of Assets**

<b>Cash- Harris Bank - Current</b>	<b>\$ 14,022.34</b>
<b>Restricted - Cash Harris</b>	<b>\$ 4,346.60</b>
<b>Operating Cash Harris</b>	<b>\$ 9,675.74</b>
<b>Vanguard Star Funds 3/31/2024</b>	<b>\$ 18,401.70</b>
	<b>\$ 28,077.44</b>

**LWV - IL Education Fund July 1,2023-April 30,2024 (\$8,825.76)**

**2024-2025 Proposed Budget**

**REVENUE**      Date: 5/19/24 Meeting

	2023-2024		2024-2025	
	APRIL YTD		PROPOSED	
	2023/24	Budget	BUDGET	
Apr-24				
<b>DUES</b>	\$0.00	\$4,827.91	\$6,650.00	\$6,125.00
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	\$100.00	\$524.41	\$450.00	\$372.00
LWV of H-F Area (not tax- deductible)	\$100.00	\$338.00	\$420.00	\$300.00
LWVIL Education (tax-deductible)		\$126.41		
Bulletins Mailed (5 mailings)		\$60.00	\$30.00	\$72.00
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>	\$1,400.00	\$4,801.36	\$5,920.00	\$6,200.00
Ads/ Sponsorship	\$500.00	\$900.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,700.00
Fundraisings- <b>Restricted</b>	\$2,873.00	\$2,923.01	\$2,800.00	\$1,000.00
Annual Mtg	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,000.00
Membership Event ( <b>SEPT,</b> )		\$1,340.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,100.00
Miscellaneous		\$141.36		
Transfer from Ed Fund(paid directly to State/National)		\$1,520.00	\$1,520.00	\$1,400.00
<b>Total Revenue - Operating</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$10,153.68</b>	<b>\$13,020.00</b>	<b>\$12,697.00</b>

**Restricted Income**

Restricted Income (Website)                    **\$2,873.00**

(Voter Service Grant) - 30% Travel

Restricted Income YTD Thru April                    **\$ 4,346.60**



Date: 5/19/24 Meeting

**EXPENDITURES**

**Operating Costs**

Printing Booklet/ Annual Mtg)  
 Postage  
 PO Box/ paid annual (MARCH)  
 Insurance Waived  
 Equipment (Zoom) (Webinar)  
 Fundraising  
 Media/Publicity  
 Miscellaneous  
**Total Operating Costs**

2023-2024			2024-2025
Apr-24	YTD 2023/24	Budget	PROPOSED BUDGET
	\$0.00	\$165.00	\$225.00
	\$0.00	\$63.00	\$55.00
	\$170.00	\$168.80	\$176.00
		\$115.00	\$100.00
\$15.99	\$159.90	\$296.00	\$204.00
\$25.00	\$362.87	\$100.00	\$150.00
<b>\$40.99</b>	<b>\$692.77</b>	<b>\$907.80</b>	<b>\$910.00</b>

**Sponsorship/Fundraiser Committee**

Postage  
 Supplies  
 Events  
**Total Sponsorship Committee**

	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
	\$0.00		
<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>

Date: 5/19/24 Meeting

**EXPENDITURES**

**President STATE**

Transportation

Meals/ Lodging

National/State Conventions-Reg

**Total President**

	2023-2024		2024-2025
	Apr-24	YTD 2023/24	Budget
			PROPOSED BUDGET
Transportation	\$430.96	\$430.96	\$548.00
Meals/ Lodging	\$277.12	\$277.12	\$810.00
National/State Conventions-Reg	\$775.00	\$775.00	\$475.00
<b>Total President</b>	<b>\$1,483.08</b>	<b>\$1,483.08</b>	<b>\$1,833.00</b>

**Delegates (1) National**

Transportation

Meals/ Lodging

National/State Conventions-Reg

**Total Delegates**

	\$0.00		
	\$0.00		
	\$0.00		
<b>Total Delegates</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**Annual Meeting**

Room Rental

Meals

Speakers

Gifts (Award)/Photo

Diversity Dinners

**Total Annual Meeting**

Room Rental	\$511.25	\$511.25	\$750.00
Meals		\$1,128.87	\$1,587.20
Speakers			
Gifts (Award)/Photo	\$159.62	\$159.62	\$141.00
Diversity Dinners			
<b>Total Annual Meeting</b>	<b>\$670.87</b>	<b>\$1,799.74</b>	<b>\$2,478.20</b>

**Date: 5/19/24 Meeting**  
**EXPENDITURES**

	2023-2024		
	Apr-24	YTD 2023/24	Budget
<b>Membership</b>			
Printing (Book) (OCTOBER)		\$0.00	\$400.00
Postage / Bulletin/Recruitment		\$312.25	\$175.00
Printing 5 Bulletin per year)	\$22.75	\$52.53	\$120.00
Recruitment Event [Food/Rental]		\$1,025.02	\$1,000.00
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>\$22.75</b>	<b>\$1,389.80</b>	<b>\$1,695.00</b>

**Voter Service**

Video Support Candidate Forums

Supplies

**Total Voter Service**

		\$0.00	\$364.00
		\$133.07	\$75.00
		\$133.07	<b>\$439.00</b>
			<b>\$475.00</b>

**Hostess**

Supplies

**Total Hostess**

		\$50.00	\$50.00
		\$0.00	<b>\$50.00</b>
			<b>\$50.00</b>

**Website**

Consultant

Constant Contact

Hosting

Media/Publicity

**Total Website**

	\$100.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00
		\$205.70	\$200.00
		\$0.00	\$400.00
			\$100.00
	\$100.00	<b>\$1,205.70</b>	<b>\$1,900.00</b>
			<b>\$1,941.00</b>

Date: 5/19/24 Meeting

**EXPENDITURES**

**Financial Support for the League**

National PMP 25% - 50%

State PMP 25%--50%

**Tot Financial Support League**

2023-2024			2024-2025
Apr-24	YTD 2023/24	Budget	PROPOSED BUDGET
	<b>\$3,024.00</b>	\$3,024.00	\$2,768.00
	<b>\$3,040.00</b>	\$3,040.00	\$2,800.00
<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$6,064.00</b>	<b>\$6,064.00</b>	<b>\$5,568.00</b>

**Inter-League Organizations**

Cook County(waived @annual Mtg)

Upper Mississippi River Region

Lake Michigan

**Total Inter-League Organizations**

	\$190.00	\$200.00	\$192.00
	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
	\$53.00	\$53.00	\$53.00
<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$268.00</b>	<b>\$278.00</b>	<b>\$270.00</b>

**Educational Activities**

Program Committees(Speakers Gifts)

Combined National & State

**Total Educational Activities**

\$281.20	\$766.05	\$50.00	\$300.00
	\$0.00		
<b>\$281.20</b>	<b>\$766.05</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>

**Total Expenditures \***

**Restricted Expenditures(minus)**

**Total Expenditures Operating**

\$2,598.89	\$13,802.21	<b>\$15,820.00</b>	<b>\$15,548.00</b>
		<b>\$2,800.00</b>	<b>\$2,851.00</b>
<b>\$2,498.89</b>	<b>\$12,463.44</b>	<b>\$13,020.00</b>	<b>\$12,697.00</b>

**Slate of Candidates**

**Executive Committee and Directors 2024-2026**

**Executive Committee**

**Term Ending**

**(Voted Required)**

Carolyn Cosentino, Vice President 2026

Patricia Jackson, Treasurer 2026

**Board of Directors 2-Year Elected Term**

**(Voted Required)**

1. Elaine Chisholm 2026

2. Lorea Farley 2026

3. Michelle Hayes 2026

4. Mary Griffin 2026

5. Gloria Bashir 2026

**Appointee Director 1 Term**

**(No Voted Required)**

1. Mamie Smith 2025

2. Cheryl Gansauer 2025

3. Gina LoGalbo 2025

4. Jessica Groen 2025

5. Lillian Lee 2025

**Nominating Committee Members for FY 2025-2026**

Kate Atkins-Trimnell, Chair

Ruby Donahue

Veronica Harris

**Membership Annual Meeting Report 2023-2024**  
**Lorea Farley – Membership Chairperson**

**New Members**

Bashir, Gloria	Henderson, Deborah	Lynch, Deborah
Brezill, Kassandra	Hicks, Earl	Maynor, Virginia
Carter, Rhonda	Hicks, Barbara Jackson-	McClain, Claudia
Deugaw, Molly	Holland, Sharon	Morris, Roberta
Foster, Virginia	Jefferson, Eugenia	Wiggins, Arel
Goodwin, Bridgette	Koger, Jeanine	

**Total Membership**

<b>Primary</b>	<b>87</b>
<b>Additional</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Life</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Student</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>98</b>

**Membership Annual Report**

**THE POWER OF YOUR VOTE!** Revisiting the Foundation of Our Organization was the theme of the League Annual Membership event on Friday, September 15, 2023. It included Food, Fellowship, Information, Fun, Reuniting, and Recruiting! **Teamwork!** was at work with not only the Membership Committee (Pearlene Carter, Trinita Henry, Patricia Jackson, and Chastity Neal) playing roles, but volunteers from other committees participating as well, from making lovely centerpieces, serving delicious food, comprising a panel that provided facts, statistics, and accomplishments from 1920 to the present, a display of Historical Handbooks, ideas collected via a Grow Your League Tree, and of course, League Bingo, and beautifully hand-crafted prizes. Our phenomenal speaker was Judge Deidre Dyer. Our MC kept the program moving but there was still plenty of time for picture taking, laughter, and socializing throughout the evening. This yearly event was a great way to kick off our year. And, as a bonus, five new members joined our League at this event! Also, one of our newest new members, Kassandra Brezill, has joined the Membership Committee.

So, be on the lookout for your invitation /flyer in the mail for this year’s event. Also, Membership Renewal Month is June. All members will receive a mailing with a League self-addressed stamped envelope included, to expedite payment. Payment can also be made online via Pay Pal (fee added) or Zelle. Details are on the Membership Form. Also, be sure to check off as many Committees that interest you. We are looking forward to another phenomenal year with all of you renewing *your* membership and recruiting *new* members to grow our organization and continue serving our communities.

**Programs Committee Annual Report**  
**Michelle Hayes and Trinita Henry Co-Chairs**

**September Events (2023):**

**Judge Diedre Dyer**

September 19th was *National Voter Registration Day*. Ensuring that every eligible individual has the opportunity to register to vote, is a basic tenet of the League of Women Voters. Our distinguished guest speaker was **Judge Deidre Dyer** who spoke about Voting laws and Voting rights in Illinois and other states. Judge Diedre M Dyer was appointed to the bench by unanimous vote of the Illinois Supreme Court and was the first judicial appointment made by Supreme Court Justice Joy V. Cunningham. She has 21 years of experience in both civil and criminal court proceedings. Deidre M. Dyer was appointed to the bench by unanimous vote of the Illinois Supreme Court and was the first judicial appointment made by Supreme Court Justice Joy V. Cunningham. She has 21 years of experience in both civil and criminal court proceedings.

**Sand Ridge Nature Center**  
**Guided Walk**

We also had a nature guided walk at the Sand Ridge Nature Center. The event was one of the series planned by LWVCC. Joining us at the nature center were **Cook County Commissioner Donna Miller, 6<sup>th</sup> District, Jeremy Young-District Director for Miller**, and **Warren Callahan-Chief of Staff for Commissioner Stanley Moore, 4<sup>th</sup>District, Laura Davis LWV Palatine**, our own **Carolyn Cosentino**, and **Michele Nicolai-LaGrange**.

The ridges, modest high points, provide geographic markers around the lake. Not overwhelming in height, but we have enough to provide solid walkways through the area for indigenous peoples, freedom seekers, and settlers. Along the path, we saw hen mushrooms, chokeberries, marshmallow, and a tiny toad. It was a great opportunity to learn more about our region, spend day in nature, and talk with interesting people.

**Programs Committee Report**  
**October Event (2023):**

**Take Action:**  
**Sunset Invest in Kids**  
**Public Funds for Public Schools**  
**Cassie Creswell, Director of the Illinois Families for Public Schools**

In October, the LWV H-F Area partnered with the **National Council of Jewish Women** for ***The Invest in Kids school*** voucher program. This program diverts up to \$75 million from public education and sends public dollars to unaccountable, nontransparent private schools, while over 80% of our public schools in Illinois are underfunded.

We heard from experts who were passionate to fight any attempt at extending Invest in Kids. We had the opportunity to be informed on the issue and take action by contacting our state legislator.

## **Programs Committee Annual Report (cont'd)**

### **February Event:**

#### **Black History Month Program**

In honor of Black History Month, **Dr. Tenia Davis** presented “The Art of Inspiring Others: A Leader's Guide”. Dr. Tenia Davis holds an MBA from Loyola University of Chicago and has also earned a PhD from Benedictine University’s Center for Values-Driven Leadership after successfully defending her dissertation titled “The Influence of Organizational Culture on the Display of Servant Leadership.” She is also a recognized community leader who expresses particular care and interest in mentoring the next generation of leaders and volunteers. She was recently acknowledged by the United States Senate and received Congressional recognition for her efforts to inspire the world’s future leaders. Tenia is also an international businesswoman and has spent much time managing international corporations in multiple locations across the world. We were also entertained by a phenomenal and talented musical family, “**The Beyond.**”

### **Programs Committee Report**

#### **March Event:**

#### **"Ordinary Women Can Do Extraordinary Things!"**

In honor of Women’s History Month, our distinguished guest speaker was **Emily Bath**. Mrs. Bath is a wife & mother who wears many hats, including that of Managing Director at Beautycounter, a prominent clean beauty brand that focuses on safety, innovation and advocacy work. Educating and guiding others on the path to minimizing toxicity in their lives has always fueled her fire & she has become more passionate than ever about using her voice to openly share her experiences and knowledge by, as she terms, “learning out loud.”

#### **April Event: Earth Month**

For our Earth Month meeting, we were honored to have Elizabeth Joy Guscott-Mueller, David Mueller, and Carrie Malfeo who encouraged us to never doubt that a small group can change the world, as they promoted sustainability and reduced use of plastics. We were surprised and disappointed to learn that only a small percentage of plastics are recycled and that most went to landfills or was shipped overseas. We were encouraged to reduce our reliance on plastics, particularly grocery bags, by using our own cloth or other reusable bags.



# **Voter Services Committee Annual Report**

**Mary Griffin and Veroncia Amen, Co-Chairs**

July -2023 – April 2024

The Voter Services Committee has had a very busy year. Since our last Annual Meeting, we have welcomed several new members into the Voter Services Committee, bringing our committee membership to over 50 members. This is comprised of members who are voter registrars and members who are interested in and/or experienced in conducting candidate forums, either as moderators, timers, or other candidate forum responsibilities.

In August, the Voter Services Committee participated in Hazel Crest's annual Hazelnut Festival as voter registrars. Unfortunately, along with the other vendors, we were rained out and had to shut down early. Nonetheless, we are looking forward to participating in this year's Hazelnut Festival and hoping for better weather.

September 19, 2023, was National Voter Registration Day. The Homewood-Flossmoor League of Women Voters celebrated this national call to action by conducting a GOTV event at Homewood-Flossmoor High School. Working directly with the Director of Student Activities and with the cooperation of the U.S. History and Civics teachers, the Voter Services Committee volunteers were able to register over 100 students. Also, in commemoration of National Voter Registration Day, our Voter Services co-chair, Veroncia Amen, represented the Homewood-Flossmoor League of Women Voters with other voter registrars at Simeon High School in Chicago, where over 100 students were registered there as well.

From October through December 2023, the Voter Services Committee worked on our calendar for the upcoming year. The first event was in February at Hazel Crest's Black History Month program where we once again served as voter registrars. Also in February, the Voter Services Committee of the Homewood-Flossmoor League of Women Voters partnered with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., at Thornwood High School where we registered eligible 17- and 18-year-olds.

In March, the Homewood-Flossmoor League of Women Voters was invited to participate in the teen voter registration drive, "That's How We Roll, Skate to the Polls," hosted by the South Suburban Chicago Chapter of Jack & Jill of America, Inc. Also joining us was the National Council of Black Women (NCBW). The event was held at the Tinley Park skating rink in Tinley Park, Illinois. It was the last day to register voters online, and it was very productive.

### **Voter Services Committee Annual Report (cont'd)**

Throughout the month of April, the Voter Service Committee was very active. We facilitated voter registration events at Marion Catholic High School, Thornwood High School, Thornton High School, and Thornridge High School. We also served as voter registrars at a Youth Opportunities Fair hosted by Congresswoman Robin Kelly at Hillcrest High school. In addition to these events, we were asked to register voters at Christ Temple Community Baptist Church, and we also accepted the invitation to participate in Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's "Social Action Activated" held at Prairie State Community College where we were present to register voters and to participate in the roundtable discussion on voter-related matters.

Finally, we are presently in the process of scheduling a voter registrar class with the Board of Elections.

Over the next few months, we will continue to pursue voter registration opportunities at local senior homes, summer fairs, farmer's markets, and any other opportunity that avails itself to us.

As we approach our local and national elections in November, we will be focusing, not only on voter registration, but also on preparing for candidate forums. We welcome the support of volunteers from the Voter Services Committee as well as from the general membership in these endeavors.

## **Sponsorship/Fundraising Committee Annual Report**

Dr. Mamie L. Smith, Chair, and Elaine Chisholm, Co-Chair, Sandra Slayton-Executive Board Liaison, Veroncia Amen, Dr. Pearlene Carter, Eugenia Cutler, Cheryl Gansauer, Monica Gordon, Lilian Lee, and Gina LoGalbo.

The Sponsorship/Fundraising Committee was very successful over the last year. Through its advertising Initiative, and Double Good Popcorn Sale, the committee raised over \$3,000.00 to support the League's programs and activities.

September, 2023 The committee decided that fundraising would be the committee's major thrust. To reflect this function, the Committee agreed to changing the name to from Finance Committee to Sponsorship/Fundraising Committee.

October, 2023 In October, the committee met and discussed the development of a Solicitation Letter and Advertising Agreement for businesses to expand their business advertising by utilizing the League's print and social media platforms. The committee agreed that the advertising materials should be completed and sent to the Executive Board for review by October 23. The committee agreed to raise the fee for advertising with the League to \$100. Sandra agreed to present the change to the Executive Board for approval.

December 2023-January, 2024 Advertising Documents, Solicitation Letter and Advertising Agreement, were finalized. Arrangements for mailing were detailed. Documents were to be mailed to area businesses during the week of January 8<sup>th</sup>.

February, 2024 An update on the Advertising Initiative showed that none of the businesses solicited had responded to the solicitation letter. Pearlene explained the Double Good Popcorn Sales program and her positive experience with it. Pearlene was asked to coordinate this initiative.

March, 2024 As of March, LWVHF had received responses to advertising initiative from Walt's and Flossmoor Brewing Station. Committee members were asked to select 5 businesses to solicit in-person. Double Good Popcorn Sale dates were set from March 25-28. All LWVHF members would be asked to participate.

April 2024. As of that meeting date, the total sales from the Double Good Popcorn sale was over \$4,286.00. 50% of each dollar sold benefited the League. The in-person, follow-up strategy resulted in several new businesses agreeing to advertise with the League. The new partnerships netted over \$900.00 in revenue. In all, the two fundraisers netted over \$3,000.00 in revenue for the League. The Sponsorship/Fundraising Committee makes the following recommendation: that all members participate in the fundraising initiatives in order for the League to realize substantial funding to support our activities, particularly voter services.

## **Ad Sponsorship/Fundraising Committee Report (cont'd)**

**This year's sponsors are listed below. Their logos and website addresses are included on our website and in membership bulletins. Members are encouraged to utilize the services and/or products of these sponsors and to convey to them our appreciation of their support of the League of Women Voters. Members are also encouraged to solicit new sponsors.**

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
OF HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR AREA

*Just "popping" in to say*

*Thank You!*



*For Supporting The League of Women Voter H-F Area  
Popcorn Fundraiser  
Total \$2923*

<i>Popcorn Sales \$4266/\$2133</i>	<i>Contribution \$790</i>
<i>Kassandra Brezill</i>	<i>Pearlene Carter</i>
<i>Pearlene Carter</i>	<i>Carolyn Cosentino</i>
<i>Elaine Chisholm</i>	<i>Cheryl Gansauer</i>
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**HOMEWOOD- FLOSSMOOR AREA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**  
**Membership Form – Fiscal Year 2024/25**

1. Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ New: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Bulletins are delivered free via email or \$10 via US mail.

• Annual Dues (through June 30,2025)	Cash/Zelle #	Check #	Pay Pal Rec #
• Individual Membership \$70.00	_____	_____	_____
• Household Membership \$105.00	_____	_____	_____
• (2 people residing in same residence)			
• Student Membership \$35.00	_____	_____	_____
• (16 – 25 years old)			
• Bulletin Mailing Fee \$10.00	_____	_____	

• Contribution & Donations	Cash/Zelle #	Check #
• LWV of H-F AREA (not tax-deductible) Amount: _____	_____	_____
• LWVIL Education Fund (tax-deductible)		
• Must be a separate check made payable to LWVIL Ed Fund) Amount: _____ Check # _____		

- Please return this form and your check to:
- LWV H- F Area - P.O. Box 801, Flossmoor IL 60422
- Please fill this form out when making Online Payment to:
- Zelle Payment: League of Women Voters Email: [lwvhfareboard@gmail.com](mailto:lwvhfareboard@gmail.com)
- PayPal – additional fees are as follows: individual \$3.04 – Household \$4.26
- For questions contact the Membership Team @ [lwvhfareboard@gmail.com](mailto:lwvhfareboard@gmail.com)

**I am willing to do one or more of the following activities to continue to keep our local League strong and vibrant:**

**Voters Service**

- Voter Registrar \_\_\_\_\_
- Candidate Forums \_\_\_\_\_
- Moderator \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsorship/Fund Raising**

- Sponsorship \_\_\_\_\_
- Fund Raising \_\_\_\_\_

**Publicity/Technology**

- Website \_\_\_\_\_
- Social Media \_\_\_\_\_
- Monitor League E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Communication**

- Constant Contact \_\_\_\_\_
- Zoom \_\_\_\_\_

- Membership Committee \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Book Committee**

- Proofreading/Organizing \_\_\_\_\_

**Green (Environment) Committee** \_\_\_\_\_

- Hospitality Committee \_\_\_\_\_
- Budget Committee \_\_\_\_\_

- Observer Corps (community board meetings)

- Program Planning Committee \_\_\_\_\_

**State/US Issues**

- Legislative Issues \_\_\_\_\_
- Tracking legislation \_\_\_\_\_
- Advocate for Issues \_\_\_\_\_
- Interviewing Legislators \_\_\_\_\_
- Special Topic Group Study \_\_\_\_\_