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Presidents' Message 2018
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Mary Emily and I hope you had a most enjoyable holiday season and have managed to get through some of those frigid days of January. By the time you receive this bulletin, some of you will have participated in the 2018 Women's March to the Polls on Jan. 20th (thank you!) and others will have attended the Jan. 27th Breakfast/Program Planning meeting at Sylvia Tillman's home (always an informative, pleasant experience!). Get ready to participate in several events during the next few months.

Be sure to read the separate articles about our February and March program meetings found on page 2 of this bulletin and then plan to attend each one. Invite a friend, too.

The LWVIL Issues Briefing is Saturday, February 10, at the University Center, 525 South State Street in Chicago. This outstanding all-day program/workshop is sponsored by the Issues Committee of LWVIL and lasts from 9:30 – 4:00 p.m. The theme this year is **BRIDGING DIVIDES: CULTIVATING COMMON GROUND FOR ACTION**. To see a list of speakers, workshops and other activities included, go to League of Women Voters Illinois (<http://www.lwvil.org>) and click on the link to Issues Briefing which is on the home page. There you will find the information and a registration form. You can also go to the direct link to access the registration form: <http://lwvil.org/issuesbriefing.html>. The cost is \$60.00 and includes continental breakfast and a box lunch; the cost is \$30 if you want to attend only in the morning or the afternoon. Many local league members ride the train together and walk the short distance to the University Center. Mary Emily and I encourage you to attend this valuable event because it's always an *exceptional day* of learning and meeting new people.

The Illinois primary will take place on March 20, 2018. A candidate forum is being planned on Sunday, February 18, at 2:00 p.m. at the Homewood Library by LWVHF Area along with the LWV Park Forest Area for the candidates running for the 2nd Congressional District. Another forum is being planned for the 38th State Congressional District. See the article later in this bulletin for more information about both of these forums -- and please consider saying "Yes!" when asked to volunteer at either one.

As members of LWV, you receive many emails and special announcements from your local, state and national leagues. We encourage you to take the time to read as many as possible because this is the primary form of communication with our membership. If you have not been receiving messages from us, please check to see if they may have been sent to your SPAM box on your computer. If not there, perhaps your email address has changed. If so, please email Joan Strohm at jdsjan@aol.com and provide her with your correct email so that our records can be corrected. We want everyone to receive the information we send.

Thank you all for your membership and participation in LWV H-F Area. The more you are involved, the more effective we are!

Erin and Mary Emily

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Programs & Events / Criminal Justice / ERA Program

“Criminal Justice and the Juvenile” Ms. Linda Young-Harrell, Guest Speaker

**Wednesday, February 21, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.
Homewood Public Library**

Program and Event Reminders

Monday, **February 5, 2018**, 6:30 p.m. – H-F Area Board Meeting
Home of Annie Lawrence

Thursday, **February 8, 2018**, 7:00 p.m. – Drinks & Dialogue
Flossmoor Station, 1035 Sterling Ave., Flossmoor, IL

Saturday, **February 10, 2018**, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. –
LWVIL Issues Briefing
University Center, 525 S. State Street, Chicago

Wednesday, **February 21, 2018**, 7:00 p.m. – Criminal Justice
Homewood Library

Monday, **March 5, 2018**, 6:30 p.m. – H-F Area Board Meeting
Home of Mary Emily Grant

Wednesday, **March 21, 2018**, 7:00 p.m. – Women’s History &
the ERA
Homewood Library

Monday, **April 2, 2018**, 6:30 p.m. – H-F Area Board Meeting
Home of Glenda Townsend

Wednesday, **April 18, 2018**, 7:00 p.m. – TBA
Homewood Library

Saturday, **May 19, 2018**, 10:00 a.m. to noon – Annual Meeting
Idlewild Country Club, Flossmoor

Thursday, **June 28** – Sunday, **July 1, 2018** – LWVUS
2018 Convention
Hilton Chicago - 720 S. Michigan Ave.

Our multifaceted criminal justice system is complicated -and some even say it’s broken and in serious need of reform. Unfortunately, some of the most profoundly affected citizens are juveniles. Instead of moving towards dreams and setting positive goals, many youths find themselves inextricably entangled in what many refer to as the "school to prison pipeline" which ultimately affects us all.

Please join us Wednesday, February 21, 7:00 p.m. at the Homewood Public Library for an informative evening as we hear from our speaker, Ms. Linda Young-Harrell, MsEd, J.D., EdD. With over three decades of experience as an educator, past appellate law clerk, ARDC attorney and current teacher for students in the juvenile justice system, Ms. Young will share her experiences, insight and vision for a more effective and proactive system.

This event is open to the public, so please feel free to bring a friend and/or neighbor. Arrive early and enjoy light refreshments before Ms. Young-Harrell’s presentation begins.

Women’s History and the ERA Wednesday, March 21, 2018 - 7:00 p.m. Homewood Public Library

Celebrate Women’s History Month with us on March 21st at the Homewood Library at 7:00 pm. Speaker Michelle Fadeley, President of Illinois NOW (National Organization for Women) and one of the founders of ERA Illinois, will be speaking on the importance of the Equal Rights Amendment and how it is possible for Illinois to ratify the amendment. Ms. Fadeley has testified twice in the Illinois Senate on the importance of ratification of the ERA.

The League of Women Voters of the United States supports equal rights for all regardless of sex. The League supports action to bring laws into compliance with the ERA: a) to eliminate or amend those laws that have the effect of discriminating on the basis of sex; b) to promote laws that support the goals of the ERA; c) to strengthen the enforcement of such existing laws.

Invite your friends and neighbors to accompany you on March 21. Arrive early to enjoy some light refreshments. Then get ready for a lively and informative program on the significance of the Equal Rights Amendment.

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.

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UpsaDaisy Boutique, in Homewood, IL, is the area's premier boutique serving Homewood, Flossmoor, Tinley Park and surrounding areas since 2015. We're highly involved in the community and offer women's clothing, accessories, candles, baby gift items, jewelry, blessing bracelets and more. For your next shopping trip, stop by UpsaDaisy Boutique in Homewood.

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National Voter Registration Day 2017 was a big success!

According to nationalvoterregistrationday.org 124,290 new or updated registrants were added nationwide during the 2017 voter registration campaign which the LWV-HF participated in. Those registrants will be able to vote in this year's elections. Critical Illinois Primary Election Day information is below:

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2018 Elections

March 20, 2018 Gubernatorial Primary Election

Date	Event
2/8/2018	Statutory beginning of the early voting period
2/20/2018	Last day to register to vote by paper application
2/21/2018	First day of grace period registration and voting
3/4/2018	Last day to register to vote by online application
3/5/2018	First day of early voting
3/15/2018	Last day to request a mail ballot , including military and overseas voters
3/19/2018	Last day of early voting
3/19/2018	Last day of grace period registration and voting
3/20/2018	Last day mail ballots can be postmarked
3/20/2018	Election Day

Voter Registration Success at HF

Kudos to the LWV-HF area voter registrars Lillian Bacon, Sharon Cooper, Veronica Amen and Sue Palcek, who put on their comfortable shoes and walked the cafeterias at Homewood-Flossmoor High School on January 18th to register 37 students to vote. This unusually large number of registrants may be an indication that students are engaged in the current political environment and want to have their say. Many thanks to Cathy Bordenaro, our liaison at Homewood-Flossmoor High School, who has been coordinating these student registration drives for the last several years. Cathy will be retiring and passing voter registration coordination duties to Annie Lawrence LWV-HF member who also works at the high school.

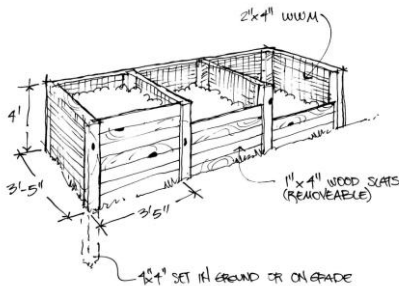
Candidate Forums

The LWV-Homewood Flossmoor Area is partnering with the LWV-Park Forest Area to sponsor a number of candidate forums for the upcoming Primary Elections. Candidates for the 2nd U.S. Congressional District have been invited to participate in a forum on Sunday, Feb 18th. Additionally, plans are underway for forums for the 38th State Congressional District; the Cook County Commissioner – 5th District; and the Cook County Commissioner – 6th District. LWV-HF will take the lead for the Congressional forums, while the LWV-Park Forest will lead the Commissioner forums. Watch the Homewood Flossmoor Chronicle and the LWVHF area website for details as forum dates and plans are formalized.

Green Corner

Back to Recycling Basics continued,

Recycling Glossary:



Compost: A humus or soil-like material created from aerobic, microbial decomposition of organic materials such as food scraps, yard trimmings, and manure.

Compostable: Capable of undergoing biological decomposition in a compost site as part of an available program, such that the material is not visually distinguishable and breaks down into carbon dioxide, water, inorganic compounds, and biomass, at a rate consistent with known compostable materials.

Consumers today can buy the fastest decomposing paper, corn, and potato starch dinnerware, as well as compostable plastic bags in local food stores to compost at home, or to add to waste that will compost underground in landfills.

NOTE : Polystyrene (commonly known as styrofoam) goods **DO NOT** breakdown and are not good for the earth.



The California Effect

From The Nature Conservancy Magazine, author Brendan Borrell

Definition of Cap-and-Trade: from Merriam Webster Dictionary: relating to or being a system that caps or limits the amount of carbon emissions (CO₂) a given company may produce and allows it to buy rights to produce additional emissions from another company that does not use the equivalent amount of its own allowance. A company that does not use full carbon limit can sell its carbon credits.

From Environmental Defense Fund: The goal of this incentive program is to reduce or eliminate emissions completely over time. The “cap” is a limit backed by science with companies paying penalties if they exceed the cap, which gets stricter over time. The “trade” gives flexibility to companies who cannot reduce under the limit, giving them time and a reward system to progress toward lower emission goals.

California’s pioneering carbon market is reforming industry while fueling conservation across the nation. In 2001, California started a voluntary carbon market known as the Climate Action Registry.

Five years later the state enacted a compulsory cap and trade market with The Global Warming Solutions Act or AB32, which targets the largest emitters in the energy, transportation and manufacturing sectors who produce approximately 85% of greenhouse gas emissions.

By 2030, the state's greenhouse gas emissions should be 40% less than they were in 1990.

They are reducing their (CO₂) by switching from coal to natural gas, investing in clean energy and improving energy efficiency of their buildings and operations. An exciting addition to that is California Forestry Management. Forests are being managed to reduce carbon emissions, and are generating carbon credits. Polluting companies pay the state's forestry projects.

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) had a seat at the table from the beginning working with CA to design and implement a forest carbon program, demonstrating how forest management could be used to offset carbon emissions. The forests act as a sponge for carbon dioxide. The trees lock away climate-warming gas in their swelling trunks. Thus, they helped the state with crucial data for the Air Resources Board, by developing rigorous protocols for monitoring and verifying emissions. Once this goal was achieved, other states began working with TNC across the nation to achieve healthy forestry practices and reduce emissions. In the Appalachian Mountains, 100 species of trees have returned to the forests of Daniel Boone's pioneer days, forests that since then were decimated through random logging and tree diseases that followed.

As the success of this program was proven and flourishing, TNC expanded to manage large private ranches with vast forests and cattle in an effort to pay the ranchers an annual fee for participating in the program. Hoping to pay the ranches with the sale of sustainably harvested timber, TNC's profit was short of what was needed to meet the obligation, so it then sought a business partnership with Praxair, who wanted to offset its own emissions with the Climate Trust, a nonprofit that specializes in conservation finance. This partnership yielded the Nature Conservancy \$1 million and allowed it to make its payments and to demonstrate the profitability of forest management.

Today: Across the country 300 projects in 30 states are coming online already offsetting 69 million metric tons of carbon. TNC brokered the purchase of coal development rights on 62,000 acres of Chugach Native tribal land, to retire it, and in trade the tribe will manage the forests for their carbon credit values, selling the credits to CA businesses. Next, they are closing a deal to protect 6000 acres of moose and bear country that was going to be subdivided and developed in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. California's state legislature voted to keep cap-and-trade program in place through 2030.

The remarkable knowledge, dedication and commitment of the Nature Conservancy are well worth a membership investment for anyone who wishes to be a part of innovation and change toward a healthy planet.

NATURE.ORG/MAGAZINE





ISSUES BRIEFING 2018 Bridging Divides: *Cultivating Common Ground for Action*

The LWVIL Issues Committee has planned another fabulous event. This year's Issues Briefing will take place on **Saturday, February 10, from 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** at the University Center, 525 South State Street, Chicago. You may register online at lwvil.org, where you will also find the day's agenda.

Some of the topics to be covered either in one of the two plenary sessions or in break-out workshops include: a discussion with several of our state representatives about the political divide in Illinois; a criminal justice discussion with a state's attorney, an IL senator, a policy expert from the Appleseed Fund, and someone from the Safer Foundation; Metropolitan Planning Council report on "The Cost of Segregation"; community access to clean water; property taxes and educational funding; advocacy toolbox for the Fair Tax Amendment; public health approach to prevent firearm injury and death; redistricting and AVR update; ERA advocacy and activism. When you register, you will select one workshop from the three listed in the morning sessions and another workshop for the afternoon sessions.

All members are encouraged to attend this most informative event. You may also invite a non-league friend to attend with you. Many of us take the train downtown and then walk a few blocks to the University Center. Enjoy a continental breakfast as you chat with LWV members from many local leagues. A box lunch is also included in your registration fee. We hope to see many of the LWVH-F Area members on Feb. 10.

SAVE THE DATE

The 2018 LWVUS Convention will take place June 28 – July 1 in Chicago. This biennial national convention always educates, excites and energizes all those who attend. Over 800 League members from throughout the United States are expected to participate in this year's convention. Though our League is entitled to send just three official delegates, others are invited to register as non-delegates to attend workshops and plenary sessions.

Log on to <http://forum.lwv.org/category/member-resources/council-and-convention/convention-2018> to read more about this year's convention.

In addition, many volunteers will be needed to work on several different committees, so please sign up for one or two-time slots when you read about the various volunteer opportunities in future LWVIL E-News publications. Contact Erin Roeper (erinrpr7@gmail.com) with any questions you may have.

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