

NEWSLETTER Spring 2019

Upcoming Events:

Great Decisions Apr 17 HPPL (Note: registration is full)

Book Club
HPPL "A Woman is No Man"

By Etaf Rum

Annual Meeting and May 18 Luncheon

Immigration Program
Introduction to a LWV series
Details to follow

June

>> View the Calendar

Annual Luncheon

Saturday, May 18, 2019 at 12:00 noon

Bella Via Ristorante

1899 2nd Street, Highland Park

Keynote Speaker:

Anita Banerji
Forefront's Democracy Initiative

Census 2020 (Page 2)



The Annual Members Business Meeting will precede the luncheon Starting at 9:45

Watch for your invitation in the mail

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Voter Registration Book Club

Leadership Team Area Updates:

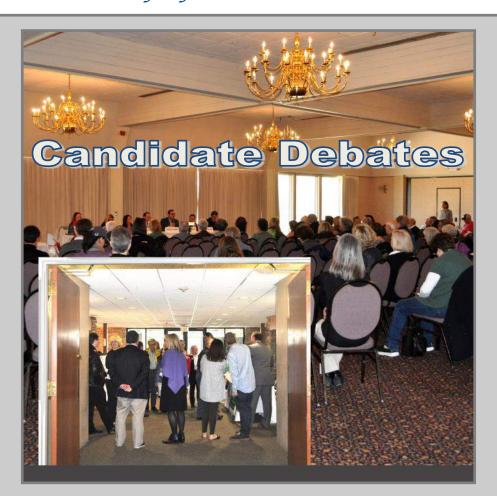
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NEXT UP: Annual Meeting and Luncheon—Saturday, May 18th

Included Working Papers: Program, Nominating, Budget, By-Law updates

LWV HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD

LEADERSHIP TEAM MESSAGE

Dear Leaguers,

Our League's winter programs and events, some rescheduled due to extreme weather conditions, included a very powerful presentation on the Graduated Rate Income Tax (GRIT Project) given by Kathy Tate-Bradish of Evanston from the LWVIL GRIT team. Our League's first Great Decisions Series (co-sponsored by the Highland Park Public Library) is fully subscribed and off to a great start. We discussed the "State of the State Department and Diplomacy" (moderated by Vic Bassi), and, "Cyber Conflicts and Geopolitics" (moderated by Steve Lippai) at our first two meetings. (Note: Due to limited capacity, we had to unfortunately turn some people away this year.) Our book club is completing its first year and all are welcome to join. On March 13th, we reviewed the current positions and local program in preparation for the annual meeting on May 18. (Page 5.) We also had an incredibly fun time participating in Highland Park's MLK Day of Service.

The biggest event of the season was, of course, the Candidate Debate featuring City Council, School District 112, and School District 113 candidates. Thank you to Elaine Adler and her committee for organizing such a successful event, and to Nancy Goldberg for the Voters' Guide which had wide electronic distribution. Who said the League doesn't help the public in making informed choices?

That said, with the April 2nd election date behind us, the information about voter turnout, was extremely low and disappointing. Late election night returns showed that only 11% of Lake County votes (not including provisional and late arriving mail-in ballots) were cast. Highland Park did better but even the highest turnout precinct in H.P. had only a 26% turnout. What can we, as Leaguers, do to increase voter turnout? I am interested in your comments.

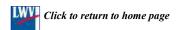
We had hoped to have a pilot program of "Stroll to the Polls" in Highland Park in March. Based on Naperville LWV's successful model, partnering League members with high school students, this action project's purpose was to increase voter turnout for the April 2nd election. Spring break conflicted with the election calendar and we postponed this project until the 2020 primary election. Until then, we are continuing to work with Highland Park High School teachers to introduce the program into government and civics classes and build student awareness. We would really like to have more membership engagement in this program. Contact me if you are interested.

Plans are in the process for a first program (in June) of an on-going series on Immigration.

We are very excited about all we have done this year: our upcoming annual meeting; the programs listed in this newsletter; our increasing membership; and the action and events we'd like to do in the future. But, unlike Lake County, we can't do it all with 11% participation.

We need the help of our members. Please consider "upping" your participation in any way you choose.

Judy Miller, on behalf of the Leadership Team Judy At Home@gmail.com



Please join us for our

91st Annual Meeting and Luncheon

League of Women Voters of Highland Park/Highwood

Saturday, May 18, 2018

Bella Via Ristorante

1899 2nd Street, Highland Park

9:45 a.m.Annual Business Meeting

12:00 noonLuncheon and Program

Luncheon Speaker:

Anita Banerji, Director of Forefront's Democracy Initiative



"Planning For A Complete Count Census 2020"

A complete count in the 2020 census is important for Illinois. We stand to lose one Congressional seat due to population loss. We could lose another due to an incomplete count. Without a fair and accurate Census count, we could lose a very significant amount of federal funds annually. Learn what factors are affecting the coming Census count and what is being done to reach out to hard-to-count populations and address other more technical and systemic problems.

To reserve your place at this LUNCHEON:

(use the comment box for your reservation details).

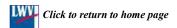
Name(s) _				_
	Luncheon:			
	Voter		\$45	# attending
	Supporter		\$60	# attending
	Sponsor		\$100	# attending
	Total:	\$		
	Please make checks	s payable t	to LWVHP/HWD and send your	completed response form to

LWVHP/HWD, P.O. Box 396, Highland Park, Illinois, 60035.



RSVP requested by May 15th.

Questions? Please contact Elaine Adler at (847 432-4557) or elainebadler@yahoo.com



Annual Luncheon Speaker

Planning FOR A Complete Count Census 2020.

A complete count in the 2020 census is extremely important for Illinois. On March 18, 2019, the *Chicago Tribune* ran an article titled "Experts worry about getting everyone counted: 'Illinois needs a good census count more than almost any other state.'" At our May 18, 2019, annual meeting, our speaker will be Anita Banerji, Director of Forefront's Democracy Initiative, Census 2020 Outreach, and civic engagement work, who is quoted extensively in the *Tribune* article.

Illinois is likely to lose one Congressional seat due to population loss and could lose another due to an incomplete count. Without a fair and accurate Census count, we will lose a very significant amount of federal funds annually. Ms. Banerji will explain what is being done to reach out to hard-to-count populations and discuss other more technical and systemic problems with the roll-out of the 2020 Census.



Forefront is Illinois' statewide alliance of nonprofits, grantmaking foundations, advisors, public agencies, and social impact sector allies. Forefront is working with nonprofits on census outreach while the Complete Count Commission, a state agency, is focused on state entities.

Advocates from coalition partners have concerns that some communities might be harder to reach, especially because of some services that were lost during the years the state went without a budget and that state grants, which are smaller than in comparable states, will be going

out late in the year. Others are concerned that some communities do not believe that information they share with the U.S. census won't be shared with private entities or with other government agencies, even though the law prohibits sharing of individual data.

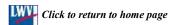
And there is the issue of the Trump administration's proposal for a citizenship question on the 2020 census. The question, which would ask respondents about their citizenship status, will be argued before the U.S. Supreme Court in April.

As Ms. Banerji told the *Tribune*, "each hard-to-count community will require a different outreach strategy, because some communities might respond better to social media while others might need someone to walk them through the process." Forefront has had community briefings with various officials and groups to begin talking about the census, noting that "we are looking for organizations who are trusted messengers." Forefront expects to roll out their campaign around June.

About Our Speaker

Anita Banerji has worked on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., in Illinois Government, and for numerous nonprofits. She holds a master's degree in multicultural and organizational communications from DePaul University and a bachelor's degree in print journalism from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. During the last decade she has worked mostly on advocacy in social policy areas. She has served as the Legislative Director of the Illinois Dept. of Children and Family Services. She sits on the Associate Board of the Indo-American Center in Chicago, a nonprofit providing help to recent immigrants to the area.

Submitted by Carole Kohn, Program Committee Co-chair



LWV HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD ANNUAL MEETING WORKING PAPERS

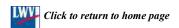
LWVHP/HWD LOCAL PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS 2019—2020

- 1) Retain all our local Positions, except our School Referendum Criteria Position.
- 2) Update of our School Referendum Criteria Position in anticipation of a referendum to update the K- 5 buildings in 3-4 years.
- 3) Take Action under our Flood Plain and Watershed Position: Contact Paul Frank, our Lake County representative, regarding flooding caused by water flowing from Wisconsin.
- 4) Take Action on our Criteria for Local Government Acquisition, Development or Divestiture of Public Property Position: District 112 will be selling school properties in the nearer future.
- 5) Keep a watchful eye on future Central Business District development vis-a-vis our HP's City Planning Central Business District Position: Reflecting concerns of height, open space between buildings, diversity of businesses and funding.
- 6) Schedule our Walk/Bike program in the Fall during the public comment phase of the City's Plan: There is currently not a plan ready to be presented or discussed, which had been previously planned for this Spring.

ByLaws Changes 2019-2020

Membership qualification was amended at the National Convention in 2018 to include all persons at least 16 years of age.

It is recommended that our local bylaws be altered to reflect the change to the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of the United States.



LWV HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD ANNUAL MEETING WORKING PAPERS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT 2019—2020

- 1) <u>Continue with the Leadership Team approach.</u> We all should be very pleased with the Team's approach in building successes this year: they made membership a priority; as well as presenting a consistent program focused on local/state/national issue; enhanced by our wonderful communications team and punctuated by the work of our voter services team.
- 2) Rename the "Convener" to "Leadership Team Chair". As a non-traditional management structure, we have not used the term president and we refer to "Chairs" instead of vice presidents. The Program for the upcoming year anticipates more public outreach where a more descriptive title than convener is deemed necessary.
- 3) Continue to make membership a League priority. With effort we have not seen for quite a while and with our year-long presence through voter service and program, we have seen over a 20% growth in membership! The Team should continue to be a membership "committee of the whole", using strategies that build membership, active membership and, most importantly, depth in committee membership all of which we believe will lead to a stronger, healthier League which develops new, committed Leaders.
- 4) <u>Continue to focus on consistent League issue oriented-programming (local/state/national), for a year -long presence.</u>
- 5) Continue close communication between the program, communications and membership committees.
- 6) Adopt the following slate for one year terms, 2019-2020:

LEADERSHIP TEAM:

JUDY MILLER LEADERSHIP TEAM CHAIR ELAINE ADLER VOTER SERVICE CHAIR SHOSHANA FRIEDMAN SPECIAL PROJECTS

NANCY GOLDBERG COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR CAROLE KOHN PROGRAM CO-CHAIR MARLENE SENESCU MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2019-2020

OFF-LEADERSHIP TEAM
GINNY SCHULTE, CHAIR
ROSE FEDER
Name to be added at a later date
LEADERSHIP TEAM MEMBERS (APPOINTED AT A LATER DATE)

OFF- LEADERSHIP TEAM SIGNIFICANT APPOINTED ROLES:

ROSE FEDER COMMUNICATIONS PROJECTS

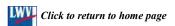
BARBARA LIPPAI PROGRAM CO-CHAIR RHETA PICKARD VOTER REGISTRARS

GINGER SEFF TREASURER

SUBMITTED BY THE 2018/2019 NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Off-Leadership Team: Barbara Kronish, Barbara Lippai and Ginny Schulte

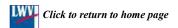
Leadership Team: Carole Kohn and Judy Miller



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BUDGET 2019—2020

LW	/-HP	BUDGET				
			Fisca	l Year	Fiscal Year	
				7/1/2018 - 6/30/2019		6/30/2020
			Budget	YTD	Budget	
INCO	ME AC	COUNTS				
	300	Dues	6,140	5,799	6,350	
	310	Great Decisions			875	
	311	General Fund Contributions				
	312	Ed Fund	528	270	1,762	
	330	Ways and Means	1,000		1,500	
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	340	Interest				
	350	Annual Meeting	1,300		1,500	
	390	From (To) Reserves	598		448	
TOTA	AL INC		9,566		12,435	
EXPE	NSE A	CCOUNTS				
	Gene	ral Administration				
	410	Board Tools and Expenses	150	101	150	
	430	Finance Drive			50	
	431	Membership	300		200	
	432	Great Decisions			875	
	440	Bulletin Supplies				
	442	Bulletin Printing				
	Office	Expenses				
	450	Stationary			300	
	451	Postage				
	452	Web Hosting Fee	250	250	250	
	453	Insurance	85	85	85	
	454	PO Box Rental	150		150	
	Progr	ams and Activities				
	510	Meeting Expenses	300	231	400	
	511	Annual Meeting	1,300		1,500	
	520	Study Committees	50		50	
	540	Voter Services	1,000	343	200	
	550	Action - General				
	Conv	entions and Outside Meetings				
	610	National Convention			800	
	620	State Convention	1,600		0	
	620	State/Regional Meetings	-		130	
		lember Payments				
	710	National PMP	2,112	1,272	3,522	
	720	State PMP	2,112	1,272	3,522	
	730	Lake County (etc) PMP	132	159	211	
	0 74	Lake Michigan LWV	25	40	40	
	800	Income Tax Expenses				
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Notes		5 new members				
	312	2 quarters PMP				



March 17th Candidates Debate

One of our League's most visible, enduring public events is a forum for Municipal Candidates. We began our planning before the first of the year because of the details involved in organizing the non-partisan, informational event. The latest debates occurred at the Highland Park Country Club on Sunday, March 17th, from 12:30pm until 4:00pm.

Represented were candidates for these positions:

TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 113 ● NORTHSHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT 112 ● HIGHLAND PARK CITY COUNCIL

Attendees submitted written questions on topics that interested them. Key issues concerned the challenges of opioids, vaping and binge drinking; school rankings; bullying; a supportive school environment; programs for students in a non-collegiate track; student safety and gun violence; school administrative leadership and stability; the role of energy efficiency in planning new facilities; addressing climate change; growing concern over the density, height and traffic from newly-planned development; neighborhood input in construction considerations; affordable housing; housing depreciation; empty storefronts and the need for retail development; stimulating city economic growth; attracting families with school-age children; the future of the Senior Center.

The Candidate Debates Committee illustrated the League's "informed and active participation of citizens in government works." They were Elaine Adler, Rose Feder, Shoshana Friedman, Nancy Goldberg, Margaret Lindsay, Ginny Schulte and Marlene Senescu.

As usual, additional, volunteers were tireless and exuberant: Rheta Pickard, Debbie Brown, Gail Brown, Pegggy Laemle; Marilyn Revesz, Barb Lippai, Carole Kohn, Judy Miller, Elise Barack, Bryna Gamson, Jackie Hirsh, and Deerfield volunteers Janie Seiden and Connie Wesley.

Our committee also thanks the many people who expressed their appreciation for the efforts that clearly embodied the League's mission of imparting the importance of participating in a democratic government.

Join us next time as we plan for another for a fun and interesting public event.

Submitted by: Elaine Adler, Voter Services Chair

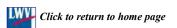




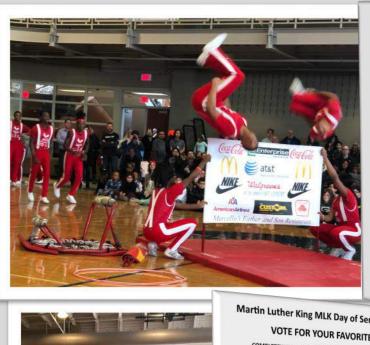


HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEAGUE





MLK DAY OF SERVICE 1/21/2019











Martin Luther King MLK Day of Service January 21, 2019 VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE SUPERHERO COMPLETELY FILL THE OVAL <u>ABOVE</u> YOUR CHOICE and Place in the Ballot Box



BATMAN

CATWOMAN

LWY







Over 100 children voted for their favorite superhero. A clear winner emerged

WONDERWOMAN!



HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEAGUE

RESCHEDULED after the DEEP FREEZE



A Fair Tax System

Speaker, Kathy Tate-Bradish of LWVIL Grit Team

We had a very informative GRIT Graduated Rate Income Tax Program at the Highland Park Public Library on Tuesday, Feb 26th. Kathy Tate-Bradish from the LWVIL GRIT Team was an excellent speaker and her compelling presentation emphasized the reasons LWVIL is advocating for a graduated rate income tax in Illinois to replace the current flat income tax.

Read here for information about Fair Tax Illinois.

Thanks to Carole Kohn and Barb Lippai, Program Co-chairs for creating this very worthy event.









Kathy Tate-Bradish LWVIL GRIT Team

Spring 2019

HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEAGUE

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM UPDATE:

- Note our "Bulletin" is now being called "Newsletter". Suggestions for clever names are welcomed.
- We were able to get good coverage for our Candidate Debates in the Chicago Tribune, Landmark, Metromix, and more. Elaine Adler invited the press, resulting in a Landmark photographer (Nicole Carrow) posting a great spread in the paper and, a detailed pre-debate article in the Tribune (Karen Berkowitz).
- Our Facebook posts are being shared by other local Leagues, and we have increased "Likes" for our Page. The Candidate Debates FB event reached well over 2,000 people, with candidates sharing the event. *Please invite your Facebook friends to like our page*.
- The Voters' Guide for the Spring 2019 Consolidated Election was published on February 25th. Candidates and residents shared the link broadly and we received very positive feedback. The long-standing tradition of printed LWV Voters Guides went electronic in 2011 and this was our 6th electronic version: both cost effective and supportive of our environmental position.
- Our mailchimp campaigns are now segmented to enable us to target messages to members only or a more general audience.
- Research and integration of a new website is still planned. Rose Feder is leading this effort. Please let her know if you have interest in this project.

Be a part of our Communications Team, we make things happen!

If you would like to help with Facebook, Twitter or Instagram contact:

Nancy Goldberg, Communications Chair

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

With the current political unrest and upsurge of women's issues, LWV National has reported a renewed interest in our organization. Our reputation is as a powerful supporter and educator of: voting rights, eliminating big money from elections, redistricting, cleaning our environment, women's rights, and more. LWV has a proven history of lobbying and legal power. League of Women Voters of Highland Park/Highwood is also happy to report an increase in membership. We have an increase of more than 20%. Our program committee has presented some terrific programs this year, as has been noted in this great Newsletter. Please Help us with this trend by bringing friends and family to our programs. Bring someone



to our Annual Luncheon. It's time to get our sons and daughters involved. Once people see the wonderful things we are doing, they will want to join.

Welcome to Gail Taxy as our newest member.

Keep an eye out for a membership event in June or July!

Marlene Senescu, Membership Chair

HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEAGUE

VOTER REGISTRATION UPDATE

Since the beginning of 2016, the League of Highland Park/ Highwood has registered 550 new voters.

LWVHP/HWD holds several voter registration events each year: at High School registering students; post citizen naturalization programs; National Voter Registration Day and more.

Contact **Rheta Pickard** if you would like us to setup a voter registration table at an upcoming event.



Nancy Goldberg and Marlene Senescu at CLC Waukegan 1-25-2019

LEAGUE BOOK GROUP

Our Book Club continues, having started in April of 2018. We have had a very successful first year.

After our November review of Chimamanda Ngai Adichie's "Half a Yellow Sun" and "We Should All Be Feminists", we selected one of her earlier books, "Purple Hibiscus". Following

breaks, planned Holiday and unplanned Polar Vortex break, we met in February with the group agreeing that Adichie's writings are both beautiful and educational.

Our March selection, "Fifth Risk" by Michael Lewis led to a very intense discussion.

For April we have selected a new novel (first writing) by an American Muslim woman, "A Woman is No Man", by Etaf Rum. Our review will be on Wednesday, April 24th, at 1:00 pm at HPPL.

WOMAN ISNO MAN ANOVEL ETAF RUM

We have already picked our May reading, which will be "Educated", by Tara Westover, on May 29th.

Our League Book Club, meeting at the HP Library on the last Wednesday of each month, from 1:00—2:30 pm is open to all. Contact **Barbara Kronish** if you have any questions.

LWV HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEADERSHIP TEAM

Leadership Team 2018—2019:

Elaine Adler Nancy Goldberg Carole Kohn

Judy Miller Marlene Senescu

Nominating Committee 2018—2019:

Barbara Kronish, Barbara Lippai, and Ginny Schulte

Leadership Team representatives: Carole Kohn and Judy Miller

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LOCAL AREA LEAGUE LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEWS

To assist the LWVIL Issues Committee, every year, our League together with other local Leagues in our districts conduct legislative interviews with our state senator(s) and representative(s), exchanging views and information on issues of importance to the League, setting the stage for future action.

Links to the reports of the interviews can be found with the following links:

Interview with Bob Morgan 3/25/2019 • Interview with Julie Morrison 3/29/2019



League members Linda Bartmes, Emily Watts, Tracy Baade, (LWV Lake Forest/Lake Bluff), Judy Harrison, Pat Jester, (LWV Deerfield Area), Nancy Goldberg, and Marlene Senescu, (LWV Highland Park/Highwood) met on Monday, March 25, 2019 with

Bob Morgan, State Representative 58th District

League members Katie Andersen, Carol Gayle, Terry Desmond, (Lake Forest/Lake Bluff), Pat Jester, Kelly McShane, Judy Harrison, (Deerfield Area), Marlene Senescu, and Judy Miller (Highland Park/Highwood) met on Friday, March 29, 2019 with

Julie Morrison, State Senator 29th District



ISSUES BRIEFING 2019

Carole Kohn and Judy Miller attended the 2019 Issues Briefing, "Creating Quality of Life for All in Illinois", an all-day conference given by the LWVIL for discussion and dissemination of the key issues facing residents of Illinois. It was the first issues briefing for both of us. We came away with a deeper understanding of the problems facing our state and country and impressed by the depth of knowledge of, not only the speakers, but our fellow Leaguers from all over the state.

A roundtable discussion, "The View from Congress and the General Assembly", featuring some of our representatives in Springfield and Washington was the first plenary. Some highlights:

Almost 4,000 bills have been filed; approximately 300 get to the governor's desk.

There is \$15 Billion in unpaid bills.

Solutions proposed by Governor Pritzker include changing from a flat tax to a progressive income tax (brackets unknown), taxing recreational cannabis sales, increasing cannabis license fees, taxing expanded sports, video and casino gaming, and charging new fees to insurance companies (e.g. managed care).

The other sessions we attended were: "Count Me in 2020: Census in Illinois", "The Environment; The Good, the Bad and the Ugly", "ERA Ratification: Moving Forward After Illinois Success", and "Protecting Immigrants' Rights in Times of Change"

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EARTH DAY IS APRIL 22ND

As we approach another Earth Day, our climate remains on its warming trajectory which includes more and more severe natural disasters. I don't know the cost in health, lives, lost jobs, homelessness and on. Despite the global impact we must act individually and locally, to be part of the solution and less part of the problem.

Nancy Tuchman, Founding Dean of the Institute on Environmental Sustainability at Loyola, presented a talk on climate change that focused on the Great Lakes Region, in Highland Park on Feb. 12. Her power point discussion graphically demonstrated "tipping points" on many contributing factors and made it clear how close we are to a rise in temperature beyond 2 degrees. The problem most of us know is not confined to the east and west coasts where the sea rise is most pronounced, and Dr.Tuchman enlightened the audience regarding the factors that most threaten us as part of the Mississippi Watershed. Most striking is the volume of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (|CAFO) in our region and the adverse impact they have on all of the Great Lakes. CAFO Lagoons overflow with animal waste in rain events, eventually draining into the lakes. Excess nitrogen results in algae blooms leading to what has already happened in Lake Erie. Beyond this, the amount of land used in industrial agriculture, as well as other development reduces forests which are a necessity for CO2 absorption. High intensity industrial agriculture adds to this problem.

Dr. Tuchman's recommendation as to how we can individually make a positive impact is to reduce the amount of meat we consume. The next most important action we can take is to garden in a safe earth-friendly way. Don't be consumers of pesticides and other toxins that negatively affect our water and air quality. Reduce the amount of lawn and replace it with native plants that sink their roots and absorb water rather than adding to run-off and excess water usage.

2017 was a record breaking year with air temperature, basin precipitation water temperature and water levels all rising as the ice cap shrunk.

Dr. Tuchman supports the goals of 350.org, Bill Mckibben's global grassroots climate movement.

The goals follow: Keep carbon in the ground Help build a new more equitable, low carbon economy Press Government to limit emissions.

Everything we all do counts. Be counted as part of the solution. Happy Earth Day!

Submitted by **Andy Amend**





Global Climate Change environmental and ethical consequences

- Net warming planet
- Increased frequency and intensity of
 - > Major storm events (hurricanes, typhoons)
 - > Droughts and floods
 - > Wildfires
- Melting of polar ice caps and glaciers
- □ Rising sea levels, ocean acidification
- Loss of biodiversity, habitat, and crops
- Disproportionately effects the poor



Green Notes and Women's HISTORY





"In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks." —John Muir

"The environment is where we all meet; where all have a mutual interest; it is the one thing all of us share." —Lady Bird Johnson

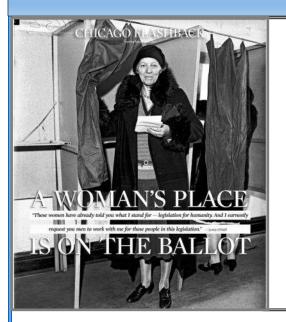
"Live in each season as it passes; breathe the air, drink the drink, taste the fruit, and resign yourself to the influence of each." —Henry David Thoreau

You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make." —Jane Goodall

One Earth Film Festival

(Parade Magazine: Inspiring Quotes for Earth Day)

WOMEN'S HISTORY



Lottie O'Neill was an American politician from Illinois notable for being the first woman elected to the Illinois General Assembly. First elected in 1922, O'Neill served 40 years in the Assembly, the longest-serving female elected official in the United States at the time.

In 1920, women in Illinois gained the right to vote. In the next election cycle, O'Neill was encouraged by her husband to run for the legislature. She ran as a Republican and won one of the 41st districts three seats. At the beginning of her legislative career, she was frustrated when out of her thirteen proposed bills only three were able to pass the Illinois House. During her early career, she focused on equal rights for women, introducing the eight-hour work day and improving state assistance for disabled children.

(Wikipedia)

Photo (Chicago Tribune, March 31, 2019)

Thanks to contributors to this newsletter: Judy Miller, Elaine Adler, Andy Amend, Rose Feder, Carole Kohn, Barbara Lippai, and Ginger Seff. - Nancy





CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

LWV HP/HWD Great Decisions

When **April 17 7:00–9:00 pm**

Where HP Library, Auditorium

Description Third in our 2019 Great Decisions Series

"The United States and Mexico; Partnership Tested"

* class for this year's Great Decisions 2019 series is fully registered



LWV HP/HWD League Book Club

When **April 24** 1:00-2:30 pm

Where HP Library, Brenner Room

Description A debut novel by Etaf Rum, "A Woman is No Man"

What does it take to be an Arab woman in America now?



LWV HP/HWD Annual Business Meeting

When **May 18**, 9:45

Where Bella Via Ristorante, 1899 2nd St., Highland Park

Description Members invited to the meeting, preceding the Annual Luncheon.



LWV HP/HWD 91st Luncheon and Program lwvhp.org

When May 18, Noon

Where Bella Via Ristorante, 1899 2nd St., Highland Park

Description 91st Year Annual Luncheon

Guest Speaker: Anita Banerji, Director of Forefront's Democracy Initiative

"Planning For A Complete Count Census 2020"

LWV HP/HWD Initial Program of a series on Immigration

When **June-plans are in the making**

Where TBD

Description Immigration Attorney Magdalena Wilk,

and Lecturer in Politics will present an overview of our

Immigration system as an introduction to a series of programs for next year.



June