

Upcoming Events:

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LWVIL Biennial Convention	June 12-13
Annual Business Meeting	June 26
Book Club	June 29

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MEMBERS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

LWVHP/HWD during COVID-19

We are preparing for the Annual Business Meeting. Included in this Newsletter issue are the working papers for the meeting.

We plan to have an event later (maybe in person) to celebrate the year. Our Business meeting will be held via zoom. Below are the details:

When: June 26, 2021 : 9:30 am

Where: Your favorite Zoom Location

(virtual backdrops welcome)

Dress: Required from the waist up

Please supply your own refreshments



***Image from
last year's
Virtual
Annual
Meeting***



**JUNE 12-13
CONVENTION 2021**
LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF ILLINOIS

Welcome!

HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEAGUE

LEADERSHIP TEAM MESSAGE

Dear Leaguers,

I've walked from my condo to the Lake almost every day this week. It seems that our city is more beautiful than ever and I'm trying to figure out why. They say "A good winter with snow makes all the plants grow" and we did have more snow than usual. Or, maybe it's just that my appreciation for my surroundings and nature have grown as I age.

I am also appreciative for the opportunity to head up this wonderful organization these last three years. As you will read further down in this newsletter, the chair/convener of the Leadership Team will become a "roving responsibility" among members of the Team next year. These three years have been time well spent for me in terms of personal growth and being able to work on issues I care deeply about. I will continue to serve on the Leadership Team.

When we started planning for the Annual Meeting, we could not count on CDC guidelines allowing us to meet in person so, for the second year in a row, we will meet virtually. Since we didn't think our members would want to listen to a speaker after sitting through a 1-1/2 to 2 hour business meeting, we will just have our Annual Business Meeting at this time. I hope everyone will be able to join us Saturday morning, June 26, 9:30 AM. Last year, someone suggested that we put the more interesting items, such as discussions of program, early in the agenda and leave the more "technical" discussions of bylaws and budget to the end. The Leadership Team agreed. The recommended program includes a restudy of Parks and Recreation. We may also have a membership discussion of how to make the "Highwood" part of our name a reality by recruiting members from Highwood.

Besides our local program, there is a lot of activity at the state and county level. The LWV of Illinois will hold its biennial convention on Saturday and Sunday, June 12-13 (on Zoom). We are entitled to five delegates, five alternates and unlimited number of guests. There will be a discussion of the updated Criminal Justice Position plus much more. Let me know if you are interested. (New members welcome.)

The LWV Lake County will hold its annual meeting virtually on Wednesday, June 23. We will be "sending" four delegates. Alternates and guests are welcome.

Our program chairs are planning some interesting programs... and they may even be IN PERSON!!! Let's hope.

Judy

(on behalf of the Leadership Team)

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LWV HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD ANNUAL MEETING WORKING PAPERS

LOCAL PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS

2021—2022

STUDIES

1. Retain all of our local Positions, except for:
 - a. Parks and Recreation Position. This position was placed on hold at the Annual Meeting last year. The approved restudy was postponed pending the municipal election and growth of the committee.
 - b. Library Position.
 - c. Campaign Practices and Procedures Position.
 - d. Fort Sheridan Position.
1. Restudy or drop the following:
 - a. Restudy our Parks and Recreation Position. See the proposal on our website.
 - b. Restudy our Library Position.
 - c. Restudy our Campaign Practices and Procedures Position if we have the necessary resources.
 - d. Delete Fort Sheridan position as outmoded.

POSITION ACTIVITY

1. Monitor activity on inclusionary zoning under Housing Position, providing education and possible testimony.
2. Monitor sale of property by School District 112 under Criteria for Local Government Acquisition, Development, Divestiture of Public Property Position.
3. Monitor City Equity Study for information relevant to potential programming, action, or study.
4. Under all relevant Environmental Preservation Positions, including National and State positions, coordinate with Go Green and any other local environmental organizations to monitor and support any effort to increase the City's target for the reduction of greenhouse gases by 2023 and to set a new and stronger target beyond 2023.

PROGRAMS

1. Plan for a series of zoom or live programs for members (possibly open to the public) on relevant topics.

Bylaws Changes for 2021-2022

Articles 1—3 updated to match LWVUS. All changes are highlighted in yellow and can be seen [here](#).



LWV HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD ANNUAL MEETING WORKING PAPERS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

2021—2022

The following recommendations were made last year and the Nominating Committee continues to recommend them.

- A. Continue with the Leadership Team approach. However, as we were unable to secure a permanent chair for 2021-2022, we recommend that this be a roving responsibility.
- B. Continue to make membership a League priority (especially securing more members from Highwood.) There continues to be a real need to find younger members to carry on the League's presence in Highland Park/Highwood.
- C. Continue to focus on a consistent, League issue oriented programming: local/state/national for a year-long presence.

Adopt the following slate for one year terms, 2021-2022.

Barbara Lippai	Team Leadership Chair (for 3 months)
Marlene Senescu	Secretary and Membership Chair
Ginger Seff	Treasurer
Nancy Goldberg	Communications Chair/Voters Guide
Carole Kohn & Barbara Lippai	Program Co-Chairs
Elaine Adler	Candidate Forums and Events
Jean Sogin	Local Study Chair
Candice Dalrymple	Environment/Climate Change Coordinator
Judy Miller	Issues Chair
Sabina Gasper	Member at Large
Rose Feder	Member at Large
Vacant	Voter Registration (Nancy Goldberg temporary Chair)

Every effort should be made to recruit non-team members to participate.

Respectfully Submitted, 2021-22 Nominating Committee

Ginny Schulte, Chair (off-leadership team), Rose Feder, Ginger Seff

LWV HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD ANNUAL MEETING WORKING PAPERS

BUDGET 2021—2022

LWVHP/HWD BUDGET						
2021 - 2022	Fiscal Year				Fiscal Year	
	July 2020 - June 2021				July 2021 - June 2022	
	Budget	YTD	Comments		Budget	Comments
Income Accts						
Dues	9,250	6875			7920	members 77/23
Great Decisions	0				0	
Ed Fund	2,592	1728			1416	25% PMP
Ways & Means	1,500	3120			400	
Interest						
Annual Mtg	1,500	0			1500	
From(To) Resrv	859				(637)	to reserves
Total Income	14,201				10,599	
Expense Accts						
Artist Cards	1500	1259			0	
Bd Expenses	100	128			100	
Membership	200	0			300	Postage etc
Great Decisions	0	0			0	
Yard Signs		332			0	
Gala	0	0			0	
Stationery	300	0			300	
Web Hosting	400	400			400	
Insurance	115	185			185	
PO Box Rent	150	204			204	
Mtg Expenses	150	450	Honorariums		300	
Annual Mtg	1500	0			1500	
Study Comm	50	0			100	
Voter Service	1300	0			500	
National Conv	0	0			800	
State Conv	1200				0	
Regional Mtgs	0				0	
Nat'l PMP	3456	3456			2784	
State PMP	3456	3456			2784	
County PMP	180	216			174	
Lake Mi LWV	40				40	
Zoom	104	128			128	
Total Expenses	14,201				10,599	

LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEWS

Submitted by Judy Miller

iPhone (4)Julie Morrisonj...

Every year, local Leagues are asked to interview their legislators. The primary purpose of the interview is to strengthen the lines of communication with our representatives and build goodwill, as well as reporting back to LWVIL and LWVUS regarding our legislators' positions on our priority issues.



This year, Judy Miller organized legislative interviews with State Senator Julie Morrison, State Representative Bob Morgan and Congressman Brad Schneider for all Leagues within those legislators' districts.

Eight League members representing five area Leagues participated at our interview with Julie Morrison on April 26. Nancy Goldberg, Judy Miller and Marlene Senescu represented our League. At the May 10th interview with Bob Morgan, the three Leagues in Bob's district participated, again with eight League members. From our League, Gail Taxy, Mary Beth Arzac, Judy Miller and Nancy Goldberg joined in. For our interview with Brad Schneider, also on May 10, Candice Dalrymple, Marlene Senescu, Nancy Goldberg and Judy Miller were on the Zoom with five members of other Leagues.

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LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEWS

Submitted by Judy Miller

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Besides the priority questions, we asked all three legislators if there was anything the League could do about getting some resolution to the problem of the indefinite closure of Openlands Lakeshore Preserve due to unexploded ordnance.

The priority questions for the two state legislators were:

EDUCATION: Will you work to increase education funding every year (as mandated by law in 2017) for evidence-based distribution to schools in order to improve extreme funding inequities that severely impact students in low-income neighborhoods? Why or why not?

REDISTRICTING: What measures do you support to make the redistricting process more open to input about district maps from individuals and communities?

ENVIRONMENT: Illinois has the potential to lead the nation in cutting greenhouse gas emissions and developing new green jobs in the next few years. What do you see as the next steps for the Illinois General Assembly to make this a reality? Do you support the Clean Energy Jobs Act (CEJA)? Why or why not?

FISCAL POLICY: What elements of the Governor's proposed budget do you support? Oppose?

Senator Morrison was able to give us more time so we asked her additional questions:

ENVIRONMENT: Subsidies for nuclear power plants, tax on carbon, single-use plastic products, removing lead service lines.

EQUITY: How to insure equitable access to health care (including mental health), education, affordable housing

EDUCATION: publicly-funded preschool and affordable day care.

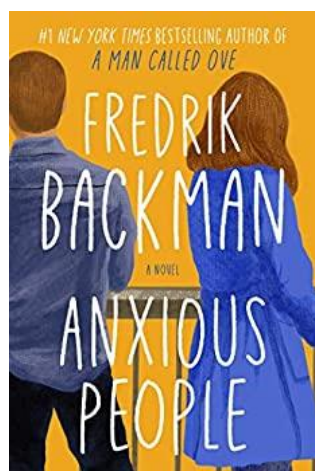
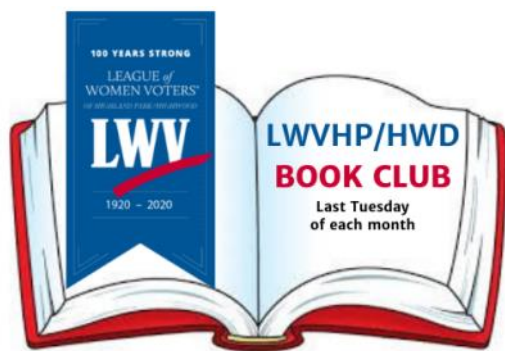
The questions that LWVUS asked us to cover with Brad Schneider were:

VOTER RIGHTS: The 2020 election showed the many barriers that voters still face at the ballot box, especially voters of color. Do you support restoring the Voting Rights Act by passing the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act? Why or why not?

ENVIRONMENT: Are you advocating or lobbying for any specific legislative measures relating to addressing the climate crisis and furthering environmental justice?

CRIMINAL JUSTICE: The League supports measures to reduce police violence and improve the transparency of policing practices. What federal legislation or reforms can we move forward to reduce police brutality?

HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEAGUE



Our Book Club is still going strong.

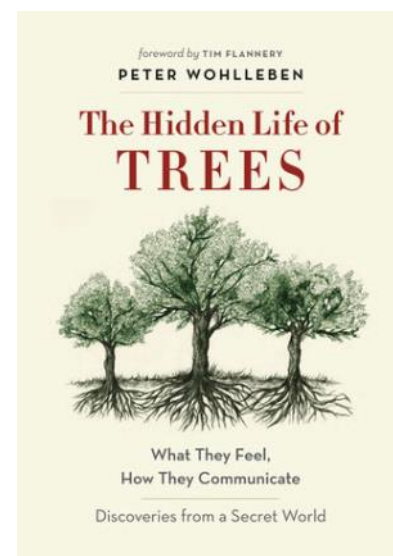
In March we reviewed **Red Notice** by Bill Browder, a page turning true story of high finance, murder and one man's fight for justice.

April was a change of pace with a short story and essay. Both the 2017 short story, **Control Negro** by Joceyln Nicole Johnson and the 1962 essay **A Letter to My Nephew** by James Baldwin are sadly still powerfully relevant today.

Our May Book Club, on May 25th, reviewed **The Hidden Life of Trees** by Peter Wohlleben.

In June we will review **Anxious People** by Fredrik Backman

Interested in joining us? Email [Nancy Goldberg](mailto:NancyGoldberg).



LWV HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEADERSHIP TEAM

Leadership Team 2020—2021:

Judy Miller, Chair
 Elaine Adler
 Nancy Goldberg
 Carole Kohn
 Barbara Lippai
 Rose Feder
 Marlene Senescu

Nominating Committee 2020:

Rose Feder, Ginny Schulte (Chair) and Ginger Seff



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CALENDAR of UPCOMING EVENTS

LWVIL Biennial Convention

When **June 12—13 , 2021**

Where Zoom meeting: See information [here](#).

Description LWVIL's first virtual convention. Pre-convention Sessions are tentatively scheduled June 1—12



LWV HP/HWD 92nd Annual Business Meeting

When **June 26th: Saturday morning 9:30 a.m.**

Where Zoom meeting: Zoom invites will be sent to members

Description Due to COVID-19 we will not have the Annual Luncheon
Our Annual meeting will be virtual on Zoom
Look for information about a social gathering (we hope)



LWV HP/HWD League Book Club

When **June 29th: 3:30—4:30 p.m.**

Where Virtual Meeting on Zoom

Description We will review [Anxious People](#) by Fredrik Backman

