LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

OF THE

HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR AREA (LWV HF-AREA)

ANNUAL MEETING



JUNE 11, 2020

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR AREA

JUNE 11, 2020 6:00 - 8:00 PM VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

Zoom Tutorial	Dominique Newman, Sec'y
Amend By-Laws for Virtual Meeting	Sandra Slayton, Vice Pres
Welcome and Call to Order Social Justice Statement	Barbara Hayes, President
Adoption of Order of Business	Sandra Slayton
Report of Disposition Of 2019 Minutes	Ruby Marsh
Announcements & Recognition	Barbara Hayes
Treasurer's Report	Pat Jackson
Budget Proposal Questions/Discussion Adoption of Budget	Pat Jackson
By-Laws – Exception	Syvia Tillman
By-Laws - Change	Syvia Tillman
Nominations & Elections	Roxie Williams
Local Programs	Sandra Slayton
Membership	Joan Strohm
Directions to the Board	All (Use Zoom Chat Tool)
Other Business	Barbara Hayes
Adjournment	

LWV HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR AREA 2019-2020 OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EXECUTIVE BOARD

TERM EXPIRES

2021

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(resigned Jun 2020)

President	Barbara Hayes	2021
Vice President	Sandra Slayton	2021
Secretary	Dominique Newman	2021
Treasurer	Laura DeBolt	(resigned Jan 2020)
DIRECTORS	Lillion Ropon	2020
	Lillian Bacon	2020
	Eugenia Cutler	2020
	Lorea Farley	2021

Patricia Jackson

Annie Lawrence

Glenda Townsend

Joan Strohm

Carol Vance

Committees and Chairs

Budget Committee	Pearlene Carter, Chair; Laura DeBolt, Pat Jackson
Bulletin & Publicity	Annie Lawrence, Chair; Roxie Williams
By-Laws	Syvia Tillman, Chair; Ruby Marsh, Sandra Slayton
Climate Change	Carol Vance, Chair; Cheryl Berger, Betty Baker, Lucy Kokal
Finance Committee	Carol Vance, Chair
Hospitality	Lorea Farley, Chair; Eugenia Cutler
Membership	Joan Strohm, Chair; Lillian Bacon
Membership Book	Deb Hampton, Chair; Chris Schmitt
Programs	Annie Lawrence, Chair; Glenda Townsend
Voter Services	Pat Jackson, Chair; Roxie Williams, Sharon Cooper,
Website	Joan Strohm

2021 Nominating Committee

Roxie Williams, Chair; Veroncia Amen, Ruby Donahue, Genie Cutler, Glenda Townsend

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Homewood-Flossmoor Area League had an exceptional year! I am proud of our members, our outstanding Board, and all that has been accomplished. Just look at our achievements this year, despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

- 24 new members, bringing our total membership to 123
- creative, innovative, committed board members
- a new, attractive, and informative website
- expanded voter services and coalitions with other organizations
- active Green Committee providing public education on environmental issues
- informative programs and events which regularly attract audiences of over 30 attendees

We greatly appreciate how you are not only signing up to work but accepting assignments and tasks when asked. It is important in this election year that we significantly expand our voter services activities to register voters, convene meetings on issues and the voting process, and then "get-out-the-vote." It will require active participation from us all to achieve this goal. Many people are just waiting for that big "Ask." So, we will be asking and counting on you to respond when volunteers are needed. Also, please continue to invite your relatives, neighbors, friends, and coworkers to attend our program meetings and events, whether they be face-to-face, or those held remotely.

Because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, many of our summer events held locally, statewide, and nationally have been canceled or held remotely. However, you may check periodically on our website or through our Eblasts and/or News Bulletins to review changes and updates.

I want to thank our entire Board for their hard work and commitment to our League this year. Annie Lawrence, our Program Chair and website Co-Chair, will be leaving us. Annie has worked tirelessly planning relevant and current programs for our community. In addition, her contributions added value to the services we provide to the community by setting up a new website. Annie brought in a resource that will help the League maintain a high quality, easy to use website. She also assisted in sending out the bulletins and newsletters to our Board and members. She will be missed.

Carol Vance, Climate Change Chair and Finance Chair, will also be stepping down. Carol dedicated her time to the League by providing well-researched topics on Climate Change and other Environmental Issues. She competently conveyed the need to recycle, protect the natural environment, and reduce air and water pollution for the benefit of humanity. Also, as Finance Chair, Carol was instrumental in obtaining funding for our league through donations and business sponsorships.

With your continued support and involvement, we look forward to growing our membership and increasing the visibility of the League of Women Voters of the Homewood-Flossmoor Area.

Recognition

Beth Bongard

Ruby Donahue

Sharon Cooper

Syvia Tillman

June Gerrish

Outstanding Hospitality Community Service Community Service Outstanding Service

50-Year Member

In Memoriam

Dr. Mary Woodland

Diane Kessler

50-Year Member

Nominating Committee Report Election Slate for 2020 Annual Meeting

Executive Officers	Term Ending
Dominique Newman, Vice President Patricia Jackson, Treasurer	2022 2022
Board of Directors	
Michelle Hayes Lillian Bacon Roxie Williams Glenda Townsend	2022 2022 2022 2022 2022
Nominating Committee	
Barbara Donaldson, Chair Veroncia Amen Ruby Donahue	2021 2021 2021

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APPOINTEES

Eugenia Cutler, Secretary	2021
Joni Scott, Director	2021
Dominique Bardelon-Bristol, Director	2021
Patty O'Brien, Director	2021
Joan Strohm, Director	2021

The League of Women Voters of the Homewood-Flossmoor Area <u>April 2020 Treasurer's Report</u>

Beginning balance April 1,2020	\$ 14,775.21
Receipts	\$ 70.00
Transfers	
Disbursements	
Ending balance April 30, 2020	\$ 14,845.21
Statement of Assets	
Cash- Harris Bank - Current	\$ 14,845.21
Restricted - Cash Harris	\$ 3,934.24
Operating Cash Harris	\$ 10,910.97
Vanguard Star Funds3/31/2020	\$ 11,964.11
	\$ 22,875.08
LWV - IL Education Fund 3/25/20	\$ 9,634.85

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REVENUE Date: 5/17/20		2019-2020 YEAR TO DATE APRL THRU APRIL Budget				YE4		APRL		2020-2021 ROPOSED BUDGET
DUES	\$	70.00	\$	6,920.29	\$	6,720.00	\$ 7,350.00			
CONTRIBUTIONS			\$	415.00	\$	550.00	\$ 600.00			
LWV of H-F Area (not tax- deductible)			\$	365.00	\$	500.00	\$ 550.00			
LWVIL Education (tax-deductible)							\$ -			
Bulletins Mailed (5 mailings)			\$	50.00	\$	50.00	\$ 50.00			
OTHER INCOME			\$	4,633.21	\$	7,065.00	\$ 4,621.00			
Bulletins Ads/ Sponsorship			\$	950.00	\$	1,000.00	\$ 1,160.00			
Fundraisings			\$	199.50	\$	-	\$ 481.00			
Annual Mtg			\$	119.71	\$	1,800.00	\$ 1,300.00			
Miscellaneous			\$	100.00	\$	100.00				
Transfer from Savings			\$	-	\$	3,465.00				
Investment Returns			\$	-	\$	700.00				
Transfer from Ed Fund(paid directly to State/National			\$	3,264.00			\$ 1,680.00			
Total Revenue	\$	70.00	\$	11,968.50	\$	14,335.00	\$ 12,571.00			
Restricted Income (Website)			\$	3,593.75						
(Voter Service Grant)			\$	340.49						

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EXPENDITURES5/18/20	2019-2020 YEAR TO DATE APRL THRU APRIL Budget					2020-2021 PROPOSED BUDGET		
Operating Costs	APRL				Budget		BODGET	
Supplies				\$	500.00	\$	75.00	
Printing(Bulletin/ Annual Mtg)		\$	164.24	\$	150.00	\$	100.00	
Postage				\$	250.00	\$	24.00	
PO Box/ paid annual				\$	100.00	\$	92.00	
Insurance		\$	86.25	\$	125.00	\$	125.00	
Equipment		\$	63.73	\$	250.00	\$	60.00	
Media/Publicity				\$	200.00	\$	150.00	
Fundraising				\$	100.00	\$	200.00	
Miscellaneous		\$	271.84	\$	400.00	\$	75.00	
Total Operating Costs		\$	586.06	\$	2,075.00	\$	901.00	
Sponsorship/Finance Committee								
Printing		\$	-	\$	-	\$	100.00	
Postage		\$	-	\$	-	\$	40.00	
Total Sponsorship Committee		\$	-	\$	-	\$	140.00	

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EXPENDITURES 5/18/20	APRL	TH	RU APRIL		Budget		BUDGET
President							
Transportation		\$	-	\$	250.00	\$	140.00
Meals/ Lodging		\$	-	\$	-	\$	400.00
National/State Conventions-Registration		\$	-	\$	2,000.00	\$	125.00
Total President		\$	-	\$	2,250.00	\$	665.00
Delegates (1) National (1) State							
Transportation							
Meals/ Lodging		\$	586.83			\$	400.00
National/State Conventions-Registration						\$	125.00
Total Delegates		\$	586.83	\$	-	\$	525.00
Annual Meeting							
Room Rental		\$	726.00	\$	350.00	\$	985.00
Speakers				\$	100.00		
Diversity Dinners				\$	150.00	\$	125.00
Meals				\$	1,800.00	\$	1,270.00
Gifts				\$	-		
Total Annual Meeting		\$	726.00	\$	2,400.00	\$	2,380.00

2019-2 YEAR TO					2020-2021 PROPOSED		
APRL				Budget		BUDGET	
	\$	501.99	\$	125.00	\$	600.00	
	\$	-	\$	125.00	\$	40.00	
	\$	967.98	\$	800.00	\$	400.00	
	\$	1,469.97	\$	1,050.00	\$	1,040.00	
	\$	34.51			\$	75.00	
	\$	150.00	\$	150.00	\$	150.00	
	\$	-	\$	100.00	\$	50.00	
	\$	184.51	\$	250.00	\$	275.00	
	\$	-	\$	-	\$	50.00	
	\$	-	\$	-	\$	50.00	
	\$	1,385.00	\$	450.00	\$	600.00	
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			2019-2020				2020-2021	
EXPENDITURES 5/18/20	APRL	YEAR TO DATE THRU APRIL Budget				PROPOSED BUDGET		
Financial Support for the League								
National PMP 50%		\$	3,264.00	\$	3,072.00	\$	3,360.00	
State PMP 25%		\$	3,264.00	\$	2,304.00	\$	3,360.00	
Tot Financial Support for the League		\$	6,528.00	\$	5,376.00	\$	6,720.00	
Inter-League Organizations								
Cook County		\$	-	\$	384.00	\$	-	
Upper Mississippi River Region		\$	-	\$	25.00	\$	25.00	
Lake Michigan		\$	50.00	\$	25.00	\$	50.00	
Total Inter-League Organizations		\$	50.00	\$	434.00	\$	75.00	
Educational Activities								
Program Committees		\$	-	\$	-	\$	75.00	
Combined National & State		\$	-	\$	50.00			
Total Educational Activities		\$	-	\$	50.00	\$	75.00	
Total Expenditures		\$	11,516.37	\$	14,335.00	\$	13,846.00	
Restricted Expenditures (minus)		\$	1,419.51	\$	450.00	\$	1,275.00	
Total Expenditures (Operating)		\$	10,096.86		13,885.00		12,571.00	
Excess Revenue/Expenditures		\$	1,871.64	\$	-	\$	-	

Proposed Exception to the By-Laws

Article V, Sec 1. of the By-Laws, *Officers*, states that the Vice-President is to be elected in **even**-numbered years for a 2-year term. In 2018, an even-numbered year, Deborah Hampton was properly elected as Vice-President. In 2019, due to family matters, Ms. Hampton stepped down from the position. Subsequently, in 2019, an **odd**-numbered year, Sandra Slayton was nominated and duly elected to the position by majority vote at the annual meeting. As defined by the By-Laws the position has a 2-year term.

In preparation for this year's election, the Nominating Committee has noted that the election of a Vice President in 2019 conflicts with the By-Laws in that it was conducted in an **odd**-numbered year. To resolve this conflict the board is requesting an exception to the even-numbered year requirement, thereby allowing the 2-year term of Ms. Slayton to stand as is, with an ending date of 2021. At the end of the term, the Board can decide whether to discontinue the position or appoint someone to fill it temporarily until the next proper election cycle (2022). This request is made pursuant to Article IV, Section 1 of the By-Laws which states "In the event that any Director's or Officer's term of office conflicts with these By-Laws, a one-time exception may be granted by a motion approved by the majority of the voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting. The proposed motion shall be sent to all members at least one month before the Annual Meeting."

Proposed Change to By-Laws

In addition, the By-Laws Committee has recommended a change to Article IV, Sec. 5, *Meetings*. The current By-Laws state that "There shall be at least **nine** regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually. Based on the history of past meetings, the Committee recommends changing this provision to, "There shall be at least **seven** regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually."

REPORT OF BOARD ACTIVITIES

PROGRAMS REPORT

Annie Lawrence, Chair and Glenda Thompson

This has been a challenging year for programming within the Homewood-Flossmoor Area League. We were fortunate to secure speakers from a wide variety of interests, however, just as we were settling into our new venue for programs at the Grande Prairie Library, the COVID-19 pandemic necessitated the cancelation of several of our highly anticipated presentations. We look forward to reconnecting with those who so graciously committed to sharing and presenting at our meetings when we resume public gatherings.

At our Annual Potluck, held in September at the Irwin Center, we were treated to great food and informative conversation from community leaders; Mayor Paul Braun (Flossmoor), Mayor Rich Hofeld (Homewood), and Village Manager Brian Mitchell (Glenwood).

During our October program, we discussed the importance of the 2020 census. Kimberly Garrett and Jeanine Beasley from the Census Bureau discussed what the census is for, the importance of accuracy, the security of the online census, and how individuals and organizations can help.

On February 12, 2020, Dr. Dorothy Anoina, MD from Advocate Health and Midwife, Leslie Moore-Hicks from Planned Parenthood, discussed Maternal and Infant Mortality in minority communities.

Additionally, in February, we held a Black History Month Photo Exhibit provided by the South Suburban Housing Center featuring a display of photographs by Bernard Kleina of the Chicago Freedom Movement in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act of 1968.

Canceled programs were: *Marijuana Legalization in Illinois*, Toi Hutchinson; *Human Trafficking*, Cynthia Richardson, Executive Director, Bridge of Hope and Sheila Edwards, Human Trafficking Specialist, Bridge of Hope; *Climate Change* at the Homewood Science Center and our Annual Meeting Dinner at the Idlewild Country Club.

Climate Change Committee Annual Report

Carol Vance, chair. Committee: Betty Baker, Pat Barker, Peg Boivin, Cheryl Berger, Marietta Burke, Lorea Farley, June Gerrish, Deborah Hampton, Lucy Kokal, Doris Pierce, Penny Thomas

The Climate Change Committee was involved in many activities aimed at mitigating the effects of climate change and protecting the environment. The committee met throughout the year to share new developments along with current best practices and solutions. Gatherings hosted by the League provided an opportunity for the committee to promote recycling and zero plastic and polystyrene waste. At these events, the push was to use reusable or compostable items when serving refreshments. The Annual Potluck Dinner held in September was made extra special with the use of linen table cloths and napkins, stainless steel utensils, and paper hot/cold drink cups.

Committee members attended several workshops and meetings including the Greenest Compact Region 2 workshops, Climate Change presentation at St. Irenaeus Church, Carbon Pricing 101 hosted by the local chapter of the Sierra Club, LWVLMR (LWV of the Lake Michigan Region) on the presence of PFAS (perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances) in ground and surface water and its threat to health. Information regarding these events was announced to the rest of the League giving all an opportunity to attend.

The committee reported on its activities to other League members in the League's bulletin. Also, for the bulletin, committee members submitted several articles for publication. This past year, Penny Thomas, June Gerrish, Carol Vance, and Deborah Hampton contributed articles on the topics of *Quantitative Reforestation as a Top Climate Change Solution, Solar Power,* an Overview of the *Effects of Climate Change on all Life To Date,* a movie review of *From Paris to Pittsburgh,* and a *Climate Change Quiz.* We also made League members aware that at the LWVIL convention, it was voted unanimously to adopt the Climate Emergency Resolution (now available through the LWVIL website).

The committee organized its annual program meeting for April 15 to be held at the Homewood Science Center, however, due to COVID-19, that meeting had to be cancelled. The meeting had a two-part theme: 1) Climate Change and Children's Health, and 2) Celebrating Earth Day. Allessandra Kummelehenne, Director of South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium and organizer of GR2 compact had committed to be our speaker for the evening. The committee hopes to reschedule this event for a future date.

Voter Services Annual Report

Patricia Jackson, Chair and Roxie Williams

The League of Women Voter-HF worked year-round to increase voter turnout and give new youth voters and communities the opportunity to have their voices heard. A big thank you to all voter services volunteers for a spectacular year!

August – 2019 Deputy Registrar Training

In preparation for voter registration, the LWV-HF hosted Deputy Registrar Training in coordination with Mr. Lester Moody from Governor State University and Mr. Jerry Jones from the Cook County Clerk's office. The LWV H-F had ten trainees proudly sworn in as Deputy Registrars, eight LWV members, and two non-members.

September – 2019 National Voter Registration Day

The league hosted registration at local high schools, libraries, senior living centers and local fests, which generated **134** new registered voters. Also, the LWV-HF area is the proud recipient of an LWV-US grant. Voter Services Committee member, Roxie Thompson, applied for the 2020 Youth Voter Registration Project Grant. Roxie excels in identifying new areas of opportunity for our League.

February - 2020 Youth Voter Registration

The league registered new voters at Governors State University in a three-day event that resulted in **89** new youth voters. In a combination of *old school* and *new School* registration methods, the League registered 46 students by paper and 43 online registrations. Another **50** new voters were registered during College Night at Homewood Flossmoor High School.

Moderator Training for League Volunteers

Voter Services had planned a moderator training program for members of our League; however this has been placed on hold due to COVID-19. Those taking the training will gain the knowledge and skills needed to moderate information exchanges and candidate forums. Two members, Roxie Williams and Lillian Bacon, completed the training on January 25 and will be added to the list of qualified LWV H-F moderators.

Election Judge Survey Project

The Voter Services Committee in conjunction with the LWV Cook County League was responsible for carrying out an Election Judge Survey Project during the March Primary. The goals of the survey were to assess how well the new voting equipment worked, whether election judge training seemed adequate, and identify any problems. Due to COVID-19 we did not send members into the polls to work, however, five of our members who cast their votes in person on that day completed the survey on behalf of our team.

Website Annual Report

Joan Strohm

The League of Women Voters Homewood-Flossmoor Area is thrilled to announce the launch of our new website. The goal of our website is to provide a simple way to find information on all the League has to offer. Besides having a new look, you can easily find fantastic resources on voting, get the latest League of Women Voters action alerts, find bulletins, check out the Observer Corp articles, and our latest programs. You can find all of these and more on <u>HTTP://lwvhfarea.org</u>.

We are always updating and refining the appearance and resources offered to ensure the site is user-friendly, informative, and interesting. I hope that you like what you see, and easily find the information you were looking for. Let us know what you think about the site. Send suggestions and comments to Joan Strohm, jdsjan@aol.com, chair of the website committee.

Membership Annual Report

Joan Strohm, Chair and Lillian Bacon

We are pleased to report a high point of 123 members in our League as of May 2, 2020. This number includes 24 new members who have joined since last year's Annual Meeting. Please join me extending a warm welcome to our newest members:

Dominique Bardelon-BristolLillian LeeMarietta BurkeShanee Levesque
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Jennifer Cotrill Patty Obrien
Barbara Donaldson Joni Scott
Nkyia Ervin Helen Smith
Terry Gillespie Jessie Stephney
Monica Gordon Blanche Stephney
Amanda Greep Eugenia Williams Pauling
Ann Jackson Paula Wilson
Yvonne Johnson Isaak Wiseman
Melanie King Dave Zaber

Two events were held at the Flossmoor Station Brewery to invite people to become members. The first event was a Democratic Debate Watch Party, held in October of 2020 and attended by 30 people. It was a very enjoyable evening with lots of spirited and lively conversation. The second event was the Super Tuesday Primary Election Watch Party that 35 people attended. Enthusiastic participants engaged in conversations touching on politics and many other topics. Both occasions were very successful with six attendees joining the League. Upcoming plans include an orientation for new members as well as another Drinks and Dialogue recruitment event.

This is one of our most successful years. As our long-term member Peg Boivin said, "the most effective recruiters are our very own League members". Therefore, we thank our passionate, generous, and talented members for helping us to grow our League's membership. We encourage members to continue to invite friends, neighbors, and relatives to attend at least one of our meetings. Our success as a League is due to the support of League members like you.

Ad Sponsorship and Fundraising Annual Report

Carol Vance, Chair

Eighteen ad sponsors brought in revenue of \$900 for 2019-2020. Ads taken out for the year were added to our website and the bulletins with a link to each sponsor's website. We are pleased that many sponsors continued their support from last year and a few were sponsors returning from prior years. We gained a new sponsor as the result of a referral from League member, Diane Kessler (respectfully, now deceased). League members.

League members Betty Baker, Lucy Kokal, and Carol Vance purchased ads on behalf of social services agencies in the community. Sponsoring an ad for service organizations such as the SSFS, SSPADS, and IZAAK Walton helps both the organization as well as the LWV-HF. Members are encouraged to help find new sponsors and reach out to them directly to help raise funds. Members are also encouraged to use the services and/or products of our business and professional sponsors to convey our appreciation for their support of our League.

Our Business and Professional Contributors

American Eyecare Center Art Corner Frames Aurelios Pizzeria Edward Ruiz, DDS Gress Chiropractic Clinic Homewood Disposal Izaak Walton Preserve I of the Needle Alterations Monica Bailey Massage Therapy Nail Savvy & Accessories, etc Sco's Southside Auto Bath South Suburban Family Shelter South Suburban Garden Girl South Suburban PADS Thomas Brabec Law Office UpsaDaisy Boutique Van Sipma's Jewelers Walt's Food Center

Hospitality Annual Report

Lorea Farley, Chair

The Hospitality and the Climate Change Committees worked together to provide ecofriendly products and practices. Carol Vance, Chairperson of the Climate Change Committee, helped us to implement the motto, "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" by providing glass jugs for water, bamboo utensils, compostable trash bags, eliminating plastic, and more.

Cooperation and teamwork were exhibited at the beginning and at the end of each meeting as volunteers came early to set up the room before the meetings, and immediately went into action at the end of each meeting to return every item to its rightful place, pack up, and cleanup.

Special thanks to Beth and Richard Bongard for hosting the Holiday Party in December at their home. Thanks also to everyone who participated in the bountiful September Potluck gathering at the Irwin Center in Homewood.

Refreshments like "crunchies", salads, cheeses, dips, veggies, fruits, sweet treats, coffee, tea, and water were provided for members to enjoy at each meeting.

Thank you and I hope to see you at an in-person Annual Meeting next year.

Barbara Hayes, President



HOMEWOOD- FLOSSMOOR AREA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTER

Membership Form – Fiscal Year 2020/21

Name(s):		Date		Renewal Date		
Address:	ddress:Cit		State	Zip Co	Zip Code	
Phone:	:					
*Bulletins are delivered fre	e via email or \$10 v	ia US mail.				
Annual Dues (through Jun	e 30,2021)	Pay Pal Rec #	Cash	Check #		
Individual Membership		\$70.00 _				
Household Membership		\$105.00				
• (2 people residing in same residence)						
Bulletin Mailing Fee (optional)		\$10.00 _				
Other Contribution Option	IS					
LWV of H-F AREA (not tax-deductible)						
LWVIL Education Fund (tax-deductible- must be a separate check made payable to LWVIL Ed						
Fund)	Amount:	Check#	*P	ay Pal	(\$3 processing fee)	
Please return this form and your check to: H-F Area LWV						
P.O. Box 801						
Flossmoor IL 60422						
For questions contact Joan Strohm (708- 921-0859) <u>jdsjan@aol.com</u>						
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above.						
I am willing to do one or more of the following activities to continue to keep our local League strong						
and vibrant:						
Voters Service Green (Environment) Committee					ittee	
Voter Registrar						
Candidate Forums						
Nominating Committee Finance Committee- Fund Raising					aising	
Special Topic Group Study		Budget Committee				
Legislative Issues			Publicity			
Tracking legislation		Write Bulletin Articles				
Advocate for Issues		Distribute Flyers				
Interviewing Legislators		Proofreading Bulletins				
Hospitality Committee		Membership Committee				
Program Planning Committee		Observe	Observer Corps (community board meetings)			