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## September/October 2020 Bulletin

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### Message from the President

Hello League Members,  
I hope that you and your families are safe and well. As we are experiencing the many challenges of COVID-19, dealing with the school dilemma, economic crisis, climate change and other issues impacting our lives, our League is striving to serve you and our communities by registering individuals and educating citizens on the importance of voting. The Voter Service Team has been out weekly, getting out the message to vote early and encouraging individuals to utilize mail-in ballots. Our Voter Service Chair, Roxie Williams, and her team recently

encouraged members to become Deputy Registrars. Our deputy registrars have registered people outside of food pantries, at a walk-a-thon, at senior citizen housing, in food chains and at community events. We are so pleased with the Voter Service Team and the work they are doing! Remember to vote and contact your family and friends to "Ignite the Vote!" For more information, please visit our website's [Ignite the Vote page](#).

**On Wednesday, September 16, 2020, at 7:00 pm, Congresswoman Robin Kelly will be our guest speaker** for our general meeting. We are honored to have her for our remote meeting. [Get more information and register now.](#)

I hope that you received your [invitation for the League 100th Anniversary Power the Vote](#) and plan to join us to celebrate the League's 100th anniversary. The celebration will be held virtually from **12:00 -1:00 PM on Thursday, September 24th.**

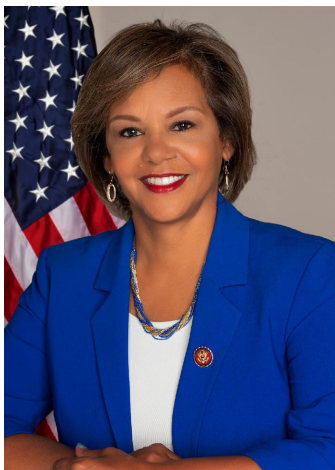
The League is requesting that you vote for the [Fair Tax Amendment](#) by voting "Yes" on the constitutional amendment on the ballot for the November 2020 general election. The Fair Tax Amendment will eliminate the state constitution requirement that Illinois tax income at a single rate, allowing instead for higher rates for higher incomes and lower rates for people with low and moderate incomes.

Thank you for continuing to make democracy work by [renewing your LWV-HF Area membership](#). If you haven't already done so this year please renew and take advantage of opportunities below to serve and participate in our programs.

Thank you,  
Barbara A. Hayes, President, LWV H-F Area

## Upcoming Events

### LWV-HF Area (Virtual) September Program Meeting: Congresswoman Robin Kelly



League of Women Voters of the Homewood-Flossmoor Area is excited to welcome **2nd Congressional District Congresswoman Robin Kelly** for our September program meeting!

**On Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**, Congresswoman Kelly will join us for our virtual program meeting and will address our members and answer our questions. Please note that this meeting will be held via Zoom webinar, and **advance registration is required** as the number of participants is limited.

Please use the **"Register Now" button below to register to join us**. After registering you will receive an email with a Zoom link you will click on to join the webinar on September 16. If you attended our LWV-HF Area annual meeting this summer, the

process will be similar.

Want to know more about Congresswoman Kelly? [Check out her bio](#). **Questions** about this event or questions to be submitted for Congresswoman Kelly can be directed to [lwvhfareboard@gmail.com](mailto:lwvhfareboard@gmail.com).

REGISTER NOW



### October (Virtual) Program Meeting Wednesday, Oct. 21, 7:00 p.m.

Save the date for our October program meeting! Speaker/topic to be announced so watch your email for more details soon!



### National Voter Registration Day Tuesday, September 22, 2020

The League of Women Voters HF Area is looking forward to National Voter Registration Day later this month! Check out the official website by clicking on the graphic to the left.

If you or someone you know in Cook County needs to register to vote, go to the [Cook County Clerk's website](#) today!

## 2020 Early Voting Dates, Times, & Locations

### Early Voting Information

**October 7 – Nov 2**

**Markham Court House**

16501 Kedzie  
Markham

Mon-Fri: 8:30 AM – 7:00 PM  
Sat-Sun: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

**October 19 – Nov 2**

**Matteson Community Center**

20642 Matteson Ave  
Matteson

Mon-Fri: 8:30 AM – 7:00 PM  
Sat-Sun: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Oak Forest City Hall**

15440 S. Central Ave.  
Oak Forest

Mon-Fri: 8:30 AM– 7:00 PM  
Sat-Sun: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

**Harvey City Hall**

15320 Broadway Ave  
Harvey

Mon-Fri: 8:30 AM – 7:00 PM  
Sat-Sun: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

**Lansing Public Library**

2750 Indiana Ave  
Lansing

Mon-Fri: 8:30 AM – 7:00 PM  
Sat-Sun 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

[Additional Locations](#)

## Committee Reports



### LWV-HF Area Voter Services Report

The tenacious Voter Services team has been hard at work registering voters and providing voting information to members of the community. Due to Covid-19, these activities were performed outdoors with team members sheltered under a canopy and wearing personal protective equipment as they engaged with the public. In August, 31 new voters were registered by our team! The team, led by Lillian Bacon, conducted voter registration at the following events during August :

Aug 1	Village of Hazel Crest Walk-A-Thon
Aug 3	New Hope Community Church, Monee
Aug 7	Waterford Senior Living Facility, Hazel Crest
Aug 14	Bremen Township, Markham
Aug 15	Waters Edge Condominiums
Aug 22	Jewel/Osco, Homewood
Aug 29	Teddy's Meat & Produce Market, Hazel Crest

We wish to thank the New Hope Community Church in Monee for their hospitality, allowing our volunteers to register community youth during a neighborhood food drive. We are also grateful to the Illinois South Suburban Black Nurses Association for supporting the League with an additional four volunteers at the event. Lastly, Voter Services would like to thank the website committee for the improvements to the [Voter Services page](#) on the LWV-HF Area website.



## LWV-HF Area Membership Committee Report

### OUR MEMBERSHIP MAKES US MIGHTY!

The most important factor in any organization is its members. Our league has had a healthy, strong membership in previous years and continues to be healthy and strong even through this COVID 19 period of uncertainty. Though we are not having physical meetings, we still need all hands on deck. If you have not renewed your membership there are several ways to do so. [Click on the "Join"](#)

[Button to the left to join or renew online](#). Or, print out a [Membership Form](#) and mail it with your \$70 check to:

**The League of Women Voters  
Homewood-Flossmoor Area  
P.O. Box 801  
Flossmoor, IL 60422**

As the result of a successful membership drive several new members have joined us this summer. [We welcome Stephanie Bell, Mary O'Dell Frick, Autumn Lewis, Melinda Miller, Connie Thomas, and Amanda Wichinger.](#)

Due to the suspension of our physical meetings, members are learning how to participate virtually through Zoom meetings and league website information. This organization has been in existence for 100 years and we're not done yet! We will continue to empower voters and defend democracy for the next 100 years. We remain nonpartisan as we register voters, provide election information, increase public awareness and understanding of major political issues, and influence public policy through education and advocacy. To be maximally effective, we need you. If you are a current member, thank you for making us strong. If you were a member but have not yet renewed your membership, this is the time to do so. If you know someone (male or female) who may be interested in joining our league, please encourage them to join. Add your voice to a powerful force of members. We need all hands on deck!

[Membership questions can be directed to Joan Strohm at 708-921-0859 or \[jdsjan@aol.com\]\(mailto:jdsjan@aol.com\).](#)



## LWV-HF Area Climate Change Committee Report

The Climate Change Committee, like everyone else, has not been able to meet in person. We communicate through emails and share information that we feel is

important to communicate to our membership:



**From: The Citizen's Utility Board (CUB) Clean Energy Jobs Act (CEJA)** needs our immediate attention! This act has very strong support across Illinois, and has promising new addition. CUB and members of the CEJA coalition have added accountability measures. Consumer protections would require utilities to be affordable and cost-effective, and make Com Ed compensate consumers for its misdeeds. Because of recent news of Com Ed's scandal, an opportunity to strengthen and pass a strong energy bill comes to us right now, during the fall legislative session. Please write or call your representatives to encourage the passage of CEJA.

**20+ apps and websites to help you live a more sustainable life:** This site offers many ways to make a meaningful change to our habits and consumer products that will help us reduce the size of our carbon footprint.

**Recycle Palooza coming Saturday, Oct 3** ,10:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Parker Junior HS Parking Lot . For complete list of items visit **MailScanner has detected a possible fraud attempt from "r20.rs6.net" claiming to be** [www.flossmoor.org](http://www.flossmoor.org). Electronics, household goods, plastic...and many more.. (TV's will have \$20 fee per set)

The climate change committee has tried to use this period for reducing use of plastic in our homes in various ways: making condiments, deodorants, and storing in glass jars. Ordering products online for laundry and dish soaps (Dropps Co.) and reading a recommended book, **Plastic Free, How I Kicked the Plastic Habit and How You Can Too** by Beth Terry. The production of plastics necessitates the use of crude oil for production, a commodity that the entire world uses and contributes to the serious crisis of the warming of the planet. Many organizations such as The Sierra Club, The Environmental Defense Fund, and The Nature Conservancy to name a few, continue to encourage research, programs and solutions for reduction of carbon and pollution in our air and water systems. We encourage members of our league to find at least one organization that you can join to support their work, and continue learning about the condition of our planet and how to save it. And to consider how powerful your/our consumerism is in its role of helping or endangering the planet.



**LWV-HF Area Supports the Work of the U.S. Census Bureau** to ensure a complete and accurate count in Illinois and Nationwide. Census results help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities each year. The results determine how many seats in Congress each state gets. It's mandated by the U.S. Constitution in Article 1, Section 2. The U.S. has counted its population every 10 years since 1790. Haven't completed yours yet? [Do it now!](#)

## FROM OUR STATE OFFICE: LWV-IL NEWS

Click on the graphics below to link to the LWV-IL website for more information



Keynote Speaker



Lieutenant Governor  
Juliana Stratton

# POWER The VOTE

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Noon - 1:00 pm

*Join us*

for our annual benefit as these inspiring women share their insights on voter access, activation and protection.

Tickets start at \$25!

Special Guest:



Valerie Jarrett  
Board Chair, When We All Vote  
Co-Chair, United State of Women

Panelists:



Jen Dean  
Deputy Director  
Chicago Votes



Tina Hone  
Chief Equity Officer, YWCA  
Metropolitan Chicago



Jennifer Taff  
Associate Director, Dupage  
Habitat for Humanity

## JOIN THE CELEBRATION!

For 100 years, we have been a nonpartisan, activist, grassroots organization that believes voters should play a critical role in democracy. The League of Women Voters Illinois is celebrating this centennial anniversary with a virtual event which will benefit the LWWIL Education Fund and **Power the Vote**. We've been going strong for 100 years and we're not done yet! If every league member "attends" and "brings" 2 or more guests we will exceed our goal. **Make your Donations now** to receive a link on the morning of the event, to join the celebration.

## POWER THE VOTE

Celebrating our Centennial, Envisioning our Future

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Noon-1:00 pm

"Doors" open at 11:45 am

**Valerie Jarrett** is our special guest and will deliver her remarks right before **Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton** gives the keynote address. Our three

notable panelists are **Jen Dean, Tina Hone and Jennifer Taff.**

**Ways to support:** Donations; Tickets (start at \$25); Anyone who purchases a Table will receive a gift; For Virtual Program Book Ads and Sponsorship, scroll to the bottom of the mobile cause link.

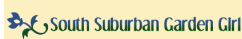
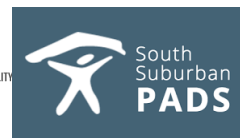
Contact Erin Roeper – [erinrpr7@gmail.com](mailto:erinrpr7@gmail.com) or visit the LWVIL website for more information.

## League of Women Voters of Illinois Voter Guide!



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