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June 24

Book Club:
"News of the World"
By Paulette Jiles

June 30

Annual Business Meeting

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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.

The luncheon has been canceled but the business meeting will be held via zoom. Below are the details:



When: June 30, 2020 : 7:00 pm

Where: Your favorite Zoom Location
(virtual backdrops welcome)

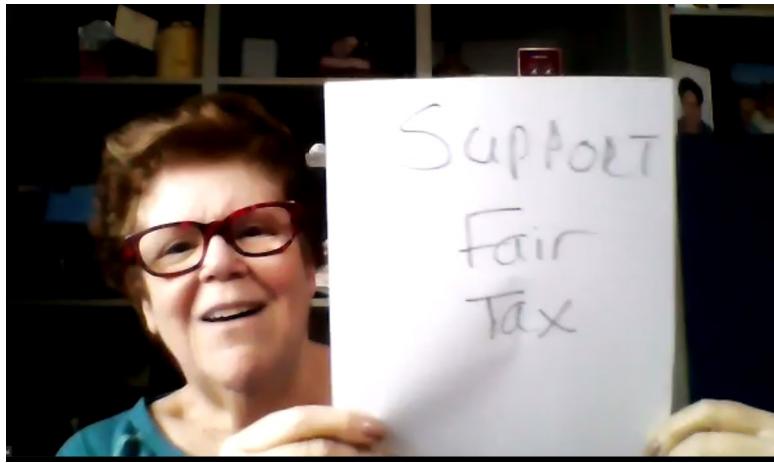
Dress: Required from the waist up
Please supply your own refreshments

The coronavirus and resultant social distancing measures are impacting the activities of our League. However, while so much has been canceled our Leadership Team has been meeting; our Book Club has been zooming; and Program Planning was very successful.



Remembering

[Dan Pierce](#)



Ginny Schulte

SUPPORT THE ILLINOIS FAIR TAX AMENDMENT

HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEAGUE

LEADERSHIP TEAM MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends,

To commemorate Memorial Day, a few women from my building and I packed our sandwiches and walked to Memorial Park, down the street from the Library, for a socially distanced picnic. Sheltered at the Bob Robinson Bandstand, we paused at 3 PM to honor those who gave their lives in service to our country. I also thought of those healthcare workers, never expecting to put their own lives on the line, who were infected with the virus and did not survive.

Besides the worsening COVID-19 statistics, every day seems to bring a new or escalating crisis somewhere in the world, and, in the case of the environment, everywhere in the world. As individuals, we can distract ourselves by turning to novels or Netflix... and we all need some of that. But, I would also like to suggest – that what we choose to do during these difficult times can also be a reflection of who we really are. We can choose to get closer to our family members with frequent Facetime and Zoom visits, cook and bake for our friends, donate our resources to those in need and, of course, help our wonderful HP/HWD Leaguers make a difference. Your activism and support can help us in our vital work to protect the future of democracy. Here are just some of the opportunities available:

- Participate in and/or present a League study. After not having had one in a while, we anticipate a local study of the Highland Park Park District and a state update on Policing and Criminal Justice Reform.
- Help plan membership events, candidate forums, or our holiday party.
- Join the Stroll to the Polls/Voter Education Committee to register voters, get out the vote, and brainstorm events with the high school.
- Monitor and advocate for other urgent issues such as redistricting and immigration.
- Here's an easy one: "attend" our annual business meeting on June 30 at 7 PM (via Zoom) to help set the direction of our League for next year and the future.
- Monitor delayed Census Progress as LWVIL may ask for our help.
- Join a committee to advocate for the Fair Tax Amendment.

The 2020 LWV National Convention will begin on June 25. Nancy Goldberg, Marlene Senescu and I will virtually connect with hundreds of delegates from all over the country to celebrate the League's Centennial and decide on program and advocacy for the next two years. Some of the caucuses already scheduled are: Civics Education; Cybersecurity & Privacy; Voter Representation/Voter Systems; Climate Emergency – Time for All Hands on Deck; America's Choices in the Health Care Debate; Rebuilding Trust to Save our Civil Society; National Popular Vote and more. There may be opportunities for non-delegates to observe the plenaries and caucuses.

As always, I welcome your comments, suggestions and questions. I hope to "see" you at our annual meeting.

Wishing all of us safe times,

Judy Miller



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LWV HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD ANNUAL MEETING WORKING PAPERS

LOCAL PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS

2020—2021

STUDIES

- 1) Retain all of our local Positions, except for Parks and Recreation Position.
- 2) Restudy our Parks and Recreation Position. See the [proposal](#) on our [website](#).
- 3) Participate in LWVIL Criminal Justice Position update with Zoom presentation and subsequent consensus proceedings.

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.

PROGRAMS

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

Bylaws Changes for 2020-2021

Membership qualification will be amended to conform with the Bylaws of LWVUS as follows:

- Replace “Citizens at least 16 years of age” **with** “Persons at least 16 years of age”.
- Replace “Those who make a lump-sum life membership payment to the LWVUS shall be paid life members and those who have been members of the League for fifty (50) years or more shall be honorary life members, and are excused from payment of dues.” **with** “Those who have been members of the League for fifty (50) years or more shall be honorary life members, and are excused from payment of dues.”

LWV HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD ANNUAL MEETING WORKING PAPERS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

2020—2021

The following recommendations were made in the 2019-2020 Nominating Committee report and we recommend them again:

- A. Continue with the Leadership Team approach.
- B. Continue to make membership a League priority. There is a real need to find younger members to carry on the League's presence in Highland Park.
- C. Continue to focus on consistent, League issue-oriented programming (local/state/national) for a year-long presence.
- D. Continue close communication between the Program, Communication and Membership Committees.

Adopt the following slate for one year terms, 2020—2021:

Judy Miller	Team Leadership Chair
Marlene Senescu	Secretary and Membership
Ginger Seff	Treasurer (Off-Team)
Nancy Goldberg	Communications/Candidate Guide
Carole Kohn and Barbara Lippai	Program
Shoshana Friedman	Citizen Education and Voter Registration
Elaine Adler	Candidate Forums/Candidate Guide and Events (including a membership event)
Rose Feder	Assist with: Communications, Candidate Forums, Secretary/minutes

Every effort should be made to recruit non-team members to chair/co-chair/assist with events such as a membership event, an opening meeting, a holiday party, the annual meeting and voter service activities.

Nominating Committee: 2021-2022:

Ginny Schulte, Chair (Off-Team); Rose Feder; Ginger Seff (Off-Team)

Submitted by the 2020-2021 Nominating Committee:

Ginny Schulte, Chair (Off-Team); Rose Feder (Off-Team), Ginger Seff (Off-Team)
Marlene Senescu (Leadership Team Appointee)

* Off-Team indicates Off Leadership Team

LWV HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD

ANNUAL MEETING WORKING PAPERS

BUDGET

2020—2021

LWVHP/HWD BUDGET 2020 - 2021		Fiscal Year	
		July 2019 - June 2020	
		Budget	YTD
Income Accts			
Dues	6,350	5,198	5,198
Great Decisions	875	0	0
Ed Fund	1,762	2,188	2,188
Ways & Means	1,500	0	2,500
Interest			
Annual Mtg	1,500	0	1,500
From(To) Resrv	448	1799	1,655
Total Income	12,435	9,185	13,041
Expense Accts			
Artist Cards			1500
Bd Expenses	150	0	100
Membership	200	0	200
Great Decisions	875	0	0
Theatre fundrsr	0	600	0
Gala	0	859	0
Stationary	300	0	300
Web Hosting	250	651	400
Insurance	85	115	115
PO Box Rent	150	150	150
Mtg Expenses	400	150	150
Annual Mtg	1500	0	1500
Study Comm	50	0	50
Voter Service	200	581	1300
National Conv	800	0	0
State Conv	0	0	1200
Regional Mtgs	130	0	0
Nat'l PMP	3522	2928	2928
State PMP	3522	2928	2928
County PMP	211	183	180
Lake Mi LWV	40	40	40
Total Expenses	12,435	9,185	13,041

HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEAGUE

Stroll to the Polls

A great example of LWVIL Leagues sharing and growing together. LWV Highland Park/Highwood completed its first “Stroll to the Polls 2020” with Highland Park High School as Students Go Door-To-Door to Increase Voter Turnout. The LWVHP/HWD “Stroll to the Polls”, team was led by Shoshana Friedman, coordinator; with Judy Miller and Nancy Goldberg as co-chairs.

“Stroll to the Polls” on Sunday morning, March 8 was a great success! A year in the planning, the program involved the League of Women Voters of Highland Park/Highwood and the Social Studies Department of Highland Park High School (HHS) preparing students for this first-time voter education project. More than 100 enthusiastic HHS students from Civics classes gathered at the High School to kick off the Stroll, with hot chocolate and donuts, to hear about the importance of voting from featured speakers: HHS Social Studies teachers Joe Brysiewicz and Deborah Linder; League coordinator of the event, Shoshana Friedman; Highwood Mayor Charlie Pecaro; Highland Park Councilman Tony Blumberg, and two student speakers. Thirty plus volunteers from the League (including volunteers from Arlington Heights area), Grand Times (a local intergenerational program) and the teaching staff of HHS and their spouses were there to register, organize the students into teams and hand out packets of materials

Pending school attendance decisions, we have tentative plans for a next “Stroll” on October 4th.



LWVHP/HWD MEMBERSHIP

Remembering Dan Pierce

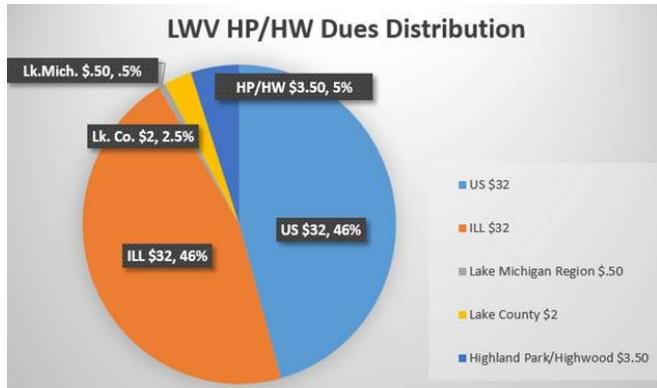
Our League was saddened to learn of the passing of our long-time League member, Dan Pierce, in February. Aside from Dan's extensive portfolio of civic leadership, Dan, along with his wife Rhoda, have been active members of our League for decades. Dan would remind us at gatherings that he grew up with League as an influence, because his mother was a member of the League of Women Voters.



The City of Highland Park has a beautiful memorial tribute on its website that explains the depth of the contributions Dan made to our community, county and state. Click [here](#) for the article.

On a personal note, Dan and Rhoda were one of our first neighbors to greet us when we moved to Highland Park in 1985. Dan knocked on our door to **"register us to vote"** and signed me up to be a poll worker for the upcoming elections. Even after moving to another area of HP, he never missed greeting me with "Hi Neighbor", a hug and questions about our neighborhood, our kids and jobs.

Nancy Goldberg



Our Dues support a multi-level organization.

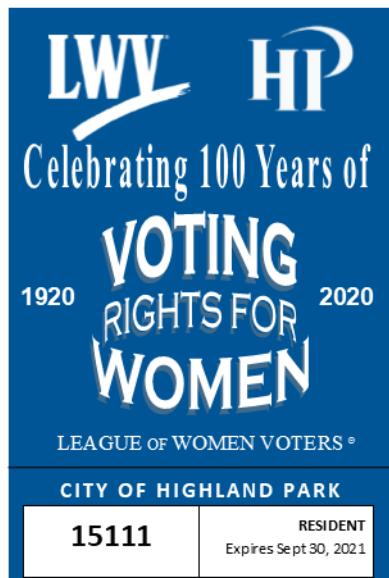
Our National membership is more than 400,000 members! There are 700 local Leagues in 50 states, D.C., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.



Welcome to NEW MEMBERS: Wendy Abrams, Karen Braun, Carol Heyman, Marilyn Hirsch, Richard Hirsch, Emma Kowalenko, Jeanne Murray, Carole Schmarak and Deborah Weil

HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEAGUE

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM UPDATE:



The City of Highland Park was going to help us celebrate 100 years of women voting by using the vehicle sticker design pictured here. Created by Janet Krehbiel and me (Nancy Goldberg), the Leadership Team was excited to see cars around HP helping us celebrate! Alas ... the city has decided to discontinue the vehicle stickers. But, we know that the City will help us honor the 100th anniversary of Voting Rights for Women and the creation of the League in another way.

We are moving forward with another project, an art project collaborating with local women artists. They are creating art works, commemorating the 100 Year Suffrage Centennial. We will print and sell as a collection of note cards in time for holiday gifts. Watch your League email in the fall for information about purchasing the Commemorative Centennial card sets.

Please keep an eye out for emails on Zoom opportunities that our League, State and other local area Leagues are holding.

Make sure you check our Facebook Page, “Like” us and invite your friends to like us as well!

If you would like to help with our website, Facebook or Instagram contact me:

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LWV HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEADERSHIP TEAM

Leadership Team 2019–2020:

Judy Miller, Chair
Elaine Adler
Shoshana Friedman
Nancy Goldberg
Carole Kohn
Marlene Senescu

Nominating Committee 2020:

Rose Feder, Ginny Schulte and Ginger Seff

Treasurer: Ginger Seff

Webmasters: Nancy Goldberg and Rose Feder

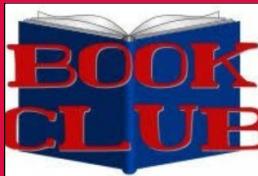


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GREAT DECISIONS 2020

Our last session was held on March 11th with the topic “Panic at the border: U.S. relations with the Northern Triangle” (El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras). Already concerned about COVID-19 and after checking with the Library, attendees sat staggered in the auditorium to view the video and have discussion.

The following day, the Library determined to close and the remaining sessions will be rescheduled, hopefully sometime in the Fall.



LWVHP/HWD BOOK CLUB

Organized and led by Barb Kronish, our Book Club meets the last Wednesday of each month in the HP Library from 1:00 to 2:30, where we have been meeting since July of 2018. **Due to the coronavirus we have switched to virtual, now meeting on Zoom.** Since our last newsletter we reviewed “The Yellow House” in February at the Library. “The Alice Network” in March, “Where the Crawdads Sing” in April, and the most recent May 27th review of “Washington Black”, have been Zoom meetings.

It's a great group, which is open to both League members and non-members. Join us, bring a friend and bring a book title to recommend! Zoom invitations will be emailed to the book club list. If someone is interested in joining us have them email [Nancy Goldberg](mailto:Nancy.Goldberg@lwwv.org) to be added to the book club notification list.



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CENSUS INFORMATION



COVID-19 has had a huge impact on the way that Census conducts operations. The data timeline for collecting data has been extended by 2 months and Census will now stop collecting data on October 31, 2020. Read [here](#) for LWVUS article on COVID-19, the Census, and Redistricting.

Support the Fair Tax Amendment!

RECENT SUCCESS STORIES ... WE DID IT! POSTED BY LWVIL ON Facebook

YOU HELPED TO PASS:
KEY BUDGET ITEMS TO AID THOSE HARDEST HIT BY THE PANDEMIC

YOU HELPED TO PASS:
MAJOR ELECTION REFORMS INCLUDING:

- ELECTION DAY BECOMES A STATE HOLIDAY
- EXPANDED VOTE BY MAIL & EARLY VOTING
- SAFER POLLING LOCATIONS
- CURBSIDE VOTING
- RECRUITING YOUNGER ELECTION JUDGES

Now Governor Pritzker must sign.

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GREEN NOTES DURING COVID-19



The pandemic quarantine has freed up some time, and given pause to re-evaluate an ongoing process that is being experienced “in spades” right now for so many reasons.

While our minds are focused on staying healthy and adhering to new rules, we know there are so many other vital issues that must be attended to. There really are so many ways we can participate in a resistance to climate change and environmental degradation from the comfort of our own homes.

PLASTICS: 22 million pounds of plastics enter the Great Lakes each year with Lake Michigan receiving the most. Take an inventory of your single use plastics at home and try to reduce. Look around your kitchen and think about what plastics can be easily eliminated. When you bring food in from a restaurant, mention that you would prefer reusable, reheatable and easily recyclable food containers. Be sure to say “I don’t want a plastic bag.” You are the customer, and what you want matters.

FOOD WASTE: The third biggest contributor to climate change is food waste. One quarter of what we waste could solve hunger around the world. Fewer trips to the grocery store require more menu planning, but it’s a helpful way to avoid over-buying and food waste. Experts will attest that expiration codes are extremely misleading and we should pay more attention to taste and smell, not dates! Information on dates and codes is easily available. These actions will not only save money for your family, they will positively impact climate change by reducing fossil fuel use.

FOOD COMPOSTING: Right now 90% of food waste ends up in landfill and is a huge contributor to methane gas. Composting helps tremendously in the reduction, and you can create your own compost pile, or, subscribe to the curbside composting service offered by Lakeshore Recycling Systems.

LESS PAPER: Consider using less paper towels and napkins. Cloth is a great substitute and once you get in the habit, it will feel so much better. At the same time look at the paper products you are buying. Imagine old growth trees being cut down for toilet paper! Look for post consumer waste products or those that say from 100% recycled material.

GARDENING: This stay at home time offers more possibilities for gardening. Things to consider avoiding that will help the environment:

- No toxic products like Round Up are used
- No artificially colored mulch...stick to natural pine bark or your own leaf mulch. Coco shells are good too and smell yummy.
- Grow some food. Lettuce is a great start and can even be done in a pot. It’s amazing to see what a few seeds can produce.
- Plant native species and you’ll save time and water. Add a rain barrel and you will always have rain water which is so much better for growing things. (higher oxygen content).

Reducing waste can be a challenging and rewarding activity that will pay back more than you invest!

Andy Amend

CALENDAR of UPCOMING EVENTS

LWV HP/HWD League Book Club

When **June 24th: 1:00—2:30 pm**
Where Virtual Meeting on Zoom
Description “News of the World” by Paulette Jiles



LWV HP/HWD 92nd Annual Business Meeting

When **June 30th: Tuesday evening, 7:00 pm**
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



We are considering the following topics for upcoming meetings on Zoom, and, hopefully soon in-person meetings.

- Effect of plastics on our environment.
- Recycling: What's happening to our stuff?
- Energy: Fossil fuels to renewables.
- Immigration Series; Trafficking in our area
- School Superintendents: Update on our schools in the time of Covid-19.
- Fair Tax Amendment
- LWVIL Criminal Justice
- 19th Amendment
- 100 Year Anniversary of League

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