

Upcoming Events:

- MLK Day of Service **Jan 21**
Voter Registration
HP Recreation Center
- Book Club **Jan 30**
HPPL "Purple Hibiscus"
- Illinois Budgetary Issues **Jan 31**
HP Police Station Training Room
- Great Decisions **Feb 20**
HPPL
- Book Club **Feb 27**
HPPL Title to be determined

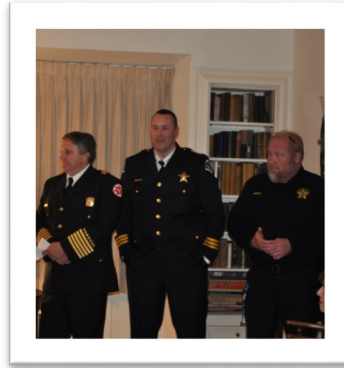
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Happy New Year! Toasting a great 90th Anniversary Year!

Holiday Party, Dec. 13th



HP Fire Chief, Larry Amidei
HP Police Chief, Lou Jogmen
HWD Police Chief, Dave Wentz

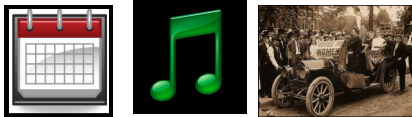
Our Holiday party on Dec. 13th was a great success. The evening started with delicious foods and a chance to visit with friends, new members, city officials, and our featured speakers.

Judy Miller related a wonderful recap of our 90th Anniversary celebrations and spoke about League's mission and accomplishments. Elaine Adler moderated the program with our speakers, HP Police Chief, Lou Jogmen, HP Fire Chief, Larry Ameidei and HWD Police Chief, Dave Wentz.

The chiefs were extremely informative and it was very interesting to hear about their backgrounds and perceptions of our communities. They each related a very positive experience working with our communities, and a very positive relationship with their respective governments to enable them to perform their jobs well.

Each of the speakers welcomed our Q&A questions about safety in the schools and throughout the community, racial profiling, managing mental health issues, combatting drug usage, gang presence, and gun related questions.

Thanks to Ginny Schulte and Laurie Reinstein for planning a super league event.



NEXT UP: WHAT GOES AROUND, COMES AROUND:
The Graduated Rate Income Tax (GRIT) Look for details on [page 3](#)

HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEAGUE

MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

January, 2019

Dear Leaguers,

Our Leadership Team just held its first meeting of 2019 on Monday, January 14th. In addition to the regular leadership team members: Nancy, Elaine, Marlene, Carole and Judy, we were joined by: Ginger Seff, Treasurer; Rose Feder, Candidate Forum co-chair and website chair; Barb Lippai, Nominating and Program Co-chair; and Mary Sheahen. Mary is our League's Membership Leadership Development coach from LWVIL. I think everyone came away from the meeting feeling very positive and energized. Our League membership has increased 17%; members will be receiving welcome letters and membership cards; our fall programs and events have been well attended and received.

Our first program of the new year, on January 31, will focus on the Graduated Rate Income Tax (GRIT), which our league, along with LWVIL and leagues throughout the state, continue to advocate for to replace the current flat tax. Coming up this winter and spring, we will be joining with the library to offer a series of monthly Great Decision discussions on foreign policy issues. Our first session will be in February. We will be inviting our new and long-time members to participate in planning local and state program at a fun event in late February or early March. Plans are unfolding for our Candidate Debates, preceding the local April 2nd Consolidated Election, which will be held at Highland Park Country Club on Sunday, March 17th. We are still working on details to reach out to Highland Park High School Social Studies Department to involve interested students in getting out the vote, using a program from the Naperville League, "Stroll to the Polls".

Just as the City of Highland Park joined with our League in celebrating our 90th anniversary last year, we congratulate the City on its sesquicentennial (150th anniversary) in 2019. Several of our members are involved in planning the year-long celebration. The Leadership Team voted to make the League a sponsor through the purchase of a personalized brick to be installed at City Hall. The brick will read: "**League of Women Voters Highland Park Since 1928.**"

One more thing...if you want to read something that will make you very proud to be a League member, click here (<https://whowhatwhy.org/2019/01/07/league-of-women-voters-gets-trump-bump>)

Judy Miller, on behalf of the Leadership Team



HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEAGUE

WHAT GOES AROUND, COMES AROUND:

THE GRADUATED RATE INCOME TAX

GRIT

January 31st at 7:30 pm

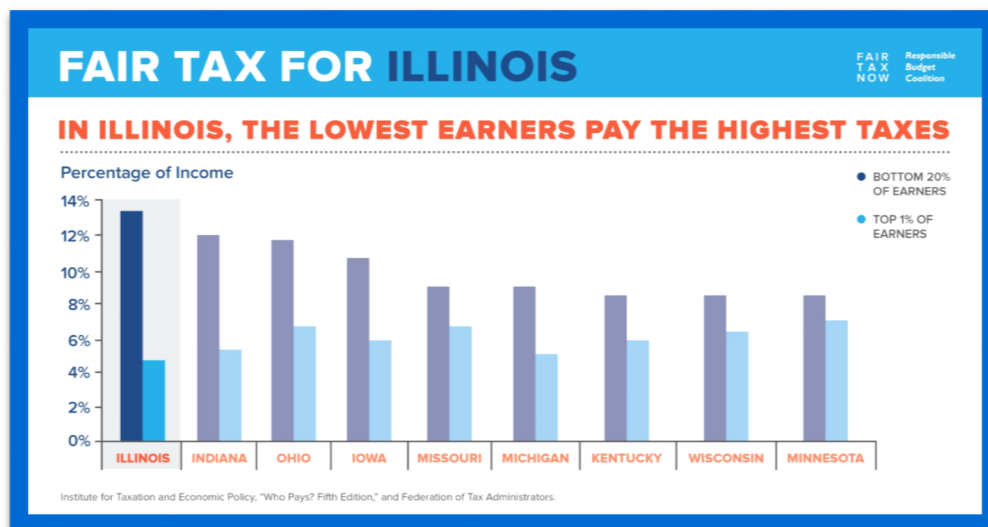
Highland Park Police Station Training Room

The League has been a crusader for tax reform – a fair tax system - for 50 years, perhaps more. We had a leading role in support of the graduated income tax at the 1970 Constitutional Convention, where a flat tax was agreed to as part of a political compromise. The flat tax is embodied in the Illinois Constitution and can only be changed by a constitutional amendment. Over time we have stepped up to the plate to advocate for a change to a graduated income tax. Our various action campaigns have been sparked by our realization that across many budget areas funding was unfair and inadequate, especially for public schools and social service obligations. These obligations are currently compounded by the issue of insufficient revenues to begin to pay down the backlog of unpaid bills...and other obligations.

Right now LWVIL is at the forefront of a campaign, as well as working in coalition with other same- thinking groups, to bring the issue to a public vote in 2020. LWVIL has developed a presentation and trained a group of members to educate our own members and our communities of the current need.

We will host this presentation on Thursday, January 31 at 7:30 at the HP Police Department’s training room. The speaker will be Kathy Tate-Bradish, a member of the LWVIL GRIT Team.

This is a perfect time to introduce new members, prospective members and our community to the thoughtful, action work of League!



LWVHP/HWD VOTER REGISTRATION NEWS

LWVHP/HWD Registration Events



- ★ **January 21, 2019 at Highland Park Recreation Center, MLK Day of Service, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.**
- ★ **February 21, 2019 at Highland Park High School, from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm.**

Go to <https://www.lakecountyil.gov/315/Election-Calendar> for complete information

Voting Information	
March 5, 2019	Close of Voter Registration. Note: After March 5th, registration will be available at early voting sites, and, at polling locations on election day.
March 8, 2019	Voting by mail begins.
March 18, 2019	Early Voting Begins
March 28, 2019	Last day to request a ballot by mail.
March 30, 2019	Last day for early voting at non-state mandated sites (Highland Park Police Station, West Deerfield Twp Office).
April 2, 2019	ELECTION DAY
April 4, 2019	Voter Registration reopens

Excerpted from the Lake County Clerk's Calendar.

CANDIDATE DEBATES

Please Save the Date for our League's Candidate Debates

Sunday, March 17, 2019
Beginning at 12:30 pm

Highland Park Country Club, 1201 Park Ave. West

Township High School District 113
North Shore School District 112
Highland Park City Council



*More information will be available soon ...
Look for the League's Voter Guide on March 1st*

There will be a call for volunteers — watch for email

HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEAGUE

GREAT DECISIONS 2019

LWVHP/HWD is collaborating with the Highland Park Public Library

Join a discussion group focusing on world affairs. The program is part of the Foreign Policy Association's Great Decisions program and is based on an annual briefing book published by the Foreign Policy Association, an organization with a commitment to the careful study of all sides of international questions affecting the United States. Through the book and discussion, participants can increase their awareness and understanding of foreign policy issues involving the United States.

Participants will be asked to read the briefing book prior to each meeting. Discussions will be led by members of the group, with rotating discussion leaders.

Registration is required and limited to 25 members.

Sessions will continue on Wednesday evenings on March 20, April 17, May 22 and June 19. After a break for the summer, the group will resume in September, October, and November. The cost for the Great Decisions 2019 book, which is required to participate, is \$40.

To register, and to purchase a book, call the Library at (847) 432-0216, ext. 120.

More information about Foreign Policy Association's Great Decisions 2019 can be found [here](#).

The first session will be February 20th, when we will discuss "State of the State Department and Diplomacy."



Stroll to the Polls

Stroll to the Polls is an effective, low-cost way to increase voter turnout in targeted precincts, while also engaging the next generation of voters as active participants in their Democracy. (from LWVIL website).

Our League is looking to model a program, partnering League members with High School students from HPHS, to encourage voters to participate in our upcoming local Consolidated Election.

We have been researching the LWV Naperville's "Stroll to the Polls" action project. Currently we are exploring a pilot program partnering with Highland Park High School and their students to increase voter turnout for spring elections in previously low turnout precincts. If you are interested in participating, contact Judy Miller by email judyathome@gmail.com or Shoshana Friedman by email shotyme9@gmail.com

Click [here](#) for a Chicago Tribune article on the LWV Naperville project.

LWVHP/HWD

THE MID-TERM RESULTS: WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?

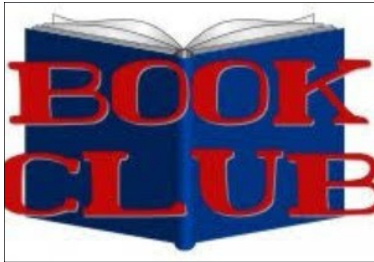
On November 14, 2018, a large group of members and non-members gathered at Binny's for a program by Zachary Cook, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Politics at Lake Forest College. Dr. Cook spoke about the recent mid-term results and answered our questions about national and state results. His presentation and interaction with the group were both captivating and enlightening.

At the beginning of the program, Binny's provided us with a tasting of several wines (cheese too!) from female vintners along with a talk about both the wines and how these women became involved in the business. Thank you Binny's!



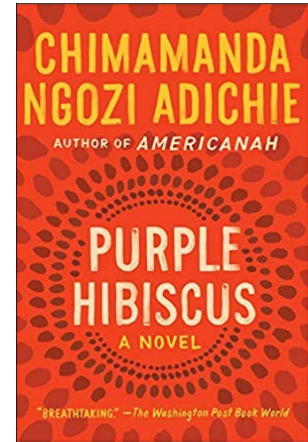
LWVHP/HWD BOOK CLUB

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. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 30th when we will discuss:

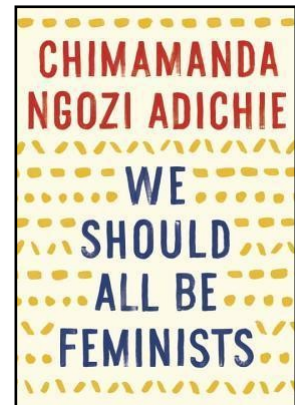
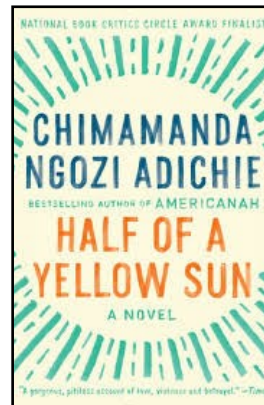
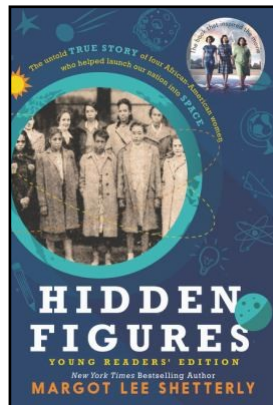
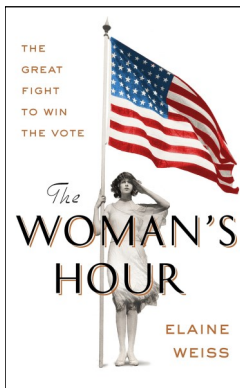


Purple Hibiscus

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie



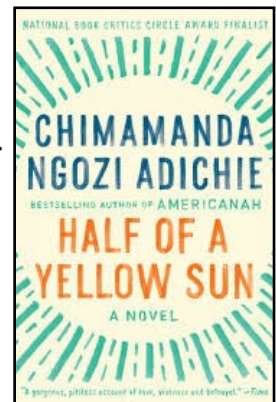
It's a great group, which is open to both League members and non-members. Join us, bring a friend and bring book title recommendations!



Our November readings were by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie: the essay, *We Should All Be Feminists* and novel, *Half of a Yellow Sun*.

Goodreads about *Half of a Yellow Sun*: “Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie weaves together the lives of three characters swept up in the turbulence of a seminal moment in modern African history: Biafra’s impassioned struggle to establish an independent republic in Nigeria in the 1960s, and the chilling violence that followed....”

Epic, ambitious, and triumphantly realized, *Half of a Yellow Sun* is a remarkable novel about moral responsibility, about the end of colonialism, about ethnic allegiances, about class and race—and the ways in which love can complicate them all. Adichie brilliantly evokes the promise and the devastating disappointments that marked this time and place, bringing us one of the most powerful, dramatic, and intensely emotional pictures of modern Africa that we have ever had.”



The group enjoyed Adichie’s writing so much that we decided to read another of her novels. After skipping December for the Holidays, we continue with our January book by Adichie, *Purple Hibiscus*, on January 30th.

LWVHP/HWD MEMBERSHIP

Membership renewal requests were mailed in early October. If you haven't renewed yet, please support our League activities by returning your dues either by mail or via PayPal through our website

Our League welcomes new (or returning) members and membership confirmation letters will be going out to all members soon. Some of the new members are listed below — others were welcomed in the Summer and Autumn Bulletins:

Linda Hanson, Robert Hanson, Joyce Hirsch, Francesca Kelly, Linda Kirschbaum, Katherine Licup, Cara Madansky, Cheryl Schultz and Terry Vismantas

We are pleased to have 23 new members to our League. Encourage your friends, women and men to join us and our exciting group of Leaguers. LWV has been a continuing catalyst for change in our local community, state and federal governments. League continues to consistently provide educational programs and candidate forums to our communities.

Membership:

Individual \$70 Household \$100

Website: league@lwwhp.org (you can pay dues online) or **Mailing address:**

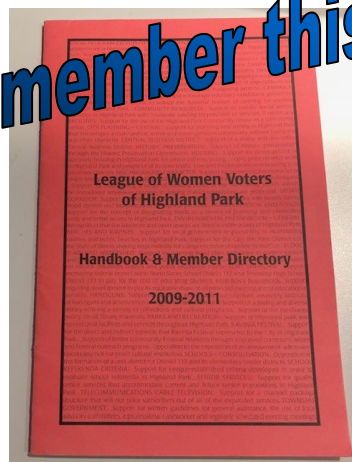
League of Women Voters Highland Park/Highwood
PO Box 396
Highland Park, IL 60035

Questions? Contact our Membership chair, [Marlene Senescu](#)

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO OUR EVENTS THIS YEAR!

State and Local Program Planning will be at the end of February or early March, with a fun event to be announced soon. We encourage new members to participate in this grass-roots event. What do we want as our local or state focus for 2019-20? We want to hear from you, to help determine our program going forward.

Remember this?



Electronic Member Directory

As we have done in the past, we plan to distribute to our members a membership list, with addresses, phone numbers and emails. This will be sent via email on a spreadsheet. We ask that this list not be shared with anyone other than our membership and should never be used for commercial purposes.

However, if you desire that your address, phone or email be withheld, please let Marlene know as soon as possible. (Marlene Senescu marsenescu@comcast.net)

HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEAGUE

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM UPDATE:

The Communications Team is keeping busy!

- Our League has had increased publicity notices, thanks to our membership chair, Marlene Senescu! A tribute to our 2018 Anniversary Year was posted in the Landmark’s Year in Review.
- We’ve created and circulated numerous posters and flyers for our events.. We will have flyers available for the MLK Day of Service to help let the community know about our great programs.
- We’ continue to successfully use mailchimp emails - hovering around 50% open rates. We have been told by a LWVIL representative that most Leagues have around 30% open rates.
- We are getting more hits on our Facebook page, partly due to your clicking “share”! Other local Leagues are sharing our posts!
- Research and integration of a new website is still planned. We are looking for a tech savvy high school or college student to help with our website development. We have a small budget for compensation. If you know someone, please contact me at my email address below.
- Publication of a Voter Guide for the Spring 2019 Consolidated Election will be provided, coordinating with the Voter Services Team.



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

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

Nancy Goldberg jamn148@gmail.com.

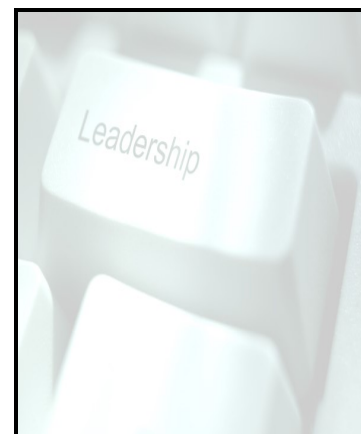
LWV HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEADERSHIP TEAM

Leadership Team 2018—2019:

Elaine Adler
 Nancy Goldberg
 Carole Kohn
 Judy Miller
 Marlene Senescu

Contingency Nominating Committee 2019: Barbara Kronish,
 Barbara Lippai, and Ginny Schulte

Treasurer: Ginger Seff
Webmaster: Rose Feder



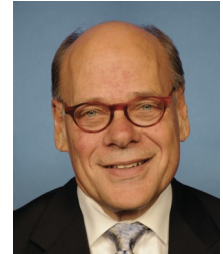
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Electoral College

Breaking News:

Rep. Steve Cohen introduces constitutional amendment to abolish Electoral College, H.J.Res. 7 introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives



Congressman Steve Cohen (TN-09), a senior member of the House Judiciary Committee, on January 3, 2019, introduced a Joint Resolution proposing a Constitutional Amendment to eliminate the Electoral College and provide for the direct election of the President and Vice President of the United States. The complete text is available [here](#). The Joint Resolution was referred to the House Judiciary Committee for consideration. When identical language is passed by two-thirds of both the House of Representatives and the Senate, it will then be referred to the states. It must pass three-fourths of the states to amend the Constitution.

2018: 33 Abolish Electoral College Presentations; approx. 1160 people				
Location	State	Host organization, public/private	No. of attendees	Date
Arlington Heights	IL	LWV - public	55	2/7/18
Wilmette	IL	LWV - public	55	2/25/18
Wilmette	IL	LWV - public	33	2/28/18
Oak Park	IL	LWV - public	24	3/27/18
Appleton	WI	LWV - public	20	3/14/18
Glenview	IL	LWV - private	44	4/18/18
Pulaski County	AR	LWV - private	~20	5/18
Manistee	MI	LWV Manistee Co. - public	50	5/10/18
Des Plaines	IL	Frisbie Senior Center - public	25	5/17/18
LaGrange	IL	LWV - public	40	5/24/18
Winnetka	IL	Women's Exchange - private	9	6/6/18
Gunnison Valley	CO	LWV - public	~30	5/18
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Chicago	IL	LWVUS Convention Caucus	85	6/29/18
Libertyville	IL	Adlai Stevenson Center on Democracy	90	8/26/18
Freeport	IL	LWV - public	40	8/28/18
Arlington	VA	LWV - private	4	9/18
Lincolnshire	IL	Rotary Club/Lincolnshire - private	8	9/27/18
Winnetka	IL	Unitarian Congregation - private	25	9/30/18
Downer's Grove	IL	LWV - public	21	10/2/18
Highland Park	IL	LWV - public	60	10/3/18
Northbrook	IL	Hadassah - private	35	10/10/18
Deerfield	IL	Rotary Club/Deerfield - private	17	10/11/18
Homewood	IL	LWV - public	34	10/17/18
LaGrange	IL	PEO philanthropic group - private	19	12/22/18
Winnetka	IL	LWV - public	32	10/23/18
Madison	WI	LWV Dane Co. - public	50	11/7/18
Deerfield	IL	Optimists Club of Deerfield - private	15	11/20/18
Chicago	IL	LWV Chicago, N. Side Unit - public	52	11/26/18
Eureka	CA	LWV Humboldt Co - public	50	11/29/18
Winnetka	IL	Rotary Club/Winnetka - private	42	12/6/18
Highland Park	IL	Rotary Club/Highland Park - private	30	12/10/18
Forest Park	IL	LWV - public	24	12/12/18

As of January 11, 2019, 33 presentations have taken place in Illinois, as well as 5 other states, to 1200 attendees!

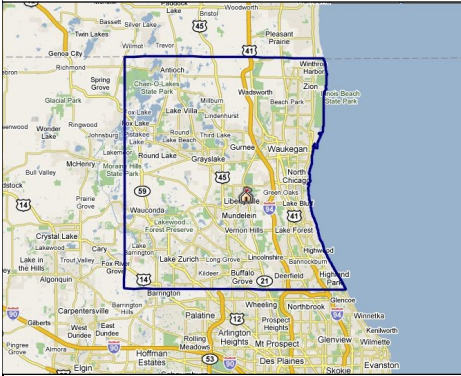
The materials for Abolish the Electoral College are located at <https://www.lwvwilmette.org/electoral-college-reform.html>



The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that the direct-popular-vote method for electing the President and Vice-President is essential to representative government. The League of Women Voters believes, therefore, that the Electoral College should be abolished.



LWV OF LAKE COUNTY AND LAKE MICHIGAN REGION



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LAKE COUNTY

On December 12th Carole Kohn and Nancy Goldberg attended the LWV-LC Holiday Luncheon at Jimmy's Char House, Libertyville.

Lots of ideas were shared over a delicious meal! Carole and Nancy enjoyed the event and met some really talented Leaguers from our neighboring communities.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LAKE MICHIGAN REGION

“The Illinois Department of Natural Resources is accepting applications for grants between \$1,000 and \$100,000 as part of its 2019 Coastal Management Program, which provides funding for a number of initiatives, such as combating invasive species and coastal erosion, and increasing public access to the lake’s coastline.

This year’s program will for the first time include funding to help protect and enhance beaches along the lake, which are shrinking and could face additional erosion related to the effects of climate change.”

<https://news.wttw.com/.../coastal-management-program-targets-...> (copied from LWVLakeMichigan FB page)



COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM TARGETS LAKE MICHIGAN BEACHES

ADVOCACY: LWV OF ILLINOIS

TIME FOR ACTION

Close the Gun Sale Loophole. Support HR 8 a bill that creates universal background checks.

FROM: Bonnie Cox, President
Jean Pierce and Allyson Haut, Issues Co-Chairs; Mary Klonowski, Gun Violence Prevention



ACTION NEEDED:

Contact your U.S. House Representative to support HR 8, a bill that creates universal background checks. Find their phone number [HERE](#).

If your Representative is one of the Bill's Cosponsors (on the list below) please thank her or him:

- Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]*
- Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]*
- Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]*
- Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]*
- Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]*
- Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]*
- Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]*
- Rep. Bustos, Cheri [D-IL-17]
- Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]
- Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]

WHY IT MATTERS:

A loophole in federal law allows criminals, domestic abusers, and other people who aren't allowed to have guns to buy them with no background checks and no questions asked if they simply go to a unlicensed seller.

Under federal law, only licensed gun dealers must submit background checks to the FBI before a sale to ensure that the buyer is legally allowed to possess a firearm. H.R. 8 would extend that requirement to include transactions between individuals, thereby closing a loophole that has allowed many firearm sales at gun shows or facilitated online to take place without oversight. The new bill would exempt exchanges between family members and allow guns to be temporarily transferred for hunting.

Quinnipiac's poll of 1,249 voters found 97 percent of respondents want universal background checks.

Illinois Legislators have managed to get on "A" Committees, a potential huge benefit for our state:



- Brad Schneider (D. 10): US House Ways and Means**
- Robin Kelly (D. 2): Health, Energy and Consumer Protection**
- Cheri Bustos (D. 17) US House Appropriations**

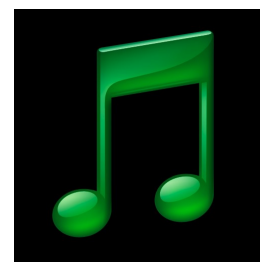
ENVIRONMENT and HISTORY

GREEN NOTES

Highland Park has a strong recycling program – including pick up and drop off options for different items. As we begin 2019, please take a few minutes to review these [recycling guidelines](#) from the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County. Please do not put your recycling in plastic bags. Plastic bags should be taken to a local retailer for recycling (grocery and big box stores have bins for plastic bags.) Electronics can be placed next to recycling cart at the curb on your first trash pick up day each month. Holiday lights, textiles, styrofoam and paired shoes can all be dropped off at the Recycle Center. Learn more about these options [here](#).



Courtesy of Councilwoman (and League member) Stone who has great environmental information on her website Friendsofkimstone.com.



WOMEN'S HISTORY



Jane Adams

Did you know that besides founding Hull house:

She and other Hull-House residents sponsored legislation to abolish child labor, establish juvenile courts, limit the hours of working women, recognize labor unions, make school attendance compulsory, and ensure safe working conditions in factories. The Progressive party adopted many of these reforms as part of its platform in 1912. At the party's national convention, Addams seconded the nomination of [Theodore Roosevelt](#) for president and campaigned actively on his behalf. She advocated woman's suffrage because she believed that women's votes would provide the margin necessary to pass social legislation she favored.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

LWV Voter Registration: MLK Day of Service

When **January 21st 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**
 Where Recreation Center of Highland Park
 1207 Park Avenue West
 Description Community Event celebrating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King



LWV HP/HWD League Book Club

When **January 30th: 1:00—2:30 pm**
 Where HP Library (lower level meeting room)
 Description Purple Hibiscus by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie



★ Note—Book club will usually meet on the last Wednesday of each month

LWV HP/HWD Illinois Budgetary Issues

When **January 31st: 7:30—9:00 pm**
 Where Highland Park Police Station Training Room
 Description Subject matter expert to speak on GRIT
 Graduated Rate Income Tax
 Speaker will be Kathy Tate-Bradish



LWV HP/HWD Great Decisions

When **February 20th: 7:00—9:00 pm**
 Where Highland Park Public Library
 Description First of 8 Great Decisions Series Sessions
 Collaboration between the HPPL and LWVHP/HWD
 Registration information (page 14)



LWV HP/HWD State and Local Program Planning

Details Information will be released soon



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

LWV HP/HWD Celebrates Women’s History Month

Details Watch your league emails for events



LWV of Illinois Annual Issues Briefing

When **March 2, 2019**
Where University Center, 525 S. State Street, Chicago
Description Plan to join Leaguers from around the state to hear from leading experts and participate in workshops on the Issues you care most about!



LWV HP/HWD Bike Walk 2030 Plan

Details **TBD**



LWV HP/HWD Annual Meeting and Luncheon

When **May 18, 2019**
Where Bella Via Ristorante, 1899 2nd Street, Highland Park
Description Annual Meeting followed by luncheon with guest speaker’s topic on Immigration



***WATCH for EMAILS FROM LWVLOCAL
for MORE INFORMATION ON OUR EVENTS!***