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Stroll to the Polls



March 8, 2020

Almost a year in the planning, the **Big Event** is Sunday, March 8th. **Read** about our collaboration with the High School students **AND** Volunteer to help with this amazing project!

What a wonderful Gala Celebration!



Larry and Rose Feder with Susan B.

December 5, 2019

We celebrated in style—had a lot of fun—recognized the Centennial of our wonderful LWV organization.

Thanks to the Holzers who went above and beyond to provide such a beautiful setting for our successful fundraiser! [more](#)



[Click](#) for Information on the LWVIL site. Registration is closed.

ISSUES 2020 BRIEFING

FEB. 15, 2020 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 2020 VISION FOR THE FUTURE

WATCH FOR EMAIL ON PROGRAM PLANNING

HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEAGUE

LEADERSHIP TEAM MESSAGE

Dear Leaguers,

Wow! It's been almost 3 months since our last newsletter and so much has happened. The last newsletter came out in November when we were so excited about our approaching "Gala". The Gala was everything we had hoped it would be and more. Read more about the Gala on [page 3](#).

The momentum and excitement created by the Gala has continued through these gloomy, but not-too-cold (my opinion) winter days. We continue to join in celebrating the League's 100th anniversary and the centennial of the 19th amendment with the Illinois League, the U.S. League and our neighboring Lake Forest-Lake Bluff League. The most recent event was the Centennial Suffrage Film Festival with Lake Forest-Lake Bluff, which ended last weekend. Watching the three films at the HP and LF libraries was quite an education. I never realized the degree of hardship, and, in some cases, torture, endured by some courageous and determined women in their effort to achieve suffrage for women. The celebrations continue as we join with the League of Women Voters of Illinois (LWVIL) at the very hotel (Congress Plaza) in the very room (the Gold Room) on the same day (February 14) where the League was founded 100 years ago.

In addition to the Centennial events, other activities have kept Highland Park/Highwood Leaguers out of the cold. Our Book Club has convened twice since the last newsletter, in November and January. We also held two Great Decisions programs in partnership with the Library in January. Our most recent event was our members' "[Chat with Rick](#)" on January 30. Rick Heineman is an involved Highland Park resident and League member, who attends many meetings of our local public bodies, including the City, School Districts, and Park District. It was an enjoyable, casual discussion of the local scene which will help us in planning our local program, including studies, activities and/or action, for next year. Our annual program planning meeting is coming up in March.

You've probably seen mentions of "**Stroll to the Polls**" in past newsletters and perhaps, more recently, on flyers around downtown Highland Park and Highwood. It's the largest project I've ever been involved with the LWV-HP/HWD and it's fast approaching! Read more Stroll info on [page 4](#). The "Stroll" has been very labor intensive for the Leadership Team, requiring many hours of communicating via meetings, emailing and calls with teachers, staff, police chiefs, social service workers, librarians, county employees and more. Our communications team has designed all marketing materials in-house. In addition, we have spent hours driving around neighborhoods, jotting notes, working with maps. We have become users of GIS (Geographical Information System tools). We are so excited to work in our community with Highland Park High School students. Besides human resources, this project has also been costly. Because of the funds raised at the Gala, we are able to make this huge effort to reach residents in Highwood and Highland Park, providing them with appropriate election information, encouraging them to register and vote. We thank our generous hosts, the Holzers, and donors. We are planning to continue our fundraising efforts (although on a smaller scale) in the future to expand the scope of our programming and to be able to offer new categories of membership with lower fees to students and others.

I welcome your suggestions and comments and hope to see you soon.

Judy Miller, on behalf of

The Leadership Team of the League of Women Voters of Highland Park/Highwood

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LWV HOLDS A SUCCESSFUL GALA BENEFIT

Our League held a Gala Benefit on the evening of December 5th at the beautiful Highland Park home of Marci and Ron Holzer to celebrate the upcoming Centennial of the League's founding in 1920. The event was attended by more than 80 people who enjoyed magnificent surroundings, wonderful chamber music by the Highland Park Strings Trio, delicious food and drink and the opportunity to be photographed with a life-size image of "Susan B. Anthony." Lake Forest College Professor Zachary Cook spoke about the history of voting rights in the US. League of Women Voters of Illinois President, Allyson Haut, described the importance of the Leagues' Observers Corps which represents the public at government meetings.

It was so much fun to celebrate such a momentous occasion! The founding of The League of Women Voters of the United States took place at the Congress Hotel in Chicago in 1920 as the final push was underway to enact suffrage rights for women. Following a 72-year struggle, League began as a "mighty political experiment." Part of the initial mission of the League was to help twenty million women fulfill their new responsibilities as voters.

The Holzer residence was beautifully decorated, both inside and out, to mark this milestone. In fact, the hostess selected purple and gold décor, the colors of the US women's suffrage movement. The event was a huge success, raising funds that will be directed to increase the League's community voter education.

Many thanks to Bob Laemle for his wonderful photography, Sharon Narrod for her delicious and

beautiful baking, and to Janet Krehbiel Pieracci for the delightful League Decade posters she created that were scattered throughout the Holzer residence. And, of course special thanks to Marci and Ron Holzer for their amazing generosity!



Submitted by
Nancy
Goldberg

HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEAGUE

“Stroll to the Polls” = YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE!!

After almost a year in the planning, “Stroll to the Polls” is only a few weeks away.

Inspired by our meetings with the Naperville League in April of 2019 and ongoing conversations and emails with the Arlington Heights League, the Stroll event is in its final days of planning and action.



Stroll to the Polls



March 8, 2020

Students of Highland Park High School, prepared by the Civics Department, along with League members and community volunteers, will join together to encourage residents of Highland Park and Highwood to vote in the March 17th primary elections.

Sunday, March 8th is the **Big Event**, starting with a rally at 10 AM at the Highland Park High School. Students will pick up bags, donated by First Bank of Highland Park, filled with voter information and routes. Students and adult monitors will then board buses to travel to their assigned walking areas.

After completing their routes, the students return, via bus, to the High School for pizza, music and concluding remarks by officials of Highland Park and Highwood.

As the concepts of individual participation in the electoral process are being taught in Civics classes, excitement is building and students are signing up for the big event. We hope to have upwards of 140 students plus about 60 teachers and volunteers engaged in this community-wide effort encouraging voter turn-out.

We need you to volunteer to help even if only for part of the times listed below:

- Feb. 20th, Thursday, from 10:00 to 2:00: help fill in address specific information on door hangers;
- March 2nd, Monday, 9:30 AM to Noon: assemble bags at First Bank of Highland Park;
- March 3rd; Tuesday, 1:00 PM to 4:00: assemble bags at First Bank of Highland Park;
- March 8th; Sunday the **Big Event Day!** 9:00 AM to 1:30: volunteer at Highland Park High School. We need volunteers to greet participants, pass out bags, monitor buses, help with the party, etc.

Please sign up, via email, to shotyme9@gmail.com to be added to our growing volunteer list. We will contact you soon regarding specific assignments.

Hoping to see you at any or all of the above events,

Co-Chairs: Shoshana Friedman and Judy Miller

League Members Chat with Rick

A significant number of League members joined our "Chat With Rick" (Heineman) program on the evening of January 30th. Rick is a Highland Park resident and League member who is active in the community and attends a lot of public meetings of governmental bodies. Prior to undertaking our annual program planning in March 2020, where we will decide what issues we want to prioritize for study, activities, or action in the coming year, we wanted a chance to talk informally about some of what is going on in the community. Rick's knowledge and thoughts provided a good starting point.

We primarily discussed issues relevant to the City, NSSD 112 and District 113. This included such subjects as construction plans and other issues related to the Ravinia Fire Station, the Senior Center, the Library and Clavey Road; the ongoing construction by NSSD 112; and ongoing consideration of the needs of District 113. We discussed affordable housing, beach erosion, the legal requirements related to selling City or School property, various environmental issues, the needs of seniors, and the need for more public space for community meetings or events (such as League meetings!). There was conversation about the real estate market, the rental market, school academics, the business districts, and Highwood. And much more.

We are grateful to Rick for his contribution to a fascinating and informative discussion.

Carole Kohn and Barbara Lippai



HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEAGUE

Centennial Film Festival

A Trio of Suffragette Films

To celebrate the centennial of Women's suffrage, our Highland Park/HWD League partnered with the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff League and the libraries of the two cities to show three terrific films. Each film presentation included an historical analysis presented by an insightful speaker.

IRON JAWED ANGELS was shown on Saturday, January 25th. Laurie Rose, President of the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff League, was the speaker at the Lake Forest Library.

SUFFRAGETTE was shown on Sunday, January 26th. HP Library archivist Nancy Webster was the Speaker at the library.

ONE WOMAN, ONE VOTE was shown on Sunday, February 2nd. Laurie Rose was the speaker.

These films can easily be obtained and offer an absorbing and beautifully delineated account of an important historical era. They are highly recommended.

Elaine Adler

January 25, 26 and February 2

LWV

Saturday, January 25 at 2 pm
Iron Jawed Angels
Lake Forest Library
360 E Deerpath Rd, Lake Forest

Sunday, January 26 at 1:30 pm
Suffragettes
Highland Park Public Library
494 Laurel Ave, Highland Park

Sunday, February 2 at 2 pm
One Woman One Vote
Lake Forest Library
360 E Deerpath Rd, Lake Forest

1920 - 2020

Open to the public—free admission



HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEAGUE

Martin Luther King Day of Service

Martin Luther King Day of Service January 20, 2020

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE SUPERHERO

COMPLETELY FILL THE OVAL NEXT TO YOUR CHOICE. Fold and Place in the Ballot Box



BLACK PANTHER



WONDERWOMAN



BATMAN



CAPTAIN MARVEL



SUPERMAN



BLACK WIDOW

DON'T LIKE ANY OF THE CANDIDATES? WRITE IN YOUR FAVORITE IN THE SPACE BELOW.



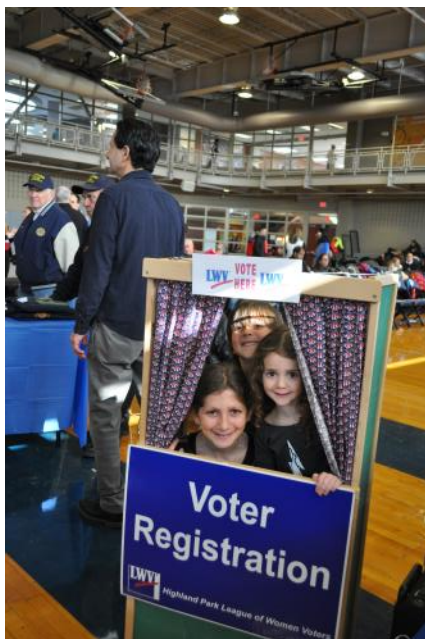
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LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF HIGHLAND PARK-HIGHWOOD

For the second year we enjoyed offering a voting experience for youngsters at the Highland Park MLK Day of Service.

About 100 kids filled out ballots in our “Vote for Your Favorite Superhero” contest. Based on write-ins on last year’s ballots, we nominated 3 new superhero characters. One of them, “Black Panther” was the winner, followed closely by the incumbent, “Wonderwoman.”

Terry Grossberg, Park District Commissioner announced the results at the start of a wonderful program, ending with the ultimate, always spectacular, Jesse White Tumblers.



LWVHP/HWD VOTER INFORMATION

Update on League Candidate Forums

Local Leagues have public Candidate Forums when at least two people are running for the same office.

At this time the incumbent for the 10th Congressional District has decided not to debate a write-in candidate. The incumbent for the Illinois State Senate 29th District has no opposition and there is no election scheduled for the Illinois House of Representatives 58th District.

Our League has Candidate Forums for municipal elections. Not on the ballot this time are elections for Mayor, City Council, School Districts 112 and 113, and, the Park District. These are scheduled for 2021.

Therefore, our local League will not be holding Candidate Forums ahead of the General Primary Election on March 17th, 2020.

For information on elections, check with the Office of the County Clerk on their website or at 847-377-2400.

Elaine Adler



ILLINOIS PRIMARY ELECTION CALENDAR

- Now**
Online voter registration is open.
- Wednesday December 18, 2019**
First day to apply for a vote by mail ballot.
- Thursday February 6, 2020**
First day for early voting at the offices of some election authorities.
- Tuesday February 18, 2020**
Last day for voter registration by Deputy Voter Registrars
- Wednesday February 19, 2020**
Early voting and grace period voter registration open.
- Sunday March 1, 2020**
Last day to register to vote online.
- Thursday March 12, 2020**
Last day to apply to Vote by Mail.
- Tuesday March 17, 2020**
Primary Election Day! Polls are open from 6 am to 7 pm.

ILLINOIS GENERAL ELECTION CALENDAR

- Now**
Online voter registration is open.
- Wednesday August 5, 2020**
First day to apply for a vote by mail ballot.
- Thursday September 24, 2020**
First day for early voting at the offices of some election authorities.
- Tuesday October 6, 2020**
Last day for voter registration by Deputy Voter Registrars
- Wednesday October 7, 2020**
Early voting and grace period voter registration open.
- Sunday October 18, 2020**
Last day to register to vote online.
- Thursday October 29, 2020**
Last day to apply to Vote by Mail.
- Tuesday November 3, 2020**
General Election Day! Polls are open from 6 am to 7 pm.

For more information, please visit the Illinois State Board of Elections website:
<http://bit.ly/lwvregister>

March 17th Primary Election Information

VOTING INFORMATION: GENERAL PRIMARY 3/17/2020

February 18, 2020	Close of Voter Registration. Note: After Feb 18th, registration will be available at early voting sites, and at polling locations on election day.
March 12, 2020	A completed <u>Vote by Mail</u> ballot application must be received by the Lake County Clerk's office by March 12th.
March 2 to March 14, 2020	Early Voting available at Highland Park Police Station. Monday –Friday 9 AM to 5 PM. Saturday, 9 AM to 2 PM. Registration is available during early voting.
March 17, 2020	Election Day. Vote by Mail ballots must be postmarked by election day or hand delivered to the Lake County Clerk's Office. Registration is available on Election Day. All polling places are open 6 AM to 7 PM.

Helpful Links: [Lake County Primary Information](#) [Find Your Voting Site](#) [IllinoisVoterGuide](#)

VOTER REGISTRATION



Our League registered 66 new voters at the High School on Feb 5th! Front Row (left to right) Gail Taxy, Barb Mazur, Debbie Brown and Marlene Senescu (Voter Registration Chair). Back row (left to right) Leslie Cole and Nancy Goldberg. The students were almost 100 % prepared with proper identification and all grins to be new registered voters.

LWVHP/HWD MEMBERSHIP

MESSAGE FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Were you counted? I need to ask our membership for advice. In the last few years, our National, Illinois and Highland Park/Highwood membership has gone up. However, this year, while we've probably gained an equal number of new members, many of our loyal members of the past have not as yet sent in their dues. And, even though I'm fairly sure most of them eventually will, I need to know the best way to reach our members so that we will get our dues in on time for National (LWVUS) and have our member count be included in League's member census. National dues were due on January 31, 2020. This is a National Convention Year and our count is important, as it determines the number of delegates we may send to the convention affecting our impact on future program, lobbying and other important decisions.

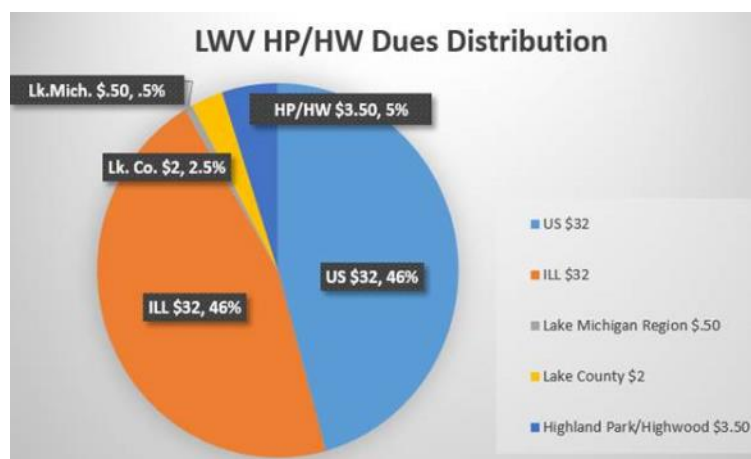
If you haven't paid by the deadline, please do send your membership dues—now! I can only delay our membership renewal for another week. You will still get all your membership emails, privileges, newsletters etc. But, we need to stress the importance of the deadline. We missed the "100 members mark" this year by the deadline.

What changed this year? This year, to save money, time and conserve on paper, we did not send snail mail. Instead I sent several email reminders to members to renew their membership. The savings on postage and time was significant.

The question for you is: Should we go back to mailing paper reminders? We need your suggestions, so please email me at marsenescu@comcast.net.

I have postponed sending our updated membership roster by a few days. So, if you haven't sent your dues for 2020, please do so now. Whether renewing or first joining, paying your dues is simple on our website. Click on <https://my.lwv.org/illinois/highland-parkhighwood/join-us> where you can either join or renew on line or print the membership form and send by mail. Only \$3.50 of your dues goes to LWVHP/HWD. *Please note that there is \$3 dollar fee for on-line payment which covers the PayPal fee.*

Thank you!



Marlene Senescu

HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEAGUE

MORE THINGS TO CELEBRATE THIS CENTENNIAL YEAR!

YOU Be the Judge



YOU BE THE JUDGE

Sunday, February 23, 2020; 1:30—3:30

Am Shalom; 840 Vernon Ave, Glencoe, IL

Refreshments provided.

Our League is sponsoring, along with the National Council for Jewish Women Chicago North Shore, an exciting interactive workshop on how the federal courts work.

In this dynamic civic engagement training, you will learn about the judicial nominations and selection process from Courts Matter Illinois, and then:

- ★ Play the part of a federal judge on a panel.
- ★ Deliberate and decide religious rights and voting rights cases.
- ★ Discuss the cases in detail facilitated by local legal experts.

There is no charge to attend but registration is required.

Reserve your spot [here](#) or call Barbara Dolinger at 847-736-7713.



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RAVINIA FESTIVAL GALA

SAVE THE DATE:

We have joined the Leagues of the Deerfield Area and Lake/Forest/Lake Bluff to commemorate the Centennial. The Gala will be held at Ravinia on July 25th with a rain date on July 30th.

The evening will be a low-key, fun evening, with everyone purchasing individual tickets and his/her own food. There are also lots of surprise details to be planned.

We need you! If you would like to be in on the beginning and would like to join this committee, contact Elaine Adler elainebadler@yahoo.com 847-507-6200



100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY: At the Congress Hotel
We will be in the hotel “in the room where it happened!”
The event is sold out—a few of us reserved and we will share our experience.

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF ILLINOIS**

100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

FEB. 14, 1920

FEB. 14, 2020

Join us as we celebrate 100 years of defending democracy and empowering voters.... *and we aren't done yet.*

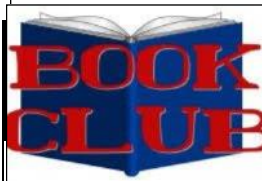
Friday, February 14, 2020
10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Congress Plaza Hotel
520 S. Michigan Ave.,
Chicago, IL

RSVP at:
bit.ly/LWV100thBirthday
#lwv100
#lwv100

GREAT DECISIONS 2020

Last year's Great Decisions program was so successful that the Highland Park Library asked us to do it again! The 2020 joint program with the library has been slightly restructured. The meetings are now held twice a month, January through April. The limit on number of registrants has been removed and there is no requirement to buy the Great Decisions Briefing Book, as the Library has bought more copies to loan out. This seems to be working out very well with around 21 attendees at both of the first two sessions. Most of the participants had known little or nothing about the relationship and politics of India and Pakistan since few reports make it to our popular news media. The complex issues involved were difficult to unravel but the discussion did not falter. The other topic, "Climate Change and the Global Order", also generated a lively discussion without a consensus. "Red Sea Security" and "Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking" will be subjects of our February 12 and 26th discussions. All are welcome.

Judy Miller



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. We've been meeting since July of 2018. 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!

Since the last November newsletter, we have read and reviewed Trevor Noah's "Born a Crime", and Martha Saxton's "The Widow Washington". While enjoyed to different degrees, both books provided good meetings and excellent discussions.

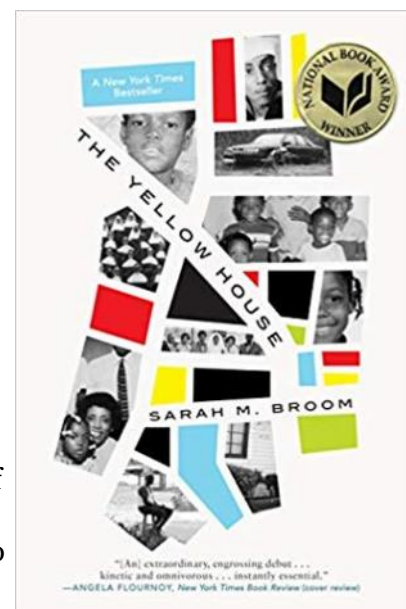
Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 26th when we will discuss:

The Yellow House

by Sarah M. Broom

Goodreads: In 1961, Sarah M. Broom's mother Ivory Mae bought a shotgun house in the then-promising neighborhood of New Orleans East and built her world inside of it. It was the height of the Space Race and the neighborhood was home to a major NASA plant--the postwar optimism seemed assured. Widowed, Ivory Mae remarried Sarah's father Simon Broom; their combined family would eventually number twelve children. But after Simon died, six months after Sarah's birth, the Yellow House would become Ivory Mae's thirteenth and most unruly child.

This book is a 2019 National Book Award Winner; named a Notable Book of the Year by the New York Times Book Review; Named one of the "10 Best Books of 2019" by the New York Times Book Review, Seattle Times, Chicago Public Library, the Chicago Tribune and Slate.



HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEAGUE

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM UPDATE:

The Communications Team is still keeping busy!

- Our website is looking good. If you would like to help with keeping it updated, your help would be greatly appreciated. We are using the MyLO (My League Online) open-sourced website platform sponsored by LWV California. There is a bit of a learning curve, but, very worthwhile as the system provides rich capabilities. Rumor has it that LWVIL would like to have us help other Leagues.
- Our use of Mailchimp continues to expand. If you have any tricks for creating subject lines that encourage people to read ... please share.
- We are getting good feedback from other Leagues and State on our mailings, newsletters and our website!
- Repeating this message ... about Facebook ... when we have an event posted, please mark yourself as going or interested. It helps to promote the event to a larger community. If you see yourself on a post, tag yourself. And, please *invite your Facebook friends to like our page*.
- A lot of energy has gone into designing the marketing for the Stroll to the Polls Event.
- Following up on the Gala in December, photos were sent to attendees with some great images with Susan B. Anthony.

Be a part of our Communications Team. We make things happen!

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

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LWV HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEADERSHIP TEAM

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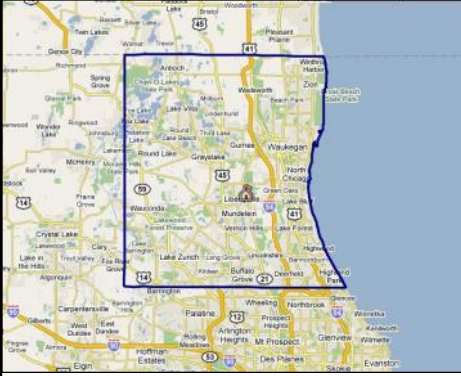
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LWV OF LAKE COUNTY AND LAKE MICHIGAN REGION



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LAKE COUNTY

The January LWV-LC meeting focused on:

- Program Planning ● Voter Registration
- Upcoming Candidate Forums (none planned)
- Criminal Justice meeting with LC Sheriff
- LC Board Observer Corps ● LWVIL Issues Briefing

A lot of discussion focused on **Complete Census Count**; We need to publicize to raise awareness that it is important for everyone to respond to the nine questions on the short form. They will get a postcard first. It will have a web link (preferred), a phone number (many languages available on the phone), and a link to print out a paper form. People who do not respond will get a letter. Then, the enumerators will come to the homes of any stragglers. The responses will determine what is the official population of our communities, which is the basis for the number of Representatives in Congress and as a basis for allotting various federal monies.

The 9 questions on the census form are very basic demographic questions: who lives in the household; how they are related; their age, sex and race; whether they own or rent their house; and their phone number. There is no question about citizenship, political affiliation, banking information, or social security number. The answers are completely confidential under federal law.

If you are or know someone who is interested in 2020 Census jobs: get information [here!](#)



Photo from the Dec 18th Annual Holiday Luncheon

Lake County Board Chair, Sandy Hart was the speaker.

Carole Kohn, Elaine Adler and Nancy Goldberg attended the luncheon at "The Chocolate Sanctuary" in Gurnee.

ADVOCACY: LWV OF ILLINOIS

DEFEND DEMOCRACY: Educate, Empower and ADVOCATE

Last month, Virginia became the 38th state to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)– crossing the three-fourths threshold of support required of states for this amendment to become enshrined into law. But when the ERA passed Congress in 1972, lawmakers attached a 1977 ratification deadline to it, which they later extended to 1982. Earlier this month, the League of Women Voters of the United States sent a letter to the United States Congress urging them to remove the ratification deadline on the ERA. Contact our Representative, Brad Schneider, and ask him to vote Yes for H.J. Res. 79 and remove the ERA's ratification deadline so that the ERA becomes law.



Ask our State Representative, Bob Morgan, to support HB3624 Clean Energy Jobs Act (CEJA) that would put Illinois on a path to 100% renewable energy by 2050, cut carbon from the power sector by 2030, reduce the equivalent of 1 million gasoline and diesel powered vehicles from the road and create jobs and economic opportunity.

Did you know that many of League of Women Voters of Illinois local Leagues serve as poll watchers in their communities? As poll watchers, Leaguers serve as non-partisan official election observers with special credentials allowing them to watch the proceedings inside the polling place. Poll watchers serve as a valuable election monitoring function to ensure fair and secure elections. They are especially important during a close race or during a recount. What a great way to serve as a watchdog for democracy!

People Powered Fair Maps Campaign is a national redistricting campaign of the League of Women Voters focused on creating fair political maps nationwide. The Illinois League has joined the collaborative with Change Illinois and other organizations to get rid of partisan gerrymandering and create an independent commission to draw up Illinois' legislative districts. Read [here](#) for more information on Redistricting Reform and consider attending the March 26th rally in Springfield. Find [more](#) info on Facebook.

Did you know that many 17 year olds can vote in the upcoming primary elections in Illinois? Illinois law allows 17 year olds to vote in the primary election if they will be 18 years old by the general election on November 3, 2020. Everyone who is eligible should vote in the crucial upcoming 2020 primary elections!

Want more? Go to lwv.org and click button on right "Take Action".

Judy Miller

Spotlight on LWV Highland Park/Highwood Member, Janet Krehbiel

Janet Krehbiel joined LWV Highland Park/Highwood in the Spring of 2018 because she believes in good democratic process and wanted to be part of a group that focuses on the issues of the day, while putting aside polarizing political party affiliations. She greatly appreciates our League's dedication to increasing voter education and voter participation.

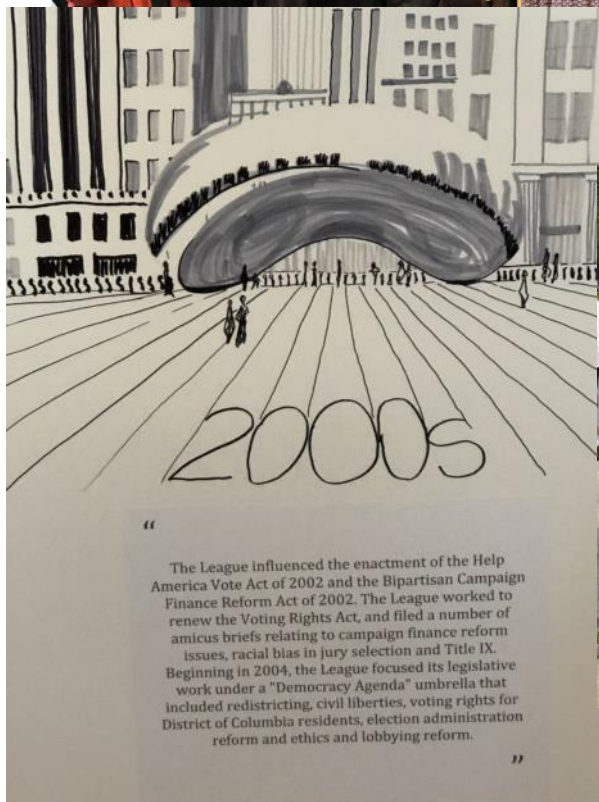
When Janet joined, she immediately helped us with the design for our League's 90 Year Anniversary Wall at the First Bank of Highland Park. The design was beautiful and the signs that were created have since been used at all of our events and parades. Most recently Janet created a themed poster for each decade of the League of Women Voters 100 years for our Centennial Gala held on December 5th.

Janet grew up in Ann Arbor, Michigan where her parents took her to Civil Rights demonstrations and Peace Marches. Born on Lincoln's birthday, she grew up with a sense of duty to participate in public and community life which was fostered by her parents. She spent almost three years in Guatemala.

Janet holds a Bachelor of Architecture Degree from Illinois Institute of Technology and a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. She is a licensed architect and a partner with her husband, Henry Pieracci, in their Design-Build firm, Counterpoint Construction, Inc. She exhibits and sells her artwork, when she can.

Janet has been an active volunteer and served on the board (12 years) at Deborah's Place in Chicago for nearly 35 years and is active at Highland Park Presbyterian Church.

Below is a photo of Janet and some of her creations for League of Women Voters of Highland Park/Highwood.



ENVIRONMENT and HISTORY

GREEN NOTES

SMALL STEPS THAT CAN MAKE SUCH A DIFFERENCE!

Release one habit that involves a disposable item.

Remember to bring a bag EVERYTIME you go to the store.

Reduce the number of trips requiring a car by planning ahead.

Wash your hair less. It is better for your hair, saves money on hair products and sends less chemical waste into the sewer system.

WE CAN MAKE SUCH A DIFFERENCE!

Andy Amend



WOMEN'S HISTORY

Adeline Lobdell Atwater, born in 1887 and raised in Chicago, was educated at local seminaries and briefly at the Art Institute of Chicago. Mrs. Atwater, a member of the Highland Park Woman's Club and president of the Woman's Auxiliary at Highland Park Hospital, represented Illinois on the National Women's Party's National Advisory Council as the vote on the 19th Amendment approached in 1919. The Woman's Civic Club of Ravinia (renamed the Ravinia Woman's Club in 1928 and merged with the Highland Park Woman's Club in 1968) was not idle:

"The Woman's Civic Club of Ravinia, Ill., being in favor of full suffrage for the women of Illinois as speedily as possible, therefore favor the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution to that end, and also endorse a Constitutional Convention for many reasons," it resolved in 1916. Both the Highland Park and Ravinia Woman's Clubs affiliated with the General Federation of Women's Clubs in 1900 and 1914, respectively.

Source: Women's Suffrage Supporters in Highland Park, Nancy L. Webster, Chicago Tribune, April 1, 2013

Leslie Cole



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

LWV HP/HWD Great Decisions

When **February 12th: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**
Where HP Public Library (lower level)
Description “Red Sea Region”



LWVIL 100th Anniversary Celebration

When **February 14th: 10:00 am to 11:15 am**
Where Congress Hotel
Description Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Founding of LWV

★ Note—the event is sold out. Some members of our League will represent us.



LWVIL Issues Briefing

When **February 15th: 9:30 am—4:00 pm**
Where Northeastern Illinois University
Description Registration is closed - click [here](#) for information



LWV HP/HWD with NCJW “You Be the Judge”

When **February 23rd: 1:30—3:30 pm**
Where Am Shalom; 840 Vernon Ave, Glencoe
Description Play the part of a federal judge on a panel
Part of a dynamic civic engagement training



LWV HP/HWD League Book Club

When **February 26th: 1:00—2:30 pm**
Where HP Public Library
Description The Yellow House by Sarah M. Broom



LWV HP/HWD Great Decisions

When **February 26th: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**
Where HP Public Library (lower level)
Description “Human Trafficking”

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

LWV HP/HWD and HPHS “Stroll to the Polls”

When **March 8th:**
Details High School Students walk door-to-door to
“Get out the Vote” (see [page 4](#))



LWV HP/HWD Local Program Planning

When **TBD**
Description Plan to join key members with helpful insights
As we determine our Program Planning.



LWV HP/HWD Great Decisions

When **March 11th and 25th: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**
Where HP Public Library (lower level)
Description “Northern Triangle” and “China in Latin America”



LWV HP/HWD Discussion with District Superintendents

When **TBD**
Description Discussion with the Superintendents of Districts 112 and 113



LWV HP/HWD Centennial Theater Performance

When **May 23rd: Matinee Performance**
Where Remy Bumpo Theater
Description Limited tickets for “The Agitators”
[Contact](#) Elaine Adler if interested



LWV HP/HWD Annual Meeting and Luncheon

When **June 13th:** Details to follow
Where Bella Via Ristorante, 1899 2nd Street, Highland Park
Description Annual Meeting followed by luncheon with guest speaker



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