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Presidents' Message 2019



The Holiday Party was held on Monday, December 3 at the home of Richard and Beth Bongard. It was an honor and a privilege to be at their beautiful home, which accommodated approximately fifty guests. The house was filled with holiday warmth, decorations, all types of holiday treats and beverages. Our members and guests were excited about sharing stories, being on a holiday break, planning family vacation trips, discussing New Year's resolutions etc. and League topics and business. Again, thank you Richard and Beth for opening your home to the League for a memorable evening. Erin Roeper, a devoted member of our league and Vice-President of the LWVIL, gave an impressive informative speech about becoming a League member, being involved with the committees, participating with state and national (US) Leagues and the LWVIL 2019 Convention. She spoke about the structure of the Leagues and how the local Leagues interface with state League. Erin's contribution to the League was inspiring. She touched on the work of the League and how the League can make an impact at the state legislative level. A special thanks to Erin Roeper.

On December 21st, there was a Meet & Greet at the home of Barbara Hayes, 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM for the Boards of LWV H-F Area and LWV Park Forest Area to meet Audra Wilson, Esq., Executive Director League of Women Voters Illinois. The two boards listened in awe as Audra gave highlights of her background, goals, and her new role as Executive Director of the State League. Audra's mission is to further a democracy where every person has a desire, right, the knowledge, and the confidence to participate. Audra discussed her involvement with other local Leagues and how Leagues can interact with each other. Audra discussed several topics, including strategies to use to increase League membership, embracing diversity, conducting candidate forums, and participating in League meetings. She focused on ways to stay current on issues. We engaged in discussion with her and concluded with questions. Overall, the Meet and Greet with Audra was a huge success!

Candidate Forums will take place in 2019. The Voter Service Committee will be planning dates to host them, but we will need the assistance and commitments from ALL members to serve as moderator, greeters, timers, screeners and other helpers to get the job done successfully.

We have scheduled our Program Planning Meeting for Saturday, January 19th, at 9:30 AM at the home of Sylvia Tilman. Program Planning is the process which results in the adoption of program items at the 2019 LWVIL Convention.

We want to wish everyone and Happy, Prosperous and Healthy New Year!

Mary Emily Franz and Barbara Roger Hayes
Co-Presidents



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PROGRAM PLANNING MEETING Saturday, January 19, 2019 – 9:30 a.m. to Noon Home of Syvia Tillman, 18253 Perth Avenue, Homewood IL

State program planning is the primary means for shaping the LWVIL public policy program, culminating with the adoption of the 2019-21 LWVIL program at state Convention. The planning process reflects the partnership between the state and local Leagues. Before March, the State League needs to receive program recommendations from the local leagues. Our Program Planning meeting on Saturday, January 19th gives members the opportunity to review the state and Local League programs, have substantive discussion about the issues content and make recommendations to the LWVIL and LWV H-F whether they should be retained, restudied or dropped. The results of these discussions will be submitted to LWVIL and be considered at the LWVIL Convention, June 7 – 9, 2019, in Champaign, IL.

We start the morning by serving breakfast and lots of coffee and tea, and then follow with our review and discussion of the League's State and Local programs. This is a great opportunity for our members to participate in this important and crucial aspect of the League. If you have questions, contact Syvia at syvia_tillman@comcast.net.

We hope to see everyone at this exciting Program Planning Meeting on Saturday, January 19th.

Sponsorship Spotlight!!!!



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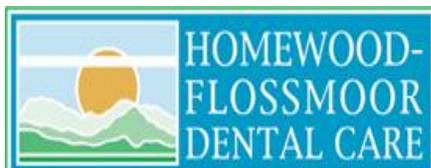
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Program and Event Reminders

Saturday, January 19, 2019, 9:30 a.m. – Program Planning
Home of Sylvia Tillman

Monday, February 4, 2019, 6:30 p.m. – H-F Area Board Meeting
Home of Mary Emily Grant

Wednesday, February 20, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
Guest Speaker - Ami Gandhi, a member of Pritzker's transition team,
Minority Voting Rights--Homewood Library

Saturday, March 2, 2019 9:30am – 4:00pm. - LWVIL Issues Briefing
University Center, Chicago

Monday, March 4, 2019, 6:30 p.m. – H-F Area Board Meeting
Home of Joan Strohm

Wednesday, March 20, 2019, 7:00 p.m. – Women Employed
Grande Prairie Library, Hazel Crest, IL

Monday, April 1, 2019, 6:30 p.m. – H-F Area Board Meeting
Home of Glenda Townsend

Wednesday, April 17, 2019, 7:00 p.m. – Climate Change
Grande Prairie Library, Hazel Crest

Thursday, May 9, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – Annual Meeting
Idlewild Country Club, Flossmoor

Monday, May 13, 2019, 9:30 a.m. - LWVCC 2019 Annual Meeting
Business segment begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by the guest speaker and a lunch
University Center, 525 S. State St., Chicago.

Friday-Sunday, June 7-9, 2019 -LWVIL Convention
Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham Champaign
101 Trade Center Dr, Champaign

Meet & Greet Dec. 21, 2018
Home of Barbara Hayes
Guest Speaker: Audra Wilson,
Executive Director
LWVIL



VOTER SERVICES

Municipal elections in the south suburbs will take place this spring. Early voting begins March 18, with the Consolidated Election Day on April 2, 2019. Harvey has scheduled a primary election for February 26. Country Club Hills, Flossmoor, Harvey, Hazel Crest, and Homewood and other communities will have robust competition for various races including Mayor, City Council, School Board, Library Board, and Park District. The LWV H-F will be conducting several forums prior to the Consolidated Election Day to allow the public an opportunity to get candidates' views on issues pertaining to their communities. Anyone interested in volunteering as greeters, question screeners, or time keepers for the forums, please email Sandra Slayton, Voter Services coordinator.

The LWV H-F is coordinating with LWV Park Forest to conduct a candidate forum on February 9 for the Prairie State College Board of Trustees, from 3-4:30 at Park Forest Village Hall, 350 Victory Drive.

Hello HF-
Area LWV!!

New Member-- Lucy (Ida Lucille) Kokal

Lucy is a resident of Glenwood and is returning to the league after many years. She is very active in community and returns with a renewed interest in voter registration and voter service, as well as climate change. She is a member of the St. Andrew United Methodist Women, which supports projects nationally and world-wide to help women, children and youth, and which calls for advocacy regarding many social issues facing our nation and the world. Lucy is the PADS coordinator for St. Andrews United Methodist Church in Homewood, and has shouldered this role since St. Andrew became a PADS site 20+ years ago. She is always looking for volunteers to help provide for homeless women and children on Wed/Thurs. Lucy is also a member of "Dining for Women" local chapter that supports seed projects for poor women in Africa and in Central and South America. She is a volunteer for Respond Now as well, and is the acting chair of the South Suburban CROP Hunger Walk. Lucy enjoys folk dancing, knitting, reading, singing in St. Andrew's Choir and baking. She makes a killer lemon meringue pie!



The Board is reaching out to all our members to ask for just a couple of hours of your time. What is your passion? What are your interests? Do you like to socialize? Do you enjoy just helping behind the scenes? Are you good at writing? Are you passionate about your community, schools, family, etc.?

Consider attending the Program Planning Meeting on Saturday, January 19, at 9:30 a.m. at Sylvia Tillman's home. Learn about and discuss the positions of the LWVIL:

- Election Laws, including Voting Rights, Redistricting, and Campaign finance
- Environmental Issues
- Equal Rights Amendment
- Fiscal Policies, with a focus on Education and Human Services
- Gun Violence Prevention
- Healthcare and Reproductive Choice
- Immigration

If any of these program positions piques your interest, consider learning more about them and joining one of these groups.

Your LWV H-F especially needs you to volunteer for:

- Voter Services: Voter Registrar, Candidate Forums
- (Green) Environment Committee
- Legislative Issues: Tracking Legislation, Advocate for Issues, Interview Legislators
- Publicity: Write Bulletin Articles (e.g., interview new members, summarize an event), Distribute Flyers, Proofreading (e.g., bulletin, member handbook, annual meeting booklet, etc.)
- Hospitality Committee
- Program Planning Committee
- Observer Corps (various community board meetings)
- Membership Committee
- Special Topic Study Groups
- Finance Committee (fundraising)

Whether you are a NEW member or a seasoned member, we look forward to seeing you on Saturday, January 19. Come and share your comments, enjoy the camaraderie and refreshments. Can't make the meeting? Contact a board member to volunteer.

UNLEASH YOUR PASSION!



Climate Change Committee Report

Not Waiting For Washington from The Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) Fall 2018

16 states and more than 400 cities have vowed to stand by the Paris Climate Agreement.

- **CA** extended its cap-and-trade program, with the goal of cutting emissions to 40% below 1990 levels by 2030.
- **PA** the 2nd largest producer of natural gas set rules limiting methane pollution from new wells. CA, CO, OH and WY adopted similar measures.
- **HI** in 2015 became the first state to set a 100% a renewable energy goal. And NJ and CA have since followed suit.
- **NY** 17 states joined with NY to sue the Trump Admin to uphold the Clean Power Plan, which cuts climate pollution from power plants.
- **FL** Orlando set a goal of generating all of its energy from carbon-free sources by 2050.
- **WA** The legislature banned the use of certain dangerous toxic chemicals in food packaging. VT, NH, and MI are also taking action.
- **LA** 60 miles of barrier islands have been constructed or restored in LA, part of a massive coastal resilience project.
- **TX** Improvements in the economics of wind power have propelled TX to become the national leader in wind energy, generating enough electricity to power 5 million homes.
- **NC** The state's \$7 billion clean energy industry is booming, generating more than 34000 jobs.
- **IL** Chicago initiated Retrofit Chicago, a plan to increase energy efficiency in buildings across the city. In 2 years EDF identified 21 million kilowatt hrs of energy savings across 65 buildings in Chicago. EDF program partnered with Com Ed using special software to identify real-time energy use; Com Ed rewards building owners for reducing energy use.

In summary: CA and NY lead the movement for responding to climate change, many interstate coalitions have formed, wildlife is identified for protection, safeguarding citizen's health, tackling air pollution, cleaning up oil and gas, and keeping promises on environmental justice using legal means. These are all part of the critical movement to fight the warming of our planet due to human life. The Environmental Defense Fund has been a part of many of these projects and solutions.

Record Temperatures Boil Down to Climate Change

- **July hottest month ever recorded in CA: 114 degrees, highest temp for Waco, Tx July 23**
- **92.3 degrees – an all-time record for Bardufoss, Norway July 18 - 103.3 degrees, highest recorded temp for Seoul, South Korea Aug 1**
- **128.3 degrees world record for month of May in Turbat, Pakistan**
- **123.3 degrees – Highest reliably recorded temp in all of Africa in Ouargla, Algeria on July 5**

Noteworthy:

- A solar array saving up to 841 tons of CO₂/yr was launched by Blue Shield CA. (2015)
- EDF director leads a UK parliamentary debate that helped boost laws supporting electric car use. 25% of all vehicles in the UK could be hybrid or electric 2030.
- A ballot initiative in WA state, supported by the Nature Conservancy, would institute the first statewide carbon fee in the US. Proceeds from the \$15/ton fee would support clean energy, water and forests.

There are many ways you can reduce your carbon footprint and help to keep the planet in balance in 2019. For information on the next climate change committee meeting, please contact Carol Vance -- 708-638-3653.





SAVE THE DATE for the **2019 Issues Briefing**
March 2, 2019 9:30 am - 4:00 pm
University Center, 525 South State Street, Chicago, IL

Plan to join Leaguers from around the state to hear from leading experts and participate in workshops on the Issues you care most about!

SAVE THE DATE for The **LWVCC 2019 Annual Meeting**
May 13, 2019, 9:30 am – 1:00 pm
University Center, 525 S. State Street, Chicago, IL

The business segment begins at 9:30 am and will be followed by our speaker and a lunch that will conclude by 1:00 pm.

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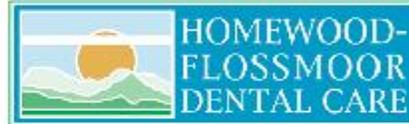
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