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Presidents' Message Nov/Dec 2018 Mary Emily Grant and Barbara Koger Hayes Co-Presidents

The Fall leaves still decorate the lawns and the unmistakable hints of Winter surround us. Regardless of the season, your local, county and state league boards continue to plan interesting, informative, and enjoyable programs and events for you. You will read about some of those activities and programs in more detail elsewhere in this bulletin, but we want you to especially take note of the following:

- The November Program at the Homewood Library will take place on Wednesday, **November 28th** (take note of the date). The topic will be on immigration. It should be very interesting and informative.
- Monday, December 3rd is our Annual Holiday Party – always a special occasion. Mark your calendar for 5 p.m. at the home of Beth and Rich Bongard. This year we are focusing on growing our membership. We are encouraging everyone to bring someone who is very interested in the league to the Holiday Party. Erin Roeper will give an overview of the League of Women Voters, its history, organizational structure, mission and goals. She will be happy to answer all questions. See more information about this program in the article about the December meeting.

We continue to grow our membership, actively provide voter registration services and work on other activities. We value **ALL** members and we encourage you to **VOLUNTEER**. Find an interest and get involved. You will discover how invigorating and satisfying your efforts will be. One of the rewards of participation is the many new friends you will make and how much good you can do. The strength of any organization depends on the active participation of its members, so we urge you all to get involved! Our league is especially in need of volunteers for a new Social Media Committee and the Voter Services Committee.

Have a very happy, healthy Holiday Season.

Mary Emily and Barbara

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Holidays



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Annual League Holiday Party

The season for celebration is here and with that comes the LWV-HF Area Holiday Party! Mark your calendars and plan to join your fellow League members in the festivities:

Date: Monday, December 3, 2018
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Home of Richard and Beth Bongard
 20232 St. Andrews Drive
 Olympia Fields
RSVP: **Joan Strohm – jdsjan@aol.com**
RSVPs are necessary this year for you and any planned guest
More Info: - Invite a friend who is **currently serious** about joining our League
 - Bring an appetizer, dessert or other light fare



This year we are focusing on increasing our membership. You may bring a guest who is serious about joining our League. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know us in a fun setting, and to learn about how they can participate in the political process through the League. It is also a great opportunity to meet wonderful people who often become life-long friends!

Again – Please plan on joining us for this VERY popular event!



Program and Event Reminders

Wednesday, **November 28, 2018**, 7:00 p.m. – Immigration
 Homewood Public Library

Monday, **December 3, 2018**, 5:00 p.m. - Holiday Party
 at the home of Beth and Richard Bongard

Monday, **January 7, 2019**, 6:00 p.m. – H-F Area Board Meeting
 Suburban Access, 900 Maple Ave., 4th floor, Homewood

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

Monday, **February 4, 2019**, 6:00 p.m. – H-F Area Board Meeting
 Home of Mary Emily Grant

Wednesday, **February 20**, 7:00 p.m. – Black History Month
 Homewood Public Library

Saturday, **March 2, 2019**, 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – LWVIL Issues Briefing
 University Center, Chicago





Voter Services Report – November/December 2018

On National Voters Registration Day, September 27th, LWV-HF registrars visited four high schools in Thornton School District 205 and HF District 233, as well as the Sunrise Senior Living Center in Flossmoor, netting 34 registrants. Another 15 voters were subsequently registered at Waterford Senior Living Center in Hazel Crest.

On Saturday, October 13th, the LWV-HF met up with fellow Chicago area Leaguers and participated in the historic Women’s March to the Polls. Tens of thousands joined in the March to encourage voter turnout and participation in democracy. LWVIL was a sponsoring partner of the March and staffed a booth to provide ballot and voter information for the Nov. 6 General Election. The League promoted its nonpartisan Voter Guide which can be accessed at www.IllinoisVoterGuide.org. The Guide is an awesome resource that empowers voters with access to candidate information up-and-down the ballot in every precinct. Voters can review their ballot, learn about candidates, and print out their choices so they are prepared when they cast their votes.

Volunteers are needed for the Voter Services Committee. This upcoming year (2019) means new challenges for all of us. The CONSOLIDATED ELECTION will take place on Tuesday, April 2, 2019. There are sure to be requests for candidate forums which require staffing by our local league members. Think about being a part of this exciting and rewarding committee. Contact Sandra Slayton, Voter Services Chair, LWV-Homewood Flossmoor Area, at (312)208-1158.

Sandra Slayton
Voter Services



HEAR YE! HEAR YE! THE LWV H-F AREA IS FORMING A NEW PUBLICITY AND SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE

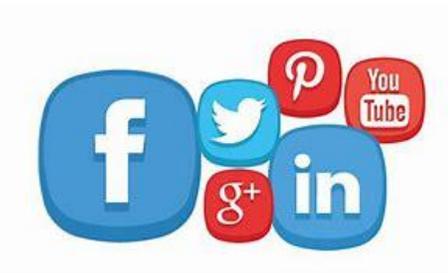
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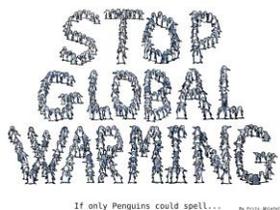
Are you well versed in hashtags and can't go to sleep without checking Facebook? Do you check your email before anything else in the morning? Have you ever written a press release? Do you want to know how?

LWV H-F Area is starting a Publicity and Social Media Committee. We're looking for members interested in being a part of our social media presence and keeping the media up to date on our exciting programs and events.

If you're interested in participating, please contact Annie Lawrence at annierie@gmail.com or 708-772-1374 or send a message through Facebook.

Even if you have no experience with publicity and marketing but have an interest, drop us a line.





10 Year Deadline to Hold Global Warming Down to Moderate Levels

Many prominent news organizations simultaneously ran this story on Oct 7, 2018. The U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) wrote a report requested as part of the Paris climate agreement, that we will need to take “unprecedented” actions to cut carbon emissions over the next decade. According to the report we must hold the global temperature to 1.5 degrees Celsius, which is still possible, but only if emissions stopped today, so that the planet would not reach that temperature. This will require sweeping change globally to energy, transportation and other systems. It calls for a total or near-total phaseout of the burning of coal. In short “net zero (carbon emissions) must be the new mantra.” We must grow more trees that will store carbon over the planet. Such large transitions pose profound challenges for sustainable management of the various demands on the land for human settlements, food, livestock feed, fibre, biogenergy, carbon storage, biodiversity and other ecosystem services,” the report states.

The IPCC report represents the work of 100 scientists and went through an elaborate peer-review process involving tens of thousands of comments. The final summary for policymakers (leaders and politicians) was recently agreed to in a marathon session by scientists and government officials in Incheon, South Korea.

For many years predictions for a warming planet and solutions to slow it down have been reported, and too often denied. The “inconvenient truth” nonetheless prevails, and last week’s report from the IPCC is the culmination of the current view of scientists given to all of us to meet this deadline together in the very near future.

******LWVHF Area** will host a meeting in April bringing speakers from energy companies to talk about how we as consumers, household by household, can request and pay for wind and solar energy to the ComEd grid. The more people that incorporate this source in their choice of energy, coordinated through ComEd (the delivery system), the less ComEd will rely on coal burning plants as a source. This is the kind of difference that can meet the 10-year goal.



Make Everyday Earth Day *What are you doing to make big or small changes?*

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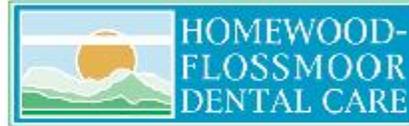
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