



Highland Park League of Women Voters *BULLETIN*

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a Spectator Sport*

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HIGHLAND PARK

Invites you to attend our annual
MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, May 14, 2011

Bella Via

1899 Second Street, Highland Park

9:00 Annual Business Meeting

12:00 Luncheon and Program

Our special guest will be Margaret Blackshere, a former classroom teacher who served at all levels of the Illinois labor movement from president of her local union in Madison to statewide vice president of the Illinois Federation of Teachers. In 2000, she was elected President of the AFL-CIO, and is the first woman to hold that post. She has served on many Boards, including United Way, Voices for Illinois Children, and the Council for Global Affairs. Margaret has traveled throughout the world to improve the lives of workers and their families. Her talks focus on human rights and the rights of children and families, as well as her incredible experiences.

If you have not already received your invitation in the mail, or, have any questions please call:

Lila Trotsky, (847-681-8001)

There is no charge for the Business Meeting.

Costs for the luncheon will be:

- Voter \$40/person
- Sponsor \$60/person
- Platinum \$80/person

HIGHLAND PARK LEAGUE



PRESIDENTS' LETTER

APRIL/MAY 2011

The first quarter of this year was so exciting for our League that before we look ahead we thought a look back was warranted. Our marathon Sunday afternoon candidates forum was a tremendous success thanks to Carolan Klapper's organizational skills which made the day function like a well oiled machine. Candidates, moderators, greeters, sorters, ushers, timers - everyone did what they were supposed to do when they were supposed to do it. What a great group - we are so proud of our League.

But wait - that's not all! Our Board made the decision to produce our biennial Voters Guide as an online document to be accessed via our web site, instead of printing it and mailing it to every household in Highland Park. This is not as easy as it sounds for we had planned to use LWVUS' software which for various reasons was not available. Thanks to the ingenuity, creativity and **determination of Nancy Goldberg, Bulletin editor renowned, our Voters' Guide was born, thus saving many dollars and trees.** It also reached voters far and wide. At last count our web site had received 7527 hits!

The second quarter of the League year culminates in the Annual Meeting which is the focus of this Bulletin. The entire day will take place at Bella Via Restaurant. By now you should have received your invitation and we hope you've mailed in your response to Lila Trotsky.

The day consists of a business meeting in the morning in which we set the stage for 2011-2012. Please note that the Board Recommended Program includes a new study - consideration of consolidation of school districts 112 and 113. It also recommends becoming the League of Women Voters of Highland Park/Highwood. Adoption of the proposed budget includes the goal of increasing our membership by 10%.

Please plan on attending the business meeting. It promises to provide provocative discussion - in typical League fashion. The second half of the day includes a luncheon, consideration of the nominating committee report, and our guest **speaker, Margaret Blackshere.**

Margie and Rose

HIGHLAND PARK LEAGUE

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS 2010-2011

Co-Presidents: Rose Feder and Margie Weiss
Vice Presidents: Nancie Blatt and Faye Grossman
Treasurer: Ginger Seff
Secretary: **open*
Directors: Elaine Adler
Judy Johnston
Carolann Klapper
Sharon Narrod
Rhoda Pierce
Beverly Rosenstein
Lila Trotsky
Sue Wieseneck

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2010-2011

Chair: Ginny Schulte, Chair
Members: Barbara Kronish
Laurie Marston

**** If you are interested in filling the secretary's position, please call Margie (432-9432) or Rose (432-4732). The responsibility includes the recording of board minutes.***



In Memoriam:

Marge Blake Reaume

Marge Blake Reaume passed away on March 11 at home, peacefully, surrounded by her family. A memorial service was held on April 9 at Prairie Crossing where she lived.

Her daughter, Susan, is answering the phone at Marge's house—847 543-4093. If you want to send a card, Marge's address was 586 Blue Stem Lane, Grayslake, 60030.

Marge was a long time, continuing Highland Park League member, who worked tirelessly for the environment and was for many years Highland Park's Director of Senior Services. She will be missed.



ANNUAL MEETING WORKING PAPERS

LWVHP BOARD RECOMMENDED LOCAL PROGRAM

2011-2012

Retain all current local positions. In addition:

- Continue study to develop budgeting criteria to evaluate and prioritize community needs with emphasis on methods of financing the implementation of these projects.
- Under School Consolidation - new study to consider consolidation of school districts 112 and 113. This could be in conjunction with Deerfield High School and its feeder schools or separately. For example - K-12 Highland Park, K-12 Deerfield, or K-12 Highland Park and Deerfield combined.
- * Change the name of our League to the League of Women Voters of Highland Park/Highwood. (See below)

* The board of directors recommends the membership vote to change the name of the Highland Park LWV to the Highland Park/Highwood LWV.

Our two communities are interconnected in many ways, including both school districts and various community agencies. We share the same township and have similar interests, as well as active members from Highwood. As we hold candidates forums and prepare voter guides for both cities, the change will complement the ways in which we have been operating for many years.

Members will be voting on this issue at the Annual Meeting on May 14th.



ANNUAL MEETING WORKING PAPERS

BUDGET 2011—2012

LWV-HP BUDGET

	Fiscal Year 7/1/10-6/30/11		Fiscal Year 7/1/2011-6/30/12	
	Budget	YTD	Propsd	Budget
INCOME ACCOUNTS				
300 Dues	6470	5943.85	8280	
310 Business Campaign	900	0	450	
311 General Fund Contrbs	0	60	0	
312 Ed Fund	1000	0	1000	
330 Ways and Means	3000	700	1000	
331 Doldrums Dinner	0	0	0	
335 Voter Guide Contribution	0	0	0	
340 Interest	100	0	100	
350 Annual Meeting	1200	0	1200	
390 From (To) Reserves	2230	0	(2194)	
TOTAL INCOME	14,900.00	6,704	9,736	
EXPENSE ACCOUNTS				
General Administration				
Board Tools and				
410 Expenses	100	178.46	100	
430 Finance Drive	50	0	50	
431 Membership	350	243.35	350	
432 Member Book	0	0	300	
General Admin Subtotal				
Bulletin Expense				
440 Bulletin Supplies	0	0	0	
442 Bulletin Printing	100	0	0	
443 Layout Designer	0	0	0	
444 Bulletin Postage	50	0	10	
450 Stationary	250	117.75	250	
451 Postage	0	0	0	
452 Web Hosting Fee	200	200	200	
453 Insurance	125	125	125	
454 PO Box Rental	100	0	100	
Programs and Activities				
508 Doldrums Dinner	0	0	0	
510 Meeting Expenses	100	0	100	
511 Annual Meeting	1200	0	1200	
520 Study Committees	100	0	100	
540 Voter Service	5750	1,419.26	500	
550 Action - General	0	0	0	
Conventions and Outside Meetings				
610 National Convention	0	0	1,000	

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BUDGET 2011—2012 (Continued)

620 State Convention	750	0	0
630 State/Regional Meetings	75	153.24	155
Per Member Payments			
710 National PMP	2753.7	2,216.34	2633.75
720 State PMP	2635.5	1,343.26	2362.50
730 Lake County (etc) PMP	211	199	175
740 Other	0	25	25
800 Income Tax Expenses	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENSE	14,900.00		9,736

NET INCOME (INCOME MINUS EXPENSE)

Notes:

710 Increase 0.40 to 30.10

720 no increase from \$27

730 no increase \$2.00

300 Goal 112 individual & 10 households

410 YTD for Dec mtg r/t mayor candidates & deposit slips purch

540 YTD for Cand forum sound sys & HPCC labor

390 Amt. Above expenses r/t anticipated membership increase

By-Laws Review

Since the first three articles of the bylaws must be consistent with those of the LWVUS, the Board recommends that the first three articles of the bylaws of the LWVHP be edited as follows for housekeeping purposes.



Article I - Name No change

Article II - Purposes and Policy Change the word "Purpose" to "Purposes" in the title and where it occurs in Sec. 1

Article III - Membership In Sec. 1 Eligibility change the word "purpose" to "purposes" and "League" to LWVUS

Sec. 2 Types of Membership

A. Voting Members. Citizens at least 18 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of local Leagues, state Leagues and of the LWVUS; (1) individuals who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League; (2) those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state members at large; (3) those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from the payment of dues.

B. Associate Members No Change



ANNUAL MEETING WORKING PAPERS

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

2011-12 PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The following slate of officers and directors of the League of Women Voters of Highland Park is submitted by the nominating committee for consideration at the 2011 Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Schulte, Chair
Barbara Kronish
Laurie Marston
Beverly Rosenstein
Sue Wieseneck

Nominees for Officers for New 1-year Term (expiring in 2012)

Co-Presidents: Margie Weiss and Rose Feder
Treasurer: Ginger Seff

Nominees for Officers and Directors for New 2-year Term (expiring in 2013)

Vice- Presidents: Nancie Blatt
Faye Grossman
Secretary: Barbara Kronish
Directors: Elaine Adler
Judy Johnston
Carolann Klapper

Directors remaining in Office (terms expiring in 2012)

Sharon Narrod
Rhoda Pierce
Beverly Rosenstein
Sue Wieseneck

2012 Nominating Committee

Gail Feiger Brown, Chair
Andrea Amend
Lila Trotsky
Plus two appointed from the Board

PHOTO CORNER



PHOTOS FROM:

WOMEN'S HISTORY LUNCHEON MARCH 5TH

Thanks to Valerie Krejcie for the LWVHP Group Photo

CANDIDATES' FORUM MARCH 6TH

SAVE THE DATES

2011 *State of the State Luncheon*

League of Women Voters of Illinois

Friday, APRIL 29th 2011

Guest Speaker: Charles Thomas ABC 7 Political Reporter

Film Documentary: *Blue Gold World Water Wars*

League of Women Voters of Highland Park and Glencoe
and the HP Natural Resources Commission

Sunday, May 22nd 2 p.m.

Where: Highland Park Library

“In BLUE GOLD: WORLD WATER WARS, based on the book of the same name, we follow numerous worldwide examples of people fighting for their basic right to water, from court cases to violent revolutions to U.N. conventions to revised constitutions to local protests at grade schools.”

Excerpt from http://www.bluegold-worldwaterwars.com/press_kit/blue_gold_press_kit.pdf

Theater Party / Fund Raiser

League of Women Voters of Highland Park

Saturday, June 4th 8 p.m.

What: Murder Mystery "Something's Afoot"

Where: Citadel Theatre, Lake Forest

Invitation will follow

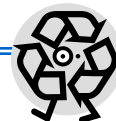


LEAGUE CALENDAR

APRIL	27	7:00 PM	Board Meeting Home of Beverly Rosenstein
APRIL	29		League of Women Voters of Illinois State of the State Luncheon
MAY	14		Annual Meeting Bella Via Restaurant, Highland Park
MAY	22	2:00 PM	Film Documentary "Blue Gold" Highland Park Library
MAY	25	7:00 PM	Board Meeting Home of Rose Feder
JUNE	4	8:00 PM	Fund Raiser / Theater Party at Citadel Theatre, Lake Forest
JUNE	10-12		LWVIL 2011 Convention

Members always are welcome at board meetings. Check website, www.lwvhp.org, or call 847-432-4732 for locations.

GREEN NOTES:



APRIL 22nd is Earth Day

No month could put any of us more in 'green mode' than April, the fast appearing green of spring and Earth Day. However, we also begin Highland Park clean-up days. We need some guidelines for this process so that it does not turn out as a very Earth unfriendly day. Whatever is put out at the curb and is not picked up by a treasure-hunter or metal recycler, is added to the waste stream. So, watch the CARDBOARD BOXES and PLASTICS that you want to get rid of. Those items still belong in your recycling bins, not at the curb. Highland Park offers electronic recycling twice a week near the building department. Don't forget that CD's and DVDs and old cassettes can be taken there. Medicines and drugs can be recycled at the health clinic and police station. Clothes and books have re-use value and often don't get picked up at the curb. It is quite easy to get them to a resale shop or a public box. Just think before you head out to the curb, remembering that there is no magic place called AWAY and that your stuff will end up somewhere. Make it the right one. for Earth Day.