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a Spectator Sport*

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Recall Referendum & Redistricting

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 7:00 PM

Highland Park Public Safety Center
1677 Old Deerfield Road
Highland Park, IL

(West of Route 41 at the Deerfield Rd. exit)

Guest speaker:

Mary Schaafsma

LWVIL Redistricting Project Coordinator

*This public meeting will focus on the recall referendum
on the November 2nd ballot, and political redistricting by the
state legislature after the 2010 census figures are reported.*

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS HAS NO POSITION ON THE RECALL REFERENDUM.

HIGHLAND PARK LEAGUE



PRESIDENTS' LETTER FALL 2010

We've been off to a strong running start this new League year. Informational Candidates' Forums and conveniently arranged voter registration sessions – the kinds of activities that League is best known for – already have been scheduled to take place in the timeframe necessary for the November 2nd election. We hope you are able to take advantage of the debates for Illinois Governor and Senator that are still to come. (See the article on page 3 for detailed information.)

The Recall Amendment referendum that will require your vote on the November 2nd ballot is still to be addressed at the public meeting scheduled for October 7. (See the article on page 1 for all the details.)

There are further upcoming League initiatives that we don't want you to miss. On 10/10/10, the Global Day of Climate Action, our League along with the Highland Park Library is spearheading within the community activities to emphasize the effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the waste of vital resources. (See the article on page 4 for further information.)

Our local study to prioritize community related city projects and their effect on the budget has been expanded to include the practice of good governance by local elected officials with particular regard to salaries and pensions. Let us know if you are interested in being a part of this endeavor.

The all-member 1st Annual Holiday Open House which was so well-attended last year is scheduled again this year. Be sure to reserve the evening of December 15th for a provocative program, discussion and tasting.

Whether you can be an active participant, an event attendee, or a basic member, your support is extremely important financially and in terms of community spirit. Please respond to the membership/dues reminder letter and interest/survey forms you received in the mail.

Remember this is your League and we want to make it work for you.

Margie and Rose

VOTER REGISTRATION

Does a residence change, a name change, or new voter status apply to you or anyone you know?

Convenient and timely registration at the Highland Park Public Library will be conducted by our League registrars:

Oct 3 Sunday 1:30-4:30pm

Oct 4 Monday 7:00-8:30pm

Oct 5 Tuesday 7:00-8:30pm



STATE/NATIONAL NEWS



CANDIDATE FORUMS

GET READY TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND

**LWVIL and ABC7 to Present "VOTE 2010: THE CANDIDATES DEBATE"
Oct. 19 & 20**

United States Senatorial Candidate Debate —> October 19th

ABC's Chief Political Correspondent **George Stephanopoulos** will moderate the debate between Illinois senatorial candidates on **October 19** from 10:35-11:35 p.m on ABC 7.

Illinois Gubernatorial Candidate Debate —> October 20th

ABC 7 anchor/reporter **Ron Magers** will moderate the debate between the gubernatorial candidates on **October 20** from 10:35-11:35 p.m. on ABC 7.

10th Congressional District Candidate Debate

On **September 22, 2010** a Candidates Forum was held at Glenbrook South High School, Glenview, IL for candidates from the 10th Congressional District. The Democratic Candidate Dan Seals and the Republican Candidate Robert Dold were present to debate the issues raised by the public in attendance. The moderator of the Forum was Edith Auchter from the Barrington League of Women Voters.

The Forum was sponsored by the Leagues of Women Voters of Arlington Hts.-Mt. Prospect-Buffalo Grove Area, Deerfield, Glencoe, Glenview, Highland Park, Lake Forest-Lake Bluff, Winnetka-Northfield-Kenilworth and Wilmette. Additionally the Political Science Club of Glen Brook South High School was actively involved with planning and activities for the evening. The Union League Club of Chicago also sponsored the forum.

The forum was very well attended and a very lively discussion was held between the Candidates. There was intense media interest as the Congressional Seat to be filled was previously held by Mark Kirk who is running for the Senate Seat held previously by President Obama.

State and County Candidate Debate

On **September 30, 2010**, a Candidates Forum was held at the Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Senior Center, Lake Forest, IL. The Candidates from State District #58 and #59, Lake County Board District #23, Lake County Treasurer, Lake County Sheriff, Lake County Clerk and Regional Superintendent of School.

The league of Women Voters from Lake Forest-Lake Bluff, Highland Park, Deerfield, Glencoe and Glenview sponsored the Forum.

The forum was well attended as there is much interest in Candidates this year given the State of Illinois Issues and Lake County Issues.

CLIMATE CHANGE—10/10/10

Our League is joining with National and State Leagues to call attention to **Climate Change** on **10/10/10**. This campaign is being organized by 350.org, an international movement aimed at uniting the world around solutions to the climate crisis. The focus on the number 350—as in 350 parts per million of carbon dioxide (ppm CO₂), is the amount that leading climate scientists say is the safe upper limit for CO₂ in our atmosphere.

We have sent letters to local religious organizations, asking them to focus on this problem around the date of 10/10/10, which falls on a Sunday. If you can call the organization that you are affiliated with and ask what they plan to do, it would be a help to the success of our effort.

We are also co-sponsoring with the Environmental Commission and the Library, a film, “Bag It!” on 10/10/10, 2 o’clock at the Library. An average guy makes a resolution to stop using plastic bags at the grocery store. Little does he know that this simple decision will change his life completely. Support League action and attend this eye opening film.

Send me any ideas you have for reduction of CO₂ in our daily lives. Perhaps we can put together a collection of suggestions.

Marjie Ettlinger mndett@ameritech.net



A wonderful web site is available through the League of Women Voters: **Toolkit for Climate Action**. If you are interested, please copy and paste the link below into your web browser. Following is quoted from the website.

“Global climate change is one of the most **serious threats** facing our nation and our planet today. Increasingly severe consequences are projected for more people and more regions of the world unless we act now - as individual, as communities, and as a nation. For its part, the League is calling for prompt action to **cut this country's GHG (Greenhouse Gas) emissions**, freeze construction of new coal-fired power plants, **invest in a new clean energy economy**, and help the world's poorest countries tackle the challenges of climate change.”

http://participate.lwv.org/c/9217/t/6398/p/salsa/web/common/public/content?content_item_KEY=3766

HIGHLAND PARK LEAGUE

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2010-2011

Chair: Ginny Schulte, Chair
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** 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.*



League Reaction

The letter below was published in the Highland Park News on August 8, 2010, in reaction to the revelations regarding inflated personnel compensation approved by local Park and School Districts. The statements are based on our HP League's long-standing positions.

The League of Women Voters of Highland Park always has stood for developing good public policy through thoughtful governance by its elected officials.

Published information with regard to the inflated compensation of Park District and School District personnel leads us to question whether this practice is being followed.

In line with this concern, the League is planning to address this issue as part of a current study to develop criteria for evaluating and prioritizing community related city projects and their effect on the budget.

League studies always have been viewed as well researched and used as a resource to positively effect legislation. We look forward to sharing our conclusions with the community.

Margie Weiss

Rose Feder

Co-Presidents, League of Women Voters of Highland Park

LOCAL NEWS

MEMBERSHIP

RE-UP TIME

Thank you to all the members who have renewed their membership for this coming League year by submitting their dues and completed interest/survey forms. For those of you who as yet have not done so, a letter along with the forms came to you in the regular postal mail in September. You may pay with a check or by using a charge card if you go to the website, www.lwvhp.org. Helping us complete the membership renewal effort in a timely way is much appreciated. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Nancie Blatt

Membership Co-Chair

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THE SURVEY SAYS ...

You will receive a survey along with your membership renewal. We want to involve you more closely in local planning and events at Local, State and National League levels.

By completing and returning the survey, you will be able to indicate your interests in planning and/or attending events and help us determine best scheduling dates and times.

Observer Corps

Our Observer Corps needs you! Openings exist for the City Council, Park District, School Districts 112 and 113, as well as the Plan Commission and other commissions of the City of Highland Park whose work might interest you.

Be the first to know what projects are being planned, whose salary and pension plan is being changed, what budgetary increases are being discussed, and how these will affect your property taxes.

Call Margie (432-9432) or Rose (432-4732) to volunteer and be trained as a League of Women Voters Observer.

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Lake Michigan League of Women Voters

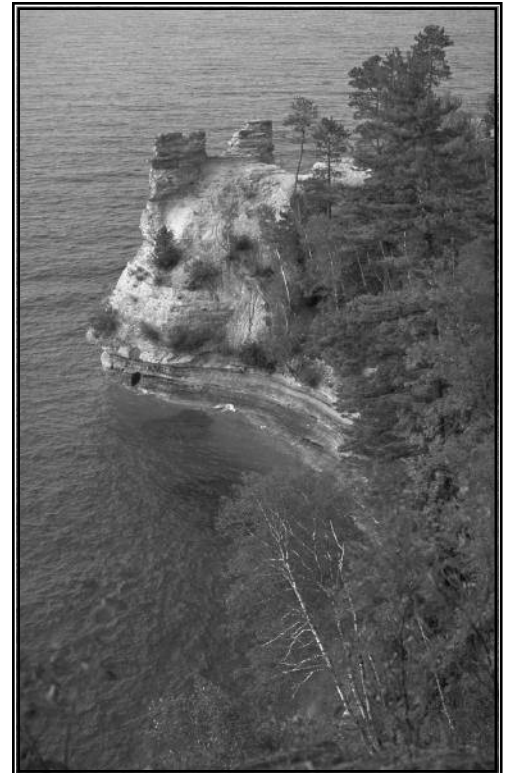
Annual Meeting

October 8-9, 2010

What could be better than Wisconsin, Lake Michigan and a couple of days in early October in Manitowoc, "Wisconsin's Maritime Capitol"? And you are invited. Add in stimulating company, timely topics with educating speakers, interesting tours and a fun time and you have the ingredients. Topics of interest are sure to include the timely Asian Carp issue, with speakers and tours to be announced later.

Since no annual meeting is complete without a little business, we count on you all to help guide the organization as it considers and authorizes a program for study and action. As member leagues, all local leagues within the Lake Michigan basin in the four states surrounding the Lake are asked to send representatives to the meeting, so you will meet other like-minded people.

We will also elect officers for two year terms and adopt a budget for the ensuing year. All offices are up for re-election, including: President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. Our board of directors also includes two representatives from each state, appointed by their state boards.



Marjie Ettliger is our member of the nominating committee and would be happy to hear your suggestions. Call her at 847-433-9414, or Judy Johnston, LMLWV co-president 847-433-9375 for more information.



LEAGUE CALENDAR

OCTOBER	5	Last day to register to vote by deputy registrars
	6	First day of grace period registration and voting in the office of the county clerk
	7	7pm Recall Referendum and Redistricting Presentation Public Meeting HP Public Safety Center
	10	2pm Climate Change on 10/10/10 Highland Park Library
	8-9	Lake Michigan LWV Annual Meeting Manitowoc, Wisconsin
	12-28	Dates for early voting
	27	7pm Board Meeting
NOVEMBER	2	Election Day
	17	7pm Board Meeting
DECEMBER	15	7pm Second Annual Holiday Open House Fort Sheridan home of Margie Weiss

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

GREEN NOTES:



STEP UP TO THE BAR

Save money and help reduce your carbon footprint. How? Use bar soap instead of liquid soap that comes in plastic bottles. Producing the bottles takes energy and pollutes the air. Recycling the bottles creates more pollution. The bar of soap just fades away.