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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HIGHLAND PARK

invites you to attend our annual
Membership Meeting

Saturday, May 1, 2010

The Birchwood Club
1174 Park Avenue West
Highland Park

9:00 Annual Business Meeting
12:00 Luncheon and Program
Lila Trotsky 847.681.8001

Our special guest will be
Jane Conway, Executive Director of
the Highland Park Library. Jane is a
dynamic speaker, and will be sure to
captivate us with her presentation of
"Libraries, Cover to Cover"

NATURAL RESOURCES

After years of observing the Environmental Commission as League observer, it is encouraging to see the increased success it is having in guiding Highland Park toward becoming a Green City. This week they received the report from the Green Initiatives Plan the City has commissioned which details the goals and the actions needed by citizens and the City. William Bogot, Chairman of the Environmental Commission, said the League could be a big help in carrying out the plan.

The Commission will be submitting to the City Council a proposal to follow up on its previous presentation to consider a fee for the use of single use shopping bags. The suggested 5 cents a bag could be kept by the retailer or used for civic purposes. At this time, the local Jewel is sending 5 cents for every time shoppers bring their own bags to the Green Team at our high school, and Sunset Foods has a similar plan for the North Shore Green Initiative of School District 112 that will be unveiled on Earth Day.

Point of sale shopping bags have been taxed in many cities and have found this an easy sell. Single use plastic bags are made from natural gas or petroleum and do not biodegrade. According to the Worldwatch Institute, less than 1% of the 100 billion free single-use plastic bags thrown away in the U.S. are recycled.

RIVER CLEANUP - The Annual Chicago River Day Clean-up will be on Saturday, May 8th, from 8 a.m. to noon. The Commission and the Park District invite the public to join with the Friends of the Chicago River for this fun activity. Work clothes, gloves and boots are recommended. Those interested in participating should meet at the Target store parking lot or the Danny Cuniff Park. Joe Hmieleski, 847-377-7708, is the Captain of the Target group and Rebecca Grill, 847-579-4087, will be at the Cuniff Park.

ADOPT-A-BEACH - The League is invited to join the Alliance for the Great Lakes for the annual spring training for the Adopt-a Beach program. This is an opportunity to meet others that participate in the program and to ensure that you are collecting data in a standardized method. Meetings will be April 6, 5:30-7:30 pm at the Alliance office, 17 N. State St., Suite 1450, Chicago, 60602 or April 26, 5:30-7:30 pm, Evanston Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd. Evanston, 60201. Contact Frances Canonizado at 312-939-0838, ext.228 or fcanonizado@greatlakes.org.

-- *Marjie Ettlinger, co-chairperson of the Natural Resources Committee*

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LOCAL NEWS

FAIR MAP AMENDMENT

League members continue to pass petitions to place on the November ballot an amendment to change the way Illinois legislative districts are drawn. 500,000 signatures are needed by the first week in April. If you haven't signed yet, please do so, encourage your friends to sign and if you need more petitions, call Rose or Margie.

COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE

Some of us have been working feverishly to publicize the need for all residents of Highland Park and Highwood to complete and mail in their Census forms. We made presentations at English as a Second Language classes, parenting classes, Oak Terrace School events, St. James Church masses, Nuestro Center and Family Network. We placed a large sign in Highwood on "Diambri's Corner" and distributed posters to businesses.

Particular thanks go to Ginny Schulte, Faye Grossman, Beverly Rosenstein, Linda Kellough, Judy Johnston and Lila Trotsky, as well as to their several Spanish speaking helpers.

BOARD RECOMMENDED PROGRAM - 2010-2011

Following is the information for discussion and approval at our Annual Meeting on May 1, 2010.

LWVHP 2010 - 2011 ACTION PRIORITIES

FORT SHERIDAN/SCHOOLS: Continue to monitor ongoing school issues with particular regard to impact aid status and use by the school districts.

Continue to support and monitor implementation of the Highland Park Green Initiatives Alliance. (HPGIA)

Testify before the City Council regarding Campaign Practices and Procedures position in advance of the April 2011 elections as well as take other appropriate action.

LWVHP 2010-2011 PROGRAM

Retain all current positions. In addition:

Continue to pursue 2009-2010 program item regarding the development of criteria for evaluating and prioritizing needs - i.e. upgrading of City facilities (library), use of outmoded buildings (Karger Center), additions to properties owned by the City (Highland Park Theatre) - with emphasis on methods of financing these projects;

TELECOMMUNICATIONS/CABLE TV - Approve recommendation of Board committee to drop the position because it is no longer relevant or enforceable.

Conduct training sessions for League leaders and members explaining the study committee process.

LOCAL NEWS

REPORT OF THE LWV 2010-2011 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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 2010 Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Miller, Chair
Gail Feiger Brown
Carolann Klapper
Charla Reinganum
Lila Trotsky

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS REMAINING IN OFFICE (terms expiring in 2011)

Co-President: Margie Weiss

Directors: Elaine Adler
Judy Johnston
Carolann Klapper
Peggy Malecki
Lila Trotsky

Vice Presidents: Nancie Blatt
Faye Grossman

NOMINEES FOR NEW 2-YEAR TERMS (expiring in 2012)

Directors: Sharon Narrod
Rhoda Pierce
Beverly Rosenstein
Sue Wieseneck

NOMINEES FOR NEW 1-YEAR TERM (expiring in 2011)

Co-President: Rose Feder

Treasurer: Ginger Seff

2010-2011 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominees: Ginny Schulte, Chair
Barbara Kronish
Laurie Marston

LOCAL NEWS

LWV-HP BUDGET

	Fiscal Year 7/1/09-6/30/10		Fiscal Year 7/1/10-6/30/11	
	YTD	Budget	Propsd	Budget
INCOME ACCOUNTS				
300 Dues	6122.9	6730	6470	Maintain current # 78 indiv.& 15family
310 Business Campaign	875	1000	900	
311 General Fund Contrbs	25	0		
312 Ed Fund		0	1000	for voter guide
330 Ways and Means	1020	1500	1000	
335 Voter Guide Contribution			2000	anticipated grant
340 Interest	193.76	120	100	
350 Annual Meeting		1200	1200	
390 From (To) Reserves		660	2415	for voter guide
TOTAL INCOME		11,210	15,085	
EXPENSE ACCOUNTS				
General Administration				
410 Board Tools and Expenses	377.99	460	100	Moved web hosting fee to memb.
430 Finance Drive	0	150	50	
431 Membership	162	350	350	
432 Member Book	299.75	0	0	
General Admin Subtotal		960		
Bulletin Expense				
440 Bulletin Supplies	0	0	0	
442 Bulletin Printing	33	250	100	
443 Layout Designer	0	380		
444 Bulletin Postage	0	70	50	
450 Stationary	252.25	100	250	
451 Postage	185	180	185	Bulk mail permit
452 Web Hosting Fee	0	0	200	
453 Insurance	125	130	125	
454 PO Box Rental		100	100	
Programs and Activities				
510 Meeting Expenses	414.4	200	100	
511 Annual Meeting		1200	1200	
520 Study Committees	0	250	100	
540 Voters Service	0	100	5750	
550 Action - General	0	0	0	
Conventions and Outside Meetings				
610 National Convention	0	1000	0	
620 State Convention	0	0	750	
630 State/Regional Meetings	0	150	75	
Per Member Payments				
710 National PMP	2222	3010	2753.7	27.4/41.10
720 State PMP	2008.5	2890	2635.5	27/40.50
730 Lake County (etc) PMP	231	240	211	
Income Tax				
800 Income Tax Expenses		100		
TOTAL EXPENSE		11,210	15,085	
NET INCOME (INCOME MINUS EXPENSE)		0		

Notes:

710 Request at Nat'l Conv will be \$0.60 increase for 10-11 & \$0.40 increase for 11-12

720 State PMP increased by \$1.00

540 Includes voter Guide



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LEAGUE CALENDAR

Call 847-432-4732 or email info@lwhp.org to carpool to any of these events.
If you would like more information about the LML or LWVLC meetings, call Judy Johnston at 847-433-9375.

MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS

APRIL	28	7:00 pm	Board Meeting – Sue Wieseneck
MAY	1	9:00 am	Annual Meeting, Birchwood Club
	26	7:00 pm	Board Meeting - TBD
JUNE	11-15		LWVUS Convention – Atlanta, GA

Watch your email for the date and place for the LWV Lake County Annual Meeting.