



# League of Women Voters Highland Park/Highwood

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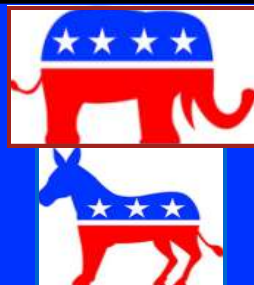
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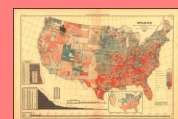
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## HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEAGUE

# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD

Invites you to attend our annual

## HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

JOIN US AND BRING A FRIEND!

When: Wednesday, December 7th at 7:00 pm

Where: Home of Anne Bassi, 3325 Summit

*RSVP by Friday, December 2nd to*

*Elaine Adler 847-432-4557*

[Email: elainebadler@yahoo.com](mailto:elainebadler@yahoo.com)

*Judy Miller 847-831-1790*

[Email: Judy@Home@gmail.com](mailto:Judy@Home@gmail.com)

Our annual Holiday Open House  
will feature presentations by our honored guests

Highland Park and Highwood Mayors

Nancy Rotering and  
Charlie Pecaro



*The Current and Future State of Our Cities*

Q/A to follow

\*Please let us know what appetizer, dessert or wine you would like to bring to this event.  
Contact Elaine Adler or Judy Miller (info above) to coordinate.

## HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEAGUE

# Message from our Leadership

Our new approach to local League governance, i.e., a Leadership Team, has gotten off to a running start. We planned to involve other members to step-up to assist this limited group. [Laurie Marston](#) answered the call and exceeded our expectations in envisioning and organizing a very successful and unique Opening Meeting – Behind the Scenes at Political Conventions – see [page 4](#). Thank you, Laurie.

The recent Candidates Forum featuring Congressional and State Senate and Legislative candidates lived up to the expected League standards – see [page 5](#). The coordination with other 10<sup>th</sup> District Leagues and the Union League Club was so successful due to the effort of called-upon member, [Faye Grossman](#), who stepped up to the plate. Thank you, Faye, for contributing your extensive experience in Voter Service.

Our Voter Registration committee has successfully registered 241 new voters this year—see [page 6](#). Thank you to [Rheta Pickard](#) and her committee for stepping up and creating such a successful service for our community.

Do consider saying yes when approached regarding upcoming activities – a one-time assist **is all that's asked**. **Of course, the act of** continued membership is what is asked of you all to keep League alive. You easily can renew your membership for the 2016-17 year – see [page 7](#). Ask a friend, neighbor, and other household member to join as well.

As a holiday gift, their first League experience can be the perfect one – enjoying the company, tastes, and the much appreciated updates offered by the Mayors of Highland Park and Highwood at the Holiday Party on December 7<sup>th</sup> – see [page 2](#). Many thanks to [Anne Bassi](#) for stepping up to host our Holiday Party.

**We're here for you. Join with us however you can. See you soon.**

The Leadership Team

Elaine, Rose, Judy, Ginger and Marlene

**Step-Up**

# HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEAGUE

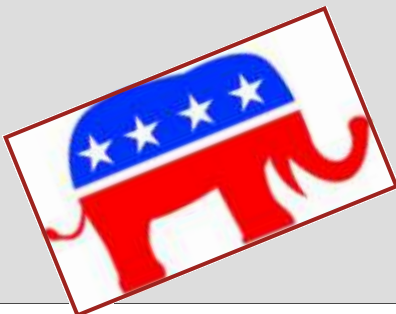
## Opening Meeting

Behind the Scenes

with 2016

*Democratic and Republican Convention Delegates*

Highland Park/Highwood LWV opening meeting, on September 20th, at the Highland Park Police Station was quite a feat. Dr. Siobhan Moroney, Associate Professor of Politics and Chair of the Lake Forest College Department of Politics, masterfully discussed the history and differences between Republican and Democratic presidential conventions. She answered questions about political conventions, past and present. The League hosted four delegates: Bob Bednar—Mundelein—Republican (Donald Trump), Mari Carlson—Winthrop Harbor—Republican (Donald Trump), Brian Dupuis—Lake Bluff—Democrat (Bernie Sanders), and Lauren Beth Gash—Highland Park—Democrat (Hillary Clinton), who shared their insights into the convention process. They all showed enthusiastic support of their candidates, as well as unanimously expressing their excitement about being convention delegates. Discussions of the expenses to run this process as well as individual expenses for each delegate, the number of delegates, lack of derision amongst delegates (even though the telecasters tried to make appearances of discord), and many other topics were discussed. They all agreed that there was more than what was shown on TV and that no matter who becomes our president, they would feel good about the process and would support him or her as our leader.



# LWV HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD

## CANDIDATE DEBATES OCTOBER 16, 2016



Photos above from the Oct 16th Candidate Debates co-sponsored by LWV chapters from Highland Park/HWD, Lake Forest/Lake Bluff, Glenview/Glencoe and Deerfield areas and the Union League Club of Chicago. More than 300 people attended the debates at Lake Forest High School from across the 10th District. Judy Hoffman, an Evanston League member, moderated the audience submitted debate questions, which were reviewed by League volunteers to comply with League guidelines and duplication. Click [\\*here](#) for the video of the debates between the candidates:

### CONGRESSIONAL 10TH DISTRICT

Bob Dold ( R ) and  
Brad Schneider ( D )



### STATE SENATE 29TH DISTRICT

Julie Morrison (D) and  
Ben Salzberg ( R )



### STATE REP 58TH DISTRICT

Martin Blumenthal ( R ) and  
Scott Drury (D)

*\*(from the website of LWV Lake Forest/Lake Bluff area)*

# HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEAGUE

## VOTER REGISTRATION EVENTS

Thanks to Debbie Brown, Gail Brown, and Rheta Pickard for registering 10 students at HPHS on 9/27/16, National Voter Registration Day.

This adds to the great number of registrations completed earlier this year: including 159 HPHS students in January, 31 HPHS students in May and 41 new American citizens in May just after they completed their naturalization ceremony.

Thanks to Lesa Friedrich of HPHS for coordinating the September event, and, to the earlier efforts of Debbie Brown, Gail Brown, Rose Feder, Barbara Mazur, Rheta Pickard, Marilyn Revesz, and Debbie Zirin . We thank them all for their efficient and professional work at these events.



Our next voter registration event will be prior to the Consolidated Primary and Consolidated Election early next year, probably the week of January 23, 2017.



## LWV HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEADERSHIP TEAM

### Leadership Team 2016—2017:

- Elaine Adler
- Rose Feder
- Judy Miller
- Ginger Seff
- Marlene Senescu

### Contingency Nominating Committee 2017:

Barbara Kronish, Barbara Lippai, and Ginny Schulte



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# HIGHLAND PARK/HIGHWOOD LEAGUE

## It's Membership Renewal Time

Membership renewal requests were mailed in early October.

Please support our League activities by returning you dues either by mail or via PayPal through our web-site.

League has continually been a catalyst for change, frequently initiating advances in local government as well as government at other levels. Our educational programs and candidate forums have contributed to the development of an informed electorate. No matter the level of support, we are certain you will benefit from your League membership.

Membership:

Individual	\$70
Household	\$100

Mailing address:

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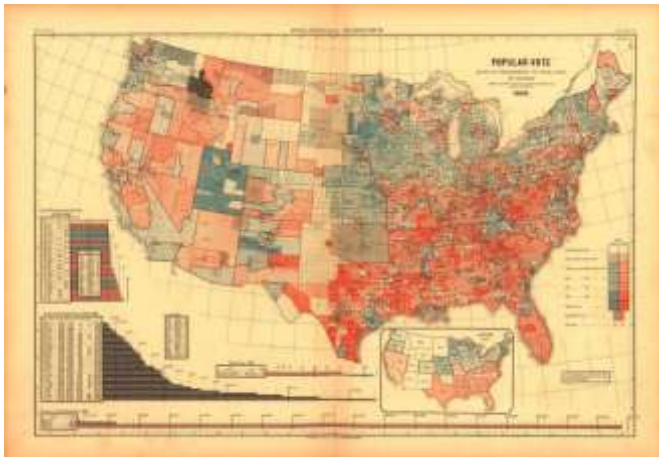


Website: <http://www.lwvhp.org/>

## ROLE OF THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE

The popular vote of the United States does not choose the U.S. President. The Electoral College does.

**There is a total of 538 electoral votes. Each state's electoral votes is equal to that state's number of U.S. Representatives plus U.S. Senators.** Washington, DC has three electoral votes. In order to win the Presidency, the winner needs a simple majority of the 538 electoral votes. Therefore, the winner needs a minimum of 270 electoral votes. [READ MORE.](#)



From the League of Women Voters of Illinois [Website:](#)



# LEAGUE CALENDAR

DECEMBER	7	7:00 pm	Holiday Open House At home of Anne Bassi (Details to follow)
FEBRUARY			Local Program Planning Details TBD
MARCH			Candidates Forum 2017 Consolidated General Election Details TBD

Non-board members are always welcome to attend board meetings. Check website, [www.lwvhp.org](http://www.lwvhp.org), or call 847-432-4732 for locations.

**Editor's note: Thanks to Elaine Adler, Rose Feder, Nancy Goldberg, Judy Miller, Rheta Pickard, Ginger Seff and Marlene Senescu for contributions to this bulletin**

## GREEN NOTES:



Copied from the website of EarthShare, an organization who has supported nearly 600 of **America's most respected environmental and conservation organizations, including the Alliance for the Great Lakes**, for almost 30 years:

Instead of putting your leaves, branches, and weeds into plastic bags only to be picked up by trash collectors, **consider turning this lawn "waste" into nutrient-rich soil** ready for your spring garden! **Collecting compost is quite easy** and can save money on soil and fertilizer when it comes time to start your garden after the cold season.

Almost everything in your yard is compostable (grass and plant clippings, leaves, dead or brown weeds), except for weeds that have seeds or pernicious weeds (i.e. ivy) that can withstand composting. Mix in some of your kitchen waste as well – fruit and vegetable peels, teabags, and coffee grinds – to increase your yield.

<http://www.earthshare.org/2008/09/shhhhhh.html>

