










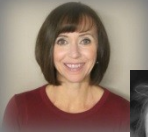






PROGRESSIVES FOR CHANGE *(formerly Action for a Better Tomorrow-Elmhurst)*

MEETINGS & ACTIONS TO-DATE

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|  | <p>October 2019: PASO provided Rapid Response Training, which included information on how to document ICE raids and collect information that can be used to organize, litigate, and finally end the criminalization and deportation of our families and community members.</p> |
| <p>September 2019: Youth Climate Strike, supporting the efforts of York High School youth advocating for the environment.</p> | |
| <p>June 2019: Love Lives Here – P4C was a supporting sponsor of this vigil commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising in New York. A vigil of affirmation and support for our LGBTQ community, featuring rock star Cathy Richardson and the Director of Human Rights for the State of Illinois.</p> | |
|  | <p>May 2019: Everything You Wanted to Know About Gender But Were Afraid to Ask – Speakers from Youth Outlook and the Chicago House TransLife Care project and a local professor of gender studies educated us on issues impacting transgender community members.</p> |
|  | <p>April 2019: Medical and Parental Leave in the U.S. – Screening and discussion of <i>Zero Weeks</i>, a documentary advocating for guaranteed paid leave for every American worker. The film looks at paid leave from an emotional, medical, financial, and global perspective.</p> |
| <p>March 2019: Local Elections Matter – A look at how local elections impact so many aspects of our daily lives, and how local politics has a long history of shaping change in our country from the ground up. Guests were candidates for the April 2019 election.</p> | |
| <p>January 2019: Drop-in event at Brewpoint for advocacy postcarding and meet-and-greet with candidates in the April 2019 election.</p> | |
|  | <p>November 2018: Hunger in DuPage County – Speakers from the Northern Illinois Food Bank, Elmhurst Walk-in Assistance Network, Elmhurst Yorkfield Food Pantry, and First United Methodist Church informed us on ways we can help alleviate the problem of hunger in our community.</p> |
| <p>October 2018: Local Election Essentials – Several candidates for the November 2018 election spoke on their policy positions.</p> | |
|  | <p>September 2018: Meet Juliana Stratton, candidate for Illinois Lt. Governor.</p> |
| <p>August 2018: Election Education and Awareness – Several candidates for the November 2018 election spoke on their policy positions.</p> | |

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|  Citizens' Climate Lobby  Elmhurst Cool Cities Coalition | <p>July 2018: Environmental Awareness and Activism – Speakers from Citizens' Climate Lobby and Elmhurst Cool Cities Coalition spoke on climate change and local environmental issues. Also, a senior financial advisor discussed socially-responsible investing and divesting.</p> |
| <p>June 2018: P4C Social.</p> | |
|   | <p>May 2018: Syria: War, Refugees & the Humanitarian Crisis – A panel discussion with speakers from the Syrian Community Network, #StandWithAleppo, and Refugee One informed us on the Syrian crisis and ways we can help.</p> |
| <p>April 2018: Youth Activism – The authors of <i>Wake, Rise, Resist: Empowering Teen Voices</i> led a panel discussion with local youth about the historic wave of youth activism we are seeing across the country.</p> | |
|   | <p>March 2018: Gun Violence Prevention – The Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence and Moms Demand Action-Elmhurst provided concrete actions and activities we can take to stem the tide of gun violence.</p> |
|  | <p>February 2018: Local Election Education – League of Women Voters-Elmhurst discussed the importance of local elections and get-out-the-vote strategies. We also learned about judicial elections in Illinois and about ballot and election integrity.</p> |
|  | <p>January 2018: Guest Speakers: Pat Murphy and JoAnn Persch, Sisters of Mercy, who have worked for over 40 years in Chicago on the rights and needs of immigrants and refugees and who were featured in the movie <i>Band of Sisters</i>.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members organized a postcard campaign, sending notes to Alabama voters, urging them to elect Doug Jones over Roy Moore in the special election Senate race. Members continue to support various refugees and refugee families by collecting donations and needed items (working through various local charities). | |
|   | <p>November 2017: Get to Know Your Candidates Speakers: Daniel Hebreard, candidate for DuPage County Forest Preserve District President, and Suzy Glowiak, candidate for IL State Senate, District 24.</p> |
|   | <p>October 2017: Get to Know Your Candidates Speakers: Daniel Biss, candidate for Governor of Illinois, and Jim Caffrey, candidate for IL State Rep, District 47.</p> |
|    | <p>September 2017: How to Run for Office! A panel talked about their experiences and “what to know” if you wanted to run for office or support a campaign. Panel: Ald. Marti Deuter (Elmhurst 1st Ward), Liz Chaplin (DuPage County Board, District 2) and Joe Vosicky (attorney who ran for State Representative, District 46)</p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members held a peace and anti-discrimination vigil at City Hall to counter the messages of hate, bigotry and racism coming out of Charlottesville After a CCW training in Elmhurst was promoted on social media, members spoke at City Council to request review of the safety & legality of the class, and to state our protest of the ease of access to guns and disagreement with Concealed Carry laws in Illinois and locally Members organized a letter campaign asking Community Bank of Elmhurst to cease its Three Amigos campaign, citing racial and cultural appropriation A Board Member coordinated purchase and distribution of dozens of “In Our America” signs, now seen as positive messages of support all over Elmhurst and DuPage | |
|  | August 2017: White supremacists were marching in Charlottesville. We hosted Rev. Jessica A. Harren, a pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, to talk to us about allyship , and how to be better allies. |
|    | July 2017: With the ACA under attack, we hosted a panel of health care experts: Kristin Hartsaw, Public Benefits and Training Specialist for DuPage Federation on Human Resources Reform; Kathy Waligora, Health Reform Initiative Director from EverThrive Illinois; and Kara Murphy, President of DuPage Health Coalition/Access DuPage. They discussed DuPage health care issues, ACA enrollment, access to care. |
|   | June 2017: In honor of Pride Month , Guest Speakers Gail Morse , an attorney inducted into the Chicago LGBT Hall of Fame in 2015 for her advocacy efforts, and Lauren Verdich , founder of Open Hand Chicago and LGBT Hall of Fame inductee in 2015. Collected contributions to The Center on Halsted. |
|  | May 2017: First in our Get to Know the Candidates series: J.B. Pritzker , candidate for Governor of Illinois, spoke to members. |
|   | April 2017: Speaker: Congressman Mike Quigley shared insight into his work as a Congressman and on the Appropriations, Intelligence, Sustainable Energy & Environment Committees. Speaker: Jen Walling, Executive Director, Illinois Environmental Council , shared insights into environmental issues, challenges under Trump and in Illinois, and how to have impact and be involved. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members marched! (in the March for Science, Climate March, Tax March, etc.) We hosted two political action trainings, on how to understand “swing districts,” polling and “the art of the argument,” presented by ABT President Georgia Logothetis Members ran in a World Relief charity 5k | |
|   | March 2017: Speakers: Ben Silver, Citizen Advocacy Center, and Alderman Marti Deuter (1st Ward, Elmhurst), to educate us about local government . (structure, focus, how to get involved and have impact at the City and County levels). We broke into small groups to get to know each other and donated to the Elmhurst-Yorkfield Food Pantry |
|  | February 2017: Speaker: Greg Bales, Community Outreach Coordinator for Senator Dick Durbin . Shared “how to get involved and impact policy issues.” Collected donations for ACLU Illinois |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launched Action Committees to focus on 9 issue areas. These have merged under the organizational umbrella. • Launched a Book Club – for social and education purposes ☺ • Organized one and promoted additional Know Your Rights trainings | | |
|  | | <p>January 2017: Speaker: Jane Lombardi, Director of Immigration and Citizenship at Erie Neighborhood House. Jane gave Know Your Rights information, hotlines and resources for families affected by ICE raids or the travel ban, including social and legal services. Attendees donated books to the Erie House preschool.</p> |
| <p>MEMBER ACTION!</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sent letters of support to area mosques and synagogues • Sent cards and notes of encouragement to the Elmhurst YMCA, being protested for their transgender inclusive bathroom and locker room policy. • Marched in the Women's March in D.C. and in Chicago • Protested at O'Hare when the Muslim Travel Ban was enacted, and some members worked as pro-bono lawyers, others donated meals • The Steering Committee issued Action Alerts and scripts for members to call about Trump's unqualified Cabinet Appointments • Sponsored a holiday tree at Wilder Park, and decorated it with symbols of peace, love, a green environment and were pro-diversity, pro-education and pro-science • Joined the <i>Love Lives Here</i> candlelight vigil in Elmhurst | |
|  | | <p>First monthly meeting in December 2016 Speaker: Faiyaz Hussain. Faiyaz is a Muslim-American and board member at Muslim Advocates. He shared historical context, concerns about current political climate, and how individuals can get take action/ have impact. Attendees donated items to DuPage PADS. This became our speaker template: share action items and tell us how we can have an impact!</p> |