

# Tallgrass Sierran

November/December 2018

THE HEART OF ILLINOIS GROUP OF THE SIERRA CLUB ♦ P.O. Box 3593, Peoria, IL 61612 ♦ [hoi@illinois.sierraclub.org](mailto:hoi@illinois.sierraclub.org)

## HOI Group Meetings

WED  
DEC 19

### Annual Holiday Potluck & Slides Party

Forest Park Nature Center, 6:30 p.m.

Bring your favorite food to share and some slides from your latest trip, for a holiday time get-together. The Nature Center will be decked for the season, and this is a great chance to enjoy a relaxing evening with friends! Hot and cold drinks will be provided. You will need your own table service and a good appetite! A laptop and projector will be available for showing a sampling of slides after dinner, and you will see your fellow friends and Sierrans in action!

*No HOI Public Program  
this November due to the  
Thanksgiving Holiday:  
Still Time for Thanks*

Our regular monthly third Wednesday public program night this November is the eve before Thanksgiving and no HOI program is scheduled. This has been a long and exhausting year yet we all have much for which to give thanks. Be sure to take time for being outside: turn your face to the sun, pause to breathe deeply and know that the choices we make, how we vote, the products we buy, and our daily actions to live a more sustainable and energy conserving life do matter. See you on December 19th for our annual Holiday potluck party!



*Inside . . .*

**Bird Seed Order Form**

## Trump EPA Holds One Public Hearing on Replacement of the Clean Power Plan

### More Deaths from Air Pollution and Coal Guaranteed

BY JOYCE BLUMENSHINE

HOI members were in Chicago on October 1st for the only public hearing on the Trump EPA replacement for the federal Clean Power Plan. This plan means significant pollution increases for Central Illinois. It will greatly weaken regulations that will enable the five coal-fired plants in our area to increase operations and pollution without restraint. A noon rally at the Federal Building plaza was lead by Rev. Tony Pierce, Heaven's View Chris-

tian Fellowship, Peoria, who is president of Illinois People's Action. He gave stirring comments on the harm minorities and the poor face from pollution and economic injustice. Speakers included representatives from numerous minority and economic justice groups. Girl Scouts from Springfield spoke on why they are concerned about climate change and how this plan will not curtail CO2 levels in time to stop an irreversible level. Reviews of the Trump EPA plan include the following comment from Richard L. Revesz, the Lawrence King Professor of Law and Dean Emeritus at New York University

*(See Hearing, page 4)*



HOI members Mary Hayes and Robin Nolting attended the rally in Chicago on October 1st. They gave comments to the EPA panel at the only public hearing held in the entire U.S. on the Trump plan.



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## Blowing in the Wind

It's time for America to get smart about energy and become less dependent on fossil fuels. We need to increase our use of clean, renewable energy sources like wind and solar power.

**Giving's a Breeze. JOIN Sierra Club.**

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Join today and receive  
a **FREE Sierra Club  
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Check enclosed. Please make payable to Sierra Club

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Special Offer	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 15	N/A
Standard	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 39	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 49
Supporting	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 75	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 100
Contributing	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 150	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 175
Life	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 1000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 1250
Senior	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 35
Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 35
Limited Income	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 35

Contributions, gifts & dues to Sierra Club are tax deductible; they support our effective, citizen based advocacy & lobbying efforts. Your dues include \$ 7.50 for a subscription to SIERRA magazine & \$ 1.00 for your Chapter newsletter.

Enclose a check and mail to:

Sierra Club, PO Box 421041  
Palm Coast, FL 32142-1041

or visit our website: [www.sierraclub.org](http://www.sierraclub.org)

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## Sierra Club Political Endorsements: 2018

The Sierra Club requires a multi-step, multi-level process for candidate endorsements. The following candidates are endorsed for their strong support for environmental issues, including support for solar energy and jobs and concerns for climate change. For the HOI Group Area:

**Illinois Governor - JB Pritzker (D)**

**Illinois Attorney General - Kwame Raoul (D)**

**Illinois Treasurer - Mike Frerichs (D)**

**U.S. House 17th Congressional District - Cheri Bustos (D)**

**Illinois State House District 93 - John Curtis (D)**



Business owner, teacher, outdoorsman, Peace Corps volunteer and organic farmer, John Curtis is an advocate for locally produced food and a more diversified rural economy. He supports opportunities for new jobs through solar energy and training programs and environmental sustainability practices.

<https://electjohncurtis.com>

**Peoria County Board District 6 - Allen Mayer (D)**



Allen Mayer is a leading voice on the Peoria County Board for environmental concerns and has been a champion in efforts to counter many anti-environment issues that have come before the county. He is a leader in saving the Springdale Cemetery Savanna and supports solar energy and energy efficiency.

<https://www.facebook.com/Mayer4Peoria>

**Peoria County Board District 9 - Kate Pastucha (D)**



Kate Pastucha is an advocate for recycling. She is a professional Environmental Consultant managing compliance and a wide range of projects such as zero waste for industry. She supports a 100% clean energy future and sees that energy efficiency means cost savings on many levels and new jobs.

<http://www.peoriacounty.org/619/Kate-Pastucha>

**Peoria County Board District 10 - Rob Reneau (D)**



Rob Reneau is an advocate for recycling and wants to see residents and businesses do better. He sees solar energy as innovation meaning more opportunities and jobs. He sees incentives as key to making environmental improvements and that more can be done to address problems like local lead hazards.

<https://www.facebook.com/Rob-Reneau-Peoria-County-Board-D10-159190088202739/>

More endorsements for the U.S. Congress, Illinois Senate, and Illinois House are on the Illinois Chapter of the Sierra Club website at:

<https://www.sierraclub.org/illinois/vote>



# Heart of Illinois Sierra Club

## Holiday Bird Seed Sale



Support your local Heart of Illinois Sierra Club and stock up on bird seed to get you through the winter! All seed is from Kelly Seed Company. All sales must be pre-paid by the order deadline. Call 309-222-2519 for more information.

**Order Deadline:** November 29, 2018

**Pickup Day:** Saturday, December 1, 2018, 9 to 11 a.m.

**Pickup Location:** Kelly Seed and Hardware Parking Lot, 202 Hamilton Blvd., Peoria

**Optional Delivery:** Free delivery within 15 miles of Peoria. Delivery is on Saturday, December 1, 2018.

**Reminder: I purchased** \_\_\_\_\_ bags of \_\_\_\_\_ **For** ☐ Pickup  
 \_\_\_\_\_ bags of \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Delivery

✂----- Mail bottom with check ----- Keep top -----

Seed	Size	Price	QTY	Subtotal
Black Oil Sunflower	25 lbs	\$ 13.00		
	50 lbs	\$ 19.00		
Striped Sunflower	25 lbs	\$ 15.00		
	50 lbs	\$ 26.00		
Sunflower Hearts	10 lbs	\$ 12.00		
	25 lbs	\$ 25.00		
	50 lbs	\$ 45.00		
Wild Bird Mix <small>cracked corn, black oil sunflower, red milo, white milo, white millet</small>	25 lbs	\$ 11.00		
	50 lbs	\$ 17.00		
Songbird Mix <small>black oil sunflower, striped sunflower, sunflower hearts, safflower, white millet</small>	20 lbs	\$ 13.00		
	35 lbs	\$ 19.00		
Nyjer (Thistle)	10 lbs	\$ 13.00		
	25 lbs	\$ 29.00		
	50 lbs	\$ 55.00		
Safflower	10 lbs	\$ 9.00		
	25 lbs	\$ 18.00		
	50 lbs	\$ 30.00		
No Waste Mix <small>sunflower hearts, cracked corn, red millet, white millet</small>	20 lbs	\$ 15.00		

Seed	Size	Price	QTY	Subtotal
White Millet	10 lbs	\$ 4.00		
	25 lbs	\$ 8.00		
	50 lbs	\$ 15.00		
Peanuts in Shell	5 lbs	\$ 9.00		
	25 lbs	\$ 40.00		
	50 lbs	\$ 74.00		
Peanuts No Shell	10 lbs	\$ 13.00		
	25 lbs	\$ 30.00		
	50 lbs	\$ 55.00		
Cracked Corn	25 lbs	\$ 6.00		
	50 lbs	\$ 11.00		
Shelled Corn	25 lbs	\$ 6.00		
	50 lbs	\$ 10.00		
Ear Corn	25 lbs	\$ 11.00		
	50 lbs	\$ 18.00		
Fruit and Nut Mix <small>black oil sunflower, striped sunflower, sunflower hearts, peanuts (no shell), raisins</small>	10 lbs	\$ 10.00		
	20 lbs	\$ 18.00		
Suet Cakes	1 dozen	\$ 16.00		

**Total Amount Due** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Check one:** ☐ Pick-up ☐ Delivery

**Mail order form and check for amount due to:**

Heart of Illinois Sierra Club  
 P.O. Box 3593  
 Peoria, IL 61612

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for supporting the  
 Heart of Illinois Sierra Club!**

Optional: Send me an email reminder on November 29 to pick up my birdseed.

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

## 2018 HOI Excom Election: Rules and Procedures **Ballots Due December 19**

1. You must be a HOI Sierra Club member to vote.
2. Vote for up to 3 candidates for a 2019-2020 term to the Heart of Illinois Group Executive Committee.
3. Joint memberships may use Ballots #1 and #2.
4. Mail ballot(s) to: Heart of Illinois Sierra Club  
P.O. Box 3593  
Peoria, IL 61612
5. Write the name of the voting member(s) on the outside of the envelope containing the ballot.
6. Ballots must arrive at the Sierra Club's mailbox by Dec. 19, or can be delivered to the Group Holiday Potluck on Dec. 19.
7. Ballots will be counted by the Election Committee on Dec 19.

### Joyce Blumenshine

Sierra Club volunteers work to protect the environment for our families and our future. I think this work is needed more than ever. My view is our efforts matter and it is the responsibility of all who can to take steps to help the environment. I am running for the HOI ExCom to work with you and be part of a team of people who act on climate. If we do not act locally, who will? HOI Sierra is way more than a social club or a monthly program group. We tackle tough local political issues. We also need to continue action on many efforts lead by our Chapter and National Sierra. Your Sierra Club membership dues help support Sierra Club and its essential efforts. HOI supports its local work with fundraisers like the HOI Bird Seed Sale and yard sales. These things don't just happen: it takes people willing to give of their time, energy, and resources. It makes a difference. HOI has stayed with issues such as the fight to save riverfront park, stop the hazardous waste landfill expansion, support better local recycling, and build the Kellar Branch Line and Rock Island Trails. We all know rapid climate change is happening now. We people, gifted to be on this amazing planet, must make CO2 and methane levels drop now. I believe in fighting to keep coal in the ground and transition as quickly as possible to solar and wind energy and increase energy efficiency on every level. We must take action in our daily lives to live more responsibly and keep global temperatures from rising more. HOI faces many challenges and we all need to help. Your support and membership dues are essential in enabling ongoing efforts for HOI. I have had the honor of serving with the HOI Board and would appreciate your vote to continue every effort as best possible to protect our environment for our families and for our future. Thank you for being part of HOI!

### 2018 HOI Sierra Club Excom Election Ballot #1

\_\_\_\_\_ Joyce Blumenshine  
\_\_\_\_\_ Bob Jorgensen  
\_\_\_\_\_ John Wosik

### 2018 HOI Sierra Club Excom Election Ballot #2

\_\_\_\_\_ Joyce Blumenshine  
\_\_\_\_\_ Bob Jorgensen  
\_\_\_\_\_ John Wosik

### Bob Jorgensen

There are always opportunities and challenges in the environmental arena. After serving on the HOI ex-com for over 10 years I'm proud of all the club has done. I have been only a small part of these accomplishments, but I have been thrilled to be a help to those more environmentally savvy than myself. The HOI Sierra Club has an off shoot group called Central Illinois Healthy Community Alliance or CIHCA, that is working with labor and other groups to improve the air quality in central Illinois. I would encourage you all to get involved with HOI or other groups to help preserve our planet for the seventh generation coming after you. I appreciate your support in continuing to work with this great ex-com group of environmentalists.

### John Wosik

As a member of the Executive Committee, I will continue as webmaster and newsletter editor to focus on improving communications with our members and the general public. We need to do more to encourage our members to participate in Club activities and to work together with other club members in educating the public on environmental issues. We need to make all our members feel that it is of value to be a part of our Group, and that their participation is needed and welcome. Whether one's area of interest is conservation, outings, or politics, we all share an enjoyment of nature, and a desire to see it preserved and protected.

### *(Hearing, from page 1)*

School of Law, where he directs the Institute for Policy Integrity. "This is very bad for the environment," Revesz says. "What the EPA has done will have enormously negative consequences, not just for greenhouse gas emissions but also for emissions of conventional pollutants. It will significantly increase concentrations of particulate matter and ozone and lead to thousands of additional deaths and large numbers of hospitalizations and adverse health impacts such as additional cases of asthma."

The Trump EPA plan is called ACE, the Affordable Clean Energy plan. The ACE rule is designed to be most affordable for coal-fired power plants and continue support for coal. The rule defines the "best system of emission reduction" (BSER) for GHG emissions from existing power plants as on-site, heat-rate efficiency improvements. It also contains major changes for the EPA NSR (New Source Review). For decades, the NSR required major construction or annual emission changes at coal plants to trigger the long-standing NSR provision in the Clean Air Act which has the obligation for modified plants to improve their pollution controls. Loss of the NSR is a huge problem for clean air as it will mean coal plants can make construction changes to increase capacity without dealing with additional pollution reviews that would have been required under NSR. The Trump EPA plan was introduced August 21, 2018. Contrast this to the

years of reports, testimony, public hearings across the country, and millions of comments in support of the Obama EPA Clean Power Plan.

### Read the Sierra Club overview here:

<https://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/trump-epa-rollback-clean-power-plan-launch-new-plan-make-air-dirtier-people-sicker>

### Read what the Trump EPA says about the ACE plan here:

<https://www.epa.gov/stationary-sources-air-pollution/proposal-affordable-clean-energy-ace-rule>

### TAKE ACTION: Take a moment to send in a public comment at this link:

<https://www.addup.org/campaigns/our-nations-biggest-climate-action-is-at-risk-speak-up-to-defend-it?promoid=70131000001uhJzAAI>



## HOI Group Calendar

*November*

**6 Election Day**  
TUE *The Environment  
Needs Your Vote!*

**7 WED CIHCA Meeting, 7 p.m.**  
Universalist Unitarian Church, 3000 W  
Richwoods Blvd, Peoria. *Hosted by  
Central Illinois Healthy Community  
Alliance and HOI Group Sierra Club.*

**14** **Executive Meeting, 6:30 p.m.**  
**WED** John Wosik's home, 12409 N. Black-  
 hawk Ct., Dunlap

**21 No November HOI Group Meeting**  
WED Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

*December*

**1 SAT** **HOI Bird Seed Sale Pickup**  
**9 to 11 a.m.**  
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**12** **Executive Meeting, 6:30 p.m.**  
**WED** Wendy Marquis' home, 13707 N.  
 Lucerne Dr., Dunlap

**19** **Annual Holiday Potluck**  
**WED** **& Slides Party, 6:30 p.m.**  
Forest Park Nature Center. See front  
page for more information.

*January 2019*

**16 HOI Group Meeting, 7 p.m.**  
WED Check our website in the near future for information on tonight's program.

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