



League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County  
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## Annual Meeting: June 19, 2010

Each year, every League of Women Voters chapter in the country assembles for an annual meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to pass a budget, decide on studies or programs for the upcoming year, to elect new officers and conduct other business of the League. Though our League has just had a luncheon in celebration of our 50 years, our membership must still meet to make the decisions that keep our League going. They include:

A budget. The budget can be found on page 4 and reflects a reduction in income from our previously robust used book sale.

Election of officers. The nominating slate is:

President: Paula Bowman (continuing 2nd year of a 2 year term)  
First VP/Voter Service: Toni Shepherd  
2nd VP: Lena Packer (continuing 2nd year)  
Secretary: Mary Visos  
Treasurer: Angela Ryan (continuing 2nd year)

Directors: Jean Cogill, Sue Wabeke and Laura Callow  
(all continuing 2nd year of 2 year terms)

We thank our Nominating Committee: Joan Gebhardt and Susan Rowe.

There is a proposed bylaw change to change the number of board members required to call a special board meeting from 5 to 3. The bylaw currently reads,

*"Sec. 5. Meetings. There shall be at least four regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually. Votes taken at "email board meetings" will have the same validity as an in-person board meeting provided a quorum participates in the voting. The president may call special meetings of the Board of Directors, and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five members of the Board. "*

Suggestions for proposed program topics appear on the next page.

Board member Charlene Krygier has graciously offered her home at 31750 Cambridge Street in Livonia as the site of our annual meeting. This will be a pot luck lunch featuring primarily salads and desserts. Please join us at noon.

If you can attend and bring something, please contact Paula Bowman at 734-455-4726 or [paulabowman9000@gmail.com](mailto:paulabowman9000@gmail.com)

There is no cost to attend the luncheon/meeting.

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2009-10:

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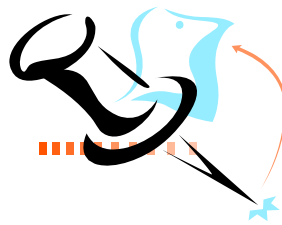
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The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan, political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influence public policy through education and advocacy.

The work of the League is financed by the dues of members and by contributions from citizens in the community.



## *President's Message*

By the time many of you read this, our 50th anniversary luncheon will be a thing of the past. It has been an enjoyable year of celebrating our League's history amongst ourselves and in the community. We look forward to another 50 years!

Our annual meeting is the next event on our League calendar. This annual meeting may be a little more low key than past years, simply because we've just wrapped up our anniversary luncheon. Low key or not, the meeting is still important. Please attend so you can help us make decisions about the direction of the League in the next year.

In addition to the decisions noted on page 1, the annual meeting is also the time where new studies or programs are decided. Though this is a heavy voter service year because of the mid-term elections, your board is considering these options for programs in the upcoming year:

- ♣ Wayne County's Land Bank initiative (how to handle deteriorating property - generally applicable to Detroit, but this is a county-wide project)
- ♣ The mysteries of local cable companies: their contracts with municipalities, public service requirements, competition, cable commissions, etc
- ♣ Climate change. This is a LWVUS initiative, we are seeking a local angle.

No local study has been proposed by the membership, but we welcome ideas from all of you.

Please join us for a pot-luck lunch at Charlene Krygier's home on Saturday, June 19th at noon. So that we don't have 20 Taco Salads and nothing else, **please let me know if you are coming and what you can bring.** See you on the 19th!

*Paula Bowman*

## LEAGUE HONORED BY CITY OF LIVONIA

Each year, the City of Livonia recognizes persons or groups that have made significant contributions to the City and its citizens in the form of volunteer service. On April 22nd, our League was one of three organizations honored for our service. More than a dozen League members attended the event, that was hosted by Mayor Jack Kirksey.

A pre-recorded video was shown to the audience that described the League's work and its importance to the community. The video featured our longest serving member, Esther Friedrichs, as well as Angela Ryan and Paula Bowman. President Bowman received the appreciation plaque from the City, "*Presented to the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County Volunteers for Outstanding Commitment to Community Volunteerism*".



*From the left: Angela Ryan, Pat Tavidian, Roberta Young, Paula Bowman, Sen. Glenn Anderson, Laura Callow and Jean Cogill at the Volunteer Award event*

In addition to the honor from the City, numerous elected officials attended and presented commendations:

- ♣ A Special Tribute honoring the League for 50 years of service presented by Sen. Glenn Anderson and Rep. John Walsh, and also signed by Governor Jennifer Granholm
- ♣ Resolutions honoring the League presented by Wayne County Commissioner (and fellow League member) Joan Gebhardt as well as Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox
- ♣ a Certificate of Congressional Recognition from US Senator Debbie Stabenow
- ♣ a Certificate of Congressional Recognition from US Rep. Thaddeus McCotter

A reception was held after the ceremony. The City has given us copies of the League's video plus the entire Awards Ceremony which we will keep as a historical record. The April 22nd program is being aired on Livonia's City Channel throughout the month of May

***Missed the Volunteer Award Ceremony? Watch the next broadcast: May 28, 8:00 pm.***

## IN MEMORIUM

Former League member Jeri Joyner passed away on May 1st. A League member since the 1960's, Jeri had also developed great influence with the leadership in Livonia and the public school system for the past 40 years. She served on the Boards of Livonia Public Schools and the Wayne County Intermediate Schools for more than 20 years. Former Livonia Mayor Bob Bennett said Jeri "served taxpayers by being a watchdog of school and city government".

Jeri was known for being a supporter of public schools, working to make the leadership responsive to the needs of both students and teachers. Unscheduled visits to schools, PTA meetings and staff meetings were part of her learning process.

As a League officer, Jeri was most involved with Voter Service. Her work on candidate forums in the 1970s '80s is documented by the many news articles in the League's archives. She lived the League's motto: Her hands-on work to safeguard democracy led to civic improvement. She will be missed by all those who knew her.

## ROAD TRIP TO LANSING

By: Paula Bowman

Three of our members participated in the April 21 Training and Advocacy Day in Lansing, organized by the League of Women Voters of Michigan. Angela Ryan, Toni Shepherd and I joined about 75 other League members from around the state to learn about current legislation that supports convenient voting, especially no-reason absentee ballots and early voting. Michigan lags behind 28 other states that already enjoy early voting. The Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks supports many of the progressive changes that the League embraces, and their leadership was also present at the conference.

Armed with good talking points and confidence that our morning training had given us, we were ready to meet the 3 legislators with whom we had made advance appointments. We walked first to the Senate office building to visit with Senator Glenn Anderson, who very graciously found time in his extremely busy schedule to chat with us. We were pleased to confirm that he has long-supported the League's positions.

Since the House was in session, we were not able to speak to Rep. John Walsh, but instead met with one of his staff, with whom we shared information about the reasons the League supports convenient voting. Rep. Marc Corriveau, also in session, allowed us to summon him off the House floor and met with us in the hallway - not an unusual way for legislators to meet with their constituents apparently!

With some extra time to spare before we had to report back to the League leadership about our interviews, the three of us stepped into the visitors gallery at the Capital to watch the Representatives at work—something none of us had done since we were school children.

The events we participated in on the 21st were fresh and new to us and we thoroughly enjoyed our day. The weather cooperated - warm sunshine made our walks around the Capital area very pleasant. Thanks to our training, we are energized to continue the push to make voting more convenient for all of us.



*Toni Shepherd, Angela Ryan and Paula Bowman at the Capital Building in Lansing on April 21.*



**USED BOOK SALE AT GREENMEAD THIS YEAR.** We will be one of many vendors at Greenmead's semi-annual Flea Market on June 6th this year. We have reached the capacity of books we can bring to the sale, and hope to sell every single one to make a modest profit. If this new adventure works out, we may do a similar sale at Greenmead's fall Flea Market.

Greenmead Historical Park is at Newburgh Road and 8 Mile. The market is open from 10:00-4:00 pm (rain or shine). Booksale Chair Lena Packer and her committee have already sorted the books, but we still need a few people to help transport the books and the tables on the morning of June 6th. If you can help, contact Lena and offer your services.

Spread the word to your friends to attend the Flea Market on June 6th!

**LWV Northwest Wayne County Proposed Budget  
July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011**

		<b>EXISTING</b>	<b>PROPOSED BUDGET</b>
<b>EXPENSE ITEMS</b>		<b>2009-10 Budget</b>	<b>7-1-10 to 6-30-11</b>
<b>1. Board &amp; Administration</b>			
<b>A. Officers</b>	<b>Expenses/office supplies</b>	\$100.00	\$75.00
<b>B. Committees, Meeting Supplies</b>		\$60.00	\$25.00
<b>C. Meetings</b>	<b>Room Rentals</b>	\$175.00	\$175.00
	<b>Annual Report</b>	\$40.00	\$40.00
<b>2. LWV Conventions</b>	<b>State</b>	\$0.00	\$600.00
	<b>National</b>	\$1,250.00	\$0.00
	<b>State Meetings</b>	\$50.00	\$50.00
	<b>DMA</b>	\$50.00	\$50.00
<b>3. Voter</b>	<b>Print &amp; Paper</b>	\$300.00	\$350.00
	<b>Postage and Labels</b>	\$250.00	\$250.00
<b>4. PMP</b>	<b>DMA (46 @ \$1)</b>	\$50.00	\$46.00
	<b>State (46 @ \$21.00)</b>	\$1,050.00	\$966.00
	<b>National (39 @ \$28)</b>	\$1,460.00	\$1,092.00
<b>5. Educational</b>	<b>Program and Action</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
	<b>Voter Service [Includes Postage, Labels]</b>	\$50.00	\$50.00
	<b>Voter Guides (\$700 in 2009)</b>	\$300.00	\$600.00
	<b>They Represent You (\$500 in 2009)</b>	\$0.00	\$250.00
	<b>LWV Northwest Wayne Web Page</b>	\$160.00	\$200.00
<b>6. Operations</b>	<b>Insurance</b>	\$50.00	\$50.00
	<b>Postal Box</b>	\$40.00	\$40.00
	<b>Telephone</b>	\$375.00	\$375.00
<b>7. Fund Raising</b>		\$50.00	\$50.00
<b>8. Miscellaneous</b>		\$100.00	\$50.00
<b>9. Rainy Day Fund</b>		\$50.00	\$51.00
<b>10. Scholarship</b>		1,500.00	\$0.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$7,510.00</b>	<b>\$5,435.00</b>

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<b>INCOME</b>		<b>2000-2010 Budget</b>	<b>7-1-10 TO 6-30-11</b>
<b>1. Dues</b>	<b>39 @ \$55</b>	\$2,750.00	\$2,145.00
<b>2. Contributions</b>	<b>Member - cash</b>	\$335.00	\$335.00
	<b>Member in kind</b>	\$225.00	\$225.00
<b>3. Fund Raising</b>		\$2,500.00	\$1,100.00
	<b>Book Sale</b>		
	<b>LWV Calendar sales</b>		
<b>4. Carryover for LWV US Convention</b>		\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>5. Dividends</b>		\$200.00	\$0.00
<b>6. Ed Fund Reimbursement</b>		\$0.00	\$50.00
<b>7. Transfer from Reserves</b>		\$1,500.00	\$1,580.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$7,510.00</b>	<b>\$5,435.00</b>

Annual Meeting Issue!

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Become a Partner for Change with  
the League of Women Voters.

Yes, I wish to join the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Open to any citizen over the age of 18.  
My check of \$55 is enclosed.  
Make check payable to LWV of Northwest Wayne County  
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