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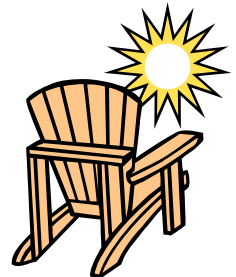
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## ***League Calendar***

Sat, July 10 11:00-2:30 Grosse Pte War Memorial	Annual Meeting of the Detroit Metropolitan Area League of Women Voters. Meet League members from all over SE Michigan and represent our League. Contact Paula Bowman if you can attend.
Thurs, July 15 7:00-8:00 ..... 8:00-9:00 ..... Weber Auditorium Thurston HS in Redford	Candidates Forum (two) Redford Township Trustee: 6 candidates for 1 position 17th House seat: Democratic nominee: 2 candidates for 1 position.
Tuesday, August 3	Election Day
Sat, August 21 11:30-2:30 One Under Restaurant Five Mile Rd, Livonia	Women's Equality Day Luncheon. Join other League members as we celebrate the 90th Anniversary of women gaining the right to vote. Event is sponsored by the Michigan Coalition for Equal Rights Studies, Michigan ERAmerica, LWVMI, AAUW, NOW and others. For ticket information, contact Laura Callow 734-425-3572. (Note: limited seating, buy your ticket now!)
Thursday, Sept. 9 7:00-8:00 ..... 8:00-9:00 ..... Livonia City Hall	Candidates Forum (two) 19th District State House and 6th District State Senate 11th District US House
Sept 14-16 Schoolcraft College, Livonia	Voter Registration at Schoolcraft College's Fall Festival for students.
Tuesday, Oct. 19 Kellogg Center E. Lansing	Michigan Women's Hall of Fame 27th Annual Awards Dinner. Nominated by the League of Women Voters, our own Laura Callow will be inducted. More details to follow, but hold the date!
Tuesday, Nov. 2	Election Day



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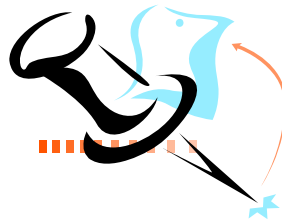
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The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan, political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influence public policy through education and advocacy.

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



## *President's Message*

Our annual meeting was held at Charlene Krygier's home on June 19th. We elected new members of the board of directors (see the block to the left), passed a budget, made a minor bylaw change and chose issues for emphasis for the upcoming year: Wayne County's Land Bank Initiative, cable TV and its mysteries (contracts, commissions, competition and public service obligations) and climate change (a LWVUS focus). There was also strong support for a forum on Wayne County's Intermediate School District.

While enjoying a pot luck lunch of salads and desserts, we had a lively conversation about the upcoming elections and the recent book sale. Angela Ryan gave us a report on her recent trip to the LWVUS Atlanta convention. Like our meeting, but only on a grander scale, the LWVUS delegates elected a new Board of Directors, (one of whom is former LWVMI President and current Board member Pat Donath from the Lansing Area League), passed a budget and by law changes, and chose two new studies: the Federal Role in Public Education and Privatization: the policy agenda to transfer government functions, services and assets to the private sector. Study committees will be set up for these two new studies soon; if you are interested in participating, let me know and I'll pass your contact information on to someone at the national office who will coordinate the study committee.

Thanks to the work of Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, another installment of our League member histories was distributed.

Membership dues are now due (see page 5). Pay your dues with pride—your membership in the League shows your commitment to making our communities stronger by engaging all of its citizens in government and making democracy work.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

**Paula Bowman**

## BOOK SALE

Failing to secure a spot at Westland Mall for this spring's Used Book Sale, the Book Sale Committee and the Board agreed to try something new: a one-day sale at the very popular annual Flea Market held at Greenmead's Historical Park. Book Sale Chair, Lena Packer and her committee had made all the arrangements at Greenmead to get us the best possible spot at the park, had pre-sorted books, and had tables, canopies and transportation all ready for D-Day-June 6th.



*Storm clouds were a common site at the Greenmead Book Sale.*

We had plenty of League help and enthusiasm, but the weather was not cooperative and the Flea Market visitors were not as eager to buy our books as we were to sell them. We had hoped to make a large dent in our inventory and to fill our treasury with a corresponding profit, but alas, it was not meant to be. In spite of a noble effort, those involved came to the unanimous agreement that a Flea Market was not a venue we would re-visit for future book sales.

As the indoor shopping malls are replaced by 'Big Box' shopping centers, so are our options reduced. In the upcoming months, the Book Sale Committee will be working with the Board to consider new fundraising opportunities.

More pictures of both events are available on the website. Click on the Newsletter tab, and then the July Voter to see additional pages of pictures.



## 50th ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

LWV Northwest Wayne County's year-long celebration of our 50th anniversary culminated with a luncheon at Western Golf and Country Club in Redford on May 22nd. A group of members and guests enjoyed many historical displays set up around the room, that included old pictures, newspaper articles, membership lists, League publications and correspondence dealing with the origins of our League. After enjoying a lunch topped off with a birthday cake donated by Susan Rowe, the Petticoat Ladies, a local women's groups that does dramatizations of famous people, entertained us with several vignettes about women inventors.

The League was especially honored to welcome Speaker of the House Andy Dillon, who saluted the League for its contributions over the past 50 years. Other tributes came from Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox' office and Senator Glenn Anderson.

Many members worked on 50th anniversary events this past year, which helped us not only appreciate our own significance to the community, but brought us to the attention of the public, the press and our elected officials in a favorable way. We are grateful to all the members who helped make this a memorable year either by making plans and helping with decisions, working on a project or participating. Your involvement reflects your pride in this organization that we hope will continue for at least another 50 years.

## VOTER SERVICE FOR THE AUGUST 4th ELECTION

July 11th is the target date for Voter Guides to be posted on our website. Local candidates in contested races have all been sent questionnaires, and as always, we hope for 100% participation. Our League is working on Voter Guides for the contested Wayne County Commissioner races, the non-incumbent 3rd district court seat, and the Trustee election in Redford Township. We will blend those with the Voter Guides that the LWVMI is working on - all contested statewide races.

On July 15th, the League will sponsor a candidates forum for the 6 candidates running for the Democratic party's nomination of a Township Trustee to fill the vacancy resulting from the death of Gerald Grajewski in April. Since there are no Republican candidates, the winner of the primary will likely win the general election in November. The forum will be held at the new Weber Auditorium at Thurston High School in Redford. The trustee candidates will meet from 7:00-8:00, and then the two candidates running for the democratic nomination for the 17th district state House of Representatives will meet. The Republican seat is not contested since there is only one candidate). We will need League member help with this forum. If you can help by being a question collector, screener or timer, please contact Paula Bowman.



## OTHER VOTER SERVICE NEWS

- ♣ The LWVMI is again working with MiVote to deliver state candidate information to the public. On June 15th, Sue Wabeke, Roberta Young and Charlene Krygier joined members of the Dearborn League to assist with the interviews of legislative candidates from our area districts. You can view some of the interviews by going to [www.mivote.org](http://www.mivote.org). There will be more opportunities to participate in candidate interviews prior to the November election.
- ♣ We have committed to participate in Schoolcraft College's "School Daze" fall festival where we will again register new voters. The festival is on September 14-16 from 10:00-2:00. Last year, we registered nearly 100 new voters. Angela Ryan has agreed to be the project chair again for this event, so if you're interested in helping at this (fun!) League event, please contact Angela.
- ♣ We will be overseeing the Board of Directors election for a cooperative housing development in Wayne in August. We will be looking for member assistance during the day on August 7th and during the evenings of August 9-11. This task will also result in a financial contribution to the League.
- ♣ Arrangements have been made to hold a candidates forum on September 9th in Livonia for the general election races for the 11th District US House race (McCotter and Mosher). On the same evening, we'll hold a forum for the 19th District state house seat (Walsh and Larkin) and the 6th District state senate seat (Pastor and Anderson). A "hold the date" notice has been sent to all of these candidates who are running unopposed in the primary election on August 3rd.

## PASSING

Jean Cogill, a long-time members of the League and former Livonia League president, passed away suddenly on June 2nd. Serving as a current director on our Board, Jean was also a key member of the Book Sale Committee, especially this year when she was the liaison between the League and Green Mead. She died while on a telephone call arranging for a friend to help deliver tables to the Book Sale site.

Jean was a former teacher and a long-time resident of Livonia. She originally hailed from Lake Linden, one of the most northern points in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, where Jean's son and daughter will spread her ashes near her childhood home later this summer. The loss of our friend Jean was particularly noted during the June 6th book sale. We know she would have been there all day, sorting books, urging customers to buy, and prompting us all to keep up our spirits. We will miss her.



Membership dues notice enclosed.

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