



CAPITOL VOTER
LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS
OF THE LANSING AREA

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
August 24, 2005

August 26, 2005: **Women's Equality Day.** Friday at noon at the Main Capital Area District Library – Main Branch, Lower Level, Galleries B & C.

September 15, 2005: **LWVLA Board Meeting.** Thursday at 6:30 – 8:45 pm in the Hope Borbas Okemos Library Meeting Room.

September 27, 2005: **AAUW-LCC-LWVLA Lansing Candidates Forum.** Tuesday at 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. at Dart Auditorium.

October 4, 2005: **LWVLA Board Meeting.** Tuesday at 6:30 – 8:45 pm in the Hope Borbas Okemos Library Meeting Room

October 19, 2005: **The Medicare Prescription Program and You.** Wednesday at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the East Lansing Public Library Meeting Room.

October 20, 2005: **East Lansing City Council Candidate Forum.** Thursday at 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the East Lansing Public Library Meeting Room (tentative schedule).

<http://lansing.mi.lwvnet.org>

November 8, 2005: **Fall Election**

November 22, 2005: **LWVLA Board Meeting.** Tuesday
at 7:00 – 8:45 pm in the Hope Borbas Okemos
Library Meeting Room.

January 17, 2006: **LWVUS Program Planning Session.**
Tuesday at 6:30 – 8:45 pm in the Hope Borbas
Okemos Library Meeting Room.

President's Report

Women's Equality Day will be celebrated Friday, August 26th at a lunch and noontime panel discussion at the Capital Area District Library's Lower Level, galleries B & C. Reservations may still be available through Vicci Knowlton of the Michigan Women's Historical Center at icwf@sbcglobal.net or (517) 484-1880. Since August 26th is the anniversary of Women's Suffrage, this date has special significance for the League of Women Voter.

We want to thank everyone who helped with the LWVLA Lansing Mayoral Forum, co-sponsored by LCC and AAUW, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19th at LCC's Dart Auditorium. Becky Brimley organized the forum with the help of Pat Curran from the AAUW and Brian Jackson from LCC. Mary Rhodes acted as moderator and Joanne Winkelman as Timekeeper with their usual aplomb. They make difficult jobs look easy. I also want to thank Cele Friestater and Louise Sause for organizing the volunteers who sacrificed a lovely summer evening to help with the forum. I want to express my appreciation to E. J. Buss, Jennifer Brown, Walt Esselman, Deanna Hanieski, Alice Hill, Alice Mailhot, Bob Miller, Margo Smith and Dorothea Thorburn.

Becky Brimley has organized an LWVLA Lansing Candidates Forum co-sponsored by LCC and the AAUW for September 27, 2005 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in Dart Auditorium. The candidates for Mayor, City Clerk, 2nd Ward, 4th Ward and City Council at Large will participate in half hour forums. If anyone can help, please call Becky Brimley at 675-4563 or email her at becky@mid-michiganmca.org. You can also call me at 351-0417 or email me at esselmank@Comcast.net.

By Kathy Esselman

Women's Equality Day



Women's Equality Day
Panel Discussion & Lunch
August 26, 2005, Noon

CADL-Main Library,
S. Capitol Avenue, Lower Level, Galleries B & C

Discussion Topics:

- . Suffrage
- . Pay Equity
- . Programs/Opportunities to level the playing field
- . Threats to Affirmative Action

Panelists:

Pat Collins, MDOT

Pat Curran, Former Director, Office of Women and Work

Polly Howe, Chair of the Pay Equity Network

Judy Karandjeff, Executive Director, MI Women's Commission

Deb Nolan, Ingham County Commissioner

The Ingham County Women's Commission in association with the **Ingham County Women's Foundation**, is proud to present a panel discussion in honor of Women's Equality Day. This will be a contemporary analysis of women's role in the workplace, our advances over the years and the challenges facing our future. Many women's groups from the area including, the **Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame**, **Women's Center of Greater Lansing**, **NOW**, **AAUW**, et al. will be present to provide information on their programs and upcoming activities.

Please join us for an informative panel discussion. Optional box lunches will be provided for a minimal cost of \$10.

Membership Dues

Dear LWV-LA members:

At our annual meeting this spring, the membership voted to restructure the way local dues are assessed in order to provide some stability to our finances. Local dues are now \$10.00 above the annual state and national dues. Total annual dues for individual members are now \$19.00 for the state, plus \$23.80

for national dues, plus \$10.00 for local dues for a total of \$52.80 per year. If more than one member resides at the same address, the dues for the second member are one-half of the individual dues or \$26.40.

By Deanna Hannieski
Treasurer

LWVLA Lansing Mayoral Candidate Forum

The Lansing Mayoral Candidate Forum co-sponsored by the LWVLA, Lansing Community College (LCC) and the American Association of University Women (AAUW) took place on Thursday, July 19th at LCC's Dart Auditorium in Lansing. From one hundred (100) to one hundred and twenty people attended this event. Becky Brimley, the LWVLA Chair of Voter Services, organized the forum with Pat Curran from the AAUW and Brian Jackson from LCC. All four mayoral candidates – Dale Abronowitz, Tony Benavides, Virg Bernero and Lynne Martinez participated in the forum. Mary Rhodes was the Moderator and Joanne Winkelman acted as Timekeeper. Cele Friestater and Louise Sause organized the volunteers. Jennifer Brown, E.J. Buss, Walt Esselman, Deanna Hanieski, Alice Hill, Bob Miller, Alice Mailhot, Margo Smith and Dorothea Thorburn handed out cards, helped, or acted as runners.

Five questions were selected from those submitted by the audience. 1. Please state your position on the City Market? 2. Please state your position on the Park millage? 3. What do you see as the best relationship between City Hall and the Lansing School District? 4. How do you think downtown can be revitalized? 5. Several cities around us have laws protecting gay citizens from discrimination. Do you support laws to protect gay citizens?

The forum was broadcast live on LCC's radio station and tape delayed on Friday evening. Thereafter, it was re-broadcast at least five or six times on the LCC cable channel. Paul Price, LCC's Production Manager, was responsible organizing the broadcast. Fred Stephens directed and Melissa Kaplan oversaw the crew setting up the auditorium for the broadcast.

The forum was covered by the Lansing State Journal and WFMJ, Channel Six. The evening of the taping a woman remarked to Alice Hill that the League ran a tight ship at forums. A young couple, who live downtown and brought their baby to the forum, appreciated this chance to hear all the candidates respond to the same questions.

By Kathy Esselman
Contributions by Alice Hill and E.J. Buss

LWVLA New Website

The new LWVLA website can be found at <http://lansing.mi.lwvnet.org/> or through the state website at LWVMI.org. Becky Brimley is the webmistress. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact her at 676-4563 or becky@mid-michiganmca.org. Our schedule of events, the Lansing Primary Voter Guide and the Capitol Voter will be posted on the website as well as membership and donation forms. We also include the business card or information on sponsors for our Voter Guides or Capitol Voter.

By Kathy Esselman

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