



**CAPITOL VOTER
LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS
OF THE LANSING AREA**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
September 23, 2005**

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 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).

October 23 – 29, 2005: Schuler Book Days at Schuler Books and Music
in Eastwood Towne Center.

October 25, 2005: **The Medicare Prescription Program and You.**
Tuesday at 7:00 – 8:45 p.m. featuring Jan Hudson from the Michigan
League for Human Services at the East Lansing Public Library
Meeting Room will be co-sponsored by the Women's Resource
Center at MSU.

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.

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

February 2006 (date to be determined) **Local Governance in Michigan.** LCC West Campus. Peter Kempel, a past elected supervisor of Watertown Township and a law professor at Cooley Law School will speak. Deanna Hanieski, who is a member of the LWVMI's study group on local governance will also present a progress report on their study.

President's Report

Becky Brimley has organized an LWVLA Lansing Candidates Forum co-sponsored by Lansing Community College (LCC) and the American Association of University Women (AAUW) for September 27, 2005 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. in LCC's Dart Auditorium. The candidates for Mayor, City Clerk, and City Council will participate consecutive forums. The forum will be taped by LCC-TV, Channel 15, and will be broadcast at least five times by tape delay.

Linda DePoorter will act as Moderator and Joanne Winkelman will be Timekeeper. Deanna Hanieski, Cele Friestater, Jennifer Brown, Walt Esselman Bob Miller, and E.J. Buss, Rae Lavey and Dot Thorburn will be working on this forum. If anyone else would like to attend, we would love to have a strong League presence.

There will be a LWVLA Candidates Forum at East Lansing Public Library Meeting Room at 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. on October 20, 2005. Mary Rhodes will be Moderator and Deanna Hanieski will be acting as Timekeeper. E.J. Buss and Walt Esselman have volunteered to work on this forum. We need at least four more volunteers. If you would be willing to hand out cards or be a runner, please call me at 351-0417, (cell) 974-1834 or email esselmank@Comcast.net.

Cele Friestater has written a preview of "The Medicare Drug Program and You" which will appear later in this next issue of the Voter.

The League will send out renewal notices for membership in the League during the next week or two. Please respond promptly and positively. You are the lifeblood of the League.

By Kathy Esselman

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

MSU Women Leadership Conference

The 3rd annual MSU Women's Leadership Conference is set for Sunday, November 6, 2005 at the MSU Union. The mission of the conference is "To inspire and prepare the women [students] of Michigan State University to become leaders on our campus, in our communities, and for our world." This year's conference theme is "Leadership Is Not A Spectator Sport." The conference features many components, including 18 workshops, a keynote speaker, a student speaker, interactive components, community outreach components, a closing banquet and more! We are thrilled to announce that this year's featured keynote speaker is Mary Ellen Sheets, Founder and CEO of Two Men and A Truck!

We hope you'll consider submitting a proposal! Please let me know if you have any questions!

The target audience for the MSU Women's Leadership Conference is MSU students, however it is open to others. We hope you'll consider submitting a proposal! Please let me know if you have any questions! I would also love to have any women from the LWV-LA submit program proposals if they are interested! There is also a registration fee which isn't set yet. It will probably be \$10 for MSU students and \$20 for others.

By Jodi Roberto Hancock, MA
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The Medicare Prescription Program and You

LWV-Lansing Area will present a presentation about the Medicare prescription program on Tuesday, October 25, at the East Lansing Public Library from 7 to 9 pm. Jan Hudson, of the Michigan League for Human Services, will be the presenter. She has been following developments in Medicare for her organization for an extended period.

This is a chance for LWV members, friends, and the community at large to learn about how the program is supposed to operate, what are its limitations, and what criteria to consider when selecting a provider. LWV members are encouraged to attend and to bring friends.

Everyone who is currently enrolled in Medicare should receive a packet of information from the federal government by mid-October for the program which is scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2006. Enrollment in the Medicare Prescription Program begins on November 15, 2005, so this presentation will be timely in helping people make important decisions that can impact their health care and their pocketbooks.

By Cele Friestater
Health Care Chair

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