



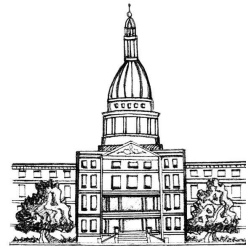
League of Women Voters Lansing Area

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APRIL 14 BOOK GROUP CANCELLED

The LWV-LA book group will not be meeting on April 14 as previously announced. Instead, the group will gather on May 12 at 10 am at the Grand Traverse Pie Company in East Lansing to discuss Founding Mothers by



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APRIL 2015

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

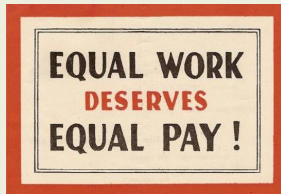
TENDING THE LEAGUE ORGANIZATION

Attention at the most recent board meeting was focused on the successful ballot issue forums, voter registration in high schools, VOTE411 information available for the May 5 election and the growth of the new Jackson unit. The things we are doing to inform and involve the citizenry obviously draw our attention. But that same board meeting, coming just a few weeks before the local League's annual meeting and state convention, was also a time to focus on the structural framework of the organization.

The board accepted a proposed 2015-16 budget, minor bylaw changes, and the slate of officers for the next year. Watch your

Cokie Roberts. This will also be a time to select books for future sessions, so, mark your calendar now and plan to join us on May 12.

EQUAL PAY DAY IS APRIL 14



Join the 1 p.m. rally in the Capitol Rotunda to recognize the day that symbolizes how far into 2015 women must work to earn what men earned in 2014.

You're invited to lunch and a program.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A LEAGUE MEMBER

Learn more about...

**The History of the League
Voter Service**

**Advocacy at the local,
state, and national level**

Monday, April 20

11:30 am

**Spartan Hall of Fame
Cafe**

**1601 W. Lake Lansing
Road**

East Lansing

**We'll order off the
menu and each pay for
our own meals.**

RSVP to Camilla Davis
at cdavis.lwvmi@gmail.com

email later in the week for this information. The League's bylaws specify that the membership receive copies, at least 30 days in advance, of all documents that will be on the agenda at the annual meeting. The board also discussed details regarding the LWV-MI convention in Kalamazoo, May 15-17. Delegates representing the local League include: Camilla Davis, Beth Moore, Marilyn Wilson, Patience Drake Rosenbaum, Deanna and John Haneski. The convention is a time for local League's to give input regarding the state program agenda for the next two years.

PLAN TO ATTEND MAY 19 ANNUAL MEETING

Kathleen Straus, long-time member of the Michigan Board of Education (MBE), will be the featured speaker at the League's annual meeting on Tuesday, May 19 at 6pm at Plymouth Congregational Church in Lansing. Kathleen will be talking about the current educational policy issues facing the state. She is also a long-time League member, having served at one time as President of the Detroit League. Prior to her election in 1992 to the MBE, she was actively involved in issues related to education and social justice. The evening will begin with a light supper provided by board members, followed by a brief business meeting and then the presentation by Ms. Straus. Don't miss this special evening and consider bringing friends or family members who are interested in education.

NEWS FROM OUR JACKSON UNIT



The Jackson Unit continues to grow and organize and has an enthusiastic Voter Services Group. Plans are proceeding to offer voter registration for at least two local high schools during

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

LINDA MARKS

JANET ROBERTSON

JAMES VANHECKE

ALL MEMBERS OF THE JACKSON UNIT

LEAGUE REGISTERS HIGH SCHOOL VOTERS

Thirty nine students at Waverly High School recently registered to vote as part of LWV-LA's voter education/voter registration effort. Camilla Davis and Marilyn Wilson, along with Delta Township Clerk Mary Clark, showed a PowerPoint presentation on voting and then registered interested students. The same presentation will be made at East Lansing High School on April 15.

Quick Links

[LWVLA WEBSITE](#)

[LWVMI WEBSITE](#)

[LWVUS WEBSITE](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 14

the May "Cap & Gown" days. May 19, 20 and 21 have already been scheduled. The group is planning to work with schools throughout the county during the next school year offering the League's Voter Education Program. On April 29 Jackson will be holding its first community forum - the topic is the May 5 Statewide Ballot Initiative. The Director of the Jackson Public Library System spoke at a recent League meeting on the state of the Jackson Library System, providing the group with in-depth information on how the library has evolved to its current service structure. The Unit plans to partner with the Library on forums related to a proposal on the November 2016 ballot to renew the Library's millage. *Mary Lee Clark, Unit Chair*

VOTERS SEEK INFORMATION ON BALLOT PROPOSAL

About 100 mid-Michigan citizens attended one of three League-sponsored community forums on the statewide road funding ballot proposal. Thanks to Judy Karandjeff for doing an excellent job presenting information on this complex policy issue at the Lansing forum. Bob Schneider and Craig Thiel from Citizens Research Council were the resource people for the other two programs. Thanks to Kathleen Johnston-Colati, Jenny Alvarez, Marilyn Wilson and Bob Miller for their assistance with the forums. Information on the ballot proposal is available at www.lwvmi.org and at www.crcmich.org. Remember to vote on May 5!

OUR LEAGUE JOINS NEW NETWORKS



Co-president Camilla Davis recently attended the organizational meeting of a new Women's Network in the Lansing Area. Representatives of 16 women's groups came together to explore how they might work together to help

Equal Pay Day (see item above)

Monday, April 20

LWVLA Luncheon meeting, 11:30 a.m. at Spartan Hall of Fame Cafe (details in item on right)

Monday, May 4

LWVLA board meeting, 6 pm at 600 W. St. Joseph, Lansing

Tuesday, May 5

Vote!

Tuesday, May 12

LWVLA Book Discussion Group
10:00 am at Grand Traverse Pie, East Lansing

May 15 - 17

LWVMI Convention in Kalamazoo

Tuesday, May 19

LWVLA annual meeting, 6:00 pm at Plymouth Congregational Church, Lansing

further commitment to the community. The purpose is to help these organizations network and collaborate to make a bigger impact.

The League has also become part of a voter registration coalition organized by the Lansing City Clerk. This effort brings together a diverse representation of organizations interested in voter registration and citizen education. By coming together there is more possibility for sharing resources and avoiding duplication and for capitalizing on joint publicity campaigns. The May 5th special election provided a good starting point, with more possibility for successful collaboration in future elections. Beth Moore, Camilla Davis and Marilyn Wilson have been the representatives to this group