



League of Women Voters - Lansing Area



CAPITOL VOTER

APRIL 2016

April 20 - Water Infrastructure: How do we know what is needed? -- 7 pm, Plymouth Congregational Church, Lansing.

April 30 - Defending Democracy by Making Democracy Work, LWV-MI Workshop, Lansing.

May 10 - LWV Book Group --10 am, Grand Traverse Pie Company, East Lansing, *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* by Matthew Desmond.

May 17--LWV Annual Meeting -- 5:00 pm social time, 5:30 pm dinner, Spartan Hall of Fame Café, David Hollister speaking on regional economic development.

June 14 - LWV Book Group --10 a.m. Grand Traverse Pie Company, East Lansing, *Democracy in Black: How Race Still Enslaves the American Soul* by Eddie Glaude, Jr.

CAPITOL VOTER HIGHLIGHTS

LWVLA ANNUAL MEETING

ANOTHER NEW MEMBER!

SOME BRIEF NOTES

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

APRIL 20 WATER PROGRAM

BOOK GROUP NEWS

2016 VOTER SERVICE

JACKSON UNIT NEWS

DATA ON CHILDREN & YOUTH

HEALTH ISSUES REPORT

LWVLA'S ANNUAL MEETING IS WEDNESDAY,

MAY 17



David Hollister, former state legislator and Lansing mayor, will be the featured speaker

A MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

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Beth Moore & Camilla Davis

APRIL 20 COMMUNITY FORUM: SAFETY ON TAP

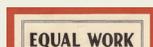
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at the annual meeting of the League of Women Voters of the Lansing Area. He will be talking about the successes and challenges of regional economic development. Plan to join other League members on Wednesday, May 17th, at Hall of Fame Café in East Lansing. Invitations will be sent with more details about the dinner, registration and program.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER DELORES MAY

She lives in Haslett and is a Financial Advisor with the Principal Financial Group. Delores serves on the board of the Women's Center of Greater Lansing.

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