



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF THE LANSING AREA**
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LWVLA FALL CALENDAR



Wednesday, September 11

Fall Welcome Program
Improving Voter Participation

Wednesday,
October 9

Redistricting Panel Discussion

Wednesday,
October 16

East Lansing Council Forum

Thursday
October 24

Lansing Mayor/
City Council Forum

September 2013

Members of the League of Women Voters of the Lansing Area have many interesting things to look forward to this fall. There's a calendar of upcoming events on the left.

Read on to find out about upcoming events and discover new and helpful resources.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

August marked two special anniversaries - 93 years since women won the right to vote and the League of Women Voters began a new era and the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington.



While most of us weren't around 93 years ago, most of us can remember the March on Washington, D.C. We have been a part of lots of changes, but as we all know, there is more work to do and many of the things we fought for, such as easier access to voting, are being threatened.

Your local LWV is hosting a special meeting on September 11 with area clerks to learn about the work they are doing to improve access to voting and educate voters. This is an opportunity for us to discuss ways we can work together to improve the process. Our Voter Service Committee, chaired by Marilyn Wilson, is working diligently to plan candidate forums in East Lansing and Lansing and Kathy Esselman is preparing the November Election Guide for Vote 411.

Now, we need you to participate in the League. As recently noted by the LWVUS president:

Upon passage of the 19th amendment, Carrie Chapman Catt, founder of the League of Women Voters, proclaimed "Progress is calling to you to make no pause. Act!" These words continue to ring true as we remain committed to fighting back against the attacks on voting rights.

Tuesday,
November 5
General Election

Tuesday,
November 12 Affordable
Care Act Program

December
No meeting
**VOTER
REGISTRATION
DAY**

In 2013, the League of Women Voters has again signed on as an official coalition partner for National Voter Registration Day (NVRD). This year NVRD will be on Tuesday, September 24th. Over 200 Leagues participated in NVRD in 2012. More than 300,000 voters registered nationwide on 9/25/12. Last year, LWVMI marched to the state Capitol and held a rally there with LWVUS President Elisabeth MacNamara.

For more information about the national event, go to [National Voter Registration Day](#).

**MEMBERS ARE
INVITED TO ATTEND
BOARD MEETINGS!**

**Wednesday, Sept. 11 6:00
p.m.**

**Monday, October 7 6:00
p.m.**

Judy Karandjeff, LWVLA President

SEPTEMBER 11 WELCOME MEETING

Mark your calendar! The fall Welcome meeting for League of Women Voters of the Lansing Area will be on September 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the East Lansing Hannah Community Center. Come and meet the 2013-14 board, reconnect with LWVLA friends and meet new members.

The program, Ways to Improve Voter Participation, will feature a panel of local clerks who will discuss their roles as clerks, processes related to voting and voter education and outreach. The panel will include Barb Byrum, Ingham County Clerk; Mary Clark, Delta Township Clerk; Marie McKenna, East Lansing City Clerk; and Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk.

This is a great time to bring a friend or acquaintance who has expressed interest in League of Women Voters. Membership information will be available. Light refreshments will be served.

REDISTRICTING FORUM OCTOBER 9

Here's another event for your calendar. LWVLA and the ACLU of Lansing are co-sponsoring a forum on redistricting in Michigan. The event will be held on Wednesday, October 9 at 6:30 p.m. in Cooley Center at 300 S. Capital, Lansing.



A panel of experts will explore the redistricting issue. The panel will include Mark Grebner, Lynn Jondahl, and Larry Rosen. John Hanieski will serve as moderator.

This promises to be a timely and interesting program. The program is free and open to the public, so this is another good time to invite interested individuals.

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

LWVLA President Judy Karandjeff has prepared a list of elected officials for Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties. It includes federal, state, county, and local units of government, plus school boards. This is an excellent resource for finding the name of the official and contact information. Click on the name of the county in the list below to link to the document. (These can also be found on the LWVLA website.)

Monday, Nov. 4
6:00 p.m.

December
No meeting

All meetings will be held
in the East Lansing
Community Center

[Clinton County](#)
[Eaton County](#)
[Ingham County](#)

TIPS FOR VOTERS

When people find out you belong to the League of Women Voters, you're often asked for information on voting. There is now an excellent resource for LWVLA members to help them answer these questions. Marilyn Wilson, Voter Service Director, and the Voter Service Committee have prepared a list of Tips for Voters. [Click here](#) for a link to the list. It will update you on the latest voter information.



This information is also available on the LWVLA web site.

HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THE ACA

Enroll America is a group getting information out about to people about enrollment for the Affordable Care Act. There are two volunteer opportunities coming up quickly. On September 4, there is a Letter to the Editor/Phone bank party in East Lansing. On September 7, there is a rally and canvassing day based out of Cristo Rey. For more information contact Elisa Ramos by email at ERamos@enrollamerica.org.

INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN US

Do you have a friend or colleague interested in joining League of Women Voters? Forward the email so she or he can see what an active organization we have. There's also a [membership form](#) attached. Extend the invitation to Join Us.

Comments and suggestions about Capitol Voter are always welcome. Please email me at cdavis.lwvmi@gmail.com

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