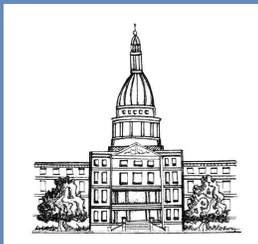




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NOMINATING COMMITTEE BEGINS ITS WORK

The LWVLA nominating

A MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS MOVING INTO A NEW YEAR

Even though some of our attention in past weeks has been devoted to holidays, travels and snow storms, League activity and planning has been ongoing since our last Capitol Voter.

- Judy Karandjeff, membership chair, turned in our official count to LWV-US for 2015 and we are very pleased to have 106 members, an increase of 10 since last year.
- In the midst of the holidays, Val Lafferty, Natural Resources chair, responded to a request for writing to LWV-US urging that the issue of sustainable water be a legislative priority in the coming year.
- Melany Mack and Ellen Link are currently gathering the information to update the League publication Who Represents You in Clinton County? Patience Drake-Rosenbaum and Rita Klein are updating the Ingham County version and volunteers are needed for Eaton County.
- Thirteen members gathered recently to

committee is preparing the 2015-17 slate of nominees for board positions. If you would like to serve on the board or have suggestions for nominees, contact [Marilyn Wilson](#), chair, or committee members Debbie Starnes and Beany Tomber.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS LWVLA IS GROWING!

LWVLA has 106 members as of January 31, 2015. That's an increase of 15 new members in 2014.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER JILL KROLL

FORUMS ON STATEWIDE TAX PROPOSAL

LWV-LA will be sponsoring two community forums this spring to provide information about the statewide proposal that will be on the ballot for the special May 5 election. One forum will be in East Lansing in early April and will also include information on the local charter amendments and the other is tentatively scheduled for March

begin planning Voter Service activities for the year ahead. Special focus was on developing a strategy for high school voter education and registration during the spring months. There was also discussion about how to more effectively promote Vote411 prior to any election.

- Members attending the program planning lunch in mid-January had an opportunity to review and make recommendations regarding the LWV-Mi state positions. Mary Scoblic guided the group in suggesting an update of the Children and Youth position to be able to address concerns of all children but particularly those living below the poverty level.

We hope to see you at the February 13th lunch and/ or the February 10 book group discussion. Contact either of us if you have any questions or concerns.

BOOK GROUP DISCUSSES *DOLLAROCRACY*

Join other League members on Tuesday, February 10, at 10 am at the Grand Traverse Pie Company in East Lansing to discuss this book by John Nichols and Robert McChesney about "how the money and election complex is destroying America." You are welcome to attend whether or not you've read the book. We will also be selecting books for future sessions. Contact Beth Moore if you'd like to be on an email list for information about the book group.

LUNCH & LEARN FEBRUARY 13

Join League members for lunch at Clara's Restaurant, 637 East Michigan Avenue, Lansing, on Friday, February 13 at 12:30 p.m.. Following lunch, Pat Donath, LWVLA member and LWVUS treasurer, will lead an informal discussion about the current LWVUS study of amending the U.S. Constitution. No reservations are necessary. For more information, contact [Camilla Davis](#) or [Beth Moore](#) by clicking on either name.



19 in Lansing. More details coming soon.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Plans are underway for these two programs. More details will be in the *March Voter*

THURS., APRIL 21

LWV-LA general meeting on issues facing the Great Lakes--7pm, Plymouth Congregational Church in Lansing.

TUESDAY, MAY 19

LWV-LA dinner and annual meeting-6 pm, Plymouth Congregational Church in Lansing

LWV CELEBRATES ITS 95th BIRTHDAY ON FEBRUARY 14



This year, the League of Women Voters celebrates the 95th anniversary of its founding. Six months before passage of the 19th Amendment, suffragist Carrie Chapman Catt organized the League to "finish the fight" to ensure that all eligible voters had access to the polls. Read about the ten ways the League has helped improve our country on the [LWVUS web site](#).

LWVMI CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN KALAMAZOO MAY 15 - 17



"Giving Voice to Democracy," the 2105 LWVMI Convention, will be held in Kalamazoo at the Four Points by Sheraton hotel. This event is an opportunity to participate in workshops, learn more about the League and spend time with League members from across the state.

[Read more](#) about the event in *First Call to Convention* from President Sue Smith.

Registration information will be sent to members in March.