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# The League of Women Voters of the Ann Arbor Area

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## ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Tuesday, December 10th

**December Potluck**

6:00 p.m.

## Memo from the President

Nationwide Americans are signing up for health coverage through the Affordable Care Act, legislation supported by our national league, LWVUS. Locally, the Ann Arbor City Council unanimously passed a resolution calling for a standards of conduct policy for city officials, a resolution supported by LWV-AAA. The resolution was proposed by A2Ethics.org and supported by the League. So while progress may seem slow at times, I do believe that by working in conjunction with other organizations, we can affect positive change.



We are preparing to conduct two updates to League positions, our state position on education and our national position on agriculture. Please read the articles on the studies in this newsletter and then click on the links or go to our website to find the background material.

I do hope that you will attend our December Potluck at Shirley Axon's home on December 10th. See the invitation below.

Wishing you and your family all the best in 2014.  
Nancy



## DECEMBER POTLUCK

Shirley Axon's  
2016 Seneca Ave.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

**Saturday, January 18th**  
**Membership Meeting**  
Program Planning  
Education Study Consensus  
10:00 a.m. until noon  
Turner Senior Res. Ctr.  
2401 Plymouth Road  
Ann Arbor 48105

**Wednesday, January 29th**  
**Lynn Rivers Lecture**  
**The End of the**  
**Constitution, Part 3**  
7:00 p.m.  
Ann Arbor District Library  
343 South Fifth  
Ann Arbor 48104

**Tuesday, January 28th**  
**Board Meeting**  
4:00 p.m.  
Bank of Ann Arbor  
801 W. Ellsworth Rd.  
Ann Arbor

**Wednesday, February 5th**  
**Public Forum on**  
**Agriculture**  
7:00 p.m.  
Dexter Public Library  
3255 Alpine St.  
Dexter, MI 48130



**December 10th**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
The Home of Shirley Axon  
2016 Seneca Ave.  
Ann Arbor, 48104

### **Speaker Topic: The Allen Creek Greenway**

Bring a dish to pass (main course, salad, dessert, etc)  
Members, please RSVP to [Shirley@lwvannarbor.org](mailto:Shirley@lwvannarbor.org)

## Education Study Update

LWV-Michigan is updating its current position on education to allow us to respond to recent changes in school policy at the state level. A dedicated group of League members has gathered background materials and suggested changes in our current position. [CLICK HERE](#) to find articles that walk you through the substantive changes in the position. Once these changes are approved, the position will be rewritten into a single, coherent document.



**LWV-AAA MEMBERS WILL VOTE ON THE CHANGES AT OUR JANUARY 18th, 2014 PROGRAM PLANNING MEETING.**



**DUES**  
**RENEWAL**

# FORM

Please print the form and submit with your dues payment.

[Click here for form.](#)



## Quick Links

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[The League of Women Voters of Michigan](#)

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## Agriculture Study Update

LWVUS is updating its position on agriculture to take into account changes in technology and recent policy changes.

The Agriculture Update will focus narrowly on:  
1) current technology issues in agriculture including genetically modified organisms (GMOs), herbicides, pesticides, agriculture water pollution, aquifer depletion, antibiotics in livestock, and accurate food labeling;  
2) current agriculture finance issues including consolidation in agriculture industries, crop subsidies and the federal agricultural regulatory process.

The League will hold a public forum on February 5th at the Dexter Library featuring a panel of farmers and others involved in food production and distribution. The arrangements are still being finalized.



## Dues are Due



It's the fall Newsletter and it's time to talk dues. Our LWV-AAA membership year is the calendar year, January 1 to December 31. We must report our paid membership to the LWV-US by mid-December. Please click on the "[Click here for form](#)" button in the left hand column to download the membership. Fill out the form completely and return in the mail or bring it and a check with you to the next meeting.

Member dues are currently \$70 for an individual and \$100 for a household, two or more members at the same address. For each member the Ann Arbor League pays well over \$50 per member payments (PMP) to the LWV-MI and LWV-US. Add to that basis fixed costs for meeting rooms, supplies, insurance, postage, and P.O. Box. The cost per member about equals the dues each of us pays. We are sustained by contributions, our own Ed. Fund, and our savings.

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