



League of Women Voters of the Ann Arbor Area

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April/May 2016

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Saturday, April 30th

LWVMI Spring Workshop 2

Defending Democracy by Making Democracy Work

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

St. Paul Episcopal Church

218 W. Ottawa St.

Lansing, MI 48933

Tuesday, May 3rd

Election Day VOTE

Go to VOTE411.org for information on the ballot proposals

Local proposals: Millage proposals from Washtenaw Intermediate School District and Chelsea School District

Tuesday, May 24th

Annual Membership Meeting PLEASE ATTEND

Find links to meeting materials in the article below.

Guest Speaker: Amanda Edwards, Mayor of Ypsilanti

7:00 p.m.

Ladies' Literary Club

218 N Washington St.

Ypsilanti, MI 48197

June 16th - 19th

2016 LWVUS Convention: Making Democracy Work for All
Washington Marriott Wardman Park
Washington, DC

July 5th

Last day to register to vote in the August 2nd Primary

July

Candidate Forums on CTN

Dates and times TBA

Thursday, July 21st - Sunday, July 24th

Volunteers Needed at Booth

LWV Booth at Ann Arbor Art Fairs

Tuesday, August 2nd

Election Day: State Primary

Many local primary races, plus local proposals for Washtenaw Community College, the City of Ann Arbor, Ann Arbor Township, and Saline Township

Thursday, September 29th

Participatory Budgeting Program

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Ann Arbor District Library, Downtown

343 South Fifth Ave.

Ann Arbor, MI 48104

October 11

Last day to register to vote in the November 8th General Election

Tuesday, November 8th

Election Day: General Election

4th Tuesday of the month

Board Meetings

4:00 p.m.

Bank of Ann Arbor

801 W. Ellsworth Rd.

Ann Arbor

[Click here for last minute developments.](#)



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR ANNUAL MEETING
Tuesday, May 24th
7:00 p.m.

Ladies' Literary Club
218 N. Washington St.
Ypsilanti, MI

Guest Speaker: Amanda Edwards, Mayor of Ypsilanti

Come and meet new friends and greet old friends. Following our speaker, we will hold our annual business meeting to **elect our board, revise our bylaws and approve the proposed budget.** The links below will take you to those documents so that you can study them in preparation for the meeting.

[Nominations for Board of Directors](#)

[Proposed Budget](#)

[Revised Bylaws](#)

[Notes for Bylaw Revision](#)

MEMO FROM THE PRESIDENT



As you are undoubtedly aware, we are in the midst of election season. Just look at our calendar. We have two more elections in the months ahead and lots of work to do. We'll be holding candidate forums at CTN and elsewhere. We'll be participating in National Voter Registration Day and we'll be monitoring a polling site once again.

Please watch your email and Facebook for requests from the League for volunteers and then respond. Every two or three hour shift you can fill will help. It is the League's grassroots efforts that makes us strong. Please join us in these efforts.

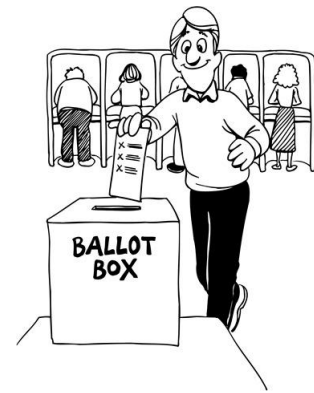
In League,
Nancy Schewe

VOTE!

Tuesday, May 3rd

Chelsea School District Millage Proposal
Washtenaw Intermediate School District Millage Proposal

[Go to VOTE411.org for the wording of the proposals.](http://VOTE411.org)



GUEST EDITORIAL: Cheryl Valentine

WASHTENAW ID PROJECT

I have my Washtenaw County ID Card. Will you get yours? Stand in solidarity with the approximately 43,000 Washtenaw County residents who are marginalized because they do not have a current photo ID. Become a community ally.

Imagine what it would be like to not to be able to lease an apartment, visit a doctor, apply for a job, or even pick your sick child up from school. People who can't prove who they are cannot open a bank account, ride a Greyhound Bus, or receive social services. Without a valid ID, they are afraid to speak out in public or interact with law enforcement.



This is not just, but it is a reality for many residents of our community. Immigrants, the homeless, elderly African Americans, and those recently released from prison are among groups who often face discrimination because they do not have the "right" paperwork. Washtenaw County has become the first county in the U.S. to offer a government issued ID card.

Since the program started last June, over eleven hundred Washtenaw ID cards have been issued by the Washtenaw County Clerk's office. This is a great initial response, but now the program needs your help. In order to encourage county-wide acceptance of the ID card, the project seeks community allies, individuals who already have a photo ID but are willing to get a Washtenaw County ID and use it wherever and whenever they are asked for ID.

Encourage justice, equality and inclusion in our community. Become a community ally and get your Washtenaw County ID. To find out how, go to www.washtenawid.com

***WE KNOW WE'RE STARTING EARLY,
BUT...***

***The LWV-AAA Needs YOU to Volunteer at
Our Booth at the Ann Arbor Art Fair!***

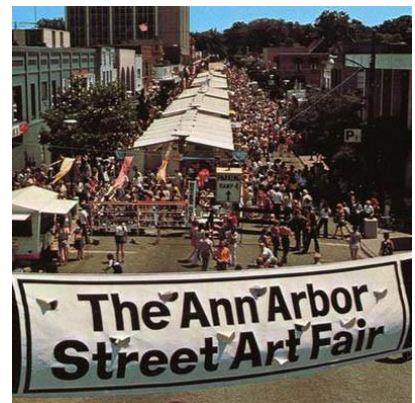
If you're able, please consider volunteering a little of your time during the 2016 Ann Arbor Art Fair.

We need LOTS of volunteers to serve as ambassadors for LWV-AAA: passing out bookmarks, selling T-shirts and lawn signs -- and just being a friendly face representing our organization to this year's fair goers.

In addition to members, this year we're inviting young, enthusiastic volunteers from area high schools to work at our booth in the fair's non-profit section (which, we assume, will once again be located on **East Liberty Street between S. Fifth Avenue and S. Division Street**).

Volunteering is simple: Just let us know when you'd like to work (-- Thursday through Saturday, we're scheduling three-hour time slots; on Sunday, two-hour stints):

Thursday, July 21	Friday, July 22	Saturday, July 23	Sunday, July 24
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	noon - 2 p.m.
1 - 4 p.m.	1 - 4 p.m.	1 - 4 p.m.	2 - 4 p.m.



4 - 7 p.m.

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7 - 9 p.m.

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[Click here](#) to volunteer for a shift.

I hope to hear from you.
Mary Banks

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE LWV FROM THE INSIDE OUT?

CONSIDER ATTENDING A STATE LEAGUE WORKSHOP OR THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

LWV of Michigan Spring Workshop

Defending Democracy by Making Democracy Work ®

Saturday, April 30th

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Lansing, MI



For more information and registration forms click here: [LWVMI Workshops](#)

LWV of the United States

Join us in Washington, DC at the League's National Convention to experience the collective power of our mission, messages, and actions to build a more perfect democracy.

Convention 2016: Making Democracy Work ® - For All

Thursday - Sunday, June 16th - 19th

Washington Marriott Wardman Park

2660 Woodley Rd NW, Washington, DC 20008

Washington, DC 20008

For more information and registration forms click here: [LWVUS 2016 Convention](#)

[Click here](#) to let us know if you would like to be a delegate at the National Convention.
Financial support is available.

INFORMATION ON CONSTITUENT MEETINGS WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS

We surveyed our LWV-AAA members last summer and found that meeting with our elected officials is seen as a priority for many members.



We have asked our area's four Michigan House Representatives to send us information on their constituent meeting schedules for 2016. All schedule their coffees on Saturday mornings; see details below.

We will continue to include the schedules for these constituent meetings in upcoming issues of the LWV-AAA newsletter so you know when these opportunities arise.

Gretchen Driskell, Michigan House of Representatives, 52nd District

Rep. Driskell's 52nd House District covers the northern and western suburban Washtenaw County areas outside Ann Arbor.

Jeff Irwin, Michigan House of Representatives, 53rd District

Rep. Irwin's 53rd House District covers much of central-east Washtenaw County on either bank of the Huron River, comprising of almost the entirety of the City of Ann Arbor, except for the northeastern part (between North Campus and Ann Arbor Township).

Unless there is a conflict, Rep. Irwin's coffee hours are always the 4th Saturday of the month from 10-12 at Espresso Royale in downtown Ann Arbor (214 S Main St, Ann Arbor, MI 48104).

David Rutledge, Michigan House of Representatives, 54th District

Rep. Rutledge's 54th House District covers the eastern portion of Washtenaw County, and includes Superior Township and Ypsilanti Township, as well as the City of Ypsilanti.

Adam Zemke, Michigan House of Representatives, 55th District

Rep. Zemke's 55th House District includes the northern part of the city of Ann Arbor, a portion of the city of Milan, and the townships of Ann Arbor, Augusta, Pittsfield and York.

Rep. Zemke always has coffee hours the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month at 10 am. The 2nd Saturdays are always at Brewed Awakenings in Saline (7025 E. Michigan Ave), and the 4th Saturdays alternate between The Espresso Bar in Ann Arbor (204 S. Fourth Ave, above Literati) and The Morning Owl in Milan (9 W. Main Street). A link to Representative Zemke's coffee hour calendar is available at 055.housedems.com or by following the "Calendar" link on his website at <http://housedems.com/state-rep-adam-zemke>.

Below are the specific dates and locations we have so far received for 2016.

05/07 10-11am Rep. Zemke Brewed Awakenings Café, 7025 E. Michigan Ave, Saline

05/21 10-11am Rep. Zemke The Morning Owl, 9 W. Main Street, Milan

05/28 10-12am Rep. Irwin Espresso Royale, 214 South Main Street, Ann Arbor



Jean Campbell: Women's Hall of Fame Member Dies 2/6/1918 - 3/19/2016

Jean Winter Campbell, beloved member of the Ann Arbor (MI) community, died peacefully in her sleep on March 19, 2016, at the age of 98. Born in Chicago in 1918, Jean earned her bachelor's degree in psychology and master's degree in education, and was admitted to Phi Beta Kappa at Northwestern University. She moved to Washington, D.C. with her husband, Angus Campbell, in 1940, where she worked on the National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax and later at the Office of Scientific Research and Development. She came to Ann Arbor, Michigan in 1946, becoming active in the **League of Women Voters**. Jean was a leader in educational innovation throughout her lifetime. She was instrumental in creating the Center for the Education of Women (CEW) in 1964, serving as its director from 1964 to 1985. The CEW developed an institutional response to the issue of women whose education had been interrupted and who sought to return to programs in higher education. In addition to establishing courses with flexible hours, support services and scholarships for returning students at Michigan, Jean was also active nationally, founding the National Center for Research on Women and the National Coalition for Research on Women's Education and Development. She received the University of Michigan Academic Women's Caucus Sarah Goddard Power Award (1983) and was inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame (1993). For these and many other activities, she was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Laws by the University of Michigan in 2010. Jean was preceded in death by her husband, Angus, and her daughter, Joan. She is survived by her son Bruce (Sophia), her daughter Carol Welsch (John), son-in-law Tim Williams, grandchildren Kirsten Campbell McCullough (Matt), Rob Campbell (Kathie), Ian Welsch, Emily Williams and Jenny Williams, and great-grandchildren Camille, Cole, Avery, Nicole, DeMarco and Noah. A celebration of Jean's life will be held at 10 am on April 23 in the Ballroom of the Michigan League, 911 North University Ave., Ann Arbor (MI). Light refreshments will follow. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Jean's name to the Center for the Education of Women or the Institute for Social Research, both at the University of Michigan, or Washtenaw Community College.

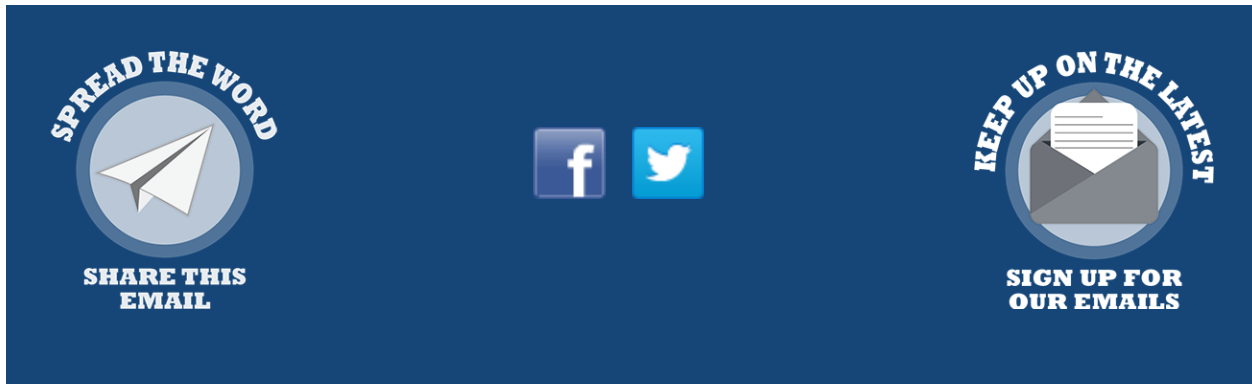
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