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The League of Women Voters of the Ann Arbor Area

February 2015

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Memo from the President

It's 2015 and the League has several exciting programs in store. We will be focusing very close to home. Here's why.



Did you know that Ann Arbor is one of only three cities in the entire state that holds partisan city elections? The other two are our neighbor Ypsilanti and the City of Ionia. I wonder why that is? Is it because it is a better way or are there other reasons?

We intend to explore that very issue in a mini-series of forums beginning this spring. On March 3rd we will begin the conversation with Ann Arbor Elections: What works? What doesn't. We will follow that with Ann Arbor Elections: Exploring Options on April 14th. Both forums will be held at the Ann Arbor District Library downtown branch.

Check the calendar to your left to see what else is in store. We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event.

In League,
Nancy Schewe and Mary Banks, Co-Presidents

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Thursday, February 26th
Membership Meeting:
Working together to set our agenda

2:00 p.m.
Grand Traverse Pie Co.
291 N. Zeeb Road
Ann Arbor, 48103

Tuesday, March 3rd
Ann Arbor Elections:
What works? What doesn't?

7:00 p.m.
Ann Arbor District Lib
343 South Fifth
Ann Arbor 48104

Tuesday, April 14th
Ann Arbor Elections:

Exploring Options
 7:00 p.m.
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 343 South Fifth
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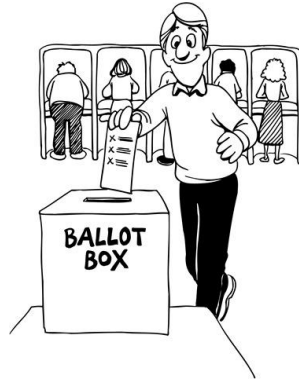
Fri - Sun, May 15th - 17th
LWVMI Convention:
Giving Voice to
DEMOCRACY
 Four Points Hotel,
 Kalamazoo,
 See article (opposite) for details

Tuesday, May 19th
Annual Meeting
 Details TBD

Board Meetings
 4th Tuesday of the Month
 4:00 p.m.
 Bank of Ann Arbor
 801 W. Ellsworth Rd.
 Ann Arbor

ANN ARBOR ELECTIONS: WHAT WORKS?

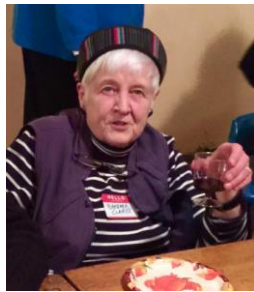
WHAT
 DOES
 N'T?



7:00 p.m.
 Tuesday,
 March
 3rd
 Ann Arbor
 District Library
 343 South Fifth
 Ann Arbor

Come to learn and participate in a community conversation about the process in which we elect our local public officials. Panelists will discuss what is working just fine and what improvements could be made. There will be ample time for public input.

Member Profile Barbara Clark



A whole lot of years ago, a good friend invited me to attend a local League of Women Voters meeting. She was a member. That evening I met women who were savvy about our country's electoral process, aware of community issues, wanted to increase the number of registered voters, and were passionate about assisting voters in learning about democracy. These were articulate, informed, and dedicated people who impressed me with their involvement in working together to get things done. After attending several more sessions, I decided that I wanted to be part of that organization. That's why I joined the League of Women Voters of the Ann Arbor Area.

Panelists:
David Askins, Former Editor of the Ann Arbor Chronicle
Lou Belcher, Former Mayor of Ann Arbor
Jean Carlberg, Former Ann Arbor City Council Member

A second forum will be held on April 14th to explore what other communities do and what might work for us here.

"Giving Voice to DEMOCRACY"!

FIRST CALL TO STATE
 CONVENTION OF
 THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
 OF MICHIGAN

Four Points Hotel
 Kalamazoo, Michigan
 MAY 15 - 17, 2015

In accordance with the bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Michigan, I hereby issue the

first call for all recognized local Leagues to send delegates to the thirty-second biennial State Convention of the League of Women Voters of Michigan to be held May 15 - 17, 2015 at the Four Points Hotel, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Susan Smith
President LWVMI

Please Join Us

If you have not yet joined the League but would like to do so, please ["Click here for form"](#).

We would love to have you join us.

Member dues are currently

\$70 for an individual

\$100 for a household,
two or more members at
the same address.

\$20 for a student

2014/2015 Officers and Directors

Nancy Schewe, Co-President
Mary Banks, Co- President
Susan Greenberg, Secretary
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Special Events/ Activities:

- **Pre-Convention Workshops (optional)**

Once again this year delegates and others will have the opportunity to participate in a choice of two exciting pre-convention training opportunities on Friday, May 15 from 1 - 4 p.m. The two options will focus on "**Speaking Out for the Environment**" and "**Growing the League.**"

- **Welcome Reception**, hosted by the Kalamazoo League on Friday, 4:30 - 6 p.m. at the historic "Ladies Library."
- "**Dine Around**" in downtown Kalamazoo for Friday dinner, guided by Kalamazoo League members.
- **Workshops** on Saturday afternoon.
- **Convention Banquet** on Saturday evening: Presentation of Key Awards and Speaker (See "**Awards Packet**" attachment.) Separate tickets for the Banquet will be available for purchase.
- **Wares Market/ Silent Auction**, Please let state office know if your League wants to sell items at the Wares Market so we can plan enough display space.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 17, 2015

Registration will open mid-March at www.lwvmi.org

Convention Registrations due to LWVMI After the April 17 deadline, a late registration fee will be charged

Hotel reservations due to the Four Points Hotel, Kalamazoo, Michigan

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2:00 p.m.**
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Ann Arbor

What should the League work on next year? Redistricting? Our library position? Taxation? Join us to discuss what issues state and local leagues should work on in the near future. Your input is very important.

A Fond Farewell

Pauline Walters

Longtime League member, Pauline Walters died November 30, 2014.

Pauline served on our League board for many years and ran our office out of her home. She is well remembered for conducting fund raising campaigns for the League, which entailed huge mailing parties at her apartment



Pauline Walters

[Pauline's Obituary](#)

Mary Stadel

Mary Stadel died December 3, 2014.

Central to her vision of reform was the educated citizenship promoted by the League of Women Voters. A member for over half a century, she was president of the Ann Arbor LWV in 1963. The accompanying photo was taken when she received her 50-year member award at the 2013 Annual Meeting. Notice the League tee shirt.



[Mary's Obituary](#)

Don Axon



Don Axon, beloved husband of Shirley Axon, died January 15, 2015.

Don and Shirley have hosted our annual Holiday Potluck in their lovely home for many years, with Don building a real fire in the fireplace to warm the season. Among Don's

life's experiences was a period serving as an engineer on the Manhattan Project.

[Don's Obituary](#)

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