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The League of Women Voters of the Ann Arbor Area

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Memo from the Presidents



Why does it seem as if everything happens at once? Well, it has happened to the League too.

Check out our events for the month of April and you will see what we mean. We have scheduled two information sessions on the May 5th Ballot Proposal, one panel discussion on Ann Arbor Elections, and a movie on the role of money in our democracy. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend as many events as you can.

The first of our two part series on Ann Arbor Elections was well attended despite freezing rain. Panelists openly discussed the pros and cons of partisan local elections as well as the timing of primary elections and the cost of running for office. Be sure to attend the April 14th panel to see what is happening with local elections across the country.

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

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 7th

(PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE)

May 5th State Ballot Proposal: What Is It; What Would It Do?

An Information Session

7:00 p.m.

Ann Arbor District Lib

343 South Fifth

Ann Arbor 48104

Wednesday, April 8th

May 5th State Ballot Proposal: What Is It; What Would It Do?

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7:00 p.m.

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Chelsea Retirement Cntr
805 West Middle St.
Chelsea, 48118

Tuesday, April 14th
Ann Arbor Elections:
Exploring Options
A Panel Discussion

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

Saturday, April 18th
Pay 2 Play: Democracy's
High States

A Movie & Discussion
1:00 p.m.
1st Unitarian Universalist
Congregation
4001 AA-Saline Rd.
Ann Arbor, 48103

Fri - Sun, May 15th - 17th

LWVMI Convention:
Giving Voice to
DEMOCRACY

Four Points Hotel
Kalamazoo
See article (opposite) for
details

Tuesday, May 19th
Annual Membership
Meeting

7:00 p.m.
Kerrytown Concert House
415 N. Fourth Ave.
Ann Arbor, 48104

Board Meetings
4th Tuesday of the Month
4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 7th, (PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE)
7:00 p.m. Ann Arbor District Library, downtown

Wednesday, April 8th
7:00 p.m. Chelsea Retirement Center

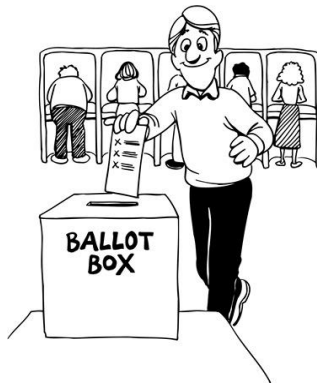
Presenter: Sue Smith, President, LWV of Michigan

Program Description:

League of Women Voters will provide information on the ballot proposal to amend the Michigan Constitution and on new laws that will be triggered if the amendment is approved by the voters. The presentation includes information on how state revenue would be increased and how it would be spent. Pros and cons of passing the legislation will also be discussed.

Click on [May 5th Ballot Proposal](#) for more details

ANN ARBOR ELECTIONS: *Exploring Options*



7:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 14th
Ann Arbor District Library
343 South Fifth
Ann Arbor

This is the second of a two-part series of programs sponsored by the League of Women Voters exploring the way we elect Ann Arbor local officials, specifically the mayor and city council, determining whether partisan elections are best, and examining whether all segments of the community--students and minorities most specifically--are served by and invested in our current system.

Panelists:

Professor John Chamberlin, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy
Lawrence Kestenbaum, Washtenaw County Clerk
Professor Joseph Ohren, Eastern Michigan University

Bank of Ann Arbor
801 W. Ellsworth Rd.
Ann Arbor

"Giving Voice to DEMOCRACY!"

You are in
League with...

Barbara Adams
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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

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. 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

Frances Parker
Barbara Robinson
Nancy Schewe
Stephen Schewe
Molly Shanks
Nancy Sitterley
Susan Smith
Harvey Somers
Janya Somers
Ann Staiger
Gloria Stapp
Ellen Teller
Bette Thompson
Mona Walz
Rebekah Warren
Robert Whitman
Angela Williams
Charles Williams
Russell Woinowsk
Galen Woods
Susan Wooley
John Zagorski
Pat Zagorski



Why I belong to the League: *Zoe Behnke*

I joined the League of Women Voters twice. Once in 1980 for a year and then re-joined in 1983. The first time I joined because I was impressed when the League moderated the 1979 US Presidential debate. I thought this is an organization I would like to join. I went to a prospective membership meeting. The women were very nice and welcoming. I have been a member since 1983.

I have met many women and men during this journey that have been very supportive. I am a past president and have held almost every position except treasurer and being in charge of the Education fund.

I believe in good governance, fair elections, and educating our citizens on issues. I enjoy working with our members and hearing their viewpoints.

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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

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