



League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County

Established in Livonia in 1960

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Serving: Belleville, Canton, Garden City, Livonia,
Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter Twp, Van Buren Twp, Wayne and Westland

September, 2019

Upcoming Events

Sat., Sept. 7

Membership Meeting

10 am - 12:30 pm

Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon Rd. (N. of Ford Rd.)
Canton

Tues., Sept 17

Candidate Forum

7 pm - 8:35 pm

Northville City Council & Mayor
Northville Library, 212 W. Cady

Wed., Sept 18 &
Thurs., Sept 19

Voter Registration, Schoolcraft College
(see article on p. 3)

Mon., Sept. 23

Candidate Forum, Westland City Council

7 pm - 8:30 pm

Westland Presbyterian Village, 32111 Cherry Hill

Wed., Oct 2

Candidate Forum

7 pm - 8:15 pm

Belleville City Council
Belleville High School Mini Auditorium, 501 W. Columbia
(For all Candidate Forums see article on p. 3)

Sat., Oct. 19

Auction

11 am - 2:30 pm

Greenmead Historical Park
(see article on p. 5)

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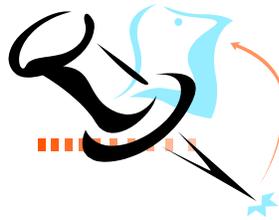
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age 16 & older.

Dues: Student \$5; Individual
\$60, Household \$85.

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a non-partisan, political organi-
zation that encourages informed
and active participation in
government, works to increase
understanding of major public
policy issues, and influence
public policy through education



President's Message

Hello League members. Though the thermometer still says summer, the days are already shorter - a sure sign that fall is coming. Enjoy these last few days of not wearing coats, and enjoy wearing sandals, and eating popsicles before we settle in for a long winter. Michigan summers are the best!

I'm honored to be serving as the president of the NW Wayne County League again. We have an energetic board of directors and a membership that is committed to improving democracy in our communities, state and nation. This was a relatively quiet summer with only one primary election candidate forum in Livonia.

Meetings, webinars, emails and conference calls have all been part of this summer's planning process. We are now gearing-up for four contested city elections on November 5, as well as programs that will take us through next year's busy election cycle. The League looks forward to assisting with the 2020 Census, and educating the public about new voting rights that Michiganders gained as a result of the passage of Proposal 3. We will also be sorting through the complications of the League's redistricting lawsuit and the challenges of the Independent Redistricting Commission. Please come to our September 7th meeting so you can learn about what's going on at the local, state and national levels of the League.

Your board of directors has expanded to include a number of new directors who will be working on Voter Services. One of the first decisions the elected board made was to appoint these new directors: Manny Lavin, Deanna Master, Judy Patrick, Maureen Hughes, Val Nelson and Jackie Peters. This group will be assisting with candidate forums, voter guides, a 2020 edition of *They Represent You*, voter registration and homeowner's association elections. We appreciate the volunteerism of all of our board members.

Please join us for our first membership meeting of the League's new fiscal year. It will be good to see everyone again!

Paula Bowman

Candidate Forums & Voter Guides

by Paula Bowman



All the cities in our service area except Wayne have elections this fall. The only city that required a primary election was Livonia, with 12 council candidates running for four seats and three mayoral candidates. The League held a well-attended candidates forum on July 11th that was moderated by Susan Rowe. Assisting were Carrie Moon-Dupree, Val Nelson, Ann Abdoo, Angela Ryan, Judy Patrick, Deanna Master and Jackie Peters. We are grateful to all of them for conducting such a professional forum.

Megan Chenoweth posted the on-line voter guide on VOTE411 before the absentee ballots went out so that Livonia voters had good access to the League's non-partisan voter information.

Per the calendar on page 1, you'll see that we're planning for 3 additional forums for the cities of Westland, Northville and Belleville, which all have contested elections on November 5. Garden City and the City of Plymouth also have elections this November but they're uncontested.

In addition to online voter guide VOTE411, we will be providing print versions of the Voter Guide for the four cities with contested elections. A big thank you goes to Megan Chenoweth and all the board members working on candidate forums and voter guides this fall.

VOTER REGISTRATION AT SCHOOLCRAFT

by Lena Packer

This year's School Daze event at Schoolcraft will be on September 18 and 19. They have invited us to set up a voter registration table as we have done in the past. We are asking for volunteers to help on **Wednesday, Sept. 18 or Thursday, Sept. 19**. Here are the following times we will need volunteers:

10:00-12:00 (2 people) 11:00-1:00(1 person) 12:00-2:00 (2 people)

If you are able to help at Schoolcraft, please contact me at lana.packer@yahoo.com stating the day(s) and time(s) you can help.



New Members —

John Chenoweth, Plymouth; Claude Curry, Livonia; Debra Flanagan-Middaugh, Redford; Frank Gilbo, Canton; Dian Slavens, Canton; Nancy Williams, Canton.



Thank You!

My last official duty as League President was presiding over the Annual Meeting on June 22. Toward the end of the meeting, Board Member/Voter Editor Ann Abdoos requested privilege of the floor, which I granted. She came forward with a huge bouquet of flowers, a card signed by many of you, and a monetary gift inside, and she presented these items to me. I was greatly honored and humbled by your generosity. Thank you so much for such a lovely conclusion to my service as your president. The support and assistance I received from you throughout my tenure made the job easy for me. I will be eternally grateful for all that you've done, and I look forward to working with you in the years ahead. Thanks again for your generous gifts.

Angela Ryan



AUCTION

by Angela Ryan

Preparations have begun for this year's fundraising event, a live auction. It will be held on **Saturday, October 19**, at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia. We've used this venue for several years, and it's a popular site. People may come to view items starting at 11 a.m. with the auction beginning at 11:30. Many members signed up at the Annual Meeting for various auction duties, and we can always use more help. There are many ways you can contribute to the auction itself, such as:

Donate a new or gently used item.

Organize a tour or plan a home event (e.g., luncheon or card party).

Be an Auction Angel by making a monetary donation. You can send a check, made out to LWV Northwest Wayne, to the League Treasurer, Laurie Kelly, at 7554 Trophy Court, Grass Lake, MI, 49240.

Obtain a donation from a local business. Please contact me before going to a business for pointers and needed documents.

Come to the auction. We can't succeed if no one attends. We encourage members to bring guests to the auction. This year, there will be a thank-you gift for any member who does so. There will also be a drawing for gifts for the guests.

We hope that this auction will be the best one yet. If you have any questions, please contact me at 734-591-0995 or cruiserryan@ameritech.net.

Cops & Mobsters

by Ann Abdoo

Last May, fifty League members, spouses, and friends joined Bailey Sisoy Isgro, founder and owner of the Detroit History Tour Company on her Cops & Mobsters Tour. As they travelled by bus past their former homes and businesses, Bailey entertained them with stories of the Lizards' Gang, the Purple Gang and Harry Bennett, the union buster for Henry Ford. They drove by Bailey's home, previously the residence of an infamous Detroit madam. They also enjoyed dinner at the Polish Village Café where they were serenaded by violin and guitar. The tour ended in front of the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center. (Thank you, Sue Wabeke for the information about the tour.)

