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Grosse Pointe | **VOTER**

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 Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Shores,
 Grosse Pointe Woods, and Harper Woods

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May 5th is our Annual Meeting. It is a time to reflect on our accomplishments through the past year and to prepare for the creative process of planning the next year's program. The annual report will be available to all members for assessment. During breakfast, we will have the business meeting as usual. Then, our speaker Susan Smith, President of LWVMI will talk us about another cornerstone of the League: Advocacy.

But before we are in a position to advocate, we study a topic, hold the grassroots process of consensus and then a position is formulated by which we can advocate on an issue. Susan will talk about this unique League process and relate to all three levels. We will follow her presentation with an exercise of reviewing our local positions-much like we do at the Chinese dinner for national and state positions. This should be motivating for us to examine them and then determine if we want to accept them as is or review or initiate a new study.

Annual Breakfast Meeting

In any event-please make a point of attending the Annual Meeting on Saturday, 5 May, at the Lochmoor Club. Make your reservations soon with Peggy Hickey.

SATURDAY, 5 MAY, 2012

The featured speaker will be Susan Smith, President of the League of Women Voters Michigan. Sue will discuss LWV advocacy efforts based on positions at all League levels.

The Redistricting consensus meeting on Saturday, 31 March at the City Kitchen was very well directed by Susan Leithauser-Yee. Stimulating conversation was held during lunch. Members reached consensus on all of the LWVMI study questions. Look for the cumulative results in the near future.

Respectfully,

Christina

Cost: \$22

Checks should be made
 out to LWVGP

RSVP Deadline: April 30

VOTER SERVICE: WAYNE COUNTY

Send payments to:
 2050 Stanhope
 Grosse Pointe, MI 48236

For additional information
 contact Peggy:

On April 3, 2012, the Wayne County Leagues (Presidents and Voter Service Chairs) met to plan for VOTE411 implementation of county-wide races for the Aug. 7 and Nov. 6 elections. Between the 3 leagues, we split up the county commissioner races for all of the county, including Detroit. Eva Packard, State Voter Service Chair, had requested that we cover all of Wayne County

313.881.1324

Location:
Lochmoor Club
1018 Sunningdale
Grosse Pointe Woods

New Members



We have two new members this month. Please welcome

- Doris Adler
- Valerie Kindle
- Meredith Powell
- Cecilia Walker

Please look for these new members at upcoming meetings.

The Annual Breakfast Meeting is a good opportunity to bring someone you think might be interested in League. The beautiful setting of Lochmoor Country Club, a breakfast buffet and time to socialize, hearing from our State League President, and then conducting LWVGP business in anticipation of the next League year make for a good glimpse into League.

Remember membership is open to all citizens of voting age. We have student memberships for those less than eighteen (\$25) and household memberships at a reduced rate for people living at the

Commission seats, including those where we have no local leagues. Everyone seemed happy to help.

Dearborn is responsible for gathering and inputting the Circuit Court judicial races. Sixteen Regular-term incumbent seats and 1 Partial-term incumbent seat, unopposed. Also there will be 3 Regular-term non-incumbent seats and 1 Partial-term non-incumbent seat. These may be hotly contested elections (as judicial elections go). Also for 5 of the 15 Wayne County commission seats (districts 4, 8, 13,14,15).

Grosse Pointe is responsible for the Probate Court judicial races. Three Regular and 1 Partial-term, all incumbents and unopposed.

Also for all 5 county officials (clerk, prosecuting attorney, register of deeds, treasurer, and sheriff).

Also for 3 of the 15 Wayne County commission seats (Districts 1, 2, 3) Northwest Wayne Co. is responsible for Schoolcraft and Wayne County Community Colleges, plus 7 of the 15 Wayne County commission seats (Districts 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12).

We set deadlines to "go live" with our LWV- Wayne County VOTE411 Guide: June 20 for the Primary & September 29 for the General.

We set biographical & 2 questions for every office:
Biographical - Name (as it will appear on ballot); Address; Education; Campaign phone; Web site; Email; Age; Photo

Questions (100 word limit for both):

#1: Please provide biographical information and experience and explain why you are running for _____.

#2: What are the priority issues facing ___ and what actions would you take to address them if elected?

Paula Bowman from NW Wayne County volunteered to write the invitation to candidates as a draft for us to review.

REDISTRICTING CONSENSUS MEETING

A group of 15 League members met on March 31 to discuss and respond to consensus questions about the redistricting process.

The LWVUS position on redistricting is that the process should be transparent and have citizen input.

The Michigan LWV put together consensus questions to be addressed by local leagues in order to establish a more concise position that considers local league input.

LWVGP's input was provided to Fran Hamburg at LWV's Michigan office.

Final 2011-2012 Grosse Pointe VOTER

At the beginning of the League year we decided to test a new Grosse Pointe VOTER format. A format that would be more rich,

same address (\$90) in addition to individual memberships (\$60).

engage the membership and supporters, and allow for increased outreach and growth. Thanks for all the feedback... Keep it coming!

Have a great summer!

LWVMI Open House

Wednesday, 2 May, 2012

The state Board will be holding an Open House at our new state office, Suite 3G, 600 W. St. Joseph Street, Lansing, on Wednesday, May 2, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.

We are proud of our new, professional-looking work space, and believe it demonstrates to Lansing decision makers that the League plans to be an important force at the state and local level.

Our advocacy efforts in Lansing have increased dramatically in the past year and our centers of influence are growing.

An RSVP is requested (email office@lwvmi.org) by April 27th so that we can get an idea of the number of people coming as we plan for refreshments.

Members who cannot attend the open house on May 2 are encouraged to stop by and visit the office anytime between 8:30 and 5:00, Monday through Thursday.

In League,
Sue Smith
President LWV MI

Board of Directors Meeting

The Board will not



Past President Wilhelmina and Sitting President Christina



Candidate Forums

meet in May. Please see the March meeting minutes below.

Board elections will be held at the Annual Meeting on May 5.

Click for [March Board Meeting Minutes](#)

Clean Air Promise

The Clean Air Promise campaign is a national effort to protect children and families from dangerous air pollution by obtaining commitments from our leaders to safeguard the Clean Air Act and the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) enforcement authority.

Go to [The Clean Air Promise](#) and show your support for clean air and public health!

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The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization encouraging the informed and active participation of citizens in government. It influences public policy through education and advocacy.



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