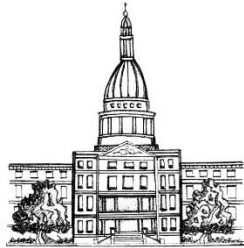


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APRIL 2019

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 24 - Community forum, *25 Years of School Choice in Michigan: What Do We Know?* All Saints Episcopal Church in East Lansing, 7-9 pm.

Tuesday, May 14 - League book group, *Worldly Virtue: Moral Ideals and Contemporary Life*, by Judith Andre, Grand Traverse Pie Company, 10-11:30 am.

Wednesday, May 15 - League Annual Meeting and dinner, Dr. Marjorie Sarbaugh Thompson, WSU: *Term Limits: Where Do We Go From Here?* Eagle Eye Banquet Center, Bath, 5:30-8:30 pm.

**AND
VOTE411.org**

There are eight school bonding or millage proposals to be decided by voters in municipalities in the tri-county area on May 7. Go to VOTE411.org to see the wording for the proposals. Thanks to Anna Scott for posting this information.



**LEAGUE REGISTERS
HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS**

League volunteers are presently signing up to go into area high schools to register students who will be turning 18 and to talk about changes in election laws in Michigan. They will be explaining about how to obtain an absentee ballot. Twenty League members attended a recent

Tuesday, June 11 - League book group, *Sister Citizen, Shame, Stereotypes, and Black Women in America* by Melissa V. Harris-Perry at Grand Traverse Pie Company, 10-11:30 am.

**A MESSAGE FROM
THE
CO-PRESIDENTS**



**BUILDING ON THE
FIRST 100 YEARS**

Michigan was one of the first three states to ratify the 19th Amendment after it was passed by Congress on June 10, 1919. The Michigan League of Women Voters was formed on April 4, 1919 as an outgrowth of the Michigan Equal Suffrage Association. Now, 100 years later, League members from throughout the state will gather in Livonia May 17-19 for the centennial convention and to make a commitment to the next 100 years. LWVLA will be represented by nine delegates, plus other members attending as visitors or other capacities.

The League of Women Voters of the Lansing Area was formed in the 1950's but Leagues had existed in the area since the 1930's. We will be celebrating the history of the League at the May 15 Annual Meeting, but also thinking about how we move into the future -- to continue to be a relevant, more diverse, inclusive organization that educates voters and takes action on policy issues.

Beth & Margo

training session to learn about the changes in voting laws. Contact Camilla Davis (cdavis.lwvmi@gmail.com or 668-6156) if you are interested in helping with this effort.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

25 YEARS OF SCHOOL CHOICE:

WHAT DO WE KNOW?



Don't miss this important League community forum on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019, 7:00 - 9:00 pm at All Saints Episcopal Church, 800 Abbott Rd, East Lansing. The program, sponsored by the League Education Issue Group, will feature an outstanding panel representing different views on the issue.

The panel will be moderated by Bettie Menchik and speakers will include: Dr. Josh Cowen, Associate Professor of Education Policy, MSU; Dr. Sarah Winchell Lenhoff, Assistant Professor, Educational Leadership & Policy Studies, Wayne State University; and Dan Quisenberry, President, Michigan Association of Public School Academies (MAPSA).

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

LWVLA welcomes five new members.

Susan Chalgian, East Lansing

Gretchen Forsyth, East Lansing

Helana Nelson, East Lansing

Dorinda VanKempen, Lansing

Lysne Tait, East Lansing

LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING FOCUSES ON BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND TERM LIMITS



BOOK GROUP TO DISCUSS

Join other League members and guests at the 78th Annual Meeting for an evening of socializing, dinner, the annual business meeting and an interesting program.

The event will take place on Wednesday, May 15 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm at Eagle Eye Banquet Center, 15500 Chandler Road, Bath. The speaker will be Marjorie Sarbaugh Thompson, a Wayne State University Political Science Professor, giving a talk titled *Term Limits in Michigan: Where Do We Go From Here?* For the

MEMBER'S BOOK

On **May 14**, the LWVLA book group will be discussing Judith Andre's book *Worldly Virtue: Moral Ideals and Contemporary Life*. It is slated to be available in paperback through Amazon and it is also available on Kindle and online through MEL.

On **June 11**, the group will be discussing *Sister Citizen, Shame, Stereotypes, and Black Women in America* by Melissa V. Harris-Perry. All book group discussions are held from 10-11:30am at Grand Traverse Pie Company in East Lansing.

**KEEP UP WITH THE
LATEST LWVLA
HAPPENINGS!**

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past decade, Dr. Thompson has been conducting extensive research on term limits in Michigan and other states and her most recent book is *Implementing Term Limits*.

The program will also mark the 100th birthday of the founding of the League of Women Voters of Michigan. LWVUS was founded the following year.

The schedule for the evening is: 5:30 - Social Time (Cash Bar Available); 6:00 - Dinner (See below for reservation information); 6:45 Annual Business Meeting; 7:15 Program.

Dinner reservations are required by Friday, May 10. Go to [Event Brite](#) and search for **LWVLA Annual Meeting 2019** to make reservations, including selecting your menu choice.

Questions? Call 517-624-9224 or email ElaineDiFi@gmail.com.

IN MEMORY

Three League members have passed away in recent weeks and we value the contributions that each has made over the years:

Carolyn Callen was a long-time member, devoted to social justice and educational issues in Lansing.

Rita Klein was a devoted League member who enthusiastically registered voters, distributed voter guides, moderated forums and informally educated everyone she came in contact with about voting! Rita also had served on the LWVMI advocacy committee, monitoring education issues.

Stuart Wilson cheerfully helped with voter guide distribution from his front porch during the past two election cycles. We extend our condolences to Marilyn at this time.

**SHARE LEAGUE NEWS
WITH YOUR FRIENDS!**



**STATE CONVENTION WILL
CELEBRATE 100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF
MICHIGAN LEAGUE**

QUICK LINKS

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****LWVLA is a member
of the LWV - Lake
Michigan Region. Click
on LWVLMR for an
update of the
organization's initiatives.**

The 2019 Convention of the League of Women Voters of Michigan will be held May 17 - 19 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Livonia. All League members are welcome to attend, as a delegate or guest. There will be special recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Michigan League of Women Voters.

The featured banquet speaker will be Elaine Weiss, author of *The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote*. Also at the convention, delegates from all local Leagues in the state will conduct the organization's business. Everyone attending will have opportunities to participate in workshops and learn more about the League. Contact a local board member if you are interested in attending.

Go to [LWVMI](#) for more information. Register before April 27 to avoid late fees.