



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

of the
Ann Arbor Area

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★ Sez the Prez ★

Congratulations and Thanks

What a great fall it has been: seven candidate forums, voter registration at two libraries, distribution of over 2000 state Voter Guides and a successful 90th Birthday Celebration!

Thanks to our Candidate Forum Team of Jeanine DeLay, Zoe Behnke, Judy Mich, Barbara Clarke and Nancy Schewe, candidate forums were conducted for the Ann Arbor Mayor's race, Ann Arbor City Council, Ann Arbor District Library, Washtenaw County Commission, Washtenaw Community College, 54th State House of Representatives

District and 18th State Senate District. The Forums were broadcast live by Community Television Network (CTN) and then rebroadcast many times up until the November 2 election. We are very fortunate to have such wonderful cooperation and support from CTN.

In conjunction with the Ann Arbor District Library, we provided Washtenaw County Voters an opportunity to register on a Saturday in September. Nancy Schewe, Shana Borenstein and Miriam Borenstein registered voters at the Downtown Library and long-

time League member Mary Stadel and Sue Smith registered voters at the Mallet's Creek branch.

In addition, Susan Wooley, Nancy Schewe and Sue Smith distributed over 2000 Voter Guides to libraries throughout the County, and to some Ann Arbor churches and coffee shops.

Over 40 League members and special guests, including the Mayor, several City Council members, and our State League President celebrated the League's 90th Birthday at Hathaway's Hideaway on October 12. We appreciate League member Mary Hathaway's generosity in making the building, a former polling place for Ward Two, available. It was a perfect location for our celebration. What fun it was to see many long-time members of the League and to welcome new members. Many thanks to Nancy Schewe and her committee for making this event so special. Our League looks forward to many years of serving the Ann Arbor Area community.

Coming Events

Celebrate and relax after a busy and successful fall at our annual **Holiday Party** at Shirley Axon's on Tuesday, **December 14**, at 6:30 pm. Please bring a dish to pass. Let Shirley know

if you are coming, 665-9349 or shirleyaxon@comcast.net.

Join us for our **State and Local Program Planning Brunch** at Paesano's restaurant on Saturday, **January 22**, 12:30 pm. Come and discuss if we should support the state recommended study on Re-districting. Please RSVP to Nancy Schewe, 663-2027 or nsehewe@comcast.net.

Visit the League exhibit: "**Liberty Awakes in Washtenaw County: How Women Won the Vote**", **January 8-February 27, 2011** at the Museum on Main Street. League members Jeanine DeLay and Zoe Behnke are the co-curators. Our League is co-sponsoring the exhibit along with the Washtenaw County Historical Society. See Zoe's article on the **Grand Opening** scheduled for **Sunday, January 16, 2011**.

Save the Date for a **Program on Alternate Voting Methods**, including **Instant Runoff Voting**, on **March 8, 2011**. Place to be announced.

Hope to see you at any or all of these events.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Holiday Season.

Sue Smith
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This exhibit highlights the Woman Suffrage Movement from 1910-1920, concentrating on 1912 and 1913.

Each room has been designed around a theme. We have three rooms, plus excerpts of the podcasts that can be heard on lvannarbor.org. We will be highlighting Miss Jennie Buell, Miss Estelle Downing, Miss Jessie Phelps, Miss Mary Hinsdale, Mrs. V.C. Vaughan, Mrs. Daniel Quirk, and Mrs. A. C. Plummer.

The women chosen, along side other women and men in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, used their talents and expertise to educate the people in Washtenaw County. Who were these people? What role did the University of Michigan, Michigan State Nursing College, and Cleary College play in the suffrage movement? Which college/university presidents supported it? Why were there three Equal Suffrage Associations in the Autumn of 1912? How did the women pay for the expenses and where were the storefronts for their offices? How did they get the vote out? What other organizations were involved in the movement in this county besides

the Equal Suffrage Associations? Wait till you see the hats! And a tea set?

I am looking for docents to help during the exhibit hours. If you would like to learn more about the Woman Suffrage Movement, please volunteer, I will train you.

Jeanine DeLay and I have been working on this exhibit for over a year. We have had people volunteer their services and would like to thank their contributions that made this exhibit possible. The League of Women Voters of the Ann Arbor Area have been working in conjunction with the Washtenaw County Historical Museum on Main Street.

The Grand Opening is on January 16, 2011 from 12:00-4:00. All League members are invited to the opening.

The exhibit will open on January 8th, 2011 and will be on display through February 27th. The hours are from 12:00-4:00 pm Sunday through Saturday. If your group or you would like a private tour, please e-mail me at bliz468@yahoo.com

We are hoping to get as many people as possible to this exhibit, especially young people. If you have any questions, please e-mail me.

Why did
Washtenaw County
vote against suffrage,
not once, but twice?

**Liberty Awakes in Washtenaw County:
When Women Won The Vote**

November 21, 2010 • 2-4 pm

Glacier Hills Retirement Community
Handson Room
1200 Earhart Road • Ann Arbor, Michigan

*For more information, please see
lwvannarbor.org*

**What town passed the Woman
Suffrage Referendum in 1912 & 1913?**

**Name the famous woman came to
Ann Arbor to speak in 1912?**

**How many Equal Suffrage
Associations were there in
Washtenaw County in 1912?**

Jeanne Delay and Zoe Behnke, co-curators
of the exhibit, will be describing the
exhibit. And answering your questions

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January 8th through February 27th, 2011,
at the Museum on Main Street in Ann Arbor
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You are invited to attend the

**2011 LWV-AAA Program Planning
Luncheon**

Saturday, January 22nd
12:30 p.m.

Paesano's Restaurant*
3411 Washtenaw Avenue
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

*Please come to help decide which issues our local
and state League should study in the coming year or
two. We need your voice.*

RSVP: nschewe@comcast.net or 734-663-2027

*Each member will pay for his/her own lunch.

**League of Women Voters - Ann Arbor Area
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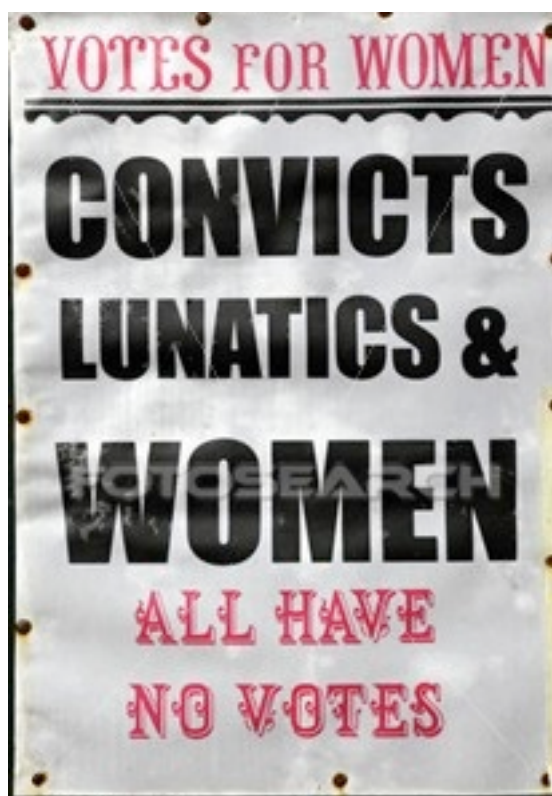
Mailing	Nancy Brucken
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YOUR \$ NEEDED NOW!

Our previous printed newsletter sandwiched a salmon insert asking for your 2011 LWV-AAA dues renewal. To the many members who already responded, many thanks. To the many members who also enclosed a contribution to our local League (not deductible), and to the several who included a separate check to LWV-EF (deductible), even more thanks! To the few members who have not yet responded, wait no longer! We need to close our books and set up next year's contacts in December. Make out your check to LWV-AAA and send to P.O. Box 3832, Ann Arbor, 48106. You'll be glad you did, and this Treasurer will be even happier! Your dues ensure our work for local elections, education, and exhibits, as well as keep you as a member of both the National and State League organizations.

A PRINTED FAREWELL -- You are holding a collector's item. The last print and paper published bulletin from the LWV-AAA. It will be e-sent from hereon in. It

is critically important that we have your preferred (and updated, if necessary) email address or the email address of a friend, family member, or office which can receive and print for you. If a plain old printed copy sent via the USPS is your only connection, we can make a deal, but we have to know! Your contact information can be conveyed to any Board Member.



C a l e n d a r
November 2010 - May 2011

November 21: Informational Meeting
about "Liberty Awakes" at Glacier Hills

December 14: Holiday Party

January 8-February 27: "Liberty
Awakes", Women's Suffrage Exhibit

January 22: Brunch: State Program
Planning

February 22: Board Meeting

February/March: Update "Your Elected
Officials" (YEO) Brochure

March 8: Meeting on Alternative Voting
Methods

March 22: Board Meeting

March/April: Town Hall Meeting on
Topic of Interest to Community

May 20-21-22: State Convention,
Traverse City

May 24: Annual Meeting, Ann Arbor
City Club

*Please check website for corrections and
additional meetings schedule.*