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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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Library Millage



**VOTE YES on Feb. 28
for GP Library Millage**

Website:

VoteYesGPLibraryMillage.org

Facebook:

[VoteYesGPLibraryMillage](https://www.facebook.com/VoteYesGPLibraryMillage)

Twitter:

[@GPLibMillage](https://twitter.com/GPLibMillage)

HOT TOPICS

LIBRARY MILLAGE

When:

Thursday, February 9

Time:

1pm - 3pm

Location:

Home of Peg Noble
Everyone is welcome... Bring
your pals!

January/February

2012

From the Prez...



Chinese Dinner 2011: Wilhelmina, Marion, and Steve

Chinese Dinner and National Program Planning Meeting

Every two years state and local Leagues and Inter-League Organizations (ILO) participate in the LWVUS Program Planning process by making recommendations concerning program issues - this is how we remain a grassroots organization.

The Program Planning process is an important League tool for identifying issues for study. It gives members and Leagues the opportunity to balance the pros and cons, assess possible support, and consider the viability of issues. During the process, members have the opportunity - especially with email and discussion lists - to organize support based on factual materials before the Program Planning deadline, March 1, 2012.

Waiting to gather support for issues at Convention often results in limited discussion and incomplete information. Furthermore, raising issues at Convention instead of through the Program Planning process dilutes the voices of Leagues that do participate in the process.

This year, LWVUS is also asking Leagues to let them know what LWVUS positions, if any, local or state League or ILO, has used in work in the community.

The Program Planning Meeting

- The date is Tuesday, 24 January 2012, at 6:30 at the home of Ann Nicholson (check your directory for the address or call 881-6343).
- Remember to prepare for participation in Program Planning by looking at Impact on Issues for 2011-2012. Available online (lwv.org) or as a downloadable PDF.
- This newsletter and our web site (www.grossepointe.mi.lwvnet.org) will have computer links to LWVUS Program Planning.
- Members that would like to propose possible issues for LWV, evaluate the potential by asking:

Board of Directors Meeting

[Board Meeting Minutes](#)

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 8th 7:00pm Central Library 10 Kercheval Ave Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 All members are welcome!

Your Government Officials Brochures

The updated brochure is ready for distribution throughout our community. Some have already been delivered and some we will ask your help to finish the deliveries. Sharon Riley, Vice President of Voter Services has the 7000 copies of "Your Government Officials" organized and labeled for members to take at the Chinese Dinner and distribute accordingly.

A special thank you to Jim O'Dell of Pointe Printing (the corner of Lakepointe and Kercheval in the Park) for assisting Don



Dungan in preparation of the 2012 brochure. He helped with verifications of data as well as printing. Jim has been a long-time partner in this project.

Great Lakes Restoration Initiatives

GLRI Funded at \$300 million in 2012 Budget!

Congress passed the remainder of the spending bills to fund the government in FY12. The final passed version includes \$300 million for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. Maintaining funding for the GLRI in a tough budget climate is a testament to the hard work every member of the Coalition and the Great

- Is there widespread member interest?
- Is this a timely issue?
- Is government action the most effective way to address the problem?

Click for the RSVP form: [Chinese Dinner Reservations](#)

In League,
Christina Schlitt

Town Hall: Emergency Financial Manager

Michigan's Emergency Financial Manager EFM Law

Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, February 16, 2012, at 7 p.m.

To date, seven Michigan communities, and the Detroit Schools, have had emergency financial managers. In March of 2011, the state legislature passed a new law, which has both proponents and critics.

This LWVGP Town Meeting will provide an overview of the EFM Law, and two opposing viewpoints on its legality, followed by a Q and A period. John Mogk, a Professor of Law at Wayne State University, will speak in favor of the law and its constitutionality, and John Axe, a financial advisor who has worked with emergency financial managers in Pontiac, Ecorse, and Hamtramck, will also present. Additional speakers will be announced. This meeting is an opportunity for all members of LWVGP, and voters in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods, to become more familiar with this law and the arguments for and against the EFM.

Place: Grosse Pointe Woods Council Chambers

LWVGP Member Vicki Granger is organizing this meeting. If any LWVGP member would like to assist, please contact Vicki at grangergpw@aol.com or call 313.460.5250.

Membership

Board Report

New Membership Directories have been printed and will be distributed at the Chinese Dinner. Any Directories not picked up that night will be mail. Because we took advantage of a special price on the printing, we have an ample supply this year for New-Member packets.

There are 103 members listed in the directory. Coincidentally, our count on the National Database is also 103 members. This will change February 1st when new PMP is applied. The change will reflect members who did not renew as well as our seven (7) new members since January 2011.

I will be away February, March, and most of April. However, I will read email regularly and can be reached by phone (landline: 941/346-0304; cell: 313/910-1909). I will be able to send information to prospects and handle other Membership business as usual. Membership Committee members Barb Finch, Ann Lawson, and Mary Vitolins, continue to be integral to our membership efforts.

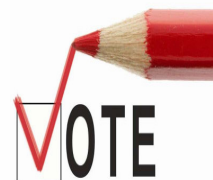
Now is the time to give me more names of PROSPECTS!

Respectfully submitted,
Jo Ann G. Kelly
Membership Director

Presidential Primary

Be Sure to Vote in the Presidential Primary on February 28th!

On February 28th, citizens of Michigan will have the opportunity to cast a vote in the presidential primary. At the time of this writing, President Barack Obama is running unopposed on the Democratic ticket while the competition continues among seven Republican candidates.



Sample ballots are available at:
<http://www.gpwmi.us/departments/cityClerkElections.html>

Importantly, citizens of the Grosse Pointes will also decide whether to support a millage increase to help fund our three libraries.

Lakes community put in over the past year to illustrate that the GLRI is a sound federal investment which is showing results.

The HOW Coalition will be releasing a press statement later today which I will send to this list when complete.

In the meantime, thank you for your dedication to the Great Lakes and happy holidays!

Sincerely,

Jennifer

Jennifer Hill
Field Director
Healing Our Waters-Great Lakes Coalition

The 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!

League Links

Follow us on 

[LWV Grosse Pointe](#)

[LWV Michigan](#)

[LWV United States](#)

View our videos on 

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.

Sincerely,



Voters must answer the question:

"Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Grosse Pointe Public Library District, County of Wayne, Michigan, be increased by 0.70 mills (\$0.70 per \$1,000 of taxable value), for a period of eight (8) years, 2012 to 2019, inclusive, to provide funds for library purposes? If approved and levied in its entirety in 2012, the millage would raise an estimated \$1,820,245 for the Grosse Pointe Public Library."

Historically, only 15-20% of eligible Michigan voters have participated in our presidential primaries. Remember, your opinion won't be counted if you don't cast a vote!

Thanks!!

Susan Leithauser

Program Calendar 2012

Tuesday, 24 January 2012-6:30-9:00pm	Home of Ann Nicholson	Christina Schlitt	Chinese Dinner:National Program Review (Business Meeting 2 of 3)
Wednesday, 8 February 2012-7:00-8:30pm	Central Library	Christina Schlitt	LWVGP Board Meeting
Thursday, 9 February 2012 from 1:00-3:00	Home of Peg Noble	Fran Higbie, Cynthia Warner and AnnMcClery	Hot Topics!
Thursday, 16 February 2012 at 7:00 pm	Grosse Pointe Woods City Council Chambers	Vicki Granger	Emergency Financial Manager Law/Meeting
Wednesday, 14 March 2012-7:00-8:30pm	Central Library	Christina Schlitt	LWVGP Board Meeting
March, 2012	TDB	Susan Leithauser	Women in Politics: As Candidates/Women's History Month
Wednesday, 11 April 2010-7:00-8:30pm	Central Library	Christina Schlitt	LWVGP Board Meeting
April, 2012	TBD	JudyMorlan/Fran Schoenberg	Environmental: "It's not easy being green!"
Saturday, 5 May, 2012	Lochmoor Country Club	Jan Wells/Christina Schlitt/Peggy Hickey	Annual Meeting (Business Meeting 3 of 3)
June, 2012	TBD	Christina Schlitt	Joint Board Meeting
8-12 June, 2012	Washington, D.C.	Christina Schlitt	LWVUS National Convention
LWVMI focus on: 1.Redistricting/new study 2.Convient Voting 3. Fair and Impartial Courts			
HOT TOPICS		Fran Higbie, Cindy Warner, Ann McCleary	

*Revised January 2012