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**Don't Forget: Wed, Mar 8: "Raising Global Leaders" Community Forum**

# Grosse Pointe *VOTER*

Serving the Communities of  
Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Shores,  
Grosse Pointe Woods, and Harper Woods

Activities This Month:

**Wed, March 8, 7:00**  
**Raising Global Leaders - A**  
**Community Forum**  
Pierce Middle School  
15430 Kercheval, GPP

**Sat, March 11, 12:00**  
**The Richmond Rosies viewing**  
GP Woods Branch Library  
20680 Mack Ave, GPW

**Thurs, March 16, 12:30**  
**Luncheon & Tour of The Rivers**  
900 Cook Road, GPW  
Please RSVP

**Wed, March 29**  
**7:00 pm**  
**New Member Reception**  
Home of Wilhelmina Giblin  
Please RSVP

**Tues, April 25, 7:00 pm**  
**Current Challenges to the Great**  
**Lakes**  
222 Cloverly, GPF

*Keep reading below for additional details. Hope to see you there!*

## **March 29: "New Member" Reception**

If you are a new member and did not have the opportunity to attend the Program Planning meeting, I invite you to attend a "Get Acquainted"

*February/March 2017*

From the Prez...

What a month we have in store:

We open with the **Forum on March 8th**. I believe that the school system is the bedrock of a successful community. We need to show our strong support in showing our youth the path of accepting diversity and making bullying a thing of the past. Let's fill Pierce Auditorium to overflowing.

I won't duplicate the other program information except to say that I look forward to seeing many of you at these functions.

On **March 25th**, the [Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors](#) is having their annual **Home and Lifestyle Expo**. We will have a table there and need manpower, so let me know if you can help for an hour or two. The Expo is at the War Memorial and is from 10 am to 4 pm.

Something to look forward to - [LWV of Michigan](#) will have its biennial Convention in Lansing from **May 19th to the 21st**. We have the privilege of sending 7 voting delegates. Be sure to let me know if you are interested in being one of them.

Tom  
C. Thompson Wells, Jr. President  
The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe

## **Mar 8: Raising Global Leaders - A Community Forum**

Mark your calendars for Wednesday evening, March 8! Our League has partnered with WE GP and the Grosse Pointe Public School System to

reception for new members in my home, **Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 7 PM- 8:30 PM.**

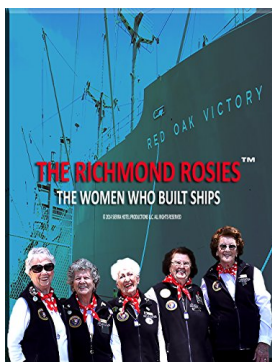
Please RSVP no later than Friday, March 24, 2017 to my email address: [stormmimi@yahoo.com](mailto:stormmimi@yahoo.com) or by phone: 313-886-8432. Refer to the LWVGP membership directory for the address of the reception, or it can also be provided when you confirm attendance.

Thank you.

Wilhelmina Giblin  
Membership Director

## March 11 Showing of *The Richmond Rosies*

"The Richmond Rosies" is a film about the women who worked in the shipyards during WW2. In honor of Women's History Month, it is being presented at the GP Woods Branch Library. LWVGP is a cosponsor along with [AAUW](#).



**Sat, March 11**  
**12:00 noon**  
**GP Woods Branch Library**  
**Program Room**  
**20680 Mack Ave**  
**GP Woods, MI 48236**

## March 16: Lunch & Tour of The Rivers

One of our lifetime members, Myrt Everett, has invited us to join her for lunch and a tour of **The Rivers**, where she is currently residing. She is so enjoying her residence there that she wants to share the concept with those of us who may have an interest for ourselves or a family member. We will meet in the **Lobby (900 Cook Road) at 12:30 on March 16.** Lunch will cost \$10.00. Please call Aphie Roumell at 881-8844 to make a reservation. If you need a ride contact Jan Wells.

present a community forum on the existing training for staff and students concerning cultural responsiveness and anti-bullying.

It will be:

**March 8, 7:00 pm**  
**Pierce Middle School Auditorium**  
**15430 Kercheval, GP Park**



The evening will include **Dr Gary Niehaus**, GPPSS Superintendent, and begin with a presentation of the District Diversity Plan by Director of Pre-K and Elementary Instruction **Keith Howell** and Director of Secondary Instruction **Maureen Bur**.

A League moderated panel will feature the following experts in this field:

**Dr. Agustin Arbulu** - Michigan Department of Civil Rights  
**Greg Bowens** - Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods NAACP  
**Anthony Lewis** - Michigan Department of Civil Rights  
**Mark McInerney** - Attorney, Clark Hill  
**Ginni Winters** - Wayne County RESA

The panel will take written questions from the audience, similar to Candidate Forums.

GPPSS is seeking broad-based community feedback on their Diversity Plan. Please come make your thoughts, ideas and/or concerns known!

This is an excellent opportunity to learn current policy and how it fits in to not only the legal requirements but also the information our students need to succeed in the wider world. Bring your friends!

[Check out the flyer here](#)

## Program Planning Report

February has been a quiet month for the League. Except for the Board meeting and the Women's March, there wasn't anything else to participate in! Several of our members participated in the Women's March. The league was not an "official" sponsor, but it was a lovely, quiet protest in support of all the issues we face today.

Women's History Month, conversely, will be quite busy, beginning with **RAISING GLOBAL LEADERS on March 8 at Pierce Middle School Auditorium.** The League is sponsoring this forum with the Grosse Pointe Public School System and WE GP to enable a community dialogue on issues such as diversity, bullying and protest. This forum is open to the public and is an opportunity to learn about existing and proposed school policies. (See article in this Voter.)

On **March 11** the League and AAUW are co-sponsoring the movie **THE RICHMOND ROSIES.** This movie will be shown at **noon at the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Library.**

Hope to see you there!  
Jan Wells, Vice President for Program

## Macomb County Voter Services Report

Greetings from Macomb County Voter Services!

Jan Wells, Vice President for Program

## April 25: Current Challenges to the Great Lakes

The value of the Great Lakes to Michigan is extremely high. There have been threats to these waters for over a century. It seems that every time a solution is found other threats appear.

Our speaker, [Krista Grimm](#), is prepared to discuss the most current and on-going challenges. There are many forms of pollution, plus invasive species and withdrawals.

Krista is an experienced urban planner from Chicago, who has a strong interest in and knowledge of the Lakes.

The meeting will be held at **7 pm on Tuesday, April 25th, at Ann Nicholson's home, 222 Cloverly, GPF.**

## May 19-21: State Convention Time

Our League is entitled to several voting delegates at the [LWV MI State Convention](#), which will be at the **Kellogg Center in East Lansing, May 19-21**. There is money in our budget to help defray registration expenses, so if you are interested in attending, contact Tom Wells. This is a great chance to hear what other Leagues in Michigan are doing and to make League contacts. It is open to any member, official delegate or not!

## In Sympathy

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of League member **Ann Lawson**. She joined the League in 2002 and served on several committees through the years. Most recently she kept the official membership roster up to date for LWVUS.

Ann was also an active member of the Volunteer Council of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, serving on its executive committee for many years. Her other passion was sailing, and she

We are pleased to report that our membership continues to grow and we are now at twenty members! More and more people are dropping in on our meetings and the enthusiasm is amazing!

We continue to invite the elected officials in our county to our monthly meetings and one of the newly elected trustees from Clinton Twp., **Michael Keys**, attended our last meeting. We have also heard from the Clinton Twp. Clerk, **Kim Meltzer**, who has offered to speak to our group about newly purchased voting machines, most likely during our May meeting.

Our unit is shaping up rather nicely and a leadership team has emerged:  
**Kathy Poore** - Director, Voter Services  
**Nance Halle** - Director, Vote411  
**Terri Serra** - Secretary  
**Maria Rivera & Kathy Poore** - Budget Committee  
**Jackie Moase-Burke & Carol Klenow** - Communications Committee  
**Nancy Duemling** - Membership Chair  
**Katherine Labuhn** - P.R. Director  
**Becky Harris** - Fundraising  
**Trish Horton** - Observer Corps

Our communications team, Carol and Jackie, have developed an electronic survey for MCVS members. Its purpose is to identify skills, interests and talents and develop goals for our unit. It is easy to use and will be a great tool for us as we move forward.

We are gearing up for VOTE411! Our goal is to develop an action plan for the primary elections and get started entering data in April or May. Also, on our radar are candidate forums for the primaries.

Our group is also interested in redistricting education and will look for opportunities to provide this education to the community.

*Please join us for our monthly meetings held on the **4th Thursday of the month, 7PM**. We meet at the **Mt. Clemens Public Library, 150 Cass Ave., Mt Clemens**. Next meeting is March 23, 2017*

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[Check out MCVS Facebook page](#)

## Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee will present the following slate to the membership at the **Annual Meeting on May 13**. The Bylaws require that the President, Vice President for Program, Secretary and two Directors be elected in odd numbered years, and a Nominating Committee Chair and two committee members be elected for a one year term. This year the Nominating Committee was also requested to nominate a candidate to fill the second year of the current Treasurer's term. Nominations from the floor are allowed at the Annual Meeting.

**President Tom Wells** (expires 2019)  
**Vice President, Program Beth Newhart** (expires 2019)  
**Secretary Mary Jo Johnson** (expires 2019)  
**Treasurer Carol Lufburrow** (expires 2018)

**Co-Directors for Membership - Wilhelmina Gibson and Jen Evans** (expires 2019)  
**Director - Assistant Voter Services - Susan Acton** (expires 2019)

often worked as a race official at Bayview Yacht Club. We will miss her and her cheerful, can-do attitude.

## Membership Matters

The League of Women Voters would not be the respected organization in our community today without the hard work of its dedicated members. Thank you to all our volunteers.

Please welcome new members **Irene Shelley, Katherine Labuhn, Janice Haines, Rebecca Harris, and Trish Horton**. Also, many apologies to new member Laurie Coplin, whose name I misspelled in the last Voter. Please make a note of the correct spelling.

If any member needs a Member Survey form to complete, please contact me and I will send one. The survey helps the Board of Directors to determine the interests of members and to match those interests where volunteers are needed. Long standing members should also complete a survey in case interests have changed.

Thank you,

Wilhelmina Giblin,  
Membership Director  
313-886-8432

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*Do you know a family member or friend who is thinking about joining?*

[Hand them one of our membership forms to mail in!](#)

*Learn all about the League.*

[Check out the LWV's New Member Handbook here](#)

*The League of Women Voters encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government; works to increase understanding of major public policy issues; and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League is strictly nonpartisan, neither endorsing candidates nor supporting political parties. The LWVGP, in both its values and its practices, reaffirms its commitment to diversity. Membership is open to men and women of all ages.*

**Nominating Committee** (expires 2018)

**Chair - Jan Wells**

**Vicki Granger**

**Aphie Roumell**

Respectfully submitted,  
Vicki Granger, Chair

## History of the Lake Erie Basin Committee (LEBC)

*This is part 3 of a 3 part summary of the history of the [Lake Erie Basin Committee's](#) work. Recently disbanded, it has much to be proud of*

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Throughout the 1980s efforts by government at every level were helping to improve water quality in Lake Erie. Great progress had been made on control and reduction of pesticides, but new research was showing that herbicides from agriculture and lawns were concentrating in fish, plants and drinking water. This non-point runoff is a continuing problem today.

Another continuing issue from the 1980s is water diversion from the Great Lakes, and Michigan is currently facing requests from Nestle for a major water withdrawal request.

Throughout the '80s LEBC was a major source of information about the process and problems of siting a low level radioactive waste disposal facility within the area of the Midwest Compact. VLEBC's New York subcommittee had worked for years to stop waste burial in West Valley. In the 1980s the waste buried there had to be retrieved and reprocessed, costing millions. Michigan could not agree on a disposal site and withdrew from the Midwest Compact. Consequently, its low level radioactive waste disposal is still left to the producers, who often store it on site. Michigan delegates to LEBC informed members from other states of what should NOT be done, and LEBC was able to have one of its highly knowledgeable members appointed to Ohio's Blue Ribbon Commission.

By 1993, the end of this short history, many of the LEBC activists so busy in the 1960's and 70's were gone and citizen momentum on great Lakes issues had passed on to other organizations. The steering committee continued to hold annual meetings focusing on issues of water quality but in 2016 the Steering Committee could not find leadership within the League to continue its activities. Hence, the vote was taken to discontinue its activities.

The League's process of study, consensus and positions gave LEBC a consistent structure and focus and made it a true "educated citizen voice" which decision makers respected.

Thank you, Ladies of the Lake.

## Thank You to our Ed Fund Supporters

The LWVGP Education Fund appreciates the support in FY 16-17 in memberships and the Finance Drive for our educational activities by these members and donors.

**Jo Ann & Jim Kelly, Mary Vitolins, Ann Nicholson, Mary Jo Johnson, Sharon Ruggioli, Steve Trowbridge, Nancy & Richard Solak, Mary Younke, Cheryl Harvey, Dick & Betty Grady, Margit Jackson, Peggy Hickey, Carl Sultzman,**



*Barbara Thompson, Mary Morshead, Jan & Tom Wells, Carol Bendure, Harriet Dodd Port, Judith Collier, Blondell Doughty, Judy & Gordon Morlan, Lynne Pierce, Wilhelmina Giblin, Marybelle Suczek, Nola & Art Chester, Joan Hines, George McMullen, Flo Rhodes, Ken Poynter, Connie Frey, Mary Zahler, Janis Ackerman, Nancy & William Duemling, and Anne Ginn.*

*In addition Barbara Thompson gave a contribution in memory of Bob Everett.*

## League Links

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