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Wednesday, Jan 20th: Our Annual Dinner & Program Planning Meeting
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Grosse Pointe *VOTER*

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

Calendar

Activities This Month:

Wed, Jan 20, 6:00 pm
Program Planning Dinner & Meeting
 Home of Ann N
 222 Cloverly, GPF
[Print out your reservation form](#)

Mon, Feb 8, 6:30 pm
 Meeting for Macomb County Voter Services Unit
 Eastpointe City Hall
 23200 Gratiot Ave
 Eastpointe, 48021

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

LWV - Macomb County Voter Services

The next meetings of the Macomb Unit will be:

February 8 and March 7
 6:30-8:00 p.m.
 Eastpointe City Hall
 23200 Gratiot, Eastpointe.

Contact lwvmacomb@gmail.com for additional information and/or to join the effort to bring Voter Services and Education to Macomb County.

And check out: www.facebook.com/lwvmacombcounty

March 18th: Running & Winning

Running and Winning is planned for Friday, March 18, 8:30-2:30.

The 2016 Running and Winning workshop has become a signature event



January 2016

Presidents' Letter

The new calendar year brings to mind the image of Janus, the two-headed Roman god of beginnings and transitions. One of his heads looks toward the future, while the other looks back at the past. Looking back, I am grateful for LWVGP's past year and look forward with enthusiasm to the new year.



When I think of the this past year, I realize that a local League flourishes due to its committed, creative members. I am grateful that our League counts among its active volunteers a range of members. We benefit from the wisdom and experience of wise veteran leaders and joyously welcome the energy and new ideas of more recently engaged members. Collectively, we serve our community well!

Looking ahead to 2016, let's make a New Year's resolution as a local League. In 2016, let's continue to enhance our community. We'll have an opportunity on January 20th to plan for next year's programming, where we can focus on our future. March will bring Women's History Month as well as Running and Winning on March 18. Please, please support our Coney Fund Raiser set for Thursday, April 28. And wind up your LWVGP year by attending our Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 14, at the Country Club of Detroit, where Dan Carmody, President of [Eastern Market](#), will be the guest speaker.

All of us working together will make our New Year's resolution work.

Happy New Year!

Mary Zahler
 Presidential Team

And many thanks to Kalamazoo League President Denise Hartsough for inspiring our New Year's "Letter from the Prez".

Program Planning: January 20

The traditional Chinese dinner is going Italian this year!

It will be at Ann N's home, **222 Cloverly, at 6:00**. The cost is \$14 and members are welcome to bring guests.

presented by the LWVGP and supported by the LWVGP Ed Fund. We have presented this workshop for several years with positive feedback from participants. This interactive workshop for high school girls is focused on introducing them to leadership skills through the opportunity for role-play as they develop their own mock-election. Women in leadership positions, including elected officials, participate as mentors and help light a spark within each girl to consider careers in public service.

Please let me know if you are available to help in preparations and/or that day.

Monica Bihar-Natzke
Running & Winning Coordinator

RWworkshop@grossepointe.mi.lwvnet.org

Momentum Coalition

Our League has been invited to participate in a coalition supporting transit investment. We are looking for a member who has knowledge or interest in mass transit to be our eyes and ears. Let Judy Morlan know if you want to know more about this.

Get Well Soon Well Wishes

Many people have been inquiring about our member Jim Kelly, who had surgery before Christmas. Everything went well and recovery is progressing nicely. Good job, Jim!

Our Environmental Issues Chair, Gordon Morlan, will have back surgery early in January. We wish him good luck and a speedy recovery.

Membership Matters

I invite you to encourage your friends and relatives to start 2016 by joining the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe. And if your membership has lapsed, rejoin the League today. Do you know someone whose birthday is coming up? Give them a League membership. If a League membership was not in your stocking stuffer during the holiday, ask for one.

What better way to receive the latest information regarding public policy decisions and pending legislation in your community and all levels of government than a membership with the League of Women Voters.

Visit our website at www.grossepointe.mi.lwvnet.org to learn more about opportunities with the League and upcoming events in 2016.

Wilhelmina Giblin, Co-Director, Membership

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

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

Please send a check made out to LWVGP to Mary Jo Johnson, 309 Piche St., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 by January 17.

[Print out your reservation form here.](#)

Our January meeting is always devoted to reviewing our National (even years) or State (odd years) and our local positions. These positions, arrived at by study and consensus from local Leagues across the country, are the sole basis for lobbying by the League at any level. It is our job to review the following positions and to make recommendations as to whether any particular position needs updating. We will review the following:

Representative Government
Voting Rights
The election process
Citizens rights
Congress and the presidency

International Relations
United Nations
Trade
U.S. relations with developing countries

Arms control
Military policy and defense spending

Natural Resources
Resource management
Protection and pollution control
Public participation
Agricultural policies

Social Policy - Equality of Opportunity
Federal role in public education issues
Fiscal policy
Health care
Immigration
Meeting basic human needs
Sentencing policy
Early Intervention, children at risk
Violence prevention
Gun control
Urban policy
Death penalty
Human trafficking

The details of these positions are available on the lwv.org website. If there is a local issue you feel the League should be involved in, please let Ann Nicholson know so she can allocate time on the evening's agenda.

Action Alerts

If you are not already receiving Action Alerts from LWVMI via email and wish to participate in League activity on proposed State legislation, sign up on the State League's web site, LWVMI.org.

Holiday Party

Aphie Roumell hosted a beautiful holiday party early in December, full of laughter and good cheer. Red sweaters abounded! Thanks so much to Jan and Aphie for organizing such a delightful evening, and to all those members who contributed a table full of yummy hors d'oeuvres.

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.



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