

Candidate Forum for House District 1

**Monday, July 10 --7:00 pm**

WCCC-Stempfle University Center (19305 Vernier, Harper Woods-across from Eastland Mall)

# 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:

***June/July 2017***

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**House District 1**

Wayne County Community College  
Mary Ellen Stempfle University  
Center  
19305 Vernier, Harper Wds, 48225

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

## **Marching for Equality**

The day  
dawned clear,  
hot, and  
sunny. We  
were so  
organized, we  
had time to  
take one car  
to the end of  
the march, so I could ride back.

The crowd began to gather at  
South High School, probably  
about 9:00 A.M. The March  
was scheduled to begin at 10:00,  
walking from South along  
Kercheval, to Maire School at  
Cadieux and Kercheval. The  
organizers of the Grosse Pointe  
March were the WEGP group,  
who have recently swelled the  
ranks of the LWVGP to 140  
members! The logo for the  
PRIDE members, is a  
wonderful, cheerful rainbow,  
evident on all available T-shirts,  
flags, signs, balloons, and

From the Prez...

As of today, June 30th, my first year as President is finished. And what an eventful year! I take no particular credit, but it has been an honor to be in this seat as the membership has grown by more than 50% to 140; Macomb has grown as part of that and is now in the process of graduating into a MAL (member at large); attendance at our meetings and Forums has flourished; and, of course, the times are interesting.

I especially want to welcome and thank the new members that have taken on either a board member or committee member responsibility - Sue Acton, Belinda Krencicke and Sarah McIntee in Voter Services; Beth Newhart in Programming; Carol Lufburrow as Treasurer; Jen Evans in membership; and Deb Sloss in Arrangements. I know we can all look forward to a productive and eventful year to come.

And a hearty "thank you" to those retiring committee and board members - Mary Zahler as Treasurer; Flo Rhodes in Voter Services Assist; Aphie Roumell and Judy Morlan in Arrangements; Joan Morris in Fundraising; and Gordan Morlan in Natural Resources.

At the combined new and old board meeting on June 14th, we discussed how we can be more proactive in this community. This includes potentially using our excess funds that have been sitting fallow for many years in CD's; and having targeted fund raisers to fund the resulting ideas. For lack of a better term, I am designating this committee to be the "Development Committee". This will replace the Fund-Raising Committee. I will be reaching out to members that have indicated on their survey that this might be an area of interest. If any of you are interested in being part of this, please let me know. And there will be no action without membership knowledge and acceptance.

And speaking of change - the League has grown significantly this year both in this State and across the Nation. The LWVUS is embarking on a transformation of the League to make sure we grow and protect our brand, and to be more of a voice in advancing our advocacy. We don't know yet how this is all going to work, but it should be eventful and exciting.

ribbons. The purpose of the March was to support the LGBTQ members of our community, and the March took place in communities, country wide.

There were a few hundred people milling about, at South when we arrived, and by the time we commenced the March, the crowd had swelled to over 2000! There were people of all sizes, colors, and ages. There were dogs (on leashes), bikes, strollers, and even a cat on a leash! Lots of children, babies, students, and young people. Everyone was happy, friendly and patient. We were cheered on by bystanders all along the way. Tom even offered a ride back to 2 marchers (one with a service dog in tow). The police and volunteers were efficient, helpful, and organized. It took us about an hour to complete the March.

As Tom searched frantically for the keys to the parked car, the crowd gathered at Maire for some great words of wisdom from our leaders.

Tom and our would-be passengers walked back to South High to retrieve the keys for my car. I sat in front of Starbucks and made a new friend.

Jan Wells

## In Sympathy

Dear Members and Friends of the Lake Erie Basin Committee (LEBC):

It is with profound sadness that I share with you news of the loss of our friend and colleague, Edith Chase. She was a long time member of LEBC, faithfully attending every meeting until she moved to Ithaca a few years ago.

Edith was our living "Google link" to all things historical and current related to the

I am looking forward to the coming year with great anticipation!

Tom

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

## Monday, July 10: Candidate Forum for the House District 1 Primary

District 1 voters will be choosing a new representative to the Michigan Legislature to replace Brian Banks. Traditionally this district has leaned heavily to one party, so the primary race may well determine the outcome in November. Two Republicans are contesting for a place on the November ballot and 11 Democrats. One Libertarian candidate is already on the November ballot as there is no August primary challenge.

The Leagues of Detroit and Grosse Pointe are working together to sponsor a Candidates Forum:

**Date: July 10**

**Time: 7-9 p.m.**

**Place:**

**Wayne County Community College**

**Mary Ellen Stempfle Campus (on Vernier across from Eastland Mall)**

[A flyer is attached.](#)

Let your friends and neighbors know so that they may have this chance to meet and question the candidates before Election Day on August 8.

If you wish to volunteer to work at the forum, contact Judy Florian at [voter\\_service@grossepointe.mi.lwvnet.org](mailto:voter_service@grossepointe.mi.lwvnet.org).

Candidates are listed below:

*Mark Corcoran (Rep)*  
*William Phillips (Rep)*

*Sandra Bucciero (Dem)*  
*Ronald D Diebel (Dem)*  
*John William Donahue (Dem)*  
*Burgess Dwight Foster (Dem)*  
*Kirkland W Garey (Dem)*  
*Keith D. Hollowell (Dem)*  
*Justin Johnson (Dem)*  
*Gowana Mancill Jr (Dem)*  
*Pamela M Sossi (Dem)*  
*Tenisha Yancey (Dem)*  
*Washington Youson (Dem)*

*Gregory Creswell (Lib)*

In the Pointes, State House District 1 covers GP Shores, GP Woods, Harper Woods as well as an eastern section of Detroit.

[To review the complete district map, click here](#)

Primary Election: August 8, 2017

health and vitality of Lake Erie. An environmental activist for decades, Edith had developed an encyclopedic fund of knowledge which we relied on at every meeting.

Our lives have been enriched by our friendship with her and we mourn her loss.

In League,  
Carol Redmond  
Lake Erie Basin Committee

## Membership Matters

Thanks to all the members who have paid their membership dues for the next year; approximately 40 have responded.

Remember that dues are expected by July 1, 2017 if you joined the League before July 1, 2016. (Membership dues are expected November 30, 2017 if you joined the League after July 1, 2016.)

And just a reminder that lifetime members are exempt from dues payments. But if you're a lifetime member and want to give a donation to the League or the League Education Fund, (please indicate on your check), mail your donation to our mailbox:

LWV of Grosse Pointe  
32 Lakeshore Drive  
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

Your continuing support of the League of Women Voters is very much appreciated!

Thank you.

Wilhelmina Giblin,  
Co-Membership Director

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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!](#)

Duties: The Michigan House of Representatives shares responsibility with the Michigan Senate to enact new laws and amend or repeal existing laws.

Qualifications: State Representatives may serve a maximum of three full terms. They must be at least 21 years of age and a registered voter in their district. There are 110 State House districts which are re-apportioned after each census.

Term: Remainder of 2-year term

## Attention District 1: Election Info for a New House Rep

This is a Message from the **State House District 1** Staff:

*Brian Banks resigned as the representative of the 1st House District in February, but staff of House District 1 are still available to assist you. They will make every effort to respond to your needs, questions and concerns as soon as possible. To contact their office, please call (517) 373-0154 or reach them toll-free at (888) 254-5291, or leave them a message using [this contact form](#).*

## News from Macomb County Voter Services

Our membership is holding at 28 people, but, we continue to have guests at our meetings and hope they will join us. We are taking steps to move toward "Member at Large" status. On June 21 Christina Schlitt met with LWVGP members, President Tom Wells, Jan Wells and MCVS members, Maria Rivera, Nance Halle, Katherine Labuhn and Kathy Poore to provide guidelines on the process. Maria Rivera hosted and we are grateful to her for treating us to a wonderful meal!

Nancy D & Kathy conducted an interview with State Representative, Bill Sowerby, on May 26th. Nancy arranged the interview and submitted his responses to the LWVMI.

Five MCVS members met on June 8th to enter primary race information for VOTE411. Under Nance H's continued leadership, we plan to provide VOTE411 information for the fall elections.

P.J. Kruz, a volunteer with "**All Hands on Deck**" spoke to us during our June meeting. All Hands on Deck takes place on **July 3rd** and is a statewide event. Its purpose is to encourage active participation in protecting our Great Lakes. For more information, go to: [allhandsondeckgreatlakes.org](http://allhandsondeckgreatlakes.org)

During that same meeting real estate agent, Patricia Bowles, provided information on the Michigan legislature's vote to end dower rights. The new law took effect on April 6, 2017. We learned that a spouse could buy and sell investment property without the other spouse's knowledge. Ms. Bowles urged all in attendance to bring this to the attention of their legislator and/or Governor Snyder.

We have received word that we will be invited to participate in the **Richmond Parade** during its festival held on the weekend after Labor Day. Some MCVS members will dress in vintage attire highlighting women's suffrage. All LWVGP members are invited to march with us! Details for the parade will be provided as we get them. MCVS voted to

Learn all about the League.  
[Check out the LWV's New Member Handbook here](#)

## League Links

Want to contact one of your government officials?  
[Click here!](#)

Want to check LWVGP's calendar for the latest updates?  
[Click here!](#)

[LWV Grosse Pointe](#)  
[LWV Michigan](#)  
[LWV United States](#)



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[New Member Handbook](#)

purchase a LWV banner for the parade and other promotional opportunities.

Katherine L. & Terri S. have offered to lead our new-voter registration efforts. We hope to make new-voter registrations a priority in the coming year.

Maria & Kathy will present the LWVMI redistricting program to the members of the **Clinton Twp. Senior Center on Monday, October 16, 2017 at 2PM.**

We have [LWV window clings](#) available for sale as part of our first attempt at fundraising. The window clings are a great way to proudly display your LWV membership on your car window. **Cost is \$5 each, or, two for \$9.** We sold the window clings during the state convention and will have them available for sale at future LWVGP events.

Additional information can be found on our [webpage](#) and our [Facebook page](#)

Happy Summer!

Kathy

*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.*

