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 Grosse Pointe Woods, and Harper Woods

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In a Nutshell ... This Month's Activities:

Mon, Oct 22, 2012

Harper Woods School Board Candidate Forum

Harper Woods High School
 Community Room
 20225 Beaconsfield
 Harper Woods

Tues, Oct 23, 2012

Candidate Forum for the U.S. 14th Congressional District
 Ewald Library
 15175 E Jefferson
 GPP

Tues, Nov 6, 2012

**Election Day
 Don't Forget to Vote!**

Thurs, Nov 8, 2012

Movie Night: "Iron Jawed Angels"
 Woods Branch of the GP Public Library
 20680 Mack Ave
 GPW

Please note the new location!

Movie Night: "Iron Jawed Angels"

To honor the brave women and men who campaigned for universal suffrage and

October-November Issue

From the Prez...

This has been and will continue to be a very busy election season for all Leagues and here at home with LWVGP. We have remained true to the mission of the League: "The League of Women Voters is a national organization whose Voter Services activities are strictly nonpartisan, neither endorsing candidates nor supporting parties. The sole purpose of Voter Services is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government..." in every event and forum we have held so far. We also have been working with Detroit citizens to deliver pro/con points for the numerous ballot issues. With a two-page back and front ballot, there is a lot of information for the voter to review and vote on.

To the Voters: persevere! This is your right and privilege-treat it with respect. To that end, our web master, Beth Martin has posted an incredible amount of voter information from candidate voter guides to ballot issue reviews. There are numerous links for the voter to have questions answered...or raise more! Please take the time to review all of the opportunities to educate yourself as an American voter. Help you friends and neighbors navigate the volumes of information on issues and candidates.

Our Voter Services efforts are further provided through the candidate forums Susan Leithauser-Yee has been organizing and run with many LWVGP members. And of course the subsequent television coverage after the forums primarily by Kermit Potter and his crew at War Memorial TV extends the opportunity for voters to see the candidates answer many questions. All 2000 of the LWVMI printed Voter Guides have been distributed to the local city offices, all libraries and some churches. We have a few more available if you need. Please call 313.881.6343.

Hang in there voters!

In League,
 Christina

LWVGP Voter Services, October 2012

October has been a very lively month for Voter Services!

equal rights, the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe and partner organizations invite you to join us for a

**FREE MOVIE SHOWING of the
HBO Golden Globe Winning
Iron Jawed Angels**
(Rated TV14)

**Thursday, November 8th
at the GP Woods Library,
20680 Mack Ave,
at 7:00 PM**

REFRESHMENTS SERVED

**Worried about Accuracy
in Political Advertising?
So is the LWV!**

The growth in the number of campaign ads on television can be attributed in large part to the Supreme Court's decision in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission (FEC) case, which unleashed unlimited corporate and union spending for supposedly "independent expenditures" seeking to affect elections.

The Annenberg Public Policy Center (APPC) documents that the ads run by third-party non-candidate outside groups contain a higher level of both attacks and inaccurate statements than candidate campaign ads. Between December and early August, \$108 million in ad dollars were spent by 10 outside groups and over half (51%) on 35 ads containing deceptive or misleading claims.

Television stations have a legal right to reject or request changes to any advertisement, other than from a qualified candidate, if the station believes the ad is inaccurate or misleading. Stations already have processes they use for consumer product ads. So this is not a new practice for them. We are asking them to be as vigilant about outside group ads as they are about product ads.

Join our cause and go to:

<http://www.flackcheck.org/stations/send-email-to-stations/>

and let your local news stations know that

As of this writing, LWVGP has hosted four forums this month. Two more are scheduled for next week;

- Harper Woods School Board at 7:15pm on Monday, October 22nd at the Secondary School's Community Room and
- U.S. Congressional District 14 at 7:15pm on Tuesday, October 23rd at Ewald Library.

Our printed Voter Guides were distributed to the Grosse Pointe Libraries, city offices and additional locations on October 11-12. Beth Martin has done a wonderful job of also linking the guides to our website: <http://grossepointe.mi.lwvnet.org/VoterGuides.html>

The changes to our State and Federal district boundaries prompted several questions at the District 1 and District 2 State Representative Forums about how the candidates would effectively represent the entire district. The candidates were also quizzed about their positions on the State-level ballot proposals, on "schools of choice", public transit and many other issues.

The Grosse Pointe School Board Forum included a broad discussion of issues, including schools of choice, technology resources, potential revenue streams to supplement State funding and the importance of being physically present in the District. In this election, for the first time, the field includes a candidate (though a permanent resident of Grosse Pointe) is currently residing outside of the district.

The November 6th election is extremely important and the decisions to be made are complex. In addition to the elected offices the following municipalities have proposals that will appear on your ballot:

- State of Michigan - 6 proposals, 5 of which represent Constitutional Amendments.
- Wayne County - 5 proposals with several focused on shifting power from the Executive Branch to the Legislative Branch.
- Wayne County Community College District - Proposed millage increase
- City of Grosse Pointe Woods - Proposed millage increase

Attending or participating in the production of a candidate forum is a great opportunity to become familiar with the issues and to pose your own questions of candidates. We hope to see you next week!

Susan Leithauer-Yee
Vice President - Voter Services

[Don't Forget to Check Out Vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org)



[Here are simple instructions on how to navigate Vote411](#)

you demand accuracy in advertising!

[Read more about the LWV's efforts in Truth in Campaign Advertising here](#)

LWVGP CHRISTMAS DINNER

Date: Tuesday, December 4

Place: Grosse Pointe War Memorial

Time: Arrive 6 p.m., cocktails 6:30 p.m., dinner 7:00 p.m. sharp

Cost: \$39 (same as last year)
Reservation form will follow in the next issue

Membership Report

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We started the fall off right by welcoming two new members at our September Kick-Off Meeting.

Angelique Day
and
Benjamin Holochwost
Evening phone: 989/480-2981

Watch for and welcome Angelique and Bruce at upcoming meetings. And let me know of others who you know that are interested in learning more about League. Invite them to a Candidates' Forum or a fall meeting. Give me their names and contact information, so I can send them information about our League. If you need membership brochures, let me know.

Jo Ann G. Kelly
Membership Director
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National LWV President Visits the Pointes!

Read about our national LWV President Elisabeth MacNamara's visit to the LWV of Grosse Pointe! Her visit was covered on [Patch](#) and on [LWV.ORG](#)

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Program Report

So far, the LWVGP is off to a very busy, and productive, beginning for this 2012 season. Our Kick-Off meeting was very well attended and our speaker was most congenial and informative on the topic of Campaign Finance. The candidate and proposal forums have generated good interest and many provocative questions. Once our Voter's Services commitments for the month of October are completed, there will be a short hiatus before our very exciting movie feature, IRON JAWED ANGELS, which will be screened for all of us to see on Thursday 8 November. (See details in this Voter).

Moving on to December, we will once again offer the opportunity for all League members (and guests), to gather for a festive, and totally social evening. Again, the holiday party will be held at the War Memorial on Tuesday 4 December, and we hope to see you all there! (See details in this Voter).

After the first of the New Year, we will again offer our January Program Planning meeting, along with a sumptuous dinner, and great camaraderie. We are still working on the venue for this meeting. Watch the next Voter for details or go to our web site: www.grossepointe.mi.lwvnet.org. We are considering offering an Italian menu this year, for a bit of variety, and general appeal. Please offer feedback, if you feel strongly about one choice or the other. We have plenty of time to get the cooking done! Details to follow in next Voter.

Our plans for the months of February, March and April, are not solidified yet, but we are considering an informative, and comprehensive view of education today, from cradle to college, as well as, an evening devoted to discerning whether or not the women in this country are interested in taking back their civil rights; both from the government and the insurance industry. Feedback is most welcome concerning either of these two topics. Also, the Program Committee would welcome any member that wishes to help in the planning stages. We hope to see you at our next Program meetings. Please call me if you are interested.

Jan Wells
Vice President - Program

HOT TOPICS - MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

The Grosse Pointe League of Women Voters' Hot Topics meeting presented a timely subject on Monday, October 15th at the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church. "Why We Really Vote the Way We Do" was an interesting discussion led by Dr. Guy Doyal with a large group that included members and community. He highlighted the powerful underlying factors that strongly suggest why we really vote the way we do. These factors will affect many of the "undecided" voters in this presidential election and will be interesting to evaluate as results of the November 6th election unfolds.



League Links

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View our videos on 



Important Voting Links

[LWVGP website info re voter guides, sample ballots, & truth in advertising](#)

[LWVGP website info re state & county ballot issues](#)

[LWVGP website info re candidate forums and their rebroadcasts](#)

[Sec of State website - Michigan's Absentee Ballot Request Form](#)

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