

**Kick-Off Meeting: Thurs, Sept 27**  
**GP School Board Forum: Tues, Oct 9**

# 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:

**Thurs, Sept 27**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Kick-Off Meeting**  
**November's Ballot Issues**  
GP War Memorial  
GPF, 48236

**Thurs, Oct 4**  
**6:00 pm**  
**Circuit Court Judicial**  
**Candidate Forum**  
Henry Ford Community College  
Berry Auditorium  
5101 Evergreen Road  
Dearborn, MI 48128

**Tues, Oct 9**  
**7:00 pm**  
**GP School Board**  
**Candidate Forum**  
GP War Memorial  
GPF, 48236

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

## **September 2018**

### **From the Prez...**

As this glorious Summer ebbs, we can look forward to an invigorating election season!

I won't belabor all the activities since they are so well covered elsewhere, other than to encourage your participation. What we do counts!

I want to spend a few moments here to reiterate what the League stands for. We are a POLITICAL organization that is NON-PARTISAN. To be interested and involved in politics, we, of course, have personal opinions. It is important, when we are voicing our personal opinions, that we do NOT do so in a way that would be construed as League opinions. This is especially true for me. Anyone who knows me understands that I have strong opinions and convictions. If you see me acting inappropriately, please let me know. So be active in the political process. Please just be careful with your personal opinions.

That said, go forth and be active and opinionated!

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

## **Oct 9: School Board Candidate Forum**

The public is invited to learn about the seven candidates running for three open positions on the GPPSS Board of Education.

Be an informed voter and bring your questions!

**Tuesday, October 9, 2018**  
**7-9 PM**  
**GP War Memorial**

## **SEP 27: KICK - OFF Meeting: Understanding the Ballot Issues**

**Thurs, Sept 27**  
**Grosse Pointe War Memorial**  
**32 Lake Shore, GPF**  
**7:00 P.M.**

The League of Women Voters MI will present a program which will focus on the ballot issues for the upcoming election in November. This program will be a joint effort with the GP War Memorial and the LWVGP.

There may be as many as 5 or 6 initiatives, but the election officials have not yet certified which issues will qualify.

**32 Lake Shore Dr.  
Grosse Pointe Farms 48236**

**INVITED CANDIDATES:**

Christian Fenton  
Christopher Lee  
Wendy Saigh  
Walt Schwartz  
John Shook  
Brian Summerfield (I)  
Margaret Weertz (I)

[Check out the flyer here](#)

**Oct 4: Circuit Court  
Judicial Candidate Forum**

There are 6 candidates running for 3 positions on the Circuit Court, all non-incumbents. This forum will be held on

**Thursday, Oct 4  
6:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
Henry Ford Community College  
Berry Auditorium  
5101 Evergreen Road  
Dearborn, MI 48128**

The forum will also include a presentation on various ballot issues.

Presented by Detroit, Dearborn/Dearborn Heights Leagues

**LWV Name Tags**

Professional-looking, magnetized League name badges can be ordered directly from Midwest Graphics, our supplier in Dexter who has the LWV artwork and specifications in place.

The cost is approximately \$15 with shipping. Multiple badges to the same address will probably reduce the shipping cost.

To order:  
Email Adam Hernandez ([adam@midwestgac.com](mailto:adam@midwestgac.com)).  
Identify yourself as a LWV

The State League will create a PowerPoint program, and provide us with a speaker who is educated on the topic. Some of these issues will focus on Redistricting, legalizing marijuana, and Promoting The Vote (absentee, straight party voting, etc.) These are important issues!

The public will be invited. Hope to see you there and bring along a friend.

**Voter Services**

*Student Voter Registration Follow-up*

On August 1, we sent 78 text messages to our newly-registered students, reminding them to vote in the August 7 Primary. We used an application called TextMagic, which allows us to send an email to a cell phone number. We plan to collect additional data during next year's voter registration campaign to allow us to follow-up with students to see if they did indeed vote. We will also send another reminder for the November 6th election.

*Candidate Forums*

Grosse Pointe School Board Forum  
Voter Services will conduct a Candidate Forum on Tuesday, October 9, 2018, 7:00 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. This forum is open to the public. There are 7 candidates running for 3 seats on the School Board. These include Christian Fenton, Christopher Lee, Wendy Saigh, Walt Schwartz, John Shook, Brian Summerfield and Margaret Weertz.

As always, we will be asking League members to volunteer to help with this forum. Please contact Sue Acton or myself at [voter\\_service@grossepointe.mi.lwvnet.org](mailto:voter_service@grossepointe.mi.lwvnet.org) should you be interested in helping out

*Detroit, Dearborn/Dearborn Heights LWVs*

*Circuit Court Judicial Candidate Forum*

There are 6 candidates running for 3 positions on the Circuit Court, all non-incumbents.

This forum will be held on Thursday, October 4, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. at Henry Ford Community College, Berry Auditorium, 5101 Evergreen Road in Dearborn.

Judy Florian  
VP for Voter Services

**2018/19 Tentative Program Schedule for LWVGP**

Date	Program	Time	Location
Sept 27	Kick-Off Meeting.Ballot Initiatives	7:00 P.M.	War Memorial 32 Lakeshore
Oct 9	Candidate Forum for Board of Education	7:00 P.M.	War Memorial 32 Lakeshore
Nov 15	Climate Change	7:00 P.M.	TBD
December	No Meeting		
Jan 17, 2019	Program Planning -	6:00	Annex - GP

member and provide the name you want to appear on the badge and your shipping address. Midwest Graphics will invoice you directly.

## Membership Matters

I encourage all members to attend the League Kick-Off Meeting on September 27, 7:00 p.m. at the War Memorial.

You will have an opportunity to hear a presentation regarding the State ballot proposals and also meet other League members. I look forward to seeing you there!

Wilhelmina Giblin,  
Co-Membership Director

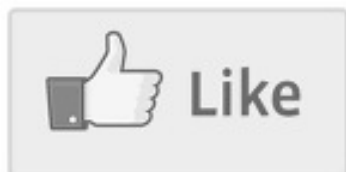
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Hand them one of our membership forms to mail in!*

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	Chinese Dinner	P.M.	Unitarian Church
February	Recycling crisis		
March	4 Elected Officials - Panel		
	Making a Difference - Getting Involved	7:00 P.M.	Ewald Library
April	Fundraiser	TBD	TBD
May	Preventing Gun Violence	7:00 P.M.	TBD
June 1	Annual Meeting	8:30 A.M.	Country Club of Detroit

## Bylaws Revision Notice

Annually, the LWVGP Board, at its August meeting, reviews the proposed calendar of events for the upcoming year. For the last several years, we have held the LWVGP Annual Meeting sometime in May, per our Bylaws. However, in May 2019, none of the dates work, and so a June 1 meeting is proposed.

A closer look at the Bylaws shows a rather narrow, prescriptive rule for the Annual Meeting. Accordingly, Vicki Granger and Ann Nicholson reviewed the section, and proposed the wording be less prescriptive. Further, Vicki (an English teacher at heart), found some inconsistencies in the sentence structure, and wrote a revision of the entire section. Other than being less restrictive in the time frame for the Annual Meeting, what is printed below - both the original Article VII - Meetings, and the proposed revision of the section - are substantively the same. The full board has agreed to this proposed change, and now it is presented to the membership.

The membership will be asked to vote on this Bylaws revision at the Thursday, September 27, meeting. Accordingly, members are being notified at least 30 days in advance of the proposed change.

## Current ARTICLE VII Meetings

### Sec. 1. Membership Meetings.

Membership meetings are meetings of the general membership at which the program should include a brief business meeting, i.e., a call to order, minutes, a treasurer's report, and adjournment.

- a. There shall be at least three properly called and published membership meetings each year.
- b. Time and place shall be determined by the Board of Directors.
- c. A quorum shall consist of the members present.

### Sec. 2. Annual Meeting.

An Annual Meeting shall be held between May 1 and May 31, the exact date to be determined by the Board of Directors.

The Annual Meeting shall

- a. adopt a local program for the ensuing year.
- b. elect officers and directors, members of the Nominating Committee,
- c. adopt an adequate budget, and
- d. transact such other business as may properly come before it.
- e. Quorum. One-fifth of the membership shall constitute a quorum at the Annual Meetings of the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe.

*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.*



## **Proposed Revision Article VII Meetings**

### **Section 1 Meetings in general**

- a. The Board of Directors shall set at least three membership meetings per year and an annual meeting.
- b. The Board shall determine the time and place of these meetings.
- c. The meeting's locations will be published in the LWVGP newsletter, The Voter.

### **Section 2 Membership Meeting**

- a. The meeting program should include a brief business meeting (call to order, minutes, treasurer's report, adjournment).
- b. The quorum shall be the members present.

### **Section 3 Annual Meeting**

- a. At the meeting the group should
  1. Adopt a local program for the coming year
  2. Elect officers, directors, and members of the Nominating Committee
  3. Adopt an annual budget
  4. Transact any other business.
- b. The quorum shall be one-fifth of the membership of the LWVGP.

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