

# Grosse Pointe|VOTER

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[LWVGP 2012-2013 Calendar](#) -Print&Save!  
[Reception with National LWV President Elisabeth MacNamara](#)  
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In a Nutshell ... This Month's Activities:

**Wed Sept 19th 7:00 pm**  
Kick-Off Meeting: Campaign Finance  
GP War Memorial  
32 Lakeshore, GPF

**Wed Sept 26th 4:00-6:00 pm**  
Reception with National LWV President Elisabeth MacNamara  
GP War Memorial  
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**Thurs Sept 27th 11:00 am**  
LWVMI: Voter Registration Day Rally on the Capitol Steps in Lansing  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
[218 W. Ottawa Street Lansing, MI 48933](#)  
Meet at 11:00 am at the church & then parade to the Capitol at 12

**Mon Oct 15th 1:00-3:00 pm**  
Hot Topics: Why We Vote the Way We Do  
Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church  
[17150 Maumee Avenue, GP](#)

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

## Reception for LWVUS President

We were honored to be asked to host a reception for LWVUS President, Elisabeth MacNamara and wish to give her a warm welcome.

The reception is **Wednesday, September 26, from 4:30 until 6:00 with a short news conference at 4:00.** It will be at the War Memorial. We will have light hors d'oeuvres. There is no charge to attendees-although we are asking for people to call just so we have an idea of the number. We are inviting members, their guests, media, local community organizations' leaders, the local mayors, and leaders of other Leagues.

[See our flyer for additional information](#)

## Hot Topics: "Why We Really Vote the Way We Do"

"Why We Really Vote the Way We Do" will feature Guy Doyal (PhD - University of Iowa) as guest speaker at the meeting. Guy Doyal and his family are well known to Grosse Pointe residents. He was in private practice for over 30 years as a pediatric psychologist and former chief of behavioral pediatrics and chief psychologist at St. John Hospital.

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## CANDIDATES FOR HIRE

The story of Campaign Finance

Our distinguished speaker:

**Rich Robinson**

Executive Director, Michigan Campaign Finance Network

Wednesday, September 19, 2012  
7:00 P.M.

Grosse Pointe War Memorial  
32 Lakeshore Drive  
Grosse Pointe, MI 48236

- Mr. Robinson will provide an overview of the nature and extent of money from unaccountable sources in state and federal election campaigns.
- He will discuss the critical U.S. Supreme Court cases that have brought us to where we are today, why it matters, and what can be done about it.
- SuperPACs, social welfare organizations, issue advocacy, free speech and accountability...all will be covered.
- Bring your questions and engage in a discussion of the great challenges to democracy posed by money in politics.

## From the Prez...

Members-

We have so many opportunities to fulfill our mission in the next eight weeks or so, I do not know where to begin! So read on-make copies-don't forget the links for additional information and mark your calendar for Wednesday 26 September at 4:00 pm for a very real treat with the special opportunity to meet LWVUS President, Elisabeth MacNamara. She is dynamic and will make you proud that she is at the helm...

In League,  
Christina Schlitt

## Voter Registration Day on the Capitol Steps in Lansing!

The League of Women Voters of Michigan will host a Voter Registration Day on the Capitol steps in Lansing! Our National League President, Elisabeth MacNamara, will join us in a parade from St. Paul's Episcopal Church to the Capitol steps. Elisabeth will be one of our featured speakers. The focus will be on registering voters and getting out the vote. Come and be a part of this rally!

**Thursday, September 27, 2012**

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**  
**218 W. Ottawa Street**  
**Lansing, MI 48933**  
**Meet at 11:00 a.m. at the church and then parade over to the Capitol lawn at noon.**

Following the rally, there will be a reception with light refreshments at the new LWV MI office:**600 West St. Joseph Street, Suite 3G Lansing, MI 48933**

FYI: Parking is available at lots on either W. Allegan Street or North Grand Ave.  
QUESTIONS? Call the LWVMI office at (517) 484-5383

[CLICK HERE TO SEE THE FLYER for additional information](#)

Dr. Doyal developed an abiding interest in Political Science that he has pursued more fully in retirement. This has led him into research on 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 coming presidential election and will be interesting to discuss now and evaluate after Nov. 6th.

**Monday, October 15th  
1:00-3:00 pm  
Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church  
17150 Maumee Avenue  
Grosse Pointe, MI 48236**

The Annex is a separate building on the Church property. Parking is immediate to it. For further information call Cynthia W at 821-6021 or email her at [Hot\\_Topics@grossepointe.mi.lwvnet.org](mailto:Hot_Topics@grossepointe.mi.lwvnet.org)

#### **Movie Night: "Iron Jawed Angels".**

Join us to view the film about the women's suffrage movement called, "Iron Jawed Angels" This movie will focus on the movement and the women who fought so hard for all of us to have the right to vote. Again, this is a very interesting and provocative medium, that all women should take the opportunity to see.

**Thursday, November 8, 2012  
7:00-9:00 pm  
Ewald Library  
15175 E Jefferson  
Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230**

### **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 you demand accuracy in advertising!

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

## **LWV GP Voter Services Article of Sep, 2012**

### **Voter Guides - Print & Electronic**

Where can voters find non-partisan information about the upcoming Nov 6 general election?

- Vote411.org is the one-stop, online shop for non-partisan information on elections and candidates. Use this site to read and compare candidate responses on relevant issues for federal, state and local offices, as well as for ballot proposals.
- The print voter guides for which LWV is famous will be available through libraries and city offices. Print guides will include information on candidates for federal and state, but not local offices.
- MiVote.org, in collaboration with LWV and others, has made available online interview videos with candidates for our 110 State Congressional districts.
- CANDIDATE FORUMS - taking place in Grosse Pointe in the month of October.

### **Candidate Forums:**

All candidates for each featured office are invited to participate in our candidate forums. Details of our voter forums are still coming together as we coordinate with the candidates. Each will begin at 7:15 in the evening. Please check <http://grossepointe.mi.lwvnet.org/> for updates.

#### **Oct 2**

Though more a Town Hall meeting than a candidate forum, this meeting is born of necessity. Six state-level and five county-level proposals will appear on the November 6th ballot. The objective of this meeting is to familiarize voters with the proposals. Location TBD.

#### **Oct 9**

Grosse Pointe School Board forum. Candidates are William Broman, Judy Gafa, Cindy Pangborn. The forum will be held at Grosse Pointe South's Wicking Library.

#### **Oct 16 (Tentative - Date and location to be confirmed)**

Michigan's State Representative District 2 forum. Candidates are Alberta Tinsley-Talabi, Daniel Corrigan Grano and Hans Christopher Barbe.

#### **Oct 15 or 17 (Tentative - Date and Location to be Confirmed)**

Michigan's State Representative District 1 forum. Candidates are Brian R. Banks and Dan Schulte.

#### **Oct 23**

U.S. Congressional District 14 forum. Candidates are Gary Peters, John Hauler, Leonard Schwartz and Douglas Campbell. This forum will be held at Ewald Library.

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. Forum volunteers are needed for the roles of Moderator, Question sorter, Timer, Question gatherer and Logistics/Set Up. Please contact Susan Leithauser-Yee at [leityee@comcast.net](mailto:leityee@comcast.net) or 313 770-4009 to express interest in a particular role or a particular race.



[Don't Forget to Check Out Vote411.org](#)

## **Voter Registration Challenge**

In the last few weeks the Democrats and Republicans have held their national Conventions, which means the countdown to Election Day has truly begun!

There are less than two months left until Election Day so we have our work cut out for us to make sure that every eligible American is registered to vote. Leagues across the country are working to register thousands of new voters at community colleges, bus stops, baseball games and naturalization ceremonies, and over 200 Leagues are participating in National Voter Registration Day later this month, but we're not stopping there - we're also working to get new voters registered with our online voter registration tool on VOTE411.org. Registration deadlines begin soon in many states, and time is running out.

We need your help to reach as many eligible voters as possible and let them know that on November 6th, we all have an equal say about our country's future. [Join our registration challenge by sending our e-card to three friends, family members or co-workers encouraging them to register to vote or update their registration by visiting VOTE411.org.](#)

[CLICK HERE TO TAKE THE REGISTRATION CHALLENGE](#)

## Mum Sale

LWVGP ANNUAL MUM SALE WAS ANOTHER SUCCESS!

Thanks to the hard work and great sales techniques by BETTY RUUD and SHARON RUGGIROLI!

Kudos and pats on the back for their efforts. The mums are beautiful and the full order was sold with almost half to pre-sales to our members.



## Membership: Dues Reminder

### SEPTEMBER 2012

Dues for the new League year (July 1, 2012 thru June 30, 2013) have been coming in over the summer. If you've not yet renewed, please do so as soon as possible by sending your check to or dropping it by our mail box at the War Memorial.

**League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe**  
32 Lake Shore Drive  
Grosse Pointe Farms  
Michigan 48236

See the LWVGP calendar for the year enclosed with this newsletter and be part of the interesting and fun year that your board has been developing over the summer months.

Individual dues \$60  
Household dues (two members at one address) \$90  
Student dues \$25

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann G. Kelly  
Membership Director

*The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization encouraging the informed and active participation of citizens in government. It influences public policy through education and advocacy.*

## Recommendation to Change Bylaws

At the National Convention in June our President learned that our League is not alone in having wonderful members to work on projects, but many fewer members able to take on longer-term commitments. Leagues have responded in different ways, some very radical, but our League's Board is taking the moderate step of recommending the elimination of the job of Administrative VP and reducing the number of elected directors from six to four, and appointed Directors from seven to five. This will streamline our Board while still allowing for many members to take part in League policy decisions.

The Board is using this opportunity to recommend other updates as well. The changes are in red. Please read through the recommendations and be ready to vote at the Chinese Dinner in January. You may direct questions to Ann Nicholson at [ann409@aol.com](mailto:ann409@aol.com) (884-4637).

### Article IV Board of Directors

Section 1. Number, Manner of Selection and Term of Office. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the League, six **.(four)** elected directors, and not more than seven appointed directors. Three **(Two)** directors shall be elected . . .

Section 6. Quorum. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum. ADD **(Members may attend electronically or by conference call provided every member can hear every other member.)**

### Article V Officers

Section 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers. The officers of LWVGP shall be a President or Co-Presidents, a first Vice President, a Second Vice-President, **(eliminate third Vice President)**, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall be elected for terms of two years by the general membership at the Annual Meeting and shall take office immediately. The officers shall also include a President-Elect who shall be elected in even-numbered years for a one-year term. The President or Co-Presidents, the first Vice-President, **(eliminate third Vice President)** shall . . .

Section 3. The Vice Presidents. The three **(two)** Vice Presidents, in order of their rank, shall . . .

Section 5. The Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be custodian of League funds and shall disburse same only upon the order of the Board. He or she shall present statements to the Board at regular Board meetings and an Annual Report to the Annual Meeting. A budget Comparison report shall be submitted to the Board and the membership semi-annually. The President shall appoint a Director to collect and deposit all moneys due and submit a report of same to the Treasurer.

**This updated description reflects recommended best practices from LWVMI and our current practice.**

### Article VI. Financial Administration

Section 5. **(eliminate)** Audit. An annual independent audit shall be made and presented to the membership at the first general meeting following the annual meeting.

**Replace with Section 5. Verification. The President shall appoint a person or persons to verify consistency within the Treasurer's records annually. A report to the membership shall be presented to the membership by February 1.**

**This change in terminology is recommended because the terms "audit" and "review" have very specific accounting definitions now, and our League neither needs nor can afford these professional services. This change in wording does not change the practice we have maintained for many years.**

Article X. National Convention, State Convention and Council, and ILO Convention

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**Eliminate Section 3, and any other mention of State Council, which no longer exists. Re-number Section 4 to be Section 3.**

## League Links

[LWV Grosse Pointe](#)

[LWV Michigan](#)

[LWV United States](#)

View our videos on 

## Important Voting Links



[VOTE411.ORG](http://VOTE411.ORG)

[Michigan's Absentee Ballot Request Form](#)

[Michigan's Voter Registration Application Form](#)

[Forward email](#)



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