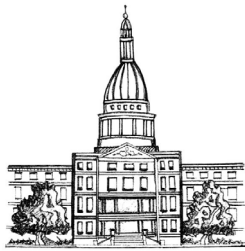




League of Women Voters - Lansing Area



CAPITOL VOTER

OCTOBER 2017

FALL LEAGUE ACTIVITIES

- **November 6** - 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Lunch with the League. Rep. Hank Vaupel, (R- 47). State House Experiences of a Second Term Legislator. Hall of Fame Cafe, Lake Lansing Road
- **November 7** - Election Day in some communities.
- **November 11 through 18** - LWVLA Fundraiser Days at Schuler's Books. Shop and earn money for LWVLA.
- **November 14** - 10 a.m. -LWVLA Book Group discussing Trevor Noah's *Born a Crime*, Grand Traverse Pie Company, East Lansing
- **November 14** - 7 p.m. Protecting Our Children: Gun Violence Prevention Strategies panel discussion. Hannah Community Center, Abbot Road, East Lansing

CAPITOL VOTER HIGHLIGHTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NEW MEMBERS

BOOK GROUP NEWS

LWV-LMR ANNUAL MEETING

CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

LUNCH WITH THE LEAGUE

PREVENTING GUN VIOLENCE PROGRAM

LEAGUE FUND RAISER AT SCHULER BOOKS

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CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

FINDING A COURSE FOR MEANINGFUL ACTION



As the stories of tragedy and heroism continue to come forth two weeks after the horrific event in Los Vegas, one tends to repeatedly ask: What can I-individually, and as a League member-really do to start to make a difference?

During the past few months, a small but dedicated group of local League members has been compiling information, drawing up recommendations for the LWVLA board, and planning a community forum on preventing gun violence. See below for information about the important November 14th panel discussion. We need to find ways to bring more information to our members on this topic as well as highlighting the work of other groups that we can join in coalition efforts. These are the steps, that when taken with purpose and dedication and in collaboration with others, really do start to make a difference.

Beth Moore & Camilla Davis

VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



STATE REPRESENTATIVE TO TALK ABOUT EXPERIENCES AT NOVEMBER 6 LUNCHEON

Representative Hank Vaupel (R-47th) will talk about his experiences during his first and second terms in the Michigan Legislature. He will focus on what he's learned about public service at the state level. This Lunch with the League will be on Monday, November 6 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at the Spartan Hall of Fame Café on Lake Lansing Road. Guests are welcome.

Reservations are not required but appreciated so we will have enough seats and servers. Contact Camilla

Deborah Killewald,
Jackson

Mike Butchart, Jackson

Sally Burroughs, East
Lansing

John Sarver, East
Lansing

Beverly Hynes, Lansing

Carol Lundquist,
Laingsburg

Alicia Pilmore,
Haslett

**BOOK GROUP TO
DISCUSS
BORN A CRIME**



On November 14, the League Book Group will be discussing Trevor Noah's *Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood*. The group meets at 10 am at Grand Traverse Pie Company in East Lansing. Books are available at Schulers and everyone is welcome.

**LWV-LMR ANNUAL
MEETING NOVEMBER
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Davis at cdavis.lwvmi@gmail.com or call 668-6156.

**Protecting Our Children:
Gun Violence Prevention Strategies**

The League will sponsor an important and timely community forum featuring a panel discussion of strategies for protecting our children from gun violence. The program will be on Tuesday, November 14 at 7 p.m. at Hannah Community Center in East Lansing.

Panelists will include:

-Linda Brundage, Executive Director of Michigan Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence

-Scott Nichols, Retired Michigan State Police and member of MOMS Demand Action and Board Member of MCPGV

-Emily Durbin, Chapter Leader for MI MOMS Demand Action

-Sonja Lewis, MD, MPH, representing Physicians for Prevention of Gun Violence

This program was arranged by the Gun Violence Prevention Issue Group, chaired by Marty Couretas.

**SHOP AT SCHULER BOOKS AND
SUPPORT YOUR LEAGUE**



Schuler Book Days will take place for our League during the week of November 11 through 18. Twenty per cent of all sales identified by the password **VOTE** will be given to the League of Women Voters of the Lansing Area. This includes all sales at both Meridian Mall and Eastwood Towne Center or on-line ordering (but not in Chapbook Café). In 2016 we earned \$500 for the League! [Click here](#) to download a flyer to give to friends and family.



The 2017 Annual Meeting of the LWV Lake Michigan Region will be held on November 9 in Green Bay Wisconsin. More information is on their [web site](#).

LWVLA is a member of LWVLMR.

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**THE LEAGUE WORKS TO
INFORM VOTERS**



Although this is considered an "off election year," the League has had a busy agenda of voter service activities:

- Candidate forums for the primary and general elections for the city of Lansing
- VOTE411.org electronic voter guide including candidate information for any cities with elections and the ballot language for proposals throughout the tri-county area.
- Printed voter guides covering candidates for mayor, city council, and city clerk in Lansing.
- That same information, provided by the League, was printed in the Lansing City Pulse on October 10.
- An October 17 presentation at Peckam Industries focused on helping disabled voters better understand the voting process. This was done under a LWVUS Political Action Voter Protection grant.

Finance/Fund Raising

Debby Starnes

Jackson Unit

Mary Lee Clark

Membership/Web

Master

Judy Culham

New Member Liaison

Barbara Bidigare

**Parliamentarian/
Government**

Cele Friestater

Publicity

Carol Swinehart

JACKSON UNIT UPDATE



Members of the Jackson unit have been working toward becoming an independent League and will present their application to the LWVMI board at its December meeting. They continue to be active in the community, including hosting a forum for Jackson mayoral and city council candidates for wards 1, 3, 5, and 6 on Thursday, October 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Michigan Theatre.

On September 15, the Jackson Unit partnered with the Carnegie Library to celebrate Constitution Day. The Redistricting Group has presentations lined up with some local organizations including the Business and Professional Women's Association.

The Jackson Unit will be assisting Reed Manor, a HUD housing facility, to elect a resident council.

BIDDING FAREWELL.....

At the October 3 board meeting, members noted with regret that two board members were moving to other locations. Jenny Alvarez, education director, is moving to the Detroit Area. Jenny brought to the board great experience in education and a wonderful ability to ask probing questions and focus attention in new ways. Sherlyn Hogenson, board member at-large, is moving to northern Michigan. She has been an extraordinary volunteer, always ready to help with registering voters and publicizing the League.

In addition, we also will miss Juan Alvarez and Margaret and David Rovner as they move to new locations.

QUICK LINKS

[LWVLA WEB SITE](#)

[LWVMI WEB SITE](#)

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**organization's
initiatives.**



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Most League members will be receiving notification for renewing annual dues. Your League dues of \$65 (\$97.50 for a household membership) support the lobbying, education and legal actions of LWVUS and LWVMI. Ten dollars remains to support our local voter service and programming efforts.

You can renew your membership by writing a check and filling in the form when it comes in the mail OR by using the Pay Pal option on the LWVLA web site. [Click here](#) to access JOIN using Pay Pal. Also, check out the information on the form and website about the dues assistance policy.

The membership count on January 31 of each year determines our Per Member Payments to the state and national levels of the League. Any member who joined after January 31, 2017 was not counted for those payments and therefore will not receive a renewal notice until October 2018.