



League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County
Established in Livonia in 1960

VOTER

www.LWVNorthwestwayne.org

May 2019

Serving: Belleville, Canton, Garden City, Livonia,
Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter Twp, Van Buren Twp, Wayne and Westland

Upcoming Events

Sat. June 22
11:30 am – 2pm

Annual Meeting
Claddagh's Irish Pub
17800 Haggerty, Livonia 48152
(see article on p.)

Sat., Aug. 24
11:30 am – 2:30 pm

Women's Equality Day Luncheon
St. Mary's Cultural & Banquet Center
18100 Merriman Rd., Livonia 48152

To find the most current news about the League, go to the website
www.lwvnorthwestwayne.org
or
<http://facebook.com/LeagueofWomenVotersOfNorthwestWayneCounty>

Reminder: Please pay dues by July 1st; see details on page 5.

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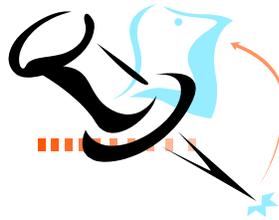
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Membership is open to anyone
age 16 & older.

Dues: Student \$5; Individual
\$60, Household \$85.

The League of Women Voters is
a non-partisan, political organi-
zation that encourages informed
and active participation in
government, works to increase
understanding of major public
policy issues, and influence
public policy through education



President's Message

This letter will be my last as League president. It's been an honor to serve you in this role for 8 years. During that time, we've seen many changes. Our membership has nearly doubled; our funds have greatly increased; and we've mentored the Belleville Geographical Unit. We started monitoring co-op elections; we've conducted voter registration events in many locations; and I've had the pleasure of speaking on behalf of the League at many venues, including Livonia City Council. We've hosted countless candidate forums and public forums on various topics. Not insignificantly, we were instrumental in the passage of two ballot proposals in 2018, and we participated in the gerrymandering/redistricting lawsuit filed by the State League, which was decided in the League's favor. As my tenure ends, we hosted the State League Convention for the first time in NW Wayne County. Attendance was the highest it's been in years, if ever, and we had a historically large representation from our League. It was a great celebration of the 100th Anniversary of women's suffrage in Michigan and the establishment of the Michigan League of Women Voters.

I could have accomplished none of this were it not for all of you. Whether you served on the Board, participated in a voter registration event or candidate forum, or helped in other small or large ways, you are why our League has achieved so much. I am continually grateful for the amazing membership in this League. When I put out an email recently asking for helpers to distribute the latest They Represent You brochures, I had more than enough volunteers within 12 hours, including several very new members. Many larger Leagues don't accomplish as much in a year as we do.

Now, we need to look to the future. My successor, Paula Bowman, was also my predecessor. Paula served as president for 14 years before me. That means that only two people have been president of this League for a combined 22 years. Paula will definitely do a great job, but we need to develop new leadership for our League. I will continue to serve on the Board, and I hope to work with newer League members to help them become leaders of this organization.

Our Annual Meeting will be held on June 22. My last official duty will be to lead this meeting. I hope to see a great turnout for the meeting. Thanks to all of you for making my time as president as memorable and rewarding as it has been.

Angela Ryan

Annual Meeting

June 22, 2019

11:30 am – 2pm

Claddagh's Irish Pub, 17800 Haggerty, Livonia
48152

Our bylaws require us to hold an annual meeting between March 1 and June 30 of each year, wherein the members vote on a budget, elect officers, vote to change bylaws (if needed), decide on a program for the next year, and conduct any other necessary business. Our bylaws and positions are on the League's website.

At Claddagh's Irish Pub, you can order lunch (order off the menu, pay individually) and participate in the discussion and votes. The proposed budget is attached. Annual dues are \$60.

No bylaw changes or local studies were proposed by the board or the membership. The program for the next year will be discussed at the meeting.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SLATE OF CANDIDATES

2019 - 2021

By Paula Bowman

The Nominating Committee made up of Sue Wabeke, Kathy Mchahwar, Pat Tavidian and Paula Bowman offers the following slate of candidates for the NW Wayne County Board of Directors:

President: Paula Bowman
VP Development: Angela Ryan
VP Voter Service: Carrie Moon-Dupree (1-year term)
Treasurer: Laurie Kelly
Voter Editor: Ann Abdoo
Director: Donna Gilkey-Lavin
Director: Virginia Belinski

Director: Lena Packer

Director: Carin Meyer (1 year term)

Several board members are continuing with the 2nd year of their term:

Secretary: Kathy Mchahwar

Director: Mary Visos

Director: Lori Gilbo

The Nominating Committee is recommending to the board that they appoint the following as directors: Deanna Masters, Manny Lavin, Judy Patrick, Maureen Hughes, Val Nelson and Jackie Peters.

We appreciate all the members who have stepped up to make our League strong during this next term.



New Members

Sylvia Yukmirovich, Canton
Gayle Groshko, Redford
Linda Evanko, Livonia
Naabia Romain, Canton
Missy Durante, Canton



Women's Equality Day Luncheon

Saturday, August 24, 2019
11:30 am – 2:30 pm

St. Mary's Cultural & Banquet Center

18100 Merriman Rd., Livonia (between Six &
Seven Mile Rds., east side of street, back
entrance)

Luncheon \$30.

Reservations must be made by August 14.
Call 248-355-5233 or 734-837-4657

"How Suffragists Changed Michigan"

Michigan Women were able to vote in 1919, one year before the ratification of the 19th Amendment. In honor of this Centennial, Historian Elizabeth Homer will tell the fascinating story of why it took our suffragist foremothers so long and who opposed.

T.R.V. Volunteers

By Angela Ryan

Thanks to the volunteers who delivered "They Represent You" pamphlets to our local libraries. There was an amazingly quick response to the request. Those who participated were: Norma Wade, Joan Verla, Gayle Groshko, Susan Rowe, Lori Gilbo, Lena Packer, and Tanya Pitkin. Their assistance is greatly appreciated.



"Many Hands Make Light Work"

by Linda Curry

Many thanks to the budget planning committee for their input developing our budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Jackie Peters, Laurie Kelly, Donna Gilkey-Lavin, Angela Ryan and I met on May 9th at Panera in Canton.

We stuck to our agenda and were prepared with past and current financial reports to review. A budget worksheet made it easy to fill in our estimates for next year.

After less than two hours, our task was complete. We anticipated both income and expenses to rise slightly next year due to our increase in membership. If all renew, we will have 86 members!

LWVNWW is in great financial shape and we anticipate another successful fiscal year. With much appreciation for everyone's generosity, time and talent.

(See attached proposed budget).

Dues Renewal

Dues can be paid at the annual meeting.

Annual dues for the League of Women Voters are now due. We value the membership of each of you! Payment of your dues assures you of another year of promoting political responsibility through active and informed participation of citizens in government. Please remit your dues promptly.

Renewal Dues: \$ 60.00 *(These dues can also be paid via PayPal from our website: lwvnorthwestwayne.org)*

Renewal Dues for Student: \$ 5.00

Second Person dues: \$ _____ *(Dues for second person in the same household are \$25.00)*

Plus contribution: \$ _____ *(But if you want to claim a tax deduction for your contribution, you must write a separate check to LWV Education Fund)*

Total: \$ _____

If you joined the League less than a year ago, we will provide you with a prorated dues amount that covers your membership through June 30, 2020.

PAYEE: Make your check payable to LWV Northwest Wayne County

MAILING? If you aren't attending the June 22nd annual meeting and want to mail in your dues **by July 1**, send your check to our current treasurer: Linda Curry at 15145 Fairlane, Livonia, MI 48154.

If you are mailing in your dues renewal **after July 1**, please send your check to our new treasurer: Laurie Kelly at 7554 Trophy Ct., Grass Lake, MI, 49240

ON LINE: Dues can also be paid on-line at our website: www.lwvorthwestwayne.org

CHANGES? If you have a new email address, phone number or street address, please write it here:
