



League of Women Voters of the Lansing Area Jackson Unit

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Calendar



September

13 League Meeting

Becoming a League - topics for discussion and voting

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Library – West Side Meijer Branch

15 Constitution Day Celebration

Voter Registration and many activities

1:00 – 6:00pm
Carnegie Library

19 Our Democracy at Risk

6:00 – 8:00 pm Lansing
Judy Karandjeff, LWVMI President

21 JXN Community Forum

Control of Life & Decisions as You Age

6:30 – 8:30 pm
Carnegie Library Auditorium

27 Discussion Group

How to Protect Election Infrastructure from Foreign Powers

2:00 -3:00 pm
Biggby Coffee East Side, Dettman Rd.

October

10 Last Day to Register to Vote

18 A Sustainable Future:

Exploring Solar Options

Lansing
Panel Discussion

19 JXN Community Forum

Candidate Forum – Jackson City Mayor and Wards 1, 3 and 5

6:30 – 8:30 pm
Michigan Theatre

November

7 Election Day

9 JXN Community Forum

Human Trafficking, Panel Presentation

6:30 – 8:30 pm
Carnegie Library Auditorium

Remember— Even if you don't have time for active participation, your membership and donations strengthen our ability to serve our community!

September 13 Wednesday League Meeting 2:00 pm Library – Meijer Branch, East Side **Becoming a League Progress Report and Voting Updates from Issue Groups**

Significant progress has been made over the summer toward our application to become an independent league. We will review our chosen jurisdiction and discuss and vote on several areas:

- Officers and a Board of Directors and Terms of Office
- Jackson's Bylaws
- Non-Partisan Policy
- Membership Dues Amount for Local Per Member Payment
- Budget

It's not often one can participate from the ground floor to shape an organization. These are important issues for longevity of our Jackson League so come and participate.

Issue Groups have been working over the summer. Learn where they are and how you might participate in future plans:

- **VOTER RIGHTS AND PROTECTION:** Redistricting update
- **CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM**
- **ENVIRONMENT PRESERVATION:** Update and the future
- **PUBLIC EDUCATION:** Civic education in grade/ high schools

September Discussion Group



Wednesday, September 27

Location: East Side Biggby (Dettman Rd & E Michigan Ave)

HOW TO PROTECT ELECTION INFRASTRUCTURE FROM FOREIGN POWERS

Amid ongoing investigations into Russia's unprecedented cyberattacks around the 2016 election, a report recently published by the Brennan Center outlines specific actions Congress and local election officials can quickly take to insulate voting technology from continued foreign interference. Additional articles also suggested.

The Brennan Center for Justice:

1. Report: Securing Elections from Foreign Interference June 2017
<https://www.brennancenter.org/publication/securing-elections-foreign-interference>
2. Replace outdated voting machines:
<https://www.brennancenter.org/analysis/replace-outdated-voting-machines>

Center for Public Integrity

1. Top Federal Election Official in interview: Voting Fraud "Not an Epidemic"
<https://www.publicintegrity.org/2017/04/13/20813/top-federal-election-official-voting-fraud-not-epidemic>
2. Center for Public Integrity Sues Federal Election Commission
<https://www.publicintegrity.org/2017/06/16/20925/center-public-integrity-sues-federal-election-commission>

East Side Biggby Coffee offers a Conference room in back and bagels and beverage to bring if you so choose. All League members are welcome.

Welcome 2017 New Member
Sarah Welton



THIS
IS
DEMOCRACY

2017 Registered Voter Count

Jackson County Totals

All Registered Voters:

110,418

Active* Registered Voters:

94,301

State of Michigan Totals

All Registered Voters:

7,355,063

Active* Registered Voters

6,300,959

As of February 2017

*Active voter count excludes voters who have not voted in at least six years or have been sent a notice pursuant to MCL 168.50911

September 15

12:30 – 6:00 pm

Constitution Day Celebration
Carnegie Library

LWV volunteers still needed

to help at Voter Registration Table. If you have never done this before you will be paired with a knowledgeable member. There will be a laptop available so we can help people learn their registration status and where to vote. If you can help for a 2 hour segment, please contact Bobbie Bryant: Bobbiebryant47@comcast.net

Lansing Events

Our Calendar of Events includes several in Lansing. That is because we were formed under the auspices of the Lansing League. Until we become an independent league, we are welcome to all Lansing events.

League Mission: The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Questions: Email Mary Lee at LeaguewvJackson@gmail.com or Call 517-782-0964

It's Official!!

Official Name: At our May meeting, there was a lively and thoughtful discussion on what our official name should be once we become an independent league. For any current or future members who do not live within Jackson County, we want them to feel included as reflected in our name. After discussion, there was a unanimous vote to become:

League of Women Voters Jackson Area

Jurisdiction: We then discussed our jurisdiction. Again, we want to be inclusive but realistic. Because we are a small group, the membership did not feel we should commit to providing services beyond Jackson County, but we do not want to exclude that from happening. The membership voted that our Jurisdiction shall be:

Jackson County only

September 13 Meeting: We will be voting on officers, bylaws and other issues that move us toward being an independent league.

Your LWV Officer Slate

Membership will elect officers at the September 13 meeting. Your Leadership Team will be putting forth the following slate of officers. Nominations will also be taken from the floor.

- President – Mary Lee Clark
- Vice-President Program – Rosemary Edgar
- Secretary – Bobbie Bryant
- Treasurer – Linda Furgason

Control of Life & Decisions as You Age

JXN Community Forum

September 19

Carnegie Library Auditorium

Elder Care Specialists from Chalgian & Trip and Legal Services Elder Care Services will be speaking to this topic addressing important areas such as:

- Financial & Legal issues:
- Surrogate decision making
- Protecting caregiver's home if spouse is in care
- Documents to protect you & your spouse
- Control over decisions & assets
- Documents needed & who should have copies
- Elder Abuse

Speakers

Chris Smith, Attorney from Chalgian & Trip, attorneys specializing in elder care

Michael Derby, Managing Attorney with Legal Services of South Central Michigan, Elder Care Division

