



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS




Dearborn - Dearborn Heights

A nonpartisan political organization, dedicated to Making Democracy Work
through voter education, issue advocacy, and citizen participation

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The Voter newsletter for members and friends of the
League of Women Voters of Dearborn – Dearborn Heights



The LWV-DDH Annual Potluck

Saturday, December 13, 11 am - 1 pm

Mona & Abed Hammoud's
13847 Lanson Ave., Dearborn

RSVP by Sunday, Dec. 7

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Tell her what you'll bring & the name of your guest(s). This is the most fun program of the year – Abed shares insights and information about the political world around us and the food is delicious! Bring a friend !



Elayne Boismier with Voter Guides

State Voter Guides

Thanks to all who distributed both local and state voter guides in our communities. Dearborn and Dearborn Heights were well covered. Also to those who hand-delivered to 21 other communities in Wayne County including:

Allen Park, Lincoln Park, Taylor, Huron Township, Sumpter Township, Belleville, Romulus and Van Buren Township and many other downriver communities.



President's Message

The League of Women Voters made a difference this election season!

Two successful candidate forums were widely circulated and viewed often. Municipal clerk offices and public libraries welcomed the printed League Voter Guides throughout Dearborn, Dearborn Heights and Wayne County. The LWV-DDH delivered a total of 12,000 voter guides! 4,000 Local and 4,000 State Voter Guides to sites within Dearborn & Dearborn Heights, and an additional 4,000 State Voter Guides to clerk offices in Wayne County without local leagues. VOTE411.org, the League's online Voter Guide is really catching on as it becomes easier to navigate. Voters call the League phone with questions. Thank you to all the members who helped with these activities - many of you made time in busy schedules to encourage the informed and active participation in government.

Chris Sullivan-Rathwell and Marion Bloye with help from Toni Tront, Kathy Gapa and Fred Hoffman are conducting a League finance drive before the end of the year, a letter campaign, to ask for much needed funds to continue our important activities.

Let's get together to celebrate our achievements and hear what else is going on politically as well as what's coming up next year for the League. Abed and Mona Hammoud have opened their home for our Annual Holiday Potluck Brunch at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 13. Friends of the League are welcome - maybe this will be the impetus they need to join the League. Please invite a friend. Mary Bugeia has agreed to coordinate what dish/item we bring and to take reservations so I know it will be a lovely and special event. Part of the fun will be some observations about the political world from Abed who provides excellent insights as well as humor in his presentation.

In January we will begin a new calendar year:

- Sue Hachem, Voter Service Co-chair, will lead the 2015 update of our most popular publication, Who's Who, the list of elected public officials.
- A new member team will organize the Youth Voter Registration Project to register eligible 17 and 18 year olds in the high schools, public & private, in both cities in March. We hope to work with ACCESS again on this fun and important activity.
- Zaineb Hussein and Chris Sullivan-Rathwell, Fund Development Co-chairs, and their committee (Marion Bloye, Fred Hoffman, Toni Tront, Kathy Gapa) are organizing a major project to renew our much-needed League finances. We are asking for community support - our cities are stronger and benefit greatly from the work of the Local League. We hope to mobilize lots of people, businesses and organizations to help make this a banner year for fundraising.

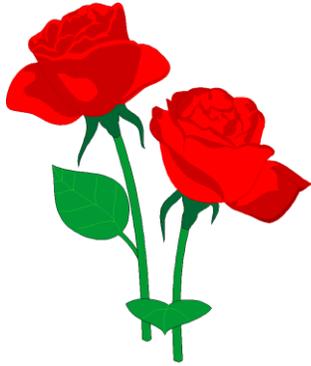
So much to do, so little time! I am really proud of all that we accomplished this election season, and indeed, this calendar year! The League of Women Voters provides unique and important services. We can only do this with your involvement, be it some time, some talent, some treasure. With your help 2015 will be a great year.

Betsy Cushman

Have a great November and December!!!

Welcome New Members!

Patricia Healy
Abbie Bazzi



Marilyn Willson Honored!

50 year member of the League of Women Voters, Marilyn Willson was honored on Monday by President Betsy Cushman and Treasurer Carolyn Buell.



Carolyn Buell, Marilyn Willson, Betsy Cushman

Henry Ford Student Convention

The 11th Annual Michigan Student Political Issues Convention sponsored by Henry Ford College and League of Women Voters took place on Friday, October 31, 2014, 9 am – 1:30 pm at Henry Ford College.

The primary purpose was to develop a political agenda from the student participants. They do not address specific solutions; rather students ask those in office to find appropriate solutions to their concerns. HFC Convener Dr. Tony Perry, HFC President Stan Jensen, LWV-DDH President Betsy Cushman, Wayne State Board of Governors member Debbie Dingell and Mayor Jack O'Reilly Jr. all addressed the convention. There were 2 sets of workshops put on by students from HFC, U-M/D, OCC, and even a webcast with students from the Lebanese American University in Beirut. Chris Sullivan-Rathwell, Don Rathwell, and Elayne Boismier staffed the League table in the lobby.



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