



Co-Presidents Fall Letter

Fall 2024

Dear Members,

As we're writing, our League is still at work for this coming election. Early voting will start in Jackson County, Saturday, October 26 and end Sunday, November 3rd. The Big Day is November 5th. Many of our League members will be working the elections, and later observing the Board of Canvassers. We encourage our members to volunteer, even if you have never worked elections, observing the Board of Canvassers as they canvass and certify our County election is a real class in just how our elections work. All of the work comes down to these meetings, and to these four people. Anyone who would like to work a shift, please contact Pam Schultz who will set up the schedule. For those who are new to this, you will not be there alone. The LWVMI has taken on the task of attempting to cover all counties in Michigan, including counties where there is not a LWV presence. These are "the rooms where it happens".

As this newsletter will be received before November 5th, the League wants to take the time to thank all our members who have worked so diligently recruiting new voters, answering questions regarding voting, passing out voting literature, driving around the county and setting up tables to work, helping with forums.....I know I speak for everyone when I say that our Voter Service Committee, co-chaired by Pam Schultz and Laurie Campbell, have done "Yeoman's Duty". Saying Thank You seems inadequate. Thank you Sarah Welton, Administrator, for putting together our Vote411/Voter Guide. Our League has made our presence known throughout the County of Jackson, and it shows. So many people have requested the guide.

Our League has accomplished a great deal in an extremely busy time. Please check out our website. We are working diligently to make the pages current, and to provide members with information they need.



Stay focused, smile, and we look forward to seeing many of you at our Friendship Tea in November. Our work is far from done, but that will come later...

Deborah & Linda



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LWVJA Events Calendar

November

- 5th Tuesday Election Day
- 7th Thursday 1:00 – 3:00 LWVJA Membership Post-Election Breather
Bella Notte
- 11th Tuesday Veterans Day
- 14th Monday 7:00pm Zoom LWVMI President's Meeting
- 16th Saturday 10:30am - 1:00pm 6th Annual LWVJA Friendship Tea
Arbor View Community Room, 120 W Arbor View Dr, Spring Arbor
- 18th – 21st Michigan Theatre Christmas Tree Decorating by LWVJA
- 22nd Friday Noon LWVJA Board Meeting, Ella Sharp Museum
- 22nd Nov -30th Dec Michigan Theatre Holiday Tree voting
- 27th Thursday Thanksgiving Day

December

- 5th Thursday LWVJA Christmas Party, NOON, Fawzi's Sports Bar and Grill
(Formerly Enchanted Forest), 3705 Ann Arbor Rd, 49202

- 25th Wednesday Christmas Day

January 2025

- 1st Wednesday New Years Day
- 16th Thursday 7 p.m. Zoom LWVMI President's Meeting
- 20th Monday Martin Luther King Day
- 21st Friday Noon LWVJA Board Meeting, Ella Sharp Museum



Fran Parker Local League President 1981 and state president 1989—1993 awarded Life Membership at the League of Women Voters Jackson Area Annual Meeting

Fran (Frances) Parker, member of the League of Women Voters of Jackson County (now LWV Jackson Area) for more than 50 years, died Aug. 8, 2024. Fran devoted much of her adult life and much of her considerable energy to the League’s mission.

Fran graduated from the College of Wooster with a degree in History. Before children, she taught seventh grade in the Willow Run Schools. After the family settled in Jackson, Michigan, she became a lifelong activist for social and environmental causes. She helped launch a community recycling program in the 1970s, was a long-time supporter of the Dahlem Nature Center and a delighted birder with the Jackson Audubon Society. She dedicated decades to the League of Women Voters, including state-wide lobbying on key issues and serving as President for the Michigan League. Her work was recognized by the Susan B. Anthony Award, the Liberty Bell Award, and a Michigan Senate Concurrent Resolution.



In Loving Memory Of
Frances B. Parker
1934 ~ 2024

She joined the Jackson LWV in 1968, and the Board in 1973 as chair of the Representative Government Committee, a LWVUS position. One of its action items

was the direct election of the president and vice-president of the US; Fran was very much in favor of this. In 1980, as Chair of the Local Schools Study Committee, she testified before the Jackson Public Schools Board based on a study the committee had made. She went on to become president of her local League in 1981.

From there, she went to the LWVMI board in 1983 and was vice-president variously for Legislative Affairs, Advocacy and Program Support before becoming its president from 1989-1993. After that she became a lobbyist for the LWVMI in the state legislature. She was particularly interested in environmental, government and social policy issues and was very good at explaining in the nicest possible way what the correct position on any issue was. During her tenure as president, she visited some local Leagues, going as far as Escanaba.

She had a great brain and a cheerful and compassionate spirit. And she made the very best pies.

Fran Parker was a woman who knew how to live; we are grateful that she invested so much of her life in the League of Women Voters.

Little Pieces

I love the little pieces -

*Just a chord on the piano,
A brush of color spread across white paper,
Six translucent blossoms in the morning
sun,
The sound and feel of a successful fairway
swing,
A slice of fresh peach on my tongue,
Your eyes meeting mine,*

*Little pieces -
Great happiness.*

Poem by Fran Parker, 2002

Crouch Center Senior Resource Event Aug16th



Laurie Campbell & Pam Schultz explaining what the League in Jackson does

Jet Jam at Jackson College Aug 28th

Jet Jam was held at Jackson College on August 28th. Debbie Killewald, Pam Schultz and Laurie Campcell staffed the League's booth helping put students get in touch numerous with local & state resources from a variety of organizations.



YPOP (Young People of Purpose) August 30th



The Young People of Purpose (YPOP) event organized by Diane Washington on August 30th. The focus was educating young people, and the parents they came with, about the importance of voting. Speakers were: Diane Washington, Arlene Robinson, Senator Sue Shink & the League of Women Voters Jackson Area.

I just wanted to provide an update on the voter education event held in Jackson. There was concern about the words that were used by the organizers to describe the event, which included Senator Sue Shink. The fear was that some could jump to the conclusion that this was a political and partisan event. (Yes, that really happens in Jackson!) As it turned out, it was anything *but* partisan.

I think I can speak for both Laurie and myself when I say that it was well worth our being there. Without going into great detail, it was a celebration of the determination and drive of some remarkable women in Jackson (Diane Washington and Arlene Robinson) and their belief that voting is a right and responsibility that young people must respect and protect. Senator Sue Shink and her staff were there to support the work these women do (and provided pizza for lunch!) and a local business owner served ice cream from his food truck (very appreciated on a hot day!). The "formal" program was focused on encouraging youth to be aware of and engaged in the election process by registering to vote, learning about the candidates and issues in their community and the ways they can vote, thanks to the passage of Proposal 2. For those who were not old enough to register or vote yet, we urged them to consider becoming an election inspector if/when they were 16.

The media was there too—a reporter from Fox47 , Olivia Pageau, multimedia journalist and a photojournalist from Channel 10. The young reporter from Fox 47 was delightful: she's a graduate of Lumen Christi HS and still lives in Jackson. Her pride in the community is evident. The link to her report on Fox 47 is below:
<https://www.fox47news.com/neighborhoods/jackson-hillsdale/your-vote-matters-jackson-area-leaders-discuss-the-importance-of-registering-to-vote>

I couldn't find the story on WILX.

To summarize, in spite of the anxiety in the beginning, it was a rewarding and positive event. And yes, we did help one participant register....you'll see her "story" in the video! All in all, a great day that we were glad to be part of and represent the LWV.

Pam Schultz co-chair of Voter Services



Custom, reusable **VOTE yard signs**. Encouraging people to vote on one side and the reverse highlights Vote411.org which gives voter information tailored to you.

They're free, waterproof and please display in any election season.

The cost of these signs along with paying toward Kling-Ons for window display at home or in your car was covered by a grant from LWVMI



Text Linda Furgason 517-812-7965 or Deborah Nagy 517-395-8461 to have any delivered



LWVJA Voter Services hosted a "Meet the Candidates" event on September 24 in the Grand Community Room at Ella Sharp Museum. The goal of the program was to give community members a chance to learn more about the people who would be on the ballot in the November 5th General Election.

The invitation was extended to candidates who were running for seats that would be on the ballots of all voters in Jackson County. The seats included:

- County Clerk/Register of Deeds
- Probate Court Judge, Jackson County, 4th District.
- Jackson College Trustees
- County Commissioners in Districts 3, 6, 7 and 8
- State House Representative in Districts 45, 46 and 47

Of the 24 candidates for those seats, 16 were able to attend. Each candidate was given 3 minutes to speak about their candidacy and positions on issues. Following the speeches, there was time for those attending to meet with the candidates for further discussion and information. The entire program was professionally recorded and placed on the LWVJA website and Facebook page.

Community members who attended the program as well as those who viewed the recording benefit from our efforts to provide information that will empower voters.



Linda Furgason opened the meeting with remarks about the many voter-related handouts, newsletters, Voter Guide, lawn signs, Vote 411.org materials that were available for distribution.

Renell Weathers introduced Rosemary Edgar as the time keeper and reminded each speaker of the 15 minute time limit including Q and A. Renell stated that this was an opportunity for all attendees to learn important information about each of the county-wide millage proposals on the November 5th ballot.

Jackson County Jail Operations Millage Proposal. Jackson County Sheriff Gary Schuette explained that the purpose of funding ongoing expenses at the Jackson County Jail is strictly for continuing the operations of the current jail facilities. The millage is about the deputies that do the job of keeping us safe. Without the millage, the Sheriff will be forced to cut \$1 million from the budget, equating to 12 full-time deputy positions. Mill Rate .25 Impact \$100,000 = \$12.50 or less in property tax.

Library Millage Renewal Proposal. Meijer Branch Manager Carrie World and Calvin Battles, JDL Coordinator presented the rationale for the millage renewal request. JLD had enhanced services and increased access, upgraded its infrastructure, expanded its collections, and continued and enhanced quality programming. The current millage expires Dec. 2024. Since the last millage, there has been a 23% increase in overall circulation, a 74% increase in digital content usage, and a 98% increase in new card sign-ups. The millage, they explained, will be used to modernize JDL space, increase communication about resources, services, and programs, and expand literacy efforts through programming, services and outreach. They encouraged participants to talk to neighbors, post info on social networks, and vote.

Jackson College Millage Proposal. Jackson College Chief Strategy and Research Officer, Ashley Van Heest, presented the college’s proposal to restore the 1964 millage (minus the Headlee Amendment, i.e., the reductions required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963) for a period of 10 years, from 2025-2034. The funds would be used to enhance job training, job placement, and professional trades education. Mill Rate 1.74 mills Impact \$100,000 = \$9.77 in property tax.

Renell concluded the evening’s presentations reminding attendees that their voices, their votes matter. She stressed that we needed to stay engaged, thus fulfilling the League of Women Voters’ mission - to defend democracy and empower voters.



Renell Weathers
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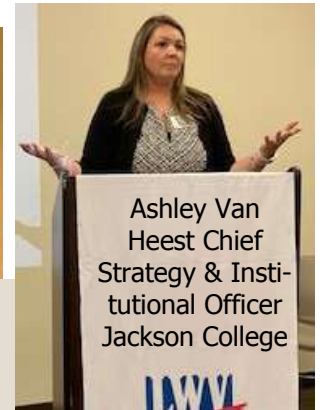
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Gary Schuette

SINCE 2016

- Enhanced Services and Increased Access**
 - Public renewals and library card
 - Access on JATA buses
 - Help centers
 - Library tutoring
 - Library to local
- Upgraded Infrastructure**
 - Brooklyn: 2,000 ft² expansion
 - Eastland: First renovation since mid-1960s
 - Spring Arbor: New building and partnership with DoA
 - Carnegie: Renovated youth area, exterior cleaning and repair, window replacement
 - Hanover: New building renovation
 - Honickta & Springport: interior refresh planned for 2025
- Expanded Collections**
 - Circulation of 280 hotspots
 - Expanded digital collection of eBooks and Audiobooks
 - Full Jackson Citizen Patriot archive access
 - Library of Things kits
- Continued Quality Programming**
 - Storytimes & children's programming
 - Book clubs
 - Author talks
 - Reading challenges
 - Local history programming
 - Edgefest events: Mayfest, Young Roots Concert and Summer Solstice



Calvin Battles
Jackson District
Library
Coordinator



Ashley Van
Heest Chief
Strategy & Insti-
tutional Officer
Jackson College





A CONVERSATION WITH MARGARET (PEG) EATON

On a bright, sunny August 15th day, Ann Green, current Vice President of our League, and I visited Peg Eaton at her home here in Jackson. She graciously met us with tea, and I had brought sweet treats for Peg and her daughter, Janet. Our conversation with Peg revealed her longtime support of the League and also revealed how much our culture has changed since Peg initially joined the League. Honored by the League with the Lifetime Membership Award, Peg has been a member of the JLWV for over 50 years. She served as the President of the League from 1967-1969.



Peg Eaton
Jackson President 1967-1969
Receiving her Life Membership
from the League. May 2022

I asked Peg how she decided to join. She told us that she had been reading about the League in the *Jackson Citizen Patriot*. In one of the articles, the League invited people to learn more about the League. "At that meeting, Marge Duane became a good friend." (Marge Duane is another former President of the League and also honored with the Lifetime Membership certificate.) Together they studied Jackson and county-wide initiatives. Along with other League leaders, they put together a booklet about water quality and the government regulations. Peg relayed that putting together this county book was one of her major accomplishments. When Peg became League President, her friend Marge told her "Lead from behind." Much of the work of the League in the 1960s was promoting women's wage equality.

Peg told us that the saddest day of her League experience was when "we let go of the League." Some of the reasons that the League went dormant, Peg explained, was that women became a part of the workforce and could no longer devote time and energy to the League. Peg was overjoyed when the League started up again under the leadership of Mary Lee Clark, current Director of Member Services. Peg is still active in promoting the League's non-partisan position and its advocacy of voter access.

Threaded through our conversation was Peg's enthusiasm at the friendship building that happens because of the League. She laughed, "If people like you were in that League, I wanted to be there. Making friends occurred when sharing in similar passions—helping move women forward in representing both political parties. Friendships," she said, "made a person larger." Mentoring during Peg's early years as a League member, was an unconscious matter. Perhaps we did it without knowing we were doing it. She believes that this is much more common today. At the end of our conversation when we asked what she would like us to remember, Peg simply said, "May the League live forever."

A beautifully caring, thoughtful, and expressive woman, I think Peg Eaton serves as a mentor to us all, even today. The wall hanging quilt, "Celebrate Diversity" was designed and created by Lisa Cole, another League of Women Voters member. The trunk and branches of the tree are inscribed with the names of all Jackson area League of Women Voters from the 1970s. Lisa was a Curator of Art Education at the Ella Sharp Museum and created the "Arts-Go-to-School" Program. Peg was gifted with the quilt when the League went dormant, and in turn will gift this quilt to the Ella Sharp Museum as part of her legacy.



Wall hanging detail. Note Helen Milliken's name on second strip



Such positive feelings seeing the magnificence of the newly restored 94 year old Michigan Theatre of Jackson. Deborah Nagy made a perfect introduction for the League before the movie began. Our partnership with AARP gave us a chance to reach more people in a different way in a perfect setting



Almost 200 showed up for the free movie, A Man Called Otto, enjoying free pop and popcorn

Check out vote411.org and the League's Voter Guide for all the election information you need.



As viewers left, many took our new yard signs and VOTE411 car decals. Even more took copies of our Print Voter Guide with many thanks. Quite a few comments on how much they depend on the League's VOTE411.org



LWVJA name in lights

Get You Bones to the Polls VOTE!



A "skeleton crew" at the Salvation Army on Oct 16th. Voter Services talked with lots of voters and future voters. Several people were "tickled" to learn about the early voting option.

Early Voting

Oct. 26, 2024 - Nov. 3, 2024

Go to Vote411.org to find your nearest early voting location and voting information you need to be an informed voter

Ruthann & Deborah at Pridefest this year



Meet Ruthann Thulin

Have you ever wondered how and why people become interested, then engaged, and passionate about their membership in a new organization? Ruth Ann Thulin provides a stellar example of how she became such a member in our Jackson Area League of Women Voters!



Ruthann initially volunteered to help with registering voters at our LWVJA Voter Services booth, set up on June 15th and for the 20th Annual Jackson Juneteenth Celebration and Resource Fair, held at Horace Blackman Park in downtown Jackson. She passed out stickers, talked about early voting and congratulated those who were already registered to vote. She met other League members at the table. Following that, Ruthann participated in several of our postcard writing parties where members wrote personalized cards that encouraged newly registered Jackson County voters to vote, using 401.org information. Since then, Ruthann has become a wonderful

researcher of swag items--pins, badges, yard signs, and other League signage to promote League membership.

When asked how she became interested in the League of Women Voters, Ruthann told us, "I was interested in making friends and working with other women who were passionate about the concerns I cared about—voting rights and ensuring free and fair elections." She quietly voiced her reservations about having this article written about her—saying that she was not a person with large community connections and leadership experience. Ruthann has become a valued League member! She knows her skill sets and finds projects that suit them. She is comfortable delving into unfamiliar topics and asks questions as needed. She's great to work with and is always full of warmth. What we find spectacular about Ruthann Thulin is her wonderful can-do spirit, her discerning questions and suggestions for growing League membership.

Congratulations and welcome to Ruthann Thulin!

Ella Sharp Fall Harvest Festival



Sarah Weldon and Laurie Campbell staffed an informational table at the October 20th Fall Harvest Festival. It was a bright and sunny afternoon, and the trees were colorful which brought out a good-sized crowd to this annual event.

Many people stopped by our League table to get information about the new early, in-person voting rules and info about candidates.

Sarah had created a flyer to inform voters where and when they can early vote, many of the people that stopped by our table found that info very helpful.



Our fishing game for the kids was a big hit and gave us plenty of time to talk to the adults about their voting plan. Callaghan's coffee truck was on site and used our coffee sleeves imprinted with a QR code to link to the Secretary of State and also Vote411. Jackson Coffee Company and Callaghan's will continue to use our coffee sleeves up until the election.

This was a successful Get Out The Vote event!

Wear your League nametag to other events. People note that you're a League member which often prompts a great conversation

Rather than our Newsletter's traditional FAQ page, we would like to show you how League members volunteer their services. Longtime members and newcomers both contribute in ways that fit their busy schedules. We hope you will consider donating some of your time and expertise. Thank you for all you do!

VOLUNTEER EFFORTS FROM OUR MEMBERS:

At all LWWJA events, Volunteers:

- Greet people
- Help with signing in
- Answer questions
- Volunteer with refreshments and set-up, as needed
- Support League events (any and all) and bring friends
- Provide transportation to members who would otherwise miss events

With Voter Services, Volunteers

- Deliver Voter Guides to Local Businesses
- Provide info pertinent to event
- Register voters
- Address postcards to new voters
- Distribute literature and Democracy/411.org yard signs
- Encourage children and adults to learn about voter engagement
- Bear witness to our Democracy by observing the Board of Canvassers after elections

With Voter Education Youth Services Outreach Events, Volunteers

- Help Middle School Presenters of *My Democracy-My Vote* distribute materials to students
- Help High school students register to vote

For Our League Newsletter and Website, and Other Publicity, Volunteers

- Edit and write articles
- Monitor web pages
- Help create and improve graphics
- Assist with technology
- Appear on JTV to promote an upcoming event
- Make telephone calls to gather information or send reminders
- Research and preserve our history

With Observer Corps, Volunteers

- Observe a government meeting once a month and write a short status report

For Standing Committees like Audit, Budget and Bylaws, Volunteers

- Offer expertise in review and planning for upcoming year

For the League's Only Fundraising Event, the Annual Tea, Volunteers

- Donate unneeded jewelry
- Donate items for our Tea's Silent Auction
- Help cashier with jewelry sales
- Spend a few hours of fun attending our Friendship Tea
- Provide transportation to pick up items, provide a ride for a member who doesn't drive and run errands.

Email us if you would like to know more about how to volunteer. mrc830@att.net



LWVJA Sixth Annual Friendship Tea



Saturday, November 16, 2024

**What a perfect time to purge your jewelry box and home
for silent auction items as well as jewelry!
New or nearly new condition is preferred.**

Contact for donations of Jewelry Linda Furgason @ lindafurgason@gmail.com

Or Silent Auction donations Shirley Zeller @ seztowne@gmail.com

Call 517-812-7965 to arrange drop off or pick up until Nov. 9th, 2024.



This half page available space

The picture is just an extra from the
Proposal mini forum



Dear Member,

First and foremost, we want to thank you for your continued investment with our Jackson Area League of Women Voters. Without your loyalty and support, we would not be able to provide our community with helping every citizen have a voice in understanding local and state political candidates and their slates; with helping register voters, with promoting voter education, and defending democracy. Put simply, you make what we do possible.

Your membership has enabled us to accomplish so many initiatives. Our most recent ones include:

- 1. We sponsored voter registration tables at the Jackson Pride Fest, June Eighteenth, the Flat Iron Block Party, and with organizations like Jackson College, the Salvation Army, and the Ella Sharp Museum. We also sent 3000 personal and handwritten postcards to Jackson County newly registered voters with information on when and where to vote.*
- 2. We held Meet and Greet of Candidates (9-24) and a Millage Proposal Mini-Forum (9-26) for November 2024 elections*
- 3. We developed new partnerships with our area Girl Scouts and AARP. We also presented a six-week interactive program, My Democracy—My Vote with over 220 students at Parkside Middle School.*

We celebrated the 104th Anniversary of all American Women becoming Legal Voters with a social gathering, trivia contest, and birthday cake (9-26)

We know that many of our members have developed and deepened friendships while working with other members who are passionate about promoting the League's mission. If you have not had time or opportunity to participate in our programming, perhaps you'd like to attend these upcoming events:

Friendship Tea 2024 ~ Saturday, Nov. 16, at Arbor View Community Room

Decorating the LWVJA Christmas Tree ~ week of November 18th, Michigan Theater

Christmas Party ~Thursday, Noon, Fawzi's Sports Bar and Grill

We hope you will renew now at <https://lwwjackson.org/membership/join/>. Your early renewal will help us plan for next year's programming. Make sure to let us know if you have any suggestions. We'd love to hear your feedback!

Kind regards,

Mary Lee Clark

Member Services Chair

Mlrc830@att.net



**Empowering Voters.
Defending Democracy.**

The League of Women Voters Jackson Area
MEMBERSHIP FORM 2024-2025

P.O. Box 1886
Jackson, MI 49204



Membership dues remain the same as in 2023-2024. Membership is open to everyone age 16 and older.

Membership in a local League includes membership in the state and national leagues.

Dues Assistance Option—LWVJA offers supplemental dues assistance to individuals on a case-by-case basis. See full policy on our website under Join/Renew. Please contact a LWVJA Board Member to discuss.

_____Renewal

There are three types of local League membership:

\$_____ \$75.00: Individual Membership - annual membership for one person supports the League efforts:

\$32 – National

\$23.90 – State of Michigan

\$19.10 - Local Jackson Area

\$_____ \$112.50: Household Membership - annual membership for two people who share the same address.

\$_____ \$ 5.00: Student Membership - annual membership for one person currently enrolled as a full time student.
(currently subsidized)

\$_____ Additional donation: Please consider adding a contribution to your dues to help support local programs. Membership donations provide a major source of money for our local League, plus grants and fundraising. Your donations are greatly appreciated and go to support voter guides, candidate forums, local advocacy, citizen education activities and communications with membership.

\$_____ TOTAL (Membership dues and contributions are not deductible as a personal or business expense for tax purposes. We are a 501(c)(4) organization).

Renewal of Membership Please complete this form enclose a check made out to LWVJA & mail to:

LWVJA
P.O. Box 1886
Jackson, MI 49204

OR use our PayPal on our website: <https://lwvjackson.org/> (Service fees applied:\$2.50 for Individual; \$4 for Household)

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Second Phone: _____

Name (second household member: _____

Email: _____

Primary Phone _____ Second Phone _____

Thank you for Helping Make Democracy Work!

LWV-Membership Renewal Form 2024-2025





Everyone found the list of 100 most banned books of 2023 so interesting & they started putting their initials next to each of the banned books they had read. Ann Green initials were easily up there the most often. The Banned Book that had the most signatures next to it was 'To Kill a Mockingbird'.

U.S. Constitution

ARTICLE 19

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Tennessee became the 36th state to ratify this amendment on August 18, 1920, obtaining the agreement required from three-fourths of states.

Ratification took place on August 26, 1920.



Vittoria Jimerson won the raffle for a membership in LWVJA. And her acceptance speech had some riveting words on her recent dula training.



Trivia Contest to identify the photos of 10 Accomplished Women got everyone discussing these fine leaders

After Sheryl Fagin
"In which decade did you first vote for President"



Deborah Nagy had guests spinning with anticipation



58 members: 47 Primary, 7 Additional Household, 1 Student & 3 Lifetime
Volunteer hours over the last three months : 1184 Volunteer hours

**New LWVJA Members
in 2024**

Ruthann Thulin

Vittoria Jimerson

Betty Hall

Nan Whitmore



WASHINGTON —On August 22, **The League of Women Voters Education Fund (LWVEF)** and **Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA)** announced a new, two-year partnership that will support Girl Scouts' Promote the Vote program and civic engagement opportunities for Girl Scouts across the country. Building on GSUSA and LWVEF's long histories of civic engagement, the partnership will connect local Leagues and Girl Scout councils to support Girl Scout troops participating in Promote the Vote, as well as in completing civics badges, earning the Gold Award and more.



League of Women Voters Jackson Area and Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Council announce that the Girl Scouts will be very present at the League's Nov.16th Friendship Tea



Please call Mary Lee Clark at Member Services to volunteer to help decorate the LWV tree
Text 517/740-5679 or Email maritm2399@sbcglobal.net

Michigan Theatre Non-Profit Holiday Tree & Fund Raising Event

Stop in to vote for your favorite Tree with your dollars at the Michigan Theatre
The League's holiday tree will be prominently displayed to share in making the Theatre as well as our hearts fill with the spirit of the season

Nov 22, 2024 - Dec 31, 2024

124 N Mechanic St Jackson, MI

STATEWIDE ADVOCACY ZOOM

The LWVMI State Advocacy Committee will host a statewide advocacy committee Zoom meeting to highlight the legislation that LWVMI hopes to move during the lame duck session. All members are invited to attend the meeting on **Wednesday, November 13, at 7 p.m.** Click [HERE](#) to sign up. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

At this time, neither the Michigan House of Representatives nor the Senate are considering any legislation that LWVMI is following.

Be a Board of Canvassers Observer! - Watch Democracy In Action—

The LWVJA is supporting the LWVMI effort to encourage members to participate in observing the County Board of Canvassers. The canvassing process involves reviewing each precinct’s poll book and statement of votes for completeness and accuracy, correcting any obvious mathematical errors and tabulating write-in votes for each precinct. The work is done by a bipartisan “Board of County Canvassers”, with two Republican and two Democratic members. The County Clerk is a member of the BoC by virtue of position. The County Clerk and the Elections Director serve as the Clerk of the Board.

Boards must meet within 48 hours after an election and complete their canvass within 14 days. Following the November 5th election, canvassing must begin by 12 noon on November 7 and the BoC must certify results on or before November 19. The BoC must wait six days after Election Day to ensure that “MOVE” ballots (Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment) are received and counted. Work can begin on the certification process while waiting for these ballots.

The Jackson County Board of Canvassers meets in the County Tower Building in downtown Jackson on the 17th Floor. In general, their work sessions begin at 9:00 and complete by 5:00 each day. However, the schedule may change from day to day based on progress being made and additional tasks that need to be completed. Lunch breaks vary from day to day based on those same factors.

Observing the canvassing is an excellent way to learn about this election-closing act and participate in our democracy. LWVJA members are encouraged to participate. An online training video and other resources will be provided. You can also sign up for a shift with a more experienced observer, if that would help.

The Jackson County BoC is scheduled to meet:
 Thursday, Nov 7 and Friday, Nov 8
 Week of Nov 10: Monday – Friday
 Week of Nov 17: Monday and Tuesday

Observations are typically scheduled in 2 - 3 hour sessions (morning session: 9 – noon, afternoon sessions: 1 – 3 and 3 – 5). Changes in the schedule will be communicated to all of our observers as soon as possible after they are made.

If you are interested in being involved, please contact Pam Schultz (psch54@comcast.net or 517-499-5580). She will be coordinating this effort and can provide additional information.

Early Voting for November General Election

Election Calendar 2024

November 5: General Election

2024 Early Voting Dates
 October 26, 2024 - November 3, 2024

Election Date
 November 5, 2024



Every Election is determined by the people who show up



You are invited to the
*Sixth Annual
Friendship Tea*

Nov 16, 2024 10:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Arbor View Community Room
120 W Arbor View Dr
Spring Arbor MI 49283

Host/Hostess opportunities available
Contact Deborah Nagy at
danagy@gmail.com

Seating is limited
Reservations by
November 9, 2024

Two ways to reserve your seat:

- 1.) Fill out the attached Reservations sheet and mail it along with a check to:
League of Women Voters Jackson Area
P.O. Box 1886
Jackson, MI 49204
- 2.) Or, fill out reservation form on line and pay on line through the website
lwjackson.org/calendar/falltea



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*Donation via cash/check for Jewelry
and Silent Auction items*

Estate Jewelry 10:30—1:15 p.m.

Silent Auction 10:30—12:30 p.m.

Tea 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

*Program
Martha Petry, MC*

*Welcome
Tea & Light Luncheon*

*Entertainment
Soothing Songs
for Anxious Times
Rosemary Edgar*

*Hostess Sharing
Door Prize distribution*

*Including Silent Auction
And 50/50 Results*

Closing Remarks



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All are welcome, but guests should be able to remain seated for the duration of the tea.

Use this form and mail it & your check or go to https://lwvjackson.org/falltea to reserve & pay.

Table Patron \$325.00 purchases seating for themselves & five of her/his guests, is recognized at the Tea, is a Tea Benefactor & Table Sponsor \$_____

Hostess: _____ email _____

Guest #1 _____ email _____

Guest #2 _____ email _____

Guest #3 _____ email _____

Guest #4 _____ email _____

Guest #5 _____ email _____

For Myself \$35.00 _____ email _____ \$_____

Guests \$35.00 each

Guest #1 _____ email _____

Guest #2 _____ email _____

Guest #3 _____ email _____

Guest #4 _____ email _____

Guests #5 _____ email _____

_____ number of guests X \$35.00 \$_____

I wish to be seated with _____ I have no preference in seating _____

Table sponsor: \$40.00 Table sponsor includes your name on a table and in the program. \$_____

Tea Benefactor \$100.00 Tea Benefactor includes name in the program and special recognition \$_____

Please find my check enclosed for Total \$_____

Make checks payable to LWVJA and mail check along with this form to:

LWVJA P.O. Box 1886 Jackson, MI, 49204

Please indicate if any guest would like a vegetarian option.

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View From Our Past



Citizen Patriot Archives
May 30, 1976



Note that the paper used her first name not her husband's

Jackson unit nearing 25th anniversary

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The League of Women Voters of Jackson County, 117 members strong, will celebrate its 25th anniversary Saturday.

Actually this entire year is an anniversary, explained its president, Margaret Duane, 738 Oakridge, because the exact date of formation cannot be established.

The purpose of the League is to inform and promote citizen participation in government. All three levels of government, local, state and national are studied by the League, but, the local structure is emphasized.

Voter service is one aspect, such as where to vote, when to register and who the candidates are. The League also studies the issues, and once a consensus is reached, is in a position to act.

It is currently studying programs for women and men in the existing or future county jail facility; the courts and jury system in the county, and the county-city library situation.

The League has unit meetings twice a month. One unit meets Wednesday morning, another Wednesday evening and the third Saturday morning. This schedule permits most of the membership to attend, Mrs. Duane said.

To become a member, Mrs. Duane explained, one must be 18 or older, be a citizen of the United States and pay \$12 membership dues.



Scan this QR code
Which takes you directly to the LWVJA website



Email the newsletter committee at: leaguewvjackson@gmail.com



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