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**Co-Presidents Spring Letter**



We hope this newsletter finds all of you thinking positive thoughts; especially during these difficult times. The good news, and there is, we are part of a large organization that is daily working toward making a positive difference in a very negative atmosphere.



The big question we all hear daily, is "What can I do?" If you just read social media or watch some of the news, it all seems hopeless. I keep thinking of our founding women; those women who already were labeled second class. They did not give up. They did not roll over. What you can do is give yourself a daily chore.

- Take the time to call your representatives and voice your feelings on current events. Write a letter your representatives in the same vein. Speak as Susan B. Anthony did. We will not turn back.
- Graduations are upon us. You could gift a year LWVJA membership to the new graduate. With changes occurring on campuses, this would be a great opportunity for young people to engage and be part of the conversation.
- Check with out Voter Services Committee. Not everyone can work tables, but there is always "something for everyone" to do.
- If your church or another organization you are a member of, would like a speaker, propose the LWVJA to come speak. There is so much misinformation out there, and we can help sort through the garbage for the truth.

The LWVMI 2025 Convention is May 16, 17, and 18. Our league will be sending 5 delegates. The theme this year is **Democracy Forever**. Those attending are already fired up and anxious to hear from leagues around the state to see what is going on in their community.

Keep engaged with the League. We have a web site and Facebook page. Please visit. We are always looking for help for our Media Committee.

Continue to speak out. If you hear of a rally and you want to attend, but are unsure if it is proper, reach out to us.

Deborah & Linda

**2025 Important Dates**

**May**

- 7th Wednesday Noon LWVJA Board Meeting, Ella Sharp Museum
- 15<sup>th</sup> Thursday 7 p.m. Zoom LWVMI President's Meeting
- 16th-17th LWVMI Convention Grand Rapids
- 26<sup>th</sup> Monday Memorial Day

**June**

- 12th Annual Meeting location TBD
- 19<sup>th</sup> Thursday Juneteenth
- 20<sup>th</sup> Friday Noon LWVJA Board Meeting, Ella Sharp Museum

**September**

- 17th Fraud -in era of AI - Symposium 11:00am – 2:00 pm Cascades Manor House

**November**

- 8th of November—Seventh Annual Friendship Tea



## Election Proposals for May 6, 2025

These are the only elections in Jackson County this May

### **EAST JACKSON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOND PROPOSAL**

Shall East Jackson Community Schools, Jackson County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Twelve Million Three Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$12,340,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purpose of: remodeling, including security improvements to, furnishing and refurbishing, and equipping and re-equipping school buildings; acquiring and installing instructional technology and instructional technology equipment for school buildings; purchasing school buses; and equipping, developing, and improving athletic facilities, driveways, parking areas, and sites?

### **TOWNSHIP OF LEONI PUBLIC SAFETY MILLAGE RENEWAL**

Shall the expired previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution in the Township of Leoni, of 1.5 mills (\$1.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) be renewed at the original voted 1.5 mills (\$1.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for 5 years, 2025 through 2029 inclusive, for the operations and equipment for the Township's Public Safety Department, raising an estimated \$821,391 in the first year the millage is levied?

### **SPRINGPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOND PROPOSAL**

Shall Springport Public Schools, Jackson, Calhoun, Eaton and Ingham Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Thirty-Two Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$32,700,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of: erecting, furnishing, and equipping additions to school buildings and a transportation facility; remodeling, furnishing and refurbishing, and equipping and re-equipping school buildings, including for school security; acquiring and installing instructional technology; and erecting, equipping, preparing, developing, and improving athletic fields and facilities, playgrounds, and sites?

### **VANDERCOOK LAKE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPERATING MILLAGE RE-NEWAL PROPOSAL**

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance. The remaining .9 mill is only available to be levied to restore millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the "Headlee" amendment to the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and will only be levied to the extent necessary to restore that reduction.

**Next up the August primaries**



## 2025 Symposium: *Fraud - in Era of AI*

# Tuesday Sept 17th, 2025

**11 a.m. - noon Registration & Visit Resource Tables**

**Noon - Lunch**

**1 p.m. - Program**



*Invite you to the*

*2025 Symposium - Fraud in the Era of Artificial Intelligence (AI)*

Brenda Price, AARP Associate State Director, with over 25 years experience serving Detroit and other Michigan communities, will be presenting on the different types of scams that seniors should avoid. This interactive presentation will touch on Artificial Intelligence and potential scams related to AI.

Experts in banking, financial investments and law enforcement will also speak and a panel of experts will answer audience questions  
ARM YOURSELF by learning from these experts!

LWVJA & AARP offers this symposium to empower members of the Jackson community with credible, accurate information on Scamming and Hacking to use in their personal and professional lives and to be better, more participative community citizens.

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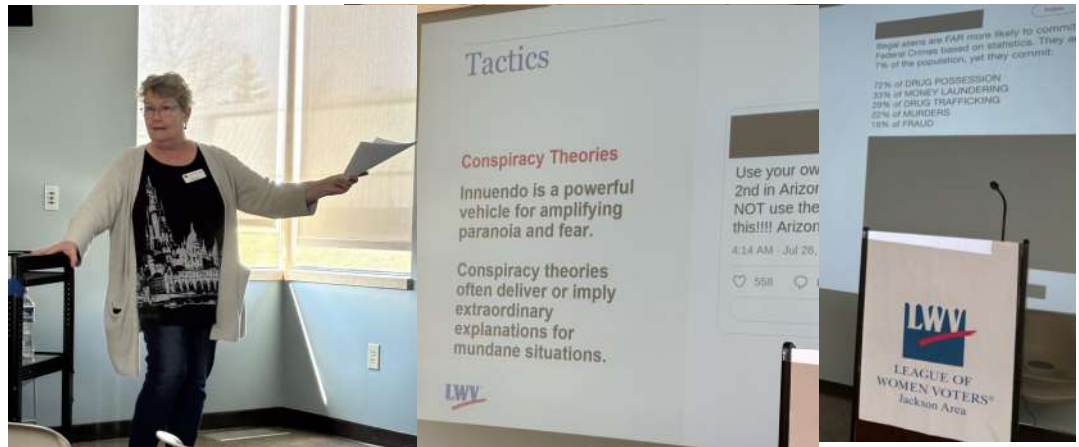
**Cost is only \$15 per person**

Includes: The Presentation, Checking out Resource Tables,  
Lunch, including: a salad, entrée, & dessert

Please specify if vegetarian

Further Information to follow as to specifics and avenue for reservations





**Mis/Disinformation Program presented by Rosemary Edgar**

On March 28th the audience of members and guests were treated to this program held at Meijer Branch Library to acclaim of all in attendance. It was followed by lively questions and suggestions



**THE DO'S AND DON'TS OF ELECTION DISINFORMATION**

- ✓ **DO VERIFY BEFORE YOU SHARE**  
Consider the source, check the date, and cross-check the information across outlets.
- ✓ **DO QUESTION THE CONTENT**  
Read past the headline and question emotionally charged content.
- ✓ **DO SHARE ACCURATE INFORMATION**  
Without mentioning the wrong info, set the record straight by sharing the correct messages.
- ✓ **DO REPORT IT**  
Report inaccurate info to social media platforms, group administrators, and election officials.
- ✗ **DON'T CLICK OR SHARE**  
If you quote the bad information, you help spread it.
- ✗ **DON'T ENGAGE PUBLICLY**  
If someone you know is sharing bad info, message them privately and ask them to take it down.

Find trusted, nonpartisan voting information at [VOTE411.org/](http://VOTE411.org/)!

**LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**

Brochures were available at the program and are in both Spanish & English

Contact any board member for copies and distribute in our community.

Please contact Deborah Nagy if you know of or would like to suggest a group meeting who would like to hear this program.

**¿QUÉ SÍ Y QUÉ NO HACER EN RELACIÓN A LA DESINFORMACIÓN ELECTORAL**

- ✓ **SI HAY QUE VERIFICAR ANTES DE COMPARTIR**  
Considere la fuente, verifique la fecha y coteje la información utilizando diferentes medios de comunicación.
- ✓ **SI HAY QUE EVALUAR Y CUESTIONAR EL CONTENIDO**  
Lea más allá del titular y cuestione el contenido, sobre todo aquel que le produzca una carga de emociones.
- ✓ **SI DEBE COMPARTIR INFORMACIÓN PRECISA**  
Evite volver a mencionar la información incorrecta, aclare las cosas compartiendo la información correcta.
- ✓ **SI HAY QUE DENUNCIAR**  
Cuando encuentre información inexacta, repórtela o denúnciela a la administración de las plataformas de redes sociales, los administradores de grupos y/o a los funcionarios electorales.
- ✗ **NO HAGA CLIC NI COMPARTA**  
Si cita o comparte información incorrecta, contribuirá a su difusión.
- ✗ **NO INTERACTÚES PÚBLICAMENTE**  
Si alguien que conoce comparte información errónea, envíele un mensaje privado y pídale que la elimine.

¡Encuentre información de votación confiable y no partidista en [VOTE411.org/es/](http://VOTE411.org/es/)!

**LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**

## Save the Date

### Seventh Annual Friendship Tea

*An energy packed event of enjoyment*

Saturday, Nov 8, 2025 10:30 a.m. til 1:00 p.m.

First Congregational Church  
120 N Jackson St

Hostess Opportunities Available  
Contact Deborah Nagy  
danangy@gmail.com



## LWVJA Annual Friendship Tea

**Saturday, November 8, 2025**

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

Scarves, fancy handkerchiefs and all kinds of jewelry are welcomed.

Items such as art, statuary, paintings, quilts, gift certificates & services would be wonderful for the Silent Auction.

Ask your friends, relatives and neighbors to donate. Everything has new life so this is a truly "green" event.

**Please bring your jewelry or other donated items to any meeting of the LWVJA.**

Email Jewelry to Linda Furgason @ [lindafurgason@gmail.com](mailto:lindafurgason@gmail.com)

Silent Auction to Shirley Zeller @ [seztowne@gmail.com](mailto:seztowne@gmail.com) Call 517-812-7965 to arrange drop off or pick up. Donations accepted until Nov. 1st, 2025.



# MOVING FOWARD Together!

## Women Educating & Inspiring Generations



On March 9th the Jackson Women's History Council met at Cascades Manor House. Not only was the MC Dr Ann Green a LWVJA member but we filled our table and even Peg Eaton a Life Member was in attendance along with numerous League members



Special Guests

The program was

**An original interactive presentation written by**

**Dr. Ann Green**

**Harriet Tubman - Daveda Quinn**

**Susan B Anthony - Bert Sexton**

Every person in attendance had goose bumps after this stirring performance

The Susan B Anthony/ Harriet Tubman Awards went to; Tasha Carter, Kelly A Crum; Angelita Velesco Gunn and Bridgette Robinson.

Emerging Leader Awards went to Belle Cody, Angela Evans and Jazmyn Ragland.

The Student Scholarships were awarded to: Ava Rose, Madison Hebenstreit, Jowan Mask and Dean Schreuder



LWVJA Table



Bert Sexton as Susan B Anthony  
Deveda Quinn as Harriet Tubman



Peg Eaton in red

New LWVJA Members in the first quarter of 2025

59 members & 3 Lifetime

Welcome to: David Schwinn



**Board of Directors**

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Linda Furgason



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