



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS *DETROIT*

OCTOBER/ NOVEMBER 2020 **SPECIAL EDITION**

Mariner Inn

Thursday, October 15th

11 to 1 pm

445 Ledyard St, Detroit, MI 48201

Eastern Market Brewery

Every Friday until October 30th

4 pm to 6 pm

Outdoor Resource Fair, Senator

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Saturday, October 17·1:00 – 5:00pm

The Salvation Army

3000 Conner St, Detroit, MI 48215, USA

Please call the LWV D at 313-288-9590 if you can help or have questions

Educational and marketing materials

LWV Detroit bill boards –

From Oct. 12 through the end of Oct. there will be 14 billboards with a LWV message to “vote like your life depends on it” along the various freeways in Detroit. Take a picture of them and send to us, please!

We have a new banner for Voter Reg.!

We have other materials to help share our message which can be accessed by emailing us or calling 313-288-9590

And we have Vote411 lawn signs for free!

October/November Events:

October

- Oct. 22 – **Grosse Pte. Membership Meeting regarding Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion** (LWV Detroit members invited to attend through Zoom, link to be sent prior). National, State, Local Initiative of all Leagues. 7:00 – 8:30 pm.

November

- There will be no membership meeting in Nov.
- Nov. 3 – Election Day. Final day to vote in person.
- Nov. 21 – New Member Orientation on Zoom. Information will be sent with the link to all members. All members welcome.

LWV Detroit **Membership Renewal** time is NOW!

Renew on-line at www.lwvdetroit.org or mail. For more information please contact the League at LWVdetroit@gmail.com or 313-288-9590.

Remember to check out Vote411.org for a personalized nonpartisan voting guide. Printed voter guides are available. If you know of a location where people could come to pick them up, please let us know at LWVdetroit@gmail.com or call 313-288-9590.

Drop Box locations: <https://michigandropbox.com/>

Ann Kondak and the LWV Detroit – Article reprinted from the Grosse Pointe Voter, March 2019 (she recently died).

Ann Kondak was a part of many important Detroit League Initiatives as well as holding various offices. She died recently and we wanted to share her legacy to the Leagues in Detroit and then Grosse Point.

As a student at Wayne State, Ann Kondak worked on the student newspaper with a lively team of students interested in social justice. In 1954 a friend suggested she attend a League of Women Voters meeting and she found herself amidst a group of intelligent women trying to find solutions to problems they saw in Detroit. Here was an opportunity to continue learning and to act.

At that time the Detroit League was very large, and members belonged a unit. Ann's first unit was East Afternoon. She decided to start an East Evening unit, and one of the items they studied grew out of McCarthyism. The National League prepared materials for a community program called the Freedom Agenda, which focused on constitutional issues. Her unit held many successful community meetings, as did Leagues through the U.S.

Ann became interested in the Juvenile Court system in the 1960's. At that time a child brought into state care for any reason was treated as a juvenile delinquent. There was serious overcrowding for children in custody, and a lawsuit was heard by Judge Charles Farmer, who formed an advisory committee to study all areas where juveniles were impacted by government. Ann was one of two League members on this committee. Judge Farmer eventually ruled that the State was bound to keep the neglected youths out of detention facilities and provide proper, timely care for all in its jurisdiction.

The Detroit League was much smaller when a court decision in the late 1990's stopped the automatic renewal of absentee ballots. The League, knowing that this would primarily affect the elderly, realized that many of those voters would not notice the new rules until they could not vote in the next election. The League first notified all Detroit absentee voters of the need to initiate renewal of ballot requests, then began working with the Michigan Secretary of State to establish the renewal form for continued requests for absentee ballots applications that is currently used.

In the 1970's Ann earned a Master's in Library Science and began work in a law firm. Her League background in government and politics was invaluable to her in her work. During her many years with the League she has enjoyed working with so many women interested in social justice like she is. Her current interest revolves around water issues in Michigan, especially the pipelines under the Straits of Mackinac.

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Note from Newsletter editor – As one can see, Ann's life with the League illustrates the kind of involvement and impact that members can have and the issues one can address that affect the residents in our communities.

We have sadly learned that two other League members have recently died, Delores Cleage who helped to resurrect the current League and Treecy Smith Harvey who was our second Board Secretary. We appreciate and remember what they did to help build the LWV Detroit.

The League of Women Voters encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government; works to increase understanding of major public policy issues; and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League is strictly nonpartisan meaning we neither endorse nor oppose candidates or political parties. Membership is open to men and women that are of at least 16 years of age.

DBC VOTE

Option 1: Schedule

RIDES (Detroit Bus Company)

Instructions for scheduling a ride for a voter.

a ride for them at

www.voterides.com (PREFERRED)

This goes directly into our dispatch system. Complete the questions for the user and we will be in contact with them to schedule their ride. The form will guide you through all of the questions you need to ask.

We are providing rides on the following days:

Wednesday, October 21st

Friday, October 23rd

Saturday, October 24th

Tuesday, October 27th

Thursday, October 29th

Saturday, October 31st

Monday, November 2nd

Tuesday, November 3rd (Election Day)

*****Early voting is STRONGLY PREFERRED.**

Time Windows Offered:

9:00AM-12:00PM

12:00PM-3:00PM

3:00PM-6:00PM (Weekdays Only)

Option 2:

Voters can call 313-626-0066 to schedule a ride.

We will call them back to walk them through the form over the phone.

Option 3:

Voters can text 313-626-0066.

We will call them back to walk them through the form over the phone.

Thank you!

ELECTION POSITION:

A great way to earn money AND be involved in the Electoral process!

POSITION: EXIT POLLSTER(s) for the General Election

DUTIES: Survey interviewers are stationed six feet from a table, where they will direct people to take a self-administered survey.

In preparation, brief training and rehearsal calls must be completed before the Election.

DATE: Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020

TIME: Between 6:45AM and shortly after 8:00PM

PAY: \$225 for the day

CONTACT: If you are interested or have any questions, email Kelly at kmartin@edisonresearch.com

Please include name, phone number, and location in any emails. I'll be happy to answer any questions, and will provide a more detailed description via telephone.

Masks, gloves, disinfecting wipes and hand sanitizer are provided for Election Day.

EXIT POLLSTERS must be responsible, punctual and polite, with own transportation. PAID PROMPTLY after returned materials are processed. Questions? Problems? Contact us at hello@thedetroitbus.com. Volunteer driver are also needed.