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In Remembrance of Arline Howe

September 12, 1925 - December 16, 2015



A tribute from our President,
Jan Warren:

Dear League Members and Friends, I received a call on Thursday evening, December 17, to let me know that long-time League member, Arline Howe, had died suddenly of a heart attack the night before.

Arline was a dedicated member of the League, passionately committed to our mission and positions.

Arline approached every League project or activity on which she worked with energy, creativity, grace, and a sense of humor. She served on the Board as Membership and Nominating Committee Chairs for



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several years. She organized and hosted several Holiday Open Houses and volunteered to assist with forums when I was Voter Service Chair. She was a member of the League's Library Committee which, after several years of study, was instrumental in the launch of the successful millage campaign which led to the construction of the Woodmere Library.

Arline was an inspiration and a role model for me, and she will be greatly missed by League members.

Jan Warren

Mark Your Calendar: Upcoming Consensus Meetings

Money in Politics Study

January 6th & 25th, 12pm-2pm

McGuire Room of the Woodmere Branch (TADL)

Led by League member Jan Geht

A message from President Jan Warren:

In November, over 20 League members participated in a very interesting, informative and fun consensus process regarding the LWVUS study on Amending the Constitution, which was facilitated by League member Jan Geht. All participants in the meetings agreed that Jan's provocative questions, depth of knowledge, insight, and sense of humor made the process extremely enjoyable and worthwhile. Jan is an attorney and CPA with a specialization in tax law, tax and estate planning, civil litigation and business transactions.

We are going to repeat the consensus process on January 6th and 25th (12-2 pm, McGuire Room at TADL) for the Money in Politics Study, and Jan has agreed to facilitate for us again. Further information and links to the resource materials are below. Please plan to join us for what I am sure will be a very lively discussion!

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The League of Women Voters Grand Traverse Area and the League of Women Voters Leelanau County have sponsored [The Raising of America](#) on PBS, **January 7, 2016 at 9pm.**

The film will be on a number of PBS stations, including:
WCMZ-28 Flint, MI
WCML-6 Alpena, MI
WCMV-27 Cadillac, MI
WCMW-21 Manistee, MI
WCMU-14 Mt. Pleasant, MI

Prepare with the [Money in Politics Study Guide](#).



From LWV-US:

[Take action on bill SB 13](#), which would ban straight party ticket voting.

What is a Consensus Meeting?

Our local League of Women Voters of the Grand Traverse Area offers feedback to the National League by preparing and submitting our responses to Consensus Questions. (See an example of typical Consensus Questions [here](#).)

This winter, we will study and discuss topics chosen by the National League, submit our feedback, and the National League will ultimately

craft a position based on LWW members' input.

All League members are welcome to participate in upcoming Consensus Meetings!

Please contact our President Jan Warren (warrenjan2000@yahoo.com) with any questions.



Oleson's Grocery Receipts

Dear League members,

Tom's Food Markets has discontinued its Tomorrow Fund (1% of points on sales receipts) as of October 31st and replaced it with script fundraising, which involves the use of gift cards. Non-profit organizations sell the cards to their members and receive a rebate and a small percentage of purchases made using the card.

The League Board has made the decision not to pursue this method of fundraising, but we are still collecting receipts from Oleson's Grocery Store. Please continue to send them to Jan Warren at 606 West 10th St. Traverse City 49684.



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