



Welcome New Members!

The League of Women Voters of the Grand Traverse Area would like to welcome our newest members to the League:

Ann Cole (Traverse City)
 Eunice Crockett (Traverse City)
 Marta Hunt (Traverse City)
 Shaina LaFond (Traverse City)
 Mary Link (Frankfort)
 Dennis and Judy Murphy (Traverse City)
 Cheryl Naperla (Traverse City)
 Cindy Pascoe (Traverse City)
 Julie Quinn (Traverse City)
 Brenda Rusch and David McCullen (Traverse City)
 Wylie Schaffer (Beulah)
 Trish Schulte (Traverse City)

Message from the LWVUS's current President, Chris Carson: *As the League continues to see a [groundswell of interest in our work](#), here are tips for our local League to the most impact right now:*

Seize the moment for action. State and local governments are in full policymaking swing. This is our peak opportunity to urge forward momentum



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members, volunteers, allies and your personal networks to make calls to their representatives. Make it easy for them by providing phone numbers and scripts, and send regular issue updates and thank you's to action-takers.

Focus on voters. With eyes turning toward key 2017 and 2018 elections, this is the time to think about how your League can prepare to reach as many voters as possible over the next 18 months. Is your League ready to launch or reboot a high school or new citizen voter registration effort? How can you get your next VOTE411 voters' guide in front of more people? Have you reconnected with existing partners? Is your League prioritizing resources and time to focus on our core voter engagement activities?

The League's **2016-2018 guide to public policy positions** is now [available for download HERE](#).

LWVMI Convention

Friday, May 19-Sunday, May 21
Kellogg Center in East Lansing
[219 S Harrison Rd, East Lansing, MI 48824](#)

This year's Convention at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing promises to be informative, productive and fun. State Convention provides an opportunity to conduct important business of the state League, as well as an opportunity to participate in workshops, learn more about the League, and renew friendships with League members across the state.

Delegates will:

[Jim Claybourn](#), Natural Resources Director
[Ann Geht](#), Voter Newsletter
[Mary Grover](#)
[Donna Hornberger](#), Membership Chair
[Inara Kurt](#), Voter Services Co-chair
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Important Dates

Equal Pay Rally @
 State Capital
 April 25

ANNUAL MEETING
 Saturday, May 13
 9:30AM-12:30PM
 TC Country Club

LWVMI Convention
 May 19-21
 Kellogg Center,
 East Lansing



Read about the actions and advocacy work of the League of Women Voters of Michigan

[Recent Action Alerts](#)

- Adopt the LWVMI budgets for the next two years, including the per-member-payment
- Elect LWVMI Officers and members of the Board of Directors
- Consider Amendments to the LWVMI Bylaws, if proposed

A detailed schedule of events, a registration packet and other Convention documents will be sent to all Leagues via future e-mailings and will be available on the website. [Click here to view the First Call to Convention](#), local League delegate determination and instructions on submitting a proposed bylaw change. [Click here to view the descriptions and nomination instructions for the Convention Awards](#).

League Calls on U.S. House to Keep Key Elements of the ACA

Reprinted from the LWVUS

The League sent an action alert urging members of the grassroots lobby corps to contact their representatives regarding the repeal of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Please [contact your Representatives](#) or call **866-426-2631** to be connected via phone. You can also [use this page](#) to contact your Senators.

Tell your member of Congress:

- Don't repeal the Affordable Care Act without an effective plan that will assure we have affordable, quality health insurance.
- Now is not the time to take away health care protections and coverage without an effective

(3/17)

- Stop the Repeal of Health Care (1/17)
- Oppose new voter ID requirements (12/16)
- Support Michigan's new energy policy (11/16)

Spotlight on: **Criteria for League Participation in 2017 Marches & Events**

We are in a moment of renewed political activism, and this year we are seeing multiple events planned that may or may not be good opportunities for the League.

Participating in any march in this political climate opens us up to risk. The attached document provides criteria to help the League identify top priorities and determine at what level we will or will not participate in a variety of events: [Criteria for League Participation in 2017 Marches & Events](#)

**SAVE THE DATE
APRIL 25, 2017
IS EQUAL PAY DAY**

[Michigan Equal Pay Legislative Day & Rally](#)

April 25, 2017

Tue 9:30 AM · Lansing Capitol Building · Lansing

- Stop rushing to make major changes that will harm millions of Americans while throwing the U.S. health care system into disarray.



[League Statement on Immigration](#)

[League Statement on Claims of Voter Fraud](#)

[League Statement on Keystone Pipeline Moving Forward](#)

[League Joins Letter in Support of DACA](#)

Take Action: Tell Your Members of Congress to Protect Lake Michigan and the Great Lakes!

Reprinted from the LWVMI

Funding for the Great Lakes is cut by 97% in President Trump's proposed budget, from \$300 million to \$10 million. Only \$10 million for projects in eight states surrounding all five Great Lakes means that almost no restoration, protection, or research projects will be possible to ensure the future of our natural treasures.

Five members of LWV Lake Michigan Region are traveling to Washington, D.C. to tell Congress that League members support the Great Lakes and funding is critical. Your help is needed to get the message across. Call your Representative and Senators on March 14, 15, or 16 and tell them that Lake Michigan and the Great Lakes are important to you. [Tell your legislators to stand strong for the lakes](#) and support:

- Maintenance of \$300 million in Great Lakes funding through the EPA.
- Increases in water infrastructure program funding. We need to replace, and improve our wastewater and drinking water systems so that no other community experiences a crisis like our friends in the LWV of Flint, Michigan.

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