

**2017 LWVMI Convention
“Building a Strong Democracy”**

Dear League Leaders,

I am excited about our upcoming the **League of Women Voters of Michigan 2017 Convention** that will be held **May 19-21** at the **Kellogg Center in East Lansing**. In addition to the important business, workshops and other activities scheduled for Friday evening through Sunday noon, we will again offer an optional pre-convention workshops on Friday afternoon (1-4 pm) along with a special Reception and “Dine-around” East Lansing. Full details are included in this packet.

Included in our speaker lineup is Chris Hackbarth from the Michigan Municipal League who will discuss revenue distribution from the state, and Sue Smith, LWVMI Vice President of Program and a Member of the LWVUS Nominating Committee, who will present a transformation at LWVUS. Table top conversations on a variety of topics will be available during Saturday’s breakfast.

We are pleased that Zoe Clark, Program Director for Michigan Radio will be the keynote speaker at Saturday’s Awards Banquet. Ms. Clark is also the co-host of *It’s Just Politics*, a weekly look at politics in Michigan, so we know her message will hold our attention! Separate tickets are available for those who want to attend just the Banquet. See the Convention Overview for a complete list of activities.

I look forward to seeing you at Convention!

Judy Karandjeff, President
League of Women Voters of Michigan

Hotel reservations must be made by April 19, 2017

Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center
219 S. Harrison Rd, East Lansing, M 48824
Phone: (517) 432-4000 Fax: (517) 432-1014

Refer to LWV051917 to get the League room rate

The Convention registration fee is \$180 and includes the following:

- All convention materials
- The following meals
 - * Saturday morning Breakfast Buffet
 - * Saturday Lunch
 - * Saturday Banquet
 - * Sunday morning Breakfast Buffet
- A choice of workshops (see registration form)
- 3 Plenary sessions – Friday evening, Saturday morning, and Sunday morning

The cost of a double occupancy room at the Kellogg Center will be \$112.00 per night (approx. \$127 with taxes) for reservations made by April 19. Please mention LWV051917 when you reserve your room.

Convention registration can be completed online with a credit card. You may use the attached Registration Form and pay by check or you may register online and pay with a credit card using PayPal services on a secure website: <https://fs16.formsite.com/lwvmi/convention17/index.html>. If you have trouble with this link, please copy and paste it into your browser. Note: the online form needs to be completed in a single session.

Friday, 1- 4 pm – Issues Update

Knowing what the hot topics are and what the League is doing about them is important to all League members. Join us for presentations in redistricting, Enbridge's Pipeline 5 and the state budget.

- 1:00 pm. **"Redistricting in Michigan: Where Are We Now?"** Sue Smith, LWVMI Vice President of Programming
 - 2:00 pm. **"America's Scariest Underwater Pipeline: Enbridge Line 5 in the Straights of Mackinac,"** David Holtz, Sierra Club Chair
 - 3:00 pm. **"The State Budget: A Matter of Priorities"**. Courtney Bourgoin, Sierra Club State Budget Education Organizer
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Welcome Reception hosted by the Nominating Committee in the Lincoln Room of the Kellogg Center, Friday, 4:30 – 6:00 pm – Come and visit with your League friends from all over the state and meet your Board of Directors nominees. Enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be available.

Dine-Around in East Lansing, Friday, 6:00 – 7:45: Have dinner on your own, or sign up for a specially-selected restaurant and join other League members for a group dinner before the plenary. See the Dine Around attachment with this email. (Note: Dine-Around choices should be directed to Camilla Davis, our LWV Lansing League President and Convention Liaison.)

Local League Highlights: Leagues will have a number of opportunities to showcase their work over the past two years: 1) A "Roll Call" of Leagues, 2) Table displays showcasing special projects (optional) and 3) a continual slide show of League activities that will make us all proud of the daily work that our Leagues do in Michigan. (League presidents were sent an email about these opportunities on March 6)

Silent Auction - Each League is encouraged to bring items for a silent auction at Convention – a specialty food (non-perishable) or a product from your area of Michigan are some examples. These items need not be expensive, just desirable. No "white elephants," please. (See "Auction" packet for instructions)

Wares Market for Local Leagues - Leagues may bring items to sell at the wares market (see attachment). If your League has items to sell, please email our Auction/Wares Market Chair, Paula Manley at pjmanley@hotmail.com.

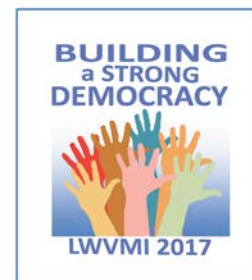
We are looking forward to an exciting Convention. Please encourage your members to attend. If you have any questions call Paula Bowman, , LWVMI Convention Chair at (734) 277-2243 or Barb DeLeeuw at the LWVMI office (517-484-5383)

Please fill out and return both the Registration Page and the Choices Page along with your check.

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LWVMI Convention in East Lansing

May 19, 20 and 21, 2017



Registration Page

Please copy this form (both pages) for each delegate, alternate or guest attending.

Return this form to LWVMI, 600 W Saint Joseph St., Suite 3G, Lansing MI 48933 with the appropriate fees OR submit online using a credit card at:

<https://fs16.formsite.com/lwvmi/convention17/index.html> by April 19, 2017. If you have trouble with this link, please copy and paste it into your browser.

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Phone: (517) 432-4000 Fax: (517) 432-1014

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____ Local League: _____

Phone (day): _____ With whom will you be rooming? _____

Is this your first Convention? Yes No

CHECK ONE: Delegate* Alternate* Guest
(*In order to vote, your name must be on the authorized list of delegates/alternates from your League President.)

REGISTRATION FEES: (Deadline April 19, 2017 to avoid late fees)

\$180 **LWVMI Convention.** Includes full Convention packet, workshops, and voting credentials (if you are a delegate); Saturday breakfast, lunch, Saturday banquet, Sunday breakfast.

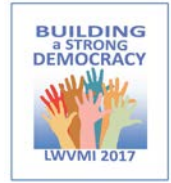
\$ 50 **Saturday day only** (plenary, lunch, workshops)

\$ 35 **Additional Saturday Banquet** ticket (name of guest) _____

\$ 15 **Late fee** (applicable after April 19, 2017)

\$ _____ **TOTAL ENCLOSED** Make check payable LWVMI Convention.

A \$15 processing charge will be deducted from any refund. Any charges incurred by LWVMI for meals cannot be refunded after meal commitments are made to the hotel.



Choices Page

Friday, May 19 Events *(Please check whether you will be attending)*

_____ **Friday Issues Updates - 1 pm until 4 pm**

_____ **Welcome Reception, Friday, 4:30-6:00** – Hosted by the Nominating Committee. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, cash bar.

Saturday, May 20 Events

Saturday Afternoon Workshops I: 2 pm until 3:30 pm

(Please indicate your choice by ranking 1 to 3, 1 being your first choice.)

_____ **Voter Registration.** New and traditional venues to register voters, brush up on the “League way” to register and process voter registrations.

*Leaders: Betsy Cushman, LWVMI Director at Large
MerriKay Oleen-Burkey, LWV Kalamazoo*

_____ **Engaging our Membership.** A workshop to explore ways to use the skills of all members, new and seasoned, to further the League’s impact.

*Leaders: Christina Schlitt, LWVMI Vice President for Membership
Caroline deLlamas, LWV California, LWVUS Shur Fellow*

_____ **Natural Resources Update.** Pipelines, air quality and fracking- what’s the latest?

*Leaders: Suzanne Dixon, LWVMI Director of Natural Resources
Linda Hoff, LWVMI Vice President of Advocacy*

Saturday afternoon Workshops II: 3:45 pm until 5:15 pm

(Please indicate your choice by ranking 1 to 3, 1 being your first choice.)

_____ **Moderator Training.** Best practices and potential landmines of moderating League forums.

*Leaders: Eva Packard, LWVMI Director of Voter Service
Betsy Cushman, LWVMI Director at Large
Christina Schlitt, LWVMI Vice President of Membership*

_____ **League Fundraising.** Learn about successful ways to collect other people’s money to fund League activities. It’s all about the mission: successful fundraising must come from the heart.

Leader: Ken Manley, Nominee, LWVMI Director of Development

_____ **From Program to Advocacy.** Utilizing our positions to effectively advocate at the local and state levels.

*Leaders: Sue Smith, LWVMI Vice President of Program
Linda Hoff, LWVMI Vice President of Advocacy*

Saturday Banquet Selection *(Place a check by your choice and guest’s selection.)*

_____ Roasted Lemon and Rosemary Chicken (Grilled chicken, rice pilaf, fresh broccoli)

_____ Mushroom Ravioli (Portabello Ravioli with herb cream sauce)

Thank you!