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Awards Nomination Packet

In every Local League there are members whose values, service and leadership set them apart. In quiet and public ways these are the individuals who are doing the most to passionately fulfill the mission of the League of Women Voters. This Awards Nomination Packet offers the opportunity to recognize those League leaders who excel in the hands-on work to safeguard democracy.

The following awards will be presented May 19-21, 2023 at the LWVMI State Convention in East Lansing, Michigan:

- The **Belle Brotherton Award** honors an individual whose outstanding leadership and significant accomplishments have benefited the citizens of Michigan, inspired others and fostered greater public participation in the democratic process.
- The **Eva Packard Award Voter Services Award** honors a League member whose leadership and energy in the field of voter services has provided citizens with necessary information and encouraged informed voters through League work at the state or local level.
- The **Judy Karandjeff Advocacy Award** honors a League member who has excelled in leading and/or taking action to carry out the League’s mission of defending democracy.
- The **Belle Ringer Awards** are noncompetitive and inclusive. Each local League is invited to select up to four members for recognition—one each in Advocacy, Voter Services, Member Recruitment & Engagement and Financial Management or Fundraising, to acknowledge their support of critical League priorities. Each Belle Ringer will be publicly thanked for their service.

Please, carefully review these nomination materials, nominate members of your Local League who meet the award criteria, then help us celebrate their accomplishments in May.

Sincerely,

Christina Schlitt and Paula Bowman

Co-Presidents, League of Women Voters of Michigan



Belle Brotherton Award

The **Belle Brotherton Award** is named for the first president of the League of Women Voters of Michigan, Florence Belle Brotherton.

The **Belle Brotherton Award** honors an individual whose outstanding leadership and significant accomplishments have benefited the citizens of Michigan, inspired others and fostered greater public participation in the democratic process. The individual must have demonstrated significant accomplishments in support of the mission of the League both at the local and state levels.



Florence Belle Brotherton from Detroit was LWVMI's first president from 1919 to 1921

Criteria and nomination instructions.

Each nominee must be a current member and have been a member for a minimum of 15 years.

Number each response in the nomination narrative as below.

1. What is the nominee's name and local League?
2. How long has the nominee been a member of the League?
3. Specifically, how has the nominee demonstrated outstanding leadership within the organization?
4. What are the nominee's significant accomplishments in support of the mission of the organization?
5. How have citizens of the local community and the state of Michigan benefited as a result of the nominee's efforts?
6. How has the nominee inspired others?
7. How has the nominee fostered greater participation in the democratic process?
8. Is the nominee planning to attend the LWVMI Convention? (not a requirement, but helpful to know).

Recent recipients of the Belle Brotherton Award

- Judy Karandjeff (2021)
- Sue Smith (2019)
- Suzanne Dixon (2017)
- Edith Prunty Spencer (2015)
- Mary Brown (2013)
- Eva Packard (2011)

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Eva Packard Voter Services Award

The **Eva Packard Award Voter Services Award** is named for LWVMI's dynamic, 10-year Voter Services Director who introduced VOTE411 to the state and local Leagues in the early 2010s. Eva was editor of the state printed voter guide for several issues and led in helping local Leagues with candidate forums. Eva passed away in 2022.

This award honors a League member whose leadership and energy in the field of voter services has provided citizens with necessary information and encouraged informed voters through League work at the state or local level. A member nominated for this award should include leading activities of Public Education and Engagement through the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion lens. Their efforts might include but should not be limited to the following elements at the local or state League level:

- Ensure that their local League maintains a non-partisan stance to the public while providing information to citizens so that they can make educated voting decisions.
- Keep their local Leagues informed on activities needed to maintain non-partisanship.
- Manage or promote Vote411 for elections.
- Voter registration.
- Get out the vote.
- Poll worker and/or recruitment.
- Work with election officials.
- Engage candidates to participate in Vote411 and forums.



Eva Packard was a member of the League for 57 years and is a 2011 recipient of the Belle Brotherton Award.

Criteria and nomination instructions:

Each nominee must be a current member and have been a member for a minimum of 5 years.

Please provide the following information. Number each response in your narrative as below.

1. What is the nominee's name and local League?
2. How long has the nominee been a member of the League?
3. Specifically, what have been the nominee's significant accomplishments in providing citizens with information at the state and local levels?
4. What are the nominee's significant accomplishments in encouraging voters to be informed and engaged in democracy at the state and/or local levels?
5. Is the nominee planning to attend the LWVMI Convention? (not a requirement, but helpful to know).

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Judy Karandjeff Advocacy Award

The **Judy Karandjeff Advocacy Award** is named for past LWVMI president and advocacy chair whose legislative experience and intuition helped develop LWVMI's advocacy program in the 21st century. Judy has trained local Leagues in the methods of effective advocacy and has developed the guidelines we use today.

This award honors a League member who has excelled in leading and/or taking action to carry out the League's mission of defending democracy. Their activities might include, but should not be limited to these elements at the state or local League level:

- Enhance the League's effectiveness by concentrating resources on priority issues.
- Build the League's credibility and visibility by projecting a focused and consistent image.
- Elevate opportunities for the League to make an impact.
- Engage members that show interest.
- Check regularly with the state board to review the legislative priorities.
- Safeguard the League's reputation for nonpartisanship.
- Adhere to the LWVMI and LWVUS processes designed to help make League action as effective as possible, to ensure that the League speaks with one voice, and to coordinate and reinforce the League's advocacy messages.
- Follow LWVMI board advocacy guidelines to request review of action at the local League to determine that it is consistent with League priorities.
- All activities and recruitment through the *Diversity, Equity and Inclusion* lens



Judy Karandjeff has been in the League since 1972, was a past president of LWVMI and was the recipient of the 2021 Belle Brotherton Award.

Criteria and nomination instructions:

Each nominee must be a current member and have been a member for a minimum of 5 years.

Please provide the following information. Number each response in your narrative as below.

1. What is the nominee's name and local League?
2. How long has the nominee been a member of the League?
3. Specifically, what is the history of the nominee's advocacy at the state and/or local level on multiple issues?
4. How has the nominee demonstrated leadership to encourage other League members and citizens to join advocacy movements?
5. Is the nominee planning to attend the convention? (not a requirement, but helpful to know.)

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Guidelines for submitting Belle Brotherton Award, Eva Packard Award and Judy Karandjeff Award

Guidelines for submitting the nomination:

1. Limit the nomination to no more than three (3) pages. Number each page. A cover page or letter is not necessary.
2. Place the nominee's name and local League at the top of each page.
3. Place the name and contact information of the individual(s) submitting the nomination at the bottom of each page.
4. Each local League may submit one nominee only for each competitive award.
5. Nominations previously submitted for the Belle Brotherton Award may be resubmitted in 2023 (Not applicable for the Eva Packard or Judy Karandjeff Awards since they are new in 2023).
6. The LWVMI Awards Committee makes the final selection(s) for each competitive award.
7. By April 15, 2023, email the nomination to:
paulabowman9000@gmail.com
8. Have a digital photo of the nominee available. Do not email this unless requested to do so.



Belle Ringer Awards

The **Belle Ringer Awards** are also named after Florence **Belle** Brotherton, the first president of the League of Women Voters of Michigan. Each local League is invited to identify one member in **each** of these areas for their contribution to the League:



Advocacy

- ADVOCACY
- VOTER SERVICE
- MEMBER RECRUITMENT OR ENGAGEMENT
- FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OR FUNDRAISING



Voter Services

Specifics:

These are non-competitive awards.

Any member is eligible.

Recipients are not required to attend convention.

Recipients names will be read at the Convention and given a small token of appreciation.

Names will also appear in the next League Links.



Membership

Guidelines for submitting your League's list of awardees:

List should include:

1. Member's Name
2. Award category
3. A one-sentence description (we will edit out anything else)
4. Email by April 15, 2023 to: Debbie Nagy at danagy@gmail.com.



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