



League of Women Voters of the Lansing Area Jackson Unit

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Calendar

November



24 through December 25

Christmas on Hollywood and Pine Fund Raiser

Michigan Theatre

Spectacular anytime. Come and enjoy the Theatre with Holiday Trees beautifully decorated by 16 of Jackson's non-profits. Be sure to find the League's tree. Vote (with \$\$\$) for your favorite tree. Non-profits get to keep all money in their designated box.

December

1 LWV Holiday Party

Come, celebrate our accomplishments and enjoy good company

1:00 – 2:30 pm

Bella Notte Restaurant – mezzanine

1 – 25 League Fund Raiser

Christmas on Hollywood & Pine

Michigan Theatre

See beautiful decorations and vote for favorite tree. League keeps all money voted on our tree. Encourage friends to vote.

14 I'll Be Me Movie

JXN Community Forum

6:30 – 8:30 pm

Carnegie Library Auditorium

January

Late January

New Year's League Retreat

Half Day somewhere in Jackson

You won't want to miss it.

LEAGUE NEWS; Our October Meeting used Robert's Rules of Order for the first time and your President has a lot to learn on that score. Thank goodness we have Bobbie Bryant, serving as our Parliamentarian.

Arme Thompson requested support in the NAACP's 30 year effort to have a street named after Martin Luther King, Jr. The NAACP aims to have High St. renamed after Dr. King. Arme will make a formal presentation at a later date for us to formally consider. We encourage you to please let Board Members know your thoughts on the subject

Becoming a League Progress Report

Our application to become an independent league has been reviewed by the Lansing Board and the Michigan Director of Member League Development and the state's Membership Committee. After making suggested changes, the application was submitted to the Board of Directors of the State of Michigan in Lansing. Your Jackson Board will be in Lansing on December 2 at the Board meeting to answer any questions. The Lansing Board will vote on our application while the Jackson Officers are at the meeting. If the application is approved by the state, it will then move forward for review by the National Board in Washington, D.C. in Mid January. Our goal is to become an independent league in early 2018. We hope to be able to celebrate success at our January Retreat.

Third Annual Holiday Luncheon

Friday, December 1

1:00 – 2:30 pm

Bella Notte Restaurant

MICHIGAN AVE ROOM ON THE MEZZANINE

Come and celebrate our accomplishments. Get to know your fellow members a little better. Share with a friend.

- **Bring a Friend – this is a good time for both of you to learn more about our accomplishments and get a glimpse of 2018 activities.**
- **If you choose, add to the holiday spirit and bring a pair of gloves/mittens and hat for a child. Gifts for teenagers are most needed. All donations will be donated to the Salvation Army Christmas efforts.**
- **Lunch is individual order so whether you want soup, sandwich or just a cup of tea, join us.**
- **RSVP to Mary Lee: LeagueWVJackson@gmail.com**



LEAGUE RETREAT IN JANUARY

Come and shake off some of your deep concerns of 2017. Relax, explore alternatives to your worries; enjoy time with like-minded members while we discuss 2018 League activities and possibilities. You will shed some of those worries, leave refreshed and ready for 2018. Bring a friend. We are planning a Saturday in January but want your input on exact date and length. Date will be finalized at Holiday Luncheon. So bring your calendar

Welcome 2017 New Members

Mike Butchart
Deborah Killewald
Shirley Zeller

I'll Be Me

Inspirational Holiday Event

Join us **December 14** for "I'll Be Me," a documentary of Glen Campbell's last tour after he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Sponsored by the JXN Community Forum, you will laugh as much as you cry, be amazed and uplifted by his story. Wonderful music, loving family & friends, his joy for life. Music brought Glen joy and jogged his memory. Be amazed with how music works within the brain.

The evening starts with a presentation by the Library. Five wonderful new cutting edge Library programs working with Alzheimer's patients will be introduced. One works with music and its positive effects. You will be inspired knowing what your Library offers our community. And you will leave feeling very uplifted.

League Mission: The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

THIS IS DEMOCRACY

In 1976 the League of Women Voters moderated the first U.S. Presidential debate since Kennedy/Nixon. The League sponsored Presidential and Vice Presidential debates from 1976 through 1984. Using League rules regarding questions, format and equal time to all candidates, the league serves as host. On October 3, 1988, the LWV withdrew sponsorship and issued this press release:

"The League of Women Voters is withdrawing sponsorship of the presidential debates...because the demands of the two campaign organizations would perpetrate a fraud on the American voter. It has become clear to us that the candidates' organizations aim to add debates to their list of campaign-trail charades devoid of substance, spontaneity and answers to tough questions. The League has no intention of becoming an accessory to the hoodwinking of the American public."

Questions: Email Mary Lee at LeaguewJackson@gmail.com
or Call 517-782-0964

HUD REQUESTS ASSISTANCE FROM JACKSON LEAGUE

The Board of the League of Women Voters Jackson Unit responded to a request for assistance from the Jackson Housing Commission, the management of Reed Manor. To fulfill HUD requirements at Reed Manor, the Housing Commission requested the League oversee the Elections of the Reed Manor Tenant Association (RMTA) Board. Bobbie Bryant, Secretary of the League, agreed to oversee this project. During a meeting with the current officers of the Tenant Association and the current property manager, a timeline was identified that was consistent with the RMTA by-laws, and federal requirements. Nominations for RMTA Board positions have been completed. The election scheduled for Thursday, December 14th. Two League members should be present during the elections to act as a witness to the proceedings.



Volunteers for the noon to 2:00 slot are still needed.

Contact Bobbie if you can help: Bobbiebryant47@comcast.com

We are gratified to be able to provide Voter Services to a local group of citizens to ensure their voice is heard regarding their home, while helping the Jackson Housing Commission comply with Federal Laws.

Human Trafficking

Our November Forum experienced demand beyond any forum in the past. The website showed over 1000 people interested. There were requests for more presentations even before the actual event. Due to unparalleled interest, the library opened a second room so overflow could watch the presentation through a live stream. This was the first time ever for the library to do this and the live stream received over 11,000 hits with over 40 watching the entire event on their smart devices.

All League Members should be proud of the very needed service we provided for our community. Many parents were there, some with their children, all with worries and questions.

The sex trade is the second fastest growth industry in the U.S. But it is only one form of Human Trafficking. Go to the League's FACEBOOK site or the JXN Community Forum FACEBOOK page for more information, to watch the event or see the Power Point of Ms. Baird. Learn about this growing problem that affects our community and what to do if you spot suspicious behavior.

Report suspicious behavior to:

National Human Trafficking hotline: 888-373 7888.

Current Membership: **37** - New Member Goal by July 2018 = **19**

Our reborn League started up in 2015 but Jackson had a long history of a very active league. The last information we can find was a 1996 membership of 55. So we have set a membership goal of 56 by July 1, 2018 when we hope to begin our first full year as an independent league. Invite a friend to our Holiday Party for fun and to see what we are about.

REDISTRICTING: Our Redistricting Team continues to make educational presentations before local groups including Vista Grande Villa, The Business and Professional Women's Club and Jackson College. If you belong to an organization or have a regular Coffee Klatch, think about inviting one of our teams to educate your group on this important topic. To schedule a presentation, contact George Mohring: gbxlwv@gmail.com

