



**League of Women Voters®
of the Flint Area**

**ANNUAL REPORT
2012 – 2013**

Sunday, June 2, 2013
2:30pm

Whaley Historic House Museum
624 E. Kearsley St.
Flint, MI 48503

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*In Memoriam of
Dedicated LWVFA Members:*

Rose Ann MacDonald

and

Janice Borraidaile

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Annual Meeting Procedures

The Annual Meeting is open to members of the League of Women Voters of the Flint Area, their guests and visitors. Only members in good standing have the right to speak and vote.

Roberts Rules of Order will govern the general conduct of the meeting, except where superseded by the Bylaws or Annual Meeting Rules.

A Parliamentarian shall be selected to:

- 1) advise on the proper application of the rules,
- 2) make a ruling when there is conflict regarding the interpretation of a rule,
- and 3) determine the proper way to conduct the meeting (based on *Robert's Rules of Order*)

The Secretary, or Chair, may request that motions or amendments of substance be put in writing.

A reading committee selected at last year's meeting verified the accuracy of the minutes. Today we select three members to read this year's minutes.

Each year our local program must be approved by the membership. The Board recommends approval of the program as printed in this report. A majority vote of members attending the meeting is needed for approval.

Our by-laws provide for election of officers and directors. Election of the slate, as presented by the Nominating Committee, is by majority vote. The Nominating Committee consists of two Board members, appointed by the board. All remaining members who are not on the Board are elected at this 2013 Annual Meeting.

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Annual Meeting Proposed Agenda

- 2:30pm Sign In
- Refreshments and social time
- 2:50pm Call to Order
- Welcome
- Purpose
- Appointment of Parliamentarian
- Acceptance of 2012 Minutes
- Selection of 2013 Minutes Reading Committee
- Treasurer's Report LWVFA FY12-13
- Motion to Accept the Report for Audit
- Presentation of Proposed Budget FY13-14
- Motion, Questions & Vote to Accept
- Presentation of Local Program Positions
- Motion, Questions & Vote to Accept
- Report of the Nominating Committee (Rose Bogardus)
- Open Nominations from the Floor
- Election of Officers & Directors for LWVFA
- Election of the Nominating Committee for 2014
- New Business
- LWVFA Board Remarks
- Honoree Presentations
- 3:40pm Adjourn LWVFA Annual Meeting
- Tours of Whaley House Museum

2012 – 2013 Board of Directors

OFFICERS

President (2013)	Linda Hoff
Administrative Vice President (2013)	Rhina Griffel
Program Vice Presidents (2014)	Doris Sain Ann Kraft
Secretary (2013)	Kristal Jackson
Acting Treasurer (2014)	Ann Kraft

DIRECTORS

Government Chair (2014)	Vikki Bayeh Haley
International Relations (2013)	Linda Hoff
Membership (2013)	Helen Hoyt
Natural Resources (2014)	Fulfilled by L Hoff
Social Policy (2013)	Jeanette Hall
Voter Service (2013)	Fulfilled by L Hoff and K Jackson
Technology (2014)	Kristal Jackson

OFF BOARD PORTFOLIOS

Bulletin	Jeanette Hall
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**Resignations during the year:
Ernestine Tune – Voter Service
Helen Mitts - Treasurer*

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OFFICER'S REPORTS

PRESIDENT

Wow! What a busy first year as your LWV Flint Area President!

We have gone through some challenges, as does every organization, but we are diligently working our way through them. The past year has been a blend of continuing previous practices and a period of new beginnings.

We have worked tirelessly on election related matters: getting out the vote, educating voters on candidates for office and proposal language (with pro/con statements), precinct observer training, service and intervention, and so much more. New amongst these is that we were able to engage with the UM-Flint Video Club to record our individual candidate responses. As with previous years, we worked with EM Tune Productions to get our video coverage out to the public on Comcast Public Access. Also new this year, I was invited to be part of a panel in a voter education video coordinated and led by Flint Clerk, Inez Brown; this one hour video was broadcast on public access and through our LWV website.

We have also worked to perform our various portfolio responsibilities – I will leave it to you to review those reports further in this Annual Report.

As your president, I have tried to gain a good sense of history from our long-time board members, while looking for new ways to engage and recruit new members so that our organization can achieve sustainable growth. Change is rarely easy, but necessary, especially when countered with financial realities. We are making increased use of technology and social media to share information with our members and friends; if you haven't checked out our webpage or our Facebook page recently, please do so. The changing dynamic of news agencies has brought some communication challenges as well but I continue to try to engage print, radio and television to carry our message; I have had several radio interviews and a couple of television news "spot" interviews. The East Village Magazine in Flint deserves special thanks because they have printed everything that we have sent to them! MLive also published my editorial for Sunshine Week and we are grateful for the exposure.

In 2013-14, we will continue our primary focus of engaging in voter education and reform, we will continue our work in portfolio management to bring about civic engagement, and we will work to improve the public image and familiarity of the League of Women Voters. We need to do a better job showing the public that, while we pride ourselves on our Voter Guides, we are so much more than that!

Please continue your support and feel free to contact me regarding any ideas or issues you would like to share.

Linda Hoff

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ADMINISTRATIVE VICE PRESIDENT

I am grateful to Linda Hoff for stepping up to the position of President of our local League of Women Voters, and it has been a delight working with her. She has been very efficient, pro-active, and reasonable in terms of what our League could reasonably accomplish. It was also a pleasure working with all the other members of our Board, all dedicated women.

In my role as Vice President, in addition to attending Board and Committee meetings, I did focus a great deal on Voter Service activity which included efforts of Voter Registration at the DHS offices at Pierson and Clio Road, the Flint Farmers Market, and the Disability Network picnic. I also assisted with our candidate forums, monitored the voting process during the November election (which was a League of Women Voters of Michigan project) at a nearby precinct, and assisted in disseminating information about our Vote 411 website as well as our local League website where people could obtain current information about candidates. I assisted in the planning and publicizing of our recent fundraising event, a wonderful concert given by Larry MacDonald, entitled "Good as Gold." This event was, in some respects, co-sponsored with the St. Cecilia Society, and I assisted in facilitating that cooperative effort. I have also tried to publicize all League events as well as possible, and keep the membership apprised of current happenings. I look forward to another productive year as Vice President of the League of Women Voters of the Flint Area and working with its Board of Directors and members.

Respectfully,

Rhina Griffel

PROGRAM VICE PRESIDENTS

Two public program events were held in the last program year.

A session to educate the public about the Genesee Health Plan was held at the Flint Public Library under sponsorship of the Library; League of Women Voters Flint Area; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Zeta Beta Omega Chapter; and Delta Sigma Theta, Flint Alumnae Chapter. As a result of the session, the Board of LWVFA subsequently voted to advocate for the passage of renewal of the millage on the November ballot to finance the Genesee Health Plan, under League's state and U.S health positions.

To honor and celebrate persons who promote democracy and informed citizenry, League named Diane Bayeh the 2012 recipient of our Making Democracy Work award. The event was held at Court Street Village, Flint, and included a light supper. Larry MacDonald accepted a memorial certificate honoring his wife, Rose Ann, former long- time president and passionate supporter of League.

More community events are being planned for the next program year. In particular, we are planning a meeting on the Healthcare Marketplace in the month of September. This will be aimed at providing people information they need before the Affordable Care Insurance Marketplace opens on October 1, 2013.

Doris Sain, Program Vice President

Ann Kraft, Program Co-Vice President

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2012 Annual Meeting Minutes

League of Women Voters of the Flint Area Annual Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2012
Sarvis Center

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to by Co-Team Leader, Jeanette Hall

PURPOSE: As stated Jeanette Hall, the purpose of Annual Meeting is to layout the agenda and purpose for the coming 2012-2013 LWV-FA year.

ADOPTION OF PROCEDURES:

Helen Hoyt moves for adoption of the Annual Meeting Procedures, as stated in the Annual Report. Edith Prunty-Spencer seconds the motion. Motion carries.

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Ruth Brown was appointed as Parliamentarian.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF 2011 ANNUAL MEETING:

John Hemingway moves for acceptance of the minutes, as printed in the Annual Report. Helen Mitts seconds the motion. Motion carries.

ANNUAL MEETING READING COMMITTEE:

The following members volunteered to review the 2012 Annual Meeting Minutes for accuracy: Helen Hoyt, Bill Brooks and Edith Spencer

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ann Kraft reviewed the Treasurer's Report 2011-2012 and the recommended dues increase.

The Budget for FY 12-13 is \$9,204.50. Ann Kraft provided information on: Educational Programming, Activities, Newsletter expenses, and the State & National PMP. She also explained that the Budget Committee is proposing a change in dues, as follows:

Individual Membership - from \$55 to \$65

Household Membership – from \$80 to \$100

Student Membership – from \$30 to \$25

Associate Membership – for ages 26 and younger; non-voting

Jim Richardson asked about the website maintenance fee of \$0.97 on line A6. Ann Kraft explained that it was for a PayPal fee.

Deb Cherry stated that, as part of the Budget Committee, she was surprised at how much of the dues goes to National and State and how very little stays locally. That is why the Budget Committee proposed an increase in dues.

Bobbie Walton asked if all of the additional monies from the increase will go to the Flint Chapter/If the State and National PMP was proportional. Ann Kraft explained that the State and National was not proportional and that all additional funds over the flat PMP rate would go to the Flint League.

Helen Hoyt noted that this year is National Convention and that there is a feeling that there would be an increase in the National PMP.

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Jeanette Hall noted that many times the National increase is voted down. She also pointed out that the amount remaining for Flint League would depend on those funds remaining after the PMP is paid.

Deb Cherry moves for an increase in the dues as proposed by the recommendation in the Annual Report. Paul Rozycki seconds the motion

Clara Brooks noted that we cannot depend on donations to increase **revenue**.

Motion carries.

Ann Kraft moves for the adoption of the Budget as proposed by the Budget Committee. Rhina Griffel seconds. Motion carries.

ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED 2012-2013 BUDGET.

Rhina Griffel moved that the budget be adopted

Ruth Brown seconds. Motion carries.

Rhina Griffel commented that in terms of enhancing the budget, we could be more proactive in fundraising.

LOCAL PROGRAM POSITIONS: Program Positions stand as printed in the Annual Report program.

- Flint City Charter
- County Executive
- Housing Relocation
- Genesee County Correctional
- Financing Flint Schools
- Education
- Library Services in Genesee County

Jeanette Hall explained that we can lobby at the local level on these positions, as well as the state and national positions. She also noted that we had no requests for new studies and that next year's deadline for proposing a study is March 2013.

Clara Brooks asked if the Flint City Charter position covers the Emergency Financial Manager topic. Jeanette Hall stated that it does not specifically cover this topic. But, the LWV does support a strong mayor elected on a non-partisan basis.

Herman Marable asked about the County Executive position, which has not been updated since it was adopted in 1981. Jeanette Hall explained that the issue of a County Executive comes up every so often but never goes anywhere and that if we were to review the position, a proposal would need to be submitted to the board by March 2013, along with some cost analysis.

Rhina Griffel asked if we should look at opening studies now. Jeanette Hall explained that a past vote set the deadline to the March prior to the Annual Meeting to be considered for review and that if we would like to change this, it would need to be looked at for the next Annual Meeting.

Paul Rozycki moves to retain the present program positions. Deb Cherry seconds. Motion carries.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: Helen Hoyt reported the following nominations and corrections to the Annual Report:

Officers to be Elected (All terms expire 2014):

Program Vice President

Doris Sain

Treasurer

Helen Mitts

*Withdraw Marion Wright as Co-Treasurer

Directors to be Elected (All terms expire 2014):

Government

Vicki Bayeh-Haley

Technology

Kristal Jackson

Natural Resources

Soni Sparks

To be Appointed by the Board (All terms expire 2013):

President

Linda Hoff

*Withdraw Beverly Bliesath as President

*Withdraw Linda Hoff as Co-Administrative Vice President

Co-Program Vice President

Ann Kraft

Co-Social Policy

Karla Mancini

International Relations

Linda Hoff

2013 Nominating Committee – To be Elected:

Rose Bogardus

Ruth Brown

Larry MacDonald

Georgia McCall

There were no nominations from the floor.

Helen Hoyt moves to adopt the Nominating Committee Report with the specified corrections. Rhina Griffel seconds. Motion carries.

Jeanette Hall announced that the new and current Board members would meet for some business shortly after the evening's program.

NEW BUSINESS

Table Centerpiece

Each table has a flower centerpiece. Each centerpiece will be given to the person at each table who is sitting in the chair with the orange circle underneath.

Awards

Each of the following League volunteers was given a LWV portfolio and a certificate of appreciation for the many things they have done to support the Flint League.

- David Caswell – serving as time keeper and loaning his sound system to the League for various candidate forums.
- Paul Rozycki – serving as moderator at forums, sometimes with short notice
- Wanda Harden – helping with publicity/PR and helping with various Voter Service tasks.

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2012 National Convention

Kristal Jackson is the delegate to this year's National Convention. She will also be a co-host at the Vote411 Caucus at Convention. Vote411 provides election information throughout the country.

Recognition of Candidates & Elected Officials

Deb Cherry - Running for Genesee County Treasurer (Incumbent)

Pegge Adams – Running for Genesee County Commissioner 9th District

The Honorable Judge Herman Marable – Running for 68th District Court (Incumbent)

Ellen Ellenburg – Burton City Council Member

Announcements

Helen Hoyt asked that everyone complete and turn in the Profile Sheets which were passed out, which provide information on areas of interest.

Kristal Jackson reminded everyone that there are sign-up sheets for various committees.

Rhina Griffel thanked Jeanette Hall for stepping in and leading the Annual Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

George Walton moves that the 2012 Annual Meeting be adjourned.

Helen Hoyt seconds. Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristal Jackson
Secretary

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LWVFA Proposed Budget FY12-13

	Year-to-date 30-Apr-13		
Balance forward	\$4,928.95		
Receipts	<u>\$9,053.08</u>		
	\$13,982.03		
		2012-2013	2013-2014
		Budget	Prop. Budget
Expenses			
A. Administration			
1. Board tools, supplies, postage (Box fee & 100 stamps)	\$39.77	\$180.00	\$136.00
2. Insurance	\$48.60	\$50.00	\$49.00
3. Bank charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4. Membership growth & participation	\$0.00	\$85.00	\$85.00
5. Public relations/publicity	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
6. Website maintenance & fees	\$221.71	\$200.00	\$235.00
7. Newsletter			
a. Postage 6 issues @ \$25	\$290.00	\$150.00	\$300.00
b. Printing 6 issues @ \$130	\$586.34	\$780.00	\$780.00
8. Publications	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
9. Finance/fundraising	\$0.00		
a. Birthday letter	\$0.00	\$160.00	\$160.00
b. Calendar sales	\$96.00	\$108.00	\$100.00
c. Concert/ Event	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$950.00
d. Other - Good as Gold Concert	\$355.00		
B. State per member payments	\$850.50		
1. 40 Individuals @ \$23	\$0.00	\$882.00	\$920.00
2. 11 Households @ \$34.50	\$0.00	\$346.50	\$379.50
3. 3 Students @ \$11.50	\$0.00	\$31.50	\$34.50
C. US per member payments	\$1,255.50		
1. 40 Individuals @ \$31	\$0.00	\$1,302.00	\$1,240.00
2. 11 Households @ \$46.50	\$0.00	\$511.50	\$511.50
3. 3 Students @ \$15.50	\$0.00	\$48.00	\$48.00
D. Meetings			
1. Annual business mtg w/meal 25 @ \$20	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$640.00
2. State League workshop 4 @ \$20	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$80.00
3. State Convention (reg./hotel/travel) 4 @ \$225	\$0.00	\$900.00	
4. Nat'l. Convention (reg./hotel/travel - 1 delegate)			\$1,300.00
E. Educational programming			
1. Voter Service	\$459.24	\$600.00	\$500.00
2. Natural Resources	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
3. Social Policy	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
4. Government	\$420.29	\$50.00	\$50.00
5. International Relations			
F. Activities			
1. Making Democracy Work Award Event	\$142.46	\$330.00	\$300.00

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2. 3 "Hot Topics" luncheons 15 persons @ \$10	\$137.91	\$1,200.00	\$450.00
3. Other - Birthday celebration	\$0.00		\$0.00
G. Position Support (Advocacy)		\$60.00	\$60.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES to April 30, 2013	\$7,390.88	\$9,204.50	\$9,638.50
BALANCE ON HAND April 30, 2013*	\$6,591.15		

Note: 2 more months in fiscal year (July 1 - June 30)
 Estimated expenditures included in Prop. Budget

INCOME	Year-to-date 30-Apr-13	2012-2013 Budget	2013-2014 Prop. Budget
A. Dues			
1. Individuals 42 @ \$65	\$2,437.50	\$2,730.00	\$2,730.00
2. Households 11 @ \$100	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00
3. Students 3 @ \$25	\$20.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
4. Scholarships Fund 3 @ \$30	\$150.00	\$90.00	\$90.00
B. Contributions			
1. Member	\$460.00		\$460.00
2. Non-member	\$0.00		
C. Other funding sources			
1. Calendar sales	\$135.50	\$100.00	\$125.00
2. T-shirt sales/Pins	\$115.25	\$20.00	\$21.50
3. Fundraising activity	\$0.00		\$558.00
4. February LWV Birthday Plea	\$1,342.00	\$1,123.00	\$1,340.00
5. Sponsorships for events/newsletters	\$0.00	\$360.00	\$360.00
6 Other -	\$2,362.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
D. Meetings			
1. Annual meeting with meal 23 per. @ \$25	\$0.00	\$575.00	\$575.00
2. Making Democracy Work 25 per. @ \$20	\$790.00	\$625.00	\$700.00
3. 3 "Hot Topics" luncheons 12 per. @ \$7	\$139.00	\$1,152.00	\$252.00
4. Other -	\$0.00		\$0.00
E. Publications	\$0.00		\$0.00
F. Interest on savings account	\$1.83	\$5.00	\$2.00
G. LWV Ed Fund (held at national office)			
TOTAL INCOME	\$9,053.08	\$9,205.00	\$9,638.50

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2012 – 2013 PROGRAMS

JUNE 2012	LWVUS Convention	Washington, D.C.
	A Call to Action: Voter Suppression Laws	Flint Public Library
JULY 2012	Online Voter Guide	www.vote411.org & www.lwvflintarea.org
AUG/SEPT 2012	Candidate Interviews	www.lwvflintarea.org
SEPTEMBER 2012	Making Democracy Work Award, Presentation & Reception	Court Street Village Apartments
OCTOBER 2012	Hot Topics Luncheon: Genesee Health Plan	Flint Public Library
	34th, 48th & 49th State Representative Candidate Forum	Flushing Twp. Community Room
	68th District Judicial Candidate Forum	Calvary United Methodist Church
	50th & 51st State Representative Candidate Forum	Fenton Twp. Community Center
	Flint School Board Meet & Greet	Eastwood United Methodist Church
NOVEMBER 2012	Precinct Observation	Flint Precincts
FEBRUARY 2013	Special Election Forum for 27th District State Senate	Flint Public Library
APRIL 2013	Earth Day Celebration	UM-Flint, Sponsored by: Flint Universities
	Good as Gold Concert	Flint Institute of Music
MAY 2013	Annual Meeting “Past, Present, Future”	Whaley House Historic Museum

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DIRECTOR REPORTS

GOVERNMENT

The LWV of the Flint Area held its 5th annual “Making Democracy Work” award reception on September 20, 2012 at Court St Village Apartments. This year’s award went to Diane Bayeh who was honored for her years of commitment to the citizens of Mt. Morris Township and Genesee County. Ms. Bayeh served on the Mt. Morris Township Board as a Trustee and as a Treasurer. She was Mt. Morris’ police liaison and also served as a board member of the Genesee County Auto Investigative Network (GAIN).

Bayeh helped found Genesee County’s Safe Baby Haven Program and was instrumental in the development of the Genesee County Paramedic Program. Bayeh is known for reaching out to her community to encourage participation in the government process and to hold elected officials accountable to the people they serve.

The event was attended by approximately 30 community and league members as well as elected officials. A light dinner was served.

Also, on September 20, 2012, the League presented a memoriam to honor League Member Rose Ann McDonald. Rose Ann was an active member of the League for over 40 years and worked diligently to promote democracy.

The Government Portfolio is currently organizing the Making Democracy Work reception for 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vikki Bayeh Haley and Doris Sain

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The work performed under this portfolio overlapped primarily with Natural Resources and dealt with our neighbors to the North and East: the Canadian Studies Great Lakes Roundtable, information on hydraulic fracturing in Lake Huron by Canada, and the commercial/recreational waterway dredging being undertaken by our Michigan Legislature. Information has (and will) be periodically posted to our FB page on matters with which we feel our members might find of interest: Stewardship of the Great Lakes watershed, various world “recognition” days (i.e. Children’s Day, Environment Day, Literacy Day, International Women’s Day, Health Day & more).

MEMBERSHIP

As of May, 2013, our League has 68 members. We welcome new members Jona Kean and Kathryn Schwartz! We were saddened by the deaths of Rose Ann MacDonald and Janice Borraidail who were long-time and valued members. Both contributed much to the history and guidance of the LWV-FA.

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At the urging of our local President, Linda Hoff, we attempted to identify members who had joined 50 (or more) years ago. Today, we will recognize the dedication and service of: Mary Christian, Helen Harris, Olivia Maynard and Peppy Rosenthal. We stand on the shoulders of these remarkable and talented women! It turns out that we have a number of members who are close the 50-years of membership mark; we will monitor and continue honoring this terrific achievement.

I would like to thank the 2013 Nominating Committee members: Chair Rosalyn Bogardus, Jeanette Hall, Georgia McCall and Larry MacDonald.

The nominee for Membership director is Bobbie Walton! She is an intelligent, organized, and computer-savvy individual. She will be an awesome director of Membership.

I know that I'll be suffering withdrawal pains after being on the Board for almost 30 years. I cherish the friendships and camaraderie we've developed as we struggled to guide our League and to plan meaningful events and programs to further our mission of inspiring involvement of Flint-Area citizens in their government. On the other hand, I hope to get an earlier start on battling thistles, dandelions and grass that quickly and vigorously inhabit my flower beds...

Helen Hoyt
Membership Chair

NATURAL RESOURCES

In the past year, we have worked to keep apprised of issues and challenges relative to our natural resources. Of particular concern have been: (1) the use of horizontal hydraulic fracturing for natural gas retrieval, (2) the proposed (now approved) hunting of wolves, and (3) the dredging of the Great Lakes (for commercial and recreational use) and the payment of the dredging (which the Natural Resource Trust Fund was originally targeted).

Locally, we have been watching the Karegnondi pipeline issue which has been somewhat delayed due to issues relative to Flint's financial situation.

Special thanks go to Ann Kraft for her assistance at the Earth Day celebration at UM-Flint in April. We were able to share information on issues of concern to natural resources to both adults and children, as well as provide voter registration forms and information to people who visited our table.

Also in April, I was fortunate to be able to attend the Great Lakes Roundtable hosted by Canadian Studies Center at MSU. This was an awesome experience wherein the participants were able to participate in break out discussion groups as well as hear from political, academic and industry specialists discussing topical challenges to water in the Great Lakes region.

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Plans for 2013-14 include pressing the issue of water conservation and protection, sharing information for citizen education, and monitoring and encouraging safe environmental legislation and practices with our legislators and governmental agencies. We will continue to post information to the website and the FB page as it becomes available.

Linda Hoff
Natural Resources Chair

SOCIAL POLICY

The primary responsibility this past year was to assist our local board in executing programs as well as candidate forums.

In October, we held a “Hot Topics” luncheon at the Flint Public Library where information and personal testimony was presented on the Genesee Health Plan which was going to be voted on for renewal at the November election. (It passed.) The program format was a success and we will try it again.

February was Program Planning – State positions this time. We decide on whether we will keep a position, drop it, or open it for re-study. These decisions are voted on by our members, although anyone can participate in the discussion. We generated a survey form for members to give their input on the LWVMI positions and held an open meeting for anyone who wanted to give input in person prior to our February Board Meeting. Our League discussion led us to recommend retaining the existing State positions; update requests included: *Election Laws* (to address Presidential electoral votes), *Land Use* (to request protection language for native plants and animals – as well as language to address the limited lifespan of our existing landfill space), *CAFO* (to request humane and ethical treatment of livestock as well language addressing antibiotic or other drug use), *Great Lakes* (requested clarification that “basin” includes the entire watershed area), *Health Care Support* (requested update to specifically address Mental Health). We also made a request to address the topic of *Green Energy*. Unfortunately, none of these suggestions received a majority from local leagues, nor did they garner support from the state board.

The LWVMI proposed combining our 3 State Positions on Education into one.

Education: Structure, Financing and Goals

Education: Teacher Certification

Education: Public School Academies (known as Charter Schools)

The motion at State Convention was approved.

Last year, along with 377 other local Leagues, we participated in establishing a position on “The Role of the Federal Government in Education.” The position and background information can be found on the LWVUS website.

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Looking into the future, we will be part of the discussion on school financing, health care and immigration, to name a few.

Jeanette Hall
Social Policy Chair

TECHNOLOGY

Our website has a new look! If you haven't seen it, check it out at www.lwvflintarea.org. Thanks to League Easy Web, and a massive upgrade that they rolled out earlier this year, our website is now more in alignment with the look of the LWVUS website. You can easily locate upcoming events and news from our home page. Our Facebook page is also growing (72 likes) but, we're not quite where we'd like to be. If you're already on Facebook, you can locate us by typing "LWVFA" in the search field. We update all of our upcoming events on Facebook, as well as share interesting information from around the county and state. Don't forget to "Like" us!

This year, I'd like to focus on providing more digital content. I'm interested in what you would like to see on our website, Facebook page, or via email... more videos, blogs, email newsletters, action alerts, pictures, etc. If you're interested in contributing to our digital content, please let us know.

Kristal Jackson
Technology Chair

Website: www.lwvflintarea.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/lwvfa

Twitter: www.twitter.com/LWVFA



Kristal Jackson
Webmaster

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VOTER SERVICE

2012 was a busy election year for League. Throughout the election cycle, we held voter registration events, spoke to various interest groups, and acted as a resource for voter education.

Primary and General Election online voter guides were published for all races in Genesee County via Vote411, as well as our website, www.lwvflintarea.org. In addition, over 5,000 of the LWVMI hardcopy voter guides were distributed throughout Genesee County for the general election.

We held several candidate forums, candidate interviews and informational/educational forums on the ballot initiatives. In late June, we co-sponsored "A Call to Action: Voter Suppression Laws", which was a panel discussion that included LWVMI President, Sue Smith and State Representative Woodrow Stanley, among others. Forums during the General Election season included 34th, 48th and 49th State Representative Forums, the 68th District Judicial Candidate Forum, the 50th and 51st State Representative Forums and a Flint School Board Meet & Greet. Additionally, we teamed up with the UM Flint Video Club to have individual responses of candidates recorded and posted to our website, the VOTE411, and Comcast public access (compliments of EM Tune Productions). In February, we also co-sponsored a forum for the special election of Michigan 27th District State Senate.

President, Linda Hoff, as also invited to be part of a panel for an educational video coordinated by Flint Clerk, Inez Brown. This video was made available to each of the groups that participated (the Disability Network, the NAACP and the LWV). Linda also participated in a video presentation produced by the Davison High School video production class.

In November, we were one of four key communities targeted by our state League office to participate in an Election Observation Project wherein we recruited, trained and placed volunteers in voting precincts in the City of Flint. This was an eye-opening experience and clearly demonstrated a need to continually improve election communication, education, and procedures; we need to work with all levels of government to build a process that ensures every voter gets the assistance they need and every voter gets a reasonable opportunity to vote.

Although 2013 is not a major election year, we still have much work to do within the county, with many local city and township elections ahead, as well as a special election for the 49th District State Representative seat.

Linda Hoff and Kristal Jackson
Fulfilling the role of Voter Service

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BULLETIN

Our Newsletter, "*The Perspective*," is mailed to our members and the community at large approximately 5 times a year. You will also find it on our Website.

This past year, the newsletter contained information on local and state ballot proposals, along with League support or opposition on those where we had conducted a study and had a position. We also provided the steps needed to access the VOTE411 website for information on candidates, at all levels of government.

A new addition to *The Perspective*, this past year was a guest editorial in our October *Perspective*, written by League member Paul Rozycki. I felt Paul's insight was important in the current debate on whether or not "voter fraud" exists and if it does what should be done to prevent it; photo IDs, changes in absentee voting, changes in early voting and voter registration were all addressed.

We also used our newsletter to publicize our "Hot Topics" luncheon/program at the Flint Public Library. This event featured speakers who gave information and personal testimony on the Genesee Health Plan, which was on the November ballot.

Thank you all who have given time and energy to make our Bulletin interesting and informative. A special thank you to Kathy Kirby for her years of keeping our mailing list current, labeling the newsletters and getting them to the Post Office bulk mail department in a timely fashion (I think we also get help from her husband). I know we get help from my husband, David Hall who provides the use of his computer, printer, paper, and chauffeur services to and from the FedEx/Kinko's store.

Jeanette Hall

FINANCE

Financial support and in-kind services from League members and friends are absolutely essential for us to continue our efforts to promote an informed citizenry on public policy issues and to provide non-partisan voter guides. Opportunities for support are through League's annual "Birthday Letter," special events and "in honor of" or "in memory of" persons with a passion for the League.

On April 14, 2013, Larry MacDonald was lead performer in the "Good As Gold Concert" co-sponsored by LWVFlint Area and St. Cecilia Society. Each organization shared equally in the profit from this event, planned by Larry and his friends. A special thank you to Larry MacDonald, Larry Adkins, Pat Cronley and Vera Koval.

Ann Kraft

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Nominating Committee Report

Officers To Be Elected	Name	Term Exp.
President	Linda Hoff	2015
Administrative Vice President (1 st Vice President)	Rhina Griffel	2015
Secretary	Mariana Barillas	2015
Treasurer (partial term)	Jona Kean	2014

Directors To Be Elected	Name	Term Exp.
Membership	Bobbie Walton	2015
Social Policy	Jeanette Hall	2015
Voter Service	Larry MacDonald	2015
Natural Resources	Vacant	2015

Off Board Directors To Be Elected	Name	Term Exp.
International Relations	Ruth Brown	2015

2014 Nominating Committee – To Be Elected

David Caswell
Georgia McCall
Paul Rozycki
Rhina Griffel (1st V.President)
Bobbie Walton (Membership portfolio chair)

2013 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rose Bogardus
Ruth Brown
Larry MacDonald
Georgia McCall
Helen Hoyt (Membership portfolio chair)

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LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT POSITIONS

FLINT CITY CHARTER (Adopted 1995)

Support of Charter with the following standards:

- A. Support a strong mayor elected on a non-partisan basis.
- B. Support non-partisan election of council persons.
- C. Support a direct line of responsibility and accountability to be clearly established for all departments, agencies, boards, and commissions for the function of city government.
- D. Support a responsible and accountable financial structure under the jurisdiction of the executive.
- E. Support City Council power to override a mayoral veto by 2/3 vote.
- F. Support a personnel system under the jurisdiction and responsible to the executive with policies consistent with sound personnel procedures, which allows for a grievance commission responsible for employee appeals and accountable to City Council.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE (Adopted 1981)

The League of Women Voters of the Flint Area supports the unified form of county government enabling the electorate to choose between two options of county administration: government with an appointed county manager or with an elected county executive. The administrator is responsible for the overall supervision of all county departments not headed by elected officials and has common powers and duties as spelled out in the law. (P.A. 139 passed in 1973.)

The unified form of county government which would provide for a strong administrative officer would include the following standards:

1. Separation of administrative and legislative role.
2. Provisions of long-range planning for services.
3. Central administrative control over:
 - a. County operations
 - b. County departments
 - c. Boards and commissions
 - d. Non-elective positions

HOUSING RELOCATION (updated 1995)

- A. The League supports efforts to determine the housing needs of the community.
- B. The League supports the assurance to all persons displaced by government actions that there be adequate and appropriate housing available to them prior to the date of their displacement. The special needs of the poor, the elderly and racial minorities should be recognized.

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- C. The League supports (1) notifying persons in a uniform manner of their impending displacement and (2) advising relocates in laymen's terminology of the legal rights and services available to them.
- D. The League supports the wide dissemination of information about a Certificate of Compliance – its role in property transfer, its meaning, how it is secured, and what a Waiver of Certificate means.
- E. The League supports a legislative amendment to the City Ordinance which would require that when a Certificate of Compliance is waived all defects of the property should be listed in layman's terminology and presented to the buyer.
- F. The League supports the offering of personalized services and compensatory housing programs of public agencies to personal being displace by governmental actions; particularly to groups with special housing needs such as the poor, the elderly and racial minorities. Such services might include personal casework, counseling, specific referrals to available and appropriate housing, transportation to inspect prospective dwellings, financial advice and maximum financial aid, and assistance with any other problems involved in making a successful adjustment to relocation. The League supports staffing and funding adequate for public agencies to operate effectively and efficiently.
- G. The League supports periodic independent evaluation of the public agencies concerned with relocation to determine their effectiveness, with the results of these evaluations made public.

GENESEE COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

(Adopted 1979; Updated 1995, 2004)

At the 1999 annual meeting, members of the League of Women Voters of the Flint Area voted to re-open the Genesee County Jail Study for the purpose of updating the recommendations adopted in 1979. The 1979 study was of the old jail, which was vacated when the new jail opened in 1988. Therefore, some of the 1979 recommendations no longer seemed appropriate even though there were some amendments to the wording in 1995. A tour of the Genesee County Jail for LWV members took place in November 2003. A committee of members met in December, 2003, to formulate questions to assess the current jail and to test the relevance of each recommendation. Then a small group from the committee met with the jail administrator to discuss each component of the original study.

Physical Plant

The Genesee County Jail which opened in 1988 is described as a "direct supervision jail." It was built to house 350 inmates, but because of need, has been approved by the Michigan Department of Corrections to house a maximum of 580 by double bunking. The areas where inmates are housed on the third, fourth, and fifth levels are open (common) areas surrounded by inmate cells. Inmates are allowed in the open area much of the day, supervised by a deputy – 8:30am until lunch; after lunch until the 2 pm shift change; after shift change until dinner; after dinner until 10pm.

There are four televisions in each common area. Telephones are also available. Inmates can play games (cards, chess, dominoes, etc.) and can read and exercise in the common areas. The Medical Department is on the third floor, with the medical administrative office and examining rooms. Administrative offices are on the second level. The kitchen, commissary, supplies, etc. are on the lower level.

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A primary concern is that inmates be housed in a facility that meets Michigan Department of Corrections Code. The Michigan Department of Corrections accredited the facility in December, 2003, after its annual inspection. The findings were: The Jail contracts with the Flint Fire Department for the mandated annual fire safety inspection. Any violations found must be corrected in a specific time. Monthly, the administrator and maintenance staff inspect the mechanical systems – plumbing, heating, ventilating, air conditioning, etc., and problems are addressed as they occur. In case of power failure affecting the electronic locking system, keys can be used.

Recommendation #1: It is recommended that inmates be housed in a facility that continues to meet state code. A program of regular maintenance should include attention to the following systems – heating/ventilation/air conditioning, plumbing, fire safety; communications; electrical/electronic and back-up for this system. Any violations identified must be corrected in a timely manner.

Administration

The administrator has responsibility for maintaining and supervising staff that meet the requirements of the Michigan Department of Corrections. Deputies from the Sheriff's office who work in the jail are called corrections officers. Police officers, who are certified, may also be assigned to the corrections staff.

The Jail population is monitored daily in an attempt to minimize overcrowding. Current maximum capacity is 580 inmates. When the census exceeds that, there are five days to make adjustments. The administrator works with the sentencing judge to determine which non-violent inmates may be released early.

Recommendation #2: The jail population should continue to be monitored daily to maintain compliance with the facility's capacity and state standards.

Personnel

A primary concern is for adequate, trained staff. The findings were: Staffing is mandated by state standards, even when there is a budget crunch. Corrections officers are given a training course of 160 hours in the areas of human relations, completing reports, first aid, CPR, and corrections law. Every floor during the first and second shifts is staffed by corrections officers who have received this training.

Recommendation #3: It is recommended that there be sufficient numbers of corrections officers to remain in compliance with state code. All corrections officers should continue to have basic training in human relations, making out reports, first aid/CPR and corrections law.

Visitation

A primary concern is for conditions that allow pleasant and convenient visits to inmates. The findings were: Visitation can take place from 8:30am to 7:00pm, Monday through Thursday, excepting the lunch period and shift change, each floor having visitation on a different day. Visits are limited to 30 minutes per session. An inmate may have two sessions per day with a maximum of two visitors per session (total of one hour/week). All visitations are considered "contact visitations," defined as hand holding but no kissing. Inmates are strip searched following the visitation. All inmates are entitled to contact visitation unless the privilege is lost because of unacceptable behavior. Restricted visitation (separation by a glass partition) is permitted for inmates not eligible for contact visitation, if not under other disciplinary conditions which deny any visitation. There are no visits on Friday or weekends.

There are four to five telephones on each floor. They may be used with no restrictions as to length of calls from 8:30am to 10:00pm and for "collect" calls only. The Genesee County Board of Commissioners contracts for phone service.

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Recommendation #4: It is recommended that adequate provisions for visitation be continued. It is also recommended that the contract for phone service be carefully reviewed for cost to the recipient of the inmate's call before the contract is accepted.

Social Services

A primary concern was whether or not rehabilitation, recreation and educational services are provided. The findings: Staff from Community Recovery Services, a contract service, are in the jail five days a week to offer programs for the inmates. One of their programs is substance abuse treatment. Narcotics Anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous group meetings are available, also. Participation is voluntary. Mott Adult High School offers classes directed toward earning a GED. Religious services are offered weekly by volunteers. The Uniformed Special Deputy Reserve Program, volunteers, help support community activities at the Sheriff's request. Information about programs of benefit to the inmates is posted and included in a multi-page leaflet given to inmates upon incarceration. Privileges may be gained or lost, depending on the extent to which rules are followed.

Recommendation #5: It is recommended that substance abuse counseling and education continue to be made available to inmates. Job training, parenting, anger management and other enrichment programs should be made available, possibly by using outside social service agencies and volunteers. There should be a full-time social worker on staff.

The information leaflet should be in an attractive, easy-to-read format with language at an elementary grade level and helpful graphics. Recovery and rehabilitation programs which operate regularly should be highlighted.

Sanitation

The jail must meet standards set by the Michigan Department of Corrections. At this time, those standards are being met. There is a full-time sanitation officer. The facility has a contract for monthly pest control. There has not been a problem with pests, according to the administrator. Each day, minimal equipment (broom/mop and dustpan) is made available to enable the inmate to clean his/her cell, under supervision. Mattresses, which are encased in plastic, are simply wiped with a disinfectant solution, periodically. Inmates who have attained the status of "housing unit worker" are responsible for cleaning the common areas on each floor, under supervision.

Most inmates wear jail-issued orange uniforms, which are exchanged weekly for clean ones. The same procedure is used for socks, underwear and linens.

Recommendation #6: It is recommended that the jail continue to meet standards and recommendations set by the Michigan Department of Corrections with regard to living quarters, inmate clothing and bedding. The pest control system should be monitored to ensure against toxic hazards.

Food Services

A primary concern is that nutritious meals, as well as special diet meals, be provided. The findings: There is a certified dietician on staff who follows Michigan Department of Corrections regulations regarding menus. Special diets must be ordered by the medical department for an inmate.

Recommendation #7: It is recommended that adequate personnel and budget be maintained to keep the nutrition program in total compliance with the Michigan Department of Corrections regulations. Special diets prescribed by the medical department for health reasons should continue to be provided.

Health

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All corrections officers are trained in CPR, and there is first-aid equipment on every floor. Nursing care is available 24/7 by contract with Prison Health Services. There are five medical doctors who provide services at different times, a dentist, a full-time staff psychologist, and a psychiatrist who provides services. Medical history is taken during the intake procedure, but blood tests and urinalyses are not done unless there is a complaint. Inmates incarcerated for more than 1 days are given a physical exam. While inmates can refuse medical treatment, staff try to be aggressive in caring for and treating inmates' health needs, according to the administrator.

There are limited opportunities for physical exercise. These include walking within the housing units when the space is not being used for other purposes, and basketball courts in a mostly enclosed exterior section located on each floor.

Recommendation #8: It is recommended that CPR training for all corrections officers be continued, emergency first aid equipment on each floor be maintained, and professional nursing care around the clock be continued for the health and safety of all inmates. It is also recommended that more opportunities for exercise be made available.

Conclusions

Most concerns of the League have been addressed as the result of building and operating the jail which opened in 1988. The Genesee County Jail Study of 1979 should be retained with the addition of the above information. The above slightly modified recommendations will be useful in addressing issues which the League may identify in the future. The jail and these recommendations should be monitored from time to time.

FINANCING OF THE FLINT SCHOOLS (Adopted 1981; Updated 1999)

Recommendation #1: It is recommended that a broad range of creative communications regarding the school system be implemented by the Board of Education in a continuing effort to create a well-informed public that not only receives information but also has opportunity for input. Suggestions specifically urged include the publishing of an easily understandable and practical summary of the school budget on a yearly basis, timely public hearings prior to its adoption, a state of the schools address from the Superintendent of Schools, a regular newspaper column, and a programmatic report to supply the practical information about specific programs of primary citizen interest.

Recommendation #2: It is recommended that the following mechanisms for the update of this study be used prior to each millage election.

- A. The Board of Directors will appoint a committee to examine the current information and supply this information to the membership.
- B. This committee will study the millage request and relate it to this study's recommendations, local, state, and national LWV education positions and the questions listed below.
- C. The committee will examine this information and submit it with their recommendation to the general membership for a decision regarding support of the millage questions.

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Questions To Be Asked Prior To Each Millage Election Recommendation:

1. Purpose of requested monies. Is this money needed to keep pace with inflation or to meet new needs? I to meet inflation, what percentage figure is being used at this time?
2. Is Flint's budget comparable to that of other school districts of its size?
3. What changes have there been in the district's financial resources, enrollment and needs since the last millage request: What is the impact of these?
4. Is information available to citizens in areas of major concern? Has there been an ongoing attempt to keep citizens informed? Be specific.
5. Are there changes in goals for the district since the last millage request? Are these reflected in the money allocations and requests?
6. What is the plan re magnet schools, middle schools and other innovative programs that necessitate a response to population shifts? How does this impact the budget? What are plans for closing (adding) schools?

EDUCATION (Adopted 1976; Updated 2002)

Support for equal opportunity for education throughout the Flint Public School System and the development of each child's maximum potential, with the following standards:

Recommendation #1: All elementary schools should be provided with media centers that at the very least meet recognized minimal standards. Elementary schools should be provided with materials and equipment necessary for the execution of a basic science program. Elementary schools should be provided with art and music programs that meet standards to be established by the State Board of Education.

Recommendation #2: The educational needs of exceptional students should be adequately met (e.g., academically talented physically and mentally handicapped, students with behavior problems, etc.).

Recommendation #3: Policies and standards relating to academics, discipline and conduct, and extracurricular activities should continually be reviewed and applied consistently throughout the system. Those policies and standards should be available for public review.

Recommendation #4: Only teachers who have met the requirements of the State Board of Education and are certified should be hired. All schools should equally share inexperienced teachers.

Recommendation #5: Methods of financing other than "pay as you go" should continue to be utilized in the modernization and building of schools.

Recommendation #6: The Flint Board of Education should share responsibility for public schools with the general public and with community school councils in such ways as reviewing school philosophy, making candid reports to the public about successes,

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failures, and plans so that the general public and the community councils can actively share in determining priorities and policies.

Recommendation #7: The Flint School System should take advantage of accreditation services offered to junior high schools by the North Central Association.

LIBRARY SERVICES IN GENESEE COUNTY (Adopted 1984; Updated 2000)

The League of Women Voters of the Flint Area believes that:

1. The public libraries in Genesee County should provide informational, educational and cultural services to all members of the community.
 - a. There should be a periodic assessment of library services to determine how well the needs of the community are being met.
 - b. Libraries should continue to be aware of new developments and technologies and use these to give the best possible service to their patrons.
2. There should be communication and cooperation among libraries and schools and other institutions in the community.
 - a. The resources of these institutions should compliment, and not necessarily duplicate, each other.
3. Cooperation among public libraries is important in providing service to the community, through formal channels such as the Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative and through informal arrangements.
 - a. There should be uniformity between the Flint Public Library and Genesee District Library systems to serve patrons as efficiently as possible
4. Members of the community should participate in library policy-making through their representatives on the governing boards of the libraries.
5. There should be adequate and consistent funding for libraries in order to facilitate long-range planning.
 - a. Libraries may charge fees for service beyond the basic services of the library.
6. The materials selection policies of the Flint Public Library and the Genesee District Library should provide for a balanced library collection.
 - a. Community opinion should be considered as one factor in the selection of library materials.

LWVMI EDUCATION POSITION & BACKGROUND SUMMARY

The new position is an update of the 'Education: Structure, Financing and Goals' position (you will find the background summary of the study below) and a consolidation of the three education positions, adding 'Public School Academies' and 'Teacher Certification' to the package.

I. Financing K-12 Public Schools in Michigan

The Michigan economy is not doing well. It has been in this condition for a few years. The budget difficulties at the state level have severely affected the K-12 public school system across the state. Funding public schools takes a very large piece of the state budget. Prior to the 1994-95 school year, local taxes paid the largest share of K-12 education costs. However, beginning with the 1994-95 school year, the state took over the primary task of funding the schools' operation costs through Proposal A.

While there are a few additional sources of dollars available that public school districts may use to pay operational expenses of educating the children and youth of the community, the per pupil foundation grant provided by Proposal A is by far the major source. It provides 80-90% of the funds for each district's operational costs. Therefore, the amount of the foundation grant is vitally important to the financial welfare of every district.

The per pupil foundation grant worked well when the economy was healthy. However, for three years, beginning in 2008-09, the foundation grant was unchanged. That did not mean school districts received the same revenue from the grant for three years. A decline in student numbers reduced one of the multipliers in the formula. The loss of students meant loss of revenue, often without a corresponding decline in costs.

Then came the 2011-12 school year. Federal dollars, used by the state to keep the foundation grant at the 2008-09 level, evaporated. Some of the monies in the State School Aid Fund were siphoned off to fund post-secondary institutions. The per pupil foundation grant was reduced by \$470. Not only were schools hit with revenue losses due to declining student enrollment, revenues were reduced by \$470 per enrolled student.

The Midland Public Schools (MPS) district is unique in Midland County in that its homeowners pay the hold harmless millage in addition to the 6 mills of state education tax (SET). Until the 2009-10 school year, the hold harmless tax added \$415 to Midland's per pupil funding. However, as of 2009-10, MPS district taxpayers pay the equivalent of \$415 per pupil in taxes, but the MPS receives only \$122 per pupil. MPS

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revenues were reduced dramatically over the period of 2008-09 through 2011-12 school years. The student enrollment declined; revenue from hold harmless millage declined; then the per pupil foundation grant declined.

Except for the potential of intermediate school district-wide enhancement millage of up to 3 mills, local school districts cannot raise revenue through additional taxes. Proposal A prohibits it. By law, public school districts are required to live within a balanced budget; deficit budgeting is not possible. Therefore districts are left with the dismal task of making budget cuts to accommodate loss of revenue.

The funding of K-12 public schools in the State of Michigan has reached a critical stage. That critical moment is playing out in the community of every school district in the State. In Midland County all four K-12 districts are feeling the pressure. It is magnified in the largest, strongest district, the Midland Public Schools.

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Program Calendar 2013-2014

	<u>League Program Dates</u>	<u>Significant Calendar Dates</u>
June 2013	LWV monthly meeting & Orientation of New (board) members 22 Absentee ballots for primary available	1 World Children's Day 5 World Environmental Day 14 Flag Day 19 Juneteenth 21 World Music Day
July 2013	Board Meeting FLOW film?	4 FOIA anniversary (1966) 8 Deadline to register for Aug election 26 Write-in candidates – deadline 28 Parent's Day
Aug 2013	LWV monthly meeting Miss Representation film?	6 Primary election 21 Senior Citizen's Day 26 Equality Day – 19 th Amendment
Sept 2013	LWV monthly meeting 25 Voter Registration Event Making Democracy Work Presentation: Health Care Marketplace	8 World Literacy Day 17 Constitution / Citizenship Day 20 POW/MIA Recognition Day
Oct 2013	LWV monthly meeting A Fierce Green Fire (film?)	1 World Habitat Day 2 World Farm Animals Day 5 World Teacher's Day 7 Nov Election Reg. Deadline /Child Health Day 24 UN Day (1947) 26 Fall Farm Day
Nov 2013	LWV monthly meeting	3 End of daylight savings time (fall back) 5 General election 11 Veteran's Day
Dec 2013	LWV Holiday Gathering LWV monthly meeting	3 Int'l Day of Persons with Disabilities 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance 15 Bill of Rights Day
Jan 2014	LWV program planning review LW monthly meeting	20 ML King Jr. Day & Civil Rights Day
Feb 2014	LWV monthly meeting LWV Birthday (94 th – Flint 95 th)	1 National Freedom Day 2 World Wetlands Day 4 World Cancer Day 17 President's Day
March 2014	LWV monthly meeting	8 Int'l Women's Day 9 Daylight Savings Time begins 16-22 Sunshine Week
April 2014	LWV monthly meeting Earth Day Activity	7 World Health Day 8 World Red Cross Day 15 International Day of Families 22 Earth Day
May 2014	LWV monthly meeting LWV - Annual Meeting Prepare for LWV national mtg	1 Law Day 3 World Press Freedom Day 15 Peace Officers Remembrance Day 18 Armed Forces Day 25 National Missing Children's Day 26 Memorial Day (observed)

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Individual and Household Member dues provide only minimal funds for operation of our local League. League members are also members of LWVMI and LWVUS. So, our dues support all three levels. The Michigan and US levels provide all of us with research, continuing education, leader development and materials to support our local work, and advocacy at the state and federal levels.

Therefore, we rely on extra financial support from our donors.

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