



PERSPECTIVE

LEAGUE CALENDAR APRIL 2009

Saturday APRIL 4th 9:00 a.m.

CONSENSUS ON NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE

The proposed position: Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote. States do have the power to change the current system. If adopted a compact would allow states to change the present Electoral College from an institution that reflects voter state-by-state choice into a body that reflects voter nationwide choice. How? Details explained that morning.

CONCURRENCE ON CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS

Information provided: There are currently 200 Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations in MI. If we concur: Large-scale, inadequately regulated and inspected confinement livestock facilities pose a risk to area groundwater and surface water supplies. All MI Leagues are taking part in this concurrence.

Old Country Buffet on Miller Rd.

Monday April 20th 6 p.m.

CANDIDATE FORUM

FLINT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Hasselbring Community Center, 1002 Home Ave.

Candidates: David Davenport, Adam Ford, Paul Jordan, Betty Ramsdell, Jerome Threlkeld, John Topping.

Co-Sponsors: NAACP Flint Branch,, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Zeta Beta Omega Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Flint Alumnae Chapter.

Tuesday APRIL 28th 7 – 9:00 p.m.

CANDIDATE FORUM

FLINT MAYORAL PRIMARY

MCC Tech Ctr. (enter off Robert T. Longway)

Candidates: Darryl Buchanan, Brenda Clack, Gregory Eason, Eric Mays, Sheldon Neeley, Dayne Walling

Co-Sponsors: Flint Area Public Affairs Debate, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Zeta Beta Omega Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Flint Alumnae Chapter.

FINANCE DRIVE

Please remember to respond to our Finance Drive. Without your generous support our League could not continue to increase understanding of major policy issues, locally, at the state and at the national levels.

A reminder that a contribution can be made in memory of or in honor of a friend or family member.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Charlotte Williams, our first Making Democracy Work Award winner, for her lifelong contributions to the community. The award was given to her by the Genesee District Library.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Michelle DeVoe
Kathleen A Welsh

INTEREST SURVEY

Check out the survey form on the following page. We know that your interests and priorities change from year to year so we work at keeping our information current. It helps us know what you would like to see as League programs. The League is a grassroots organization so your input is crucial. Please fill out the survey and return it in the enclosed envelope.

PROPOSED NEW STUDIES

League By-Laws require that any member requesting a new study submit that proposal to the Board, with an outline of what the study would encompass, committee members who would work on it, and an estimate of what any cost would be. The proposal would need to come before the Board at its April 6th meeting. The Board will evaluate the proposed study and present it as a recommended or non-recommended study at the Annual Meeting for members to vote on.

THE “STORY BANK”

Every one of us has a story to tell. We are asking you to tell us yours and send it to us for inclusion in our Perspective, and, if you choose, on the LWVUS website. For example: when and why did you join the League, how did membership help you further your knowledge in areas of public policy; where have you had the most interest or the most fun. Here is Jeanette’s “story”

As a stay-at-home Mom, who had been a Civics teacher starting each class with my students talking about what they’d read in last night’s newspaper, I was impressed reading letters to the editor in my newspaper by a woman called RoseAnn McDonald. Her letters were well written, thought provoking (in a nice way), and dealt with issues of concern at the local, state, and national levels. Under her name was always, President, League of Women Voters of Flint. I thought if that is what the League of Women Voters is about, I want to be a member too. 30 plus years later, I still believe that. We’re now the Flint Area LWV, as like many Leagues, we’ve moved beyond the city we were born in. In our case that was 1920. We don’t wear hats and gloves anymore, except in suffragette parades, and the silver tea service only comes out at the December Holiday Party, but we always pay tribute to the women whose struggles and hard work have made a difference in how informed our area is in the political arena. Our election efforts have gone from meetings in women’s homes, to passing out Voter Guides on downtown Flint street corners, to having the Guides reach 1000s through our newspaper’s circulation. We are applauded and sought out for our non-partisanship in the midst of rampant partisanship. I’ve learned to face friendly and sometimes skeptical audiences to explain what the League is and what our positions are – and why. Membership in the League of Women Voters has been a great part of my life and the women I have met along the way have been awesome.

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE FLINT AREA
INTEREST SURVEY**

Please complete our survey form and send it to us in the envelope enclosed

Your membership in the League of Women Voters is valued and your participation is welcome in whatever ways are possible for you. Since the LWV is a volunteer organization, what we are able to do depends on our members. Recognizing that League members' priorities and commitments change periodically, we ask that you please complete and return this form so we can keep our records current.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Work) _____ e-mail _____

Please mark areas of interest to you:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Observers | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Policy | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government/Taxation | <input type="checkbox"/> Voter Service | <input type="checkbox"/> PR/Publicity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> National Security | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care | | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

I would prefer: () night () day () Saturday meetings

I will help with the following League activities:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> have a small meeting in my home | <input type="checkbox"/> bring refreshments to a meeting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> serve on a small committee | <input type="checkbox"/> make telephone calls |
| <input type="checkbox"/> be an observer at a government/education meeting | <input type="checkbox"/> help develop publications |
| <input type="checkbox"/> do art work/graphics | <input type="checkbox"/> help do special mailings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> interview candidates or officials | <input type="checkbox"/> give rides to meetings |

Information I would like to see in the Bulletin:

The level of participation in LWV I would prefer:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> receive mailings | <input type="checkbox"/> serve on an active committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> attend general meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> serve on a short-term committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> accept a Board of Directors position | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Reasons I would miss meetings:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> too busy | <input type="checkbox"/> nor interested in the topic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> no one to go with | <input type="checkbox"/> don't drive |
| <input type="checkbox"/> meeting time inconvenient | Other _____ |

Please share with us something about you (your interests, career, concerns)

What would be your preference for receiving League material: _____ e-mail _____ regular mail

League of Women Voters



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Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Mail To: LWV-FA P.O. Box 230 Flint, MI 48501-0230

Dues are \$55.00 per member, \$80.00 for two in one household, \$30.00 for students. Scholarships are available. Contact Helen Hoyt for more information at (810) 233-6659.

LWV-FA President: Jeanette Hall (810) 659-9683

Board Members: Rhina Griffel, Larry MacDonald, RoseAnn MacDonald, Andrea Ananich, Ann Kraft, Marion Wright, Jan Nieuwenhuis, Edith Prunty-Spencer, Helen Hoyt, Ruth Brown, David Caswell, Toni Promenchenkel

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MISSION STATEMENT

The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership is open to men and women.