

Tonight! Tues, Feb 26 (NEW DATE) * Pierce Middle School * 7 pm
GPPSS school funding featuring Dr Gary Niehaus

Tues, Mar 12, 7 pm* Step Up & Serve Panel * Ewald Branch

Grosse Pointe *VOTER*

Serving the Communities of
Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Shores,
Grosse Pointe Woods, and Harper Woods

Activities This Month:

NEW DATE:

Tues, Feb 26

7:00 pm

GPPSS Dr. Gary Niehaus

Pierce Middle School

Auditorium

15430 Kercheval

GP Park 48230

[Check out the NEW flyer here](#)

Sun, Mar 10

1:00 champagne

2:00 curtain

LWV Detroit's Spring

Fundraiser *The House on Poe Street*

Detroit Repertory Theater

13103 Woodrow Wilson St.

Detroit 48238

[For more info, see the flyer](#)

Tues, Mar 12

7 p.m

Step Up & Serve Panel

Ewald Branch of GP Library

15175 E Jefferson Ave

GP Park, 48230

Keep reading below for additional details. Hope to see you there!

Membership Matters

As of January 2019, we have 104 members. Your continuing support is appreciated and assures that we can continue our advocacy work and education of citizens in our community regarding public policy issues.

February - March 2019

From the Prez...

LWV MICHIGAN IS 100 YEARS OLD - Yes, the League of Women Voters of Michigan was formed in 1919, one year prior to the 19th amendment passage. Next year, the U.S. League will be 100 years old. But we get to celebrate our momentous anniversary event this year at the State Convention which will be held in **Livonia on May 19th to the 21st**. Look for information in the LWV mailing you received [or check out the details here](#). Even if you can't go as a voting delegate, all members are welcome.

We also have another reason to attend the convention. **Christina Schlitt, a past president of our local League is slated to become the next President of the Michigan League**. And **Vicki Granger**, one of our most stalwart members, is slated to be a Director of the Michigan League. I hope you can join us in this multi-reason celebration!

There is much to be proud of as our work continues. Please read it all in this information-packed Voter.

Tom

C. Thompson Wells, Jr. President

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe

Tues. Mar 12: Step Up & Serve Panel Discussion

Interested in getting involved with your local government?

Join the LWVGP on **Tuesday, March 12, at 7 p.m.**, at the Ewald Branch Library, as several of our own LWVGP members, who are also elected officials, will share stories of their own journeys to public office.

Each panel member will talk about how they prepared themselves to run, the challenges they have experienced in running and serving, and some words of wisdom about becoming involved NOW!

This is an excellent opportunity to meet with these individuals, and learn how YOU can Step Up and Serve!

The League is sponsoring a panel discussion on the journey to elected office on **Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.** All members are invited to attend. If you would like to volunteer at the program, please contact Vicki Granger. She may be reached at: 313-882-9878 or email: grangergpw@aol.com Please refer to the announcement in this newsletter for details about this program.

If you need a copy of the new Membership Directory 2019, please contact Sarah Coats (313-286-1901) or Wilhelmina Giblin. (313-886-8432). [You may also download a PDF version here.](#) There have been a few changes since last month. See below for those recent changes.

Thank you.

Wilhelmina Giblin, Co-Director, Membership

Do you know a family member or friend who is thinking about joining? Hand them one of our [membership forms](#) to mail in!

2019 Membership Directory Available

The LWVGP directory has been updated since last month.

[You can review or print out the latest version here.](#)

If you simply would like to update your current copy, please note these changes:

The phone number on the cover is changed to 313-885-8077.

Pamela Loomis's email address was corrected to read pamelaloomisdvm@gmail.com.

Martha Shumaker's address was changed to:
18744 13 Mile, Apt. 103A

Tues, Mar 12
7:00 pm
Ewald Branch of GP Library
15175 E Jefferson Ave
GP Park, MI 48230

NEW DATE: Tues. Feb 26: **Q&A about GPPSS Bond Implementation**

Do you have questions about the school improvement bond issue approved by Grosse Pointe voters in November?

Dr. Gary Niehaus, Superintendent of Grosse Pointe Public Schools, will answer questions about the bond and its implementation.

We will use a candidate forum format with written questions. This is a free public event, so send the attached flyer to friends who may be interested.

Thank you, Sarah Coats and George McMullen, for organizing this.

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Preventing Gun Violence: **Red Flag Laws Defined**

In many high profile shootings, people close to the shooter saw him engage in dangerous behaviors and became concerned about the risk of harming himself or others-- well before the violence occurred. However, in most states it is difficult for families and law enforcement to intervene. An **Extreme Risk Protection Order (better known as ERPO or "Red Flag Law")** makes that possible.

How It Works

An Extreme Risk Protection Order is a court order issued by a judge that temporarily prohibits a person in crisis from possessing or purchasing firearms or ammunition. In many shootings, including interpersonal violence and suicides, family members are the first to notice signs that a loved one may become a danger to themselves or others. Unfortunately, there are very few ways for families to intervene during these periods of crisis. An ERPO is such a tool, allowing household members as well as law enforcement a way to temporarily remove guns and ammunition from the person in crisis and prohibiting them from purchasing new ones for the duration of the order.

Fourteen States Have ERPOs

After the mass shooting last year at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, even Florida, a state that has long

Roseville, MI 48066

In Sympathy

Nick Kondak, husband of longtime LWVGP member Ann Kondak and father of Board Secretary Diana Domin, passed away on February 17 after a brief illness.

Our condolences to Ann and Diana on the loss of this wonderful husband and father.

The family is planning a memorial/luncheon on Saturday, March 2, at noon, at the Barrister Gardens in St. Clair Shores (north of 9 Mile Rd.). If you are planning to attend, please email Diana Domin at dianadomin@sbcglobal.net

Thank You from Education Fund

The LWVGP Education Fund is grateful for the support of these donors to our 2018 Finance Drive:

George McMullen, Mary Vitolins, Diana Domin, Andrew and Linda Dervan, Cheryl Harvey, Wilhelmina Giblin, Ev Montgomery, Reid Kervink, Julie Moran, Mary Morshead, Ann Nicholson, Sharon Ruggioli, Sylvia Sanders, Steve Trowbridge, Carol Bendure, Margaret Freundl, Connie Frey, Stuart Dow, Judy and Gordon Morlan, Aphie Roumell, Mary Zahler, Flo Rhodes, Carl Sultzman, Lynne Pierce, and Janis Ackerman.

These tax deductible contributions support our educational activities and are greatly appreciated.

LWVGP Bylaws Revised

The LWVGP Board approved a

welcomed guns and has a strong NRA presence, enacted legislation for an ERPO.

Michigan is not among the fourteen states with such a tool.

An ERPO cannot only reduce an immediate threat, but it can also create safer circumstances for the individual to seek treatment or to employ other resources to address the underlying causes of dangerous behaviors. Research estimates one life is saved for every 10-20 warrants issued.

From [Education Fund to Stop Gun Violence](#), "Data Behind Extreme Risk Protective Order Policies", September 2017)

May 8-9: Great Lakes Restoration Conference

Did you know that if a wall was built around the continental U.S. like a swimming pool and all the water from the Great Lakes was dumped in, it would fill up the pool to nine feet! That is what 20% of the world's fresh water looks like.

The Great Lakes Coalition is holding its [Great Lakes Restoration Conference in Detroit on May 8-9 at the Westin Book Cadillac](#). There are many and various organizations represented and activities to choose from, all focused on Great Lakes issues.

Visit healthylakes.org to find out more about the events and registration.

Recycle Options

The League Board has approved a plan to investigate the mystery disposal of all household materials we no longer want or use. Jan Wells and her ad hoc committee will be conducting said investigation! As you all probably know, GFL is currently our recycling purveyor, for which we are all grateful, but there are hundreds of items that GFL cannot take.



Our goal is to provide all Grosse Pointe residents with a schedule offering possible depositories for our useless waste, in a responsible manner. Of course, this does not include charitable donations someone else can use.

This committee is open to any member who cares to contribute useful information. And since we have no structure, we won't have any regular meetings, and no deadline to finish! We will need a final meeting in order to collate all the info. Then we are planning to print (like the YGO) all the info into a pamphlet and disseminate throughout GP.

We welcome any and all info from our members. Please call or e-mail Jan Wells at 313-884-6904 or najsllaw@gmail.com.

revision of the bylaws at its February 20 meeting.

The changes are minor and clean up inconsistent language or conflicting/unclear language. While amending the bylaws is always an option, committee members Vicki Granger, Stu Dow, and Ann Nicholson decided to clean up the entire document to avoid a continuation of its patchwork nature.

The membership will vote on the bylaws at the June 1 Annual Meeting.

[Please review the proposed bylaws online.](#)

The League of Women Voters encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government; works to increase understanding of major public policy issues; and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League is strictly nonpartisan, neither endorsing candidates nor supporting political parties. The LWVGP, in both its values and its practices, reaffirms its commitment to diversity. Membership is open to men and women of all ages.



Annual Report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2018

At the Board Meeting on January 17, 2019, Connie Frey presented her findings and an Annual Financial Report, a copy that can be viewed [by clicking here](#)

LWV Detroit: Sun, Mar 10: Theater Matinee Fundraiser

[LWV Detroit's](#) fundraiser will be a matinee performance of *The House on Poe Street* at the [Detroit Repertory Theater](#)

March 10, 2019
Champagne reception 1:00, curtain 2:00

Detroit Repertory Theater
13103 Woodrow Wilson St.
Detroit, MI 48238

TO ORDER TICKETS: Send a check made payable to:
LWV Detroit
PO Box 2503, Detroit, MI 48202
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