



*The Voter Newsletter
November 2022*

*Serving the communities of
Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Park,
Grosse Pointe Shores, Grosse Pointe Woods, and Harper Woods
Since 1950*

Calendar

- Oct 26 - LWVGP Virtual Program - A Primer on Polling** - More information below
- Nov 3 - LWVGP Presentation at GP Unitarian Church**, 7:30 p.m. Topics: Ballot Proposals and Mis-Disinformation-open to the public
- Nov 8 - Election Day: VOTE!** Are you working the polls?
- Nov 15 - LWVGP Board Meeting**, 7 p.m. at the Woods Library
- Nov. 17 - Quarterly Observer Corps gathering** - 7 p.m. at the home of Lauri Kingsbury
- Dec. 7 - LWVGP In-person Program** at GP Unitarian Church. Open to the public. ***What's the Role of Philanthropy in a Democratic Society?*** *more details in November/December Voter newsletter*
- Dec 14 - Holiday Gathering** *More details in December Voter newsletter*
- Jan 11 - LWVGP Program Planning** at GP Unitarian Church. *More details in November/December Voter newsletter*

** visit the [Membership Events](#) only page on the website, under About Us

President's Message

Vote. We've been building to this all year. Our amazing members have already produced or participated in:

- Candidate forums
- Educational programs
- Registration drives
- Petition drives
- Membership drives
- Vote411.org updates and yard signs
- YouTube, Facebook, and Twitter posts
- Letters to the Editor and newspaper articles
- Get Out the Vote (GOTV) postcards
- Voter Guide distribution
- Observer Corps

- Book discussions
- Speakers' bureau
- Election inspectors, election observers and canvass observer roles.

In other words, YOU, our amazing members, have all been making us informed voters (the most informed voters!) and building to THIS midterm election all year.

You've worked hard, you have our thanks, you deserve a break, but not just yet!

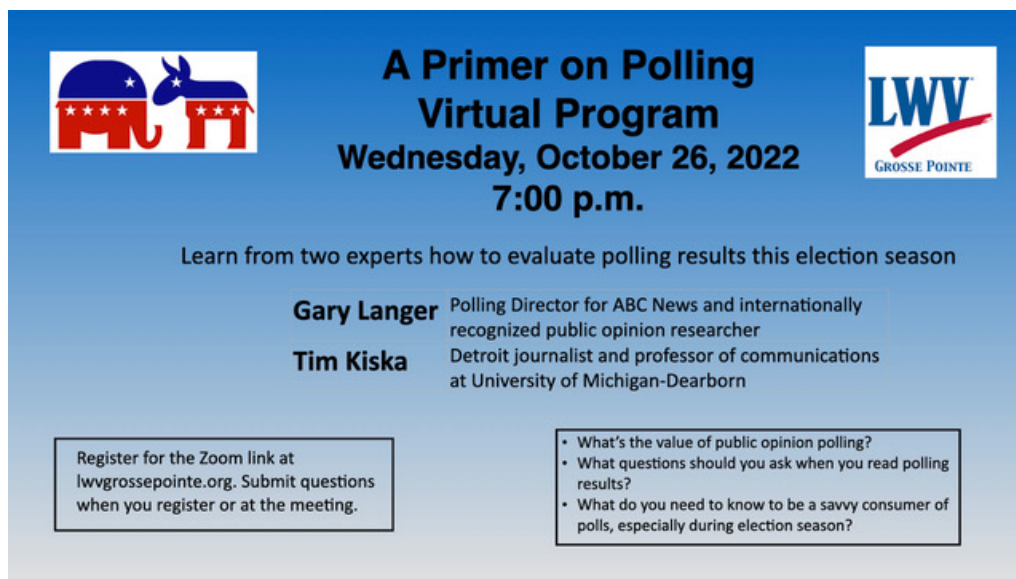
Vote. It's our right, it's our privilege, and it's our responsibility.

Do YOU have a plan to vote? Do your friends? Make it so. It's our last push of 2022.

See you in December to celebrate our work and have some wassail and cookies together.

Best wishes,

Sue Acton, President, LWVGP. shacton@gmail.com 313 434-5768



**A Primer on Polling
Virtual Program
Wednesday, October 26, 2022
7:00 p.m.**

Learn from two experts how to evaluate polling results this election season

Gary Langer Polling Director for ABC News and internationally recognized public opinion researcher

Tim Kiska Detroit journalist and professor of communications at University of Michigan-Dearborn

Register for the Zoom link at lwgrossepointe.org. Submit questions when you register or at the meeting.

- What's the value of public opinion polling?
- What questions should you ask when you read polling results?
- What do you need to know to be a savvy consumer of polls, especially during election season?

Primer on Polling

On Wednesday, October 26, we will present a virtual program, via Zoom, on understanding polling. Featured speakers include Gary Langer of Langer Research Associates in New York City (who does the ABC News/Washington Post poll, among many other national projects) and Tim Kiska, Professor of Journalism at UM-Dearborn and a longtime local pollster. LWVGP VP of Programs, Joan Richardson, will serve as moderator.

Registration is required for this event and it is open to the public. We are inviting registrants to suggest questions they'd like to have answered. The event will be recorded and shared on our YouTube channel.

Register at <https://forms.gle/Bo78FkJTGLhhuyJF8>

The Zoom link will be sent to registrants on Wednesday, October 26, at 6 p.m.

Voter Services

Election Resources

LWVGP has great resources to keep you informed before Election Day. See links to the videos below:

- *How to Fill Out Your Ballot for the Michigan General Election on November 8.* See the video at this link. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h2WQbkC_65Q&t=1s
- *Ballot Proposals & Election Process: What You Need to Know*-presented by Sue Acton <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NapQuhDwR-o>
- *Building Resilience to Mis-Disinformation*- presented by Marge Freundl https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UJzPd_L9DsY

LWVMI GOTV Postcard Project

LWVGP participated in the Get Out the Vote project, sponsored by LWVMI. We sent 1000 postcards to newly registered, first-time voters. The postcard message was: *Make your voice heard! This election is crucial. Your vote matters! You can make a difference!* Thanks to Lynne Pierce and Mary Garlough for coordinating the volunteers and pick-up of postcards for this event.

A very special thanks to the following people who participated in the GOTV project: Laurie Arora, Sarah Coats, Laurie Coplin, Holly Cory, Catherine Dumke, Judy Florian, Kathy Gardner, Mary Garlough, Lauri Kingsbury, Laura Larson, Sandra Mengel (nonmember), Ann Nicholson, Lynne Pierce, Julianne Phillips, Marcia Powell, Kathryn Poremski, Lauri Read, and Wendy Saigh.

GPPSS Board of Education Candidate Forum

Our September 27, 2022 in-person candidate forum was a huge success! This was our first-ever live-streamed forum in partnership with the GPPSS. All ten candidates participated. We solicited questions in advance, which allowed our question sorters to prepare high-quality, well-vetted questions from the more than 200 questions submitted by the community.

The forum generated intense community interest: 250 live attendees, a steady 350 (and as high as 800+) viewers on the live stream, 1500 views on the GPPSS website, and over 1500 views on the LWVGP YouTube channel.

Thank you to the following members who helped make this forum such a great success:

- Moderator: Sue Acton
- Time Keeper: Julianne Phillips
- Question Sorters: Judy Florian and Connie Frey
- Volunteers: Sarah Coats, Holly Cory, Marge Freundl, Lauri Kingsbury, Ann Nicholson, Wendy Saigh, Deb Sloss, Susan Stanley, Laura VerBeek, and

Deborah Vorhees

- Special thank you to the GPPSS administration and teacher Steve Geresy for providing the best venue and the video, live stream, and technical support.

Voter Guides

We ordered 4500 of the 2022 Voter Guides from the LWVMI. The guides have been distributed to our city halls, libraries, senior centers, community centers, high school social studies department, the GP Democrats, Eastside Republicans, and various other outlets.

Thank you to our logistics crew for helping with the distribution process: Sue Acton, Judy Florian, Mary Garlough, Vicki Granger, Ann Nicholson, Steve Trowbridge, and Mary Zahler (and Lauri Read's husband, Don Kuhnlein, for receiving and working the warehouse).

Vote 411

Vote411.org has been up and running since late September. This site provides personalized ballot information for each individual. Voters enter their home address and can view all the races that will appear on their ballot. This might be as many as 30 races. Each race links to display the candidates or ballot language. Users can compare candidates side by side, make selections, and have their ballot selection summary sent to email or cell phone for easy reference at the polls. Try it out at <https://www.vote411.org>

The State league handles all state-wide races. This fall, our local league handled the races for GP School Board, Wayne County Commissioner District One, and the GP Park Millage. All 10 school board candidates accepted the invitation to appear on the site. Nine candidates included a photo, and six took advantage of a new feature this year by including a video. Yet another way for the League to reach voters through different mediums.

--Sarah Coats, LWVGP Coordinator for Vote411

Speakers' Bureau

Thanks to Sue Acton, Marge Freundl, and Julianne Phillips for making virtual and in-person presentations about the ballot proposals, including Proposal 2 to GP Sunrise Rotary, Wayne County United Way, and Men's Ecumenical Breakfast group at GP Memorial Church.

Lauri Read, VP Voter Service, 313-717-8777 lauri.read@gmail.com

Mary Garlough, Director Voter Service, 313-5304698 marygarlough@gmail.com



Photo: Marge Freundl and Judy Florian distributed Voter Guides during the pre-game tailgating festivities at Grosse Pointe North for the annual, and always well-attended, GP North vs. GP South football game. Marge and Judy heard very positive feedback about the school board candidate forum and the Voter Guides.

Finance

We will be reviewing the League's savings portfolio and investments. If any member has experience in financial planning and would be interested in participating in this committee, please contact Sue Acton, President. The group will meet virtually, no more than three times, and make a recommendation to the Board of Directors.

Observer Corps

Our active LWVGP Observer Corps will have its quarterly gathering on Thursday, November 17, at 7 p.m., at the home of Lauri Kingsbury. Discussion topics include the library advocacy policy, DEI policy, "pulse of community" feedback, and more. The Observer Corps continues to look for members interested in attending and reporting on local boards and committees. Interested? Email Lauri Kingsbury lwvgrossepointe@gmail.com for more information.

Membership

We have 93 active members, including 9 new members since July 1.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

Our very active DEI Committee, led by Cathy McAdam, is looking into health care inequities, and also accommodations for disabled voters.

The DEI Committee brought to the LWVGP Board's attention a recent article on stuttering, that was in the New York Times (see link to article below):

<https://www.nytimes.com/video/opinion/10000008048545/stutter-speech-listening.html?smid=url-share>

If you have a Grosse Pointe library card, you can access the New York Times online.

<https://grossepointelibrary.org/remote-access-to-nytimes>

The first Membership Leaders' Network Zoom meeting, Implicit Bias 101, will be on Wednesday, November 9, at 7 pm. Meeting details, including the Zoom link for the meeting, will be sent to membership leaders closer to the meeting date.

Members who would like to be added to the Membership Leaders' Network contact list should contact Camilla Davis cdavis.lwvmi@gmail.com

Contact LWVGP! To reach anyone on the board, with a question or a suggestion, or to volunteer, use the lwvgrossepointe@gmail.com email address - your email will be forwarded to the appropriate person.

Board - through June 30, 2023

Executive Board Elected

- President: Sue Acton *term to expire June 30, 2023*
- President Elect: Lynne Pierce *term to expire June 30, 2023*
- Vice President: Programs Joan Richardson *term to expire June 30, 2023*
- Vice President: Voter Services Lauri Read *term to expire June 30, 2024*
- Secretary: Judy Masserang *term to expire June 30, 2023*
- Treasurer: Carol Lufburrow *term to expire June 30, 2024*

On-Board Directors Elected

- Director (Voter Services) Mary Garlough *term to expire June 30, 2023*
- Director (Membership) Catherine Dumke *term to expire June 30, 2024*
- Director (Membership) Marge Freundl *term to expire June 30, 2023*
- Director (Program) Dawn Drozd *term to expire June 30, 2024*

On-Board Directors Appointed by the President for one-year terms

- Sue Stanley - Assistant Treasurer
- Cathy McAdam - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Chair
- Vicki Granger - Communications, Voter Co-Editor, Observer Corps Co-Chair
- Lauri Kingsbury - Observer Corps Co-Chair

Off-Board Directors Appointed by the President for one-year terms

- Judy Florian- Publicity, Voter Co-Editor, Facebook
- Connie Frey - Finance Committee

- Kathy Gardner - Webmaster
- Annie Spence - Historian

Nominating Committee Judy Gafa (chair), Laura Larson, Marge Freundl

LWVGP Mission

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 **ages 16 and older**.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy **Non-Partisan Policy**

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