



President's Letter

The history of political conventions dates back to 1766 when the Sons of Liberty party met in Hartford, CT. The first National Republican party convention was held in December 1831 and the National Democratic party held its first convention in May of 1832. There is a history of raucous conventions in both parties dating back to the 1800s, so what we've witnessed in the past two weeks is not new nor particularly unusual.

James Polk was the first "dark horse" candidate; Franklin Roosevelt was the first nominee to make an acceptance speech in person; Baltimore, MD hosted 10 of the first 11 national conventions, and Chicago holds the record, as of 2012, having hosted 25 national conventions.

Nominating candidates and electing our president (and other political positions) is messy, fascinating, contentious and so important that we must ALL be a part of this process, work to ensure that everyone who is eligible is able to register to vote and then actually shows up at the polls on election day.

Please do your part to facilitate this privilege by encouraging your family, friends and neighbors to vote on August 2 (state primary election) and again on November 8.

Chris

Upcoming Events August 2016

- Tuesday, August 2, VOTE in the primary election
- Tuesday, August 16, Regular Board Meeting

VOTE TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

Every voter in Michigan, no matter where they live, can use www.VOTE411.org to find information about the candidates in the August 2nd Primary in their Congressional District race and their State Representative District race. You only need to put in the address where you are registered to vote.

At www.VOTE411.org, you can also see if you are registered to vote and find your polling place.

An application to vote absentee can be submitted to a clerk

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Calendar

August 2 (Tue) VOTE state primary election 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

August 16 (Tue) Board meeting at 1:00 p.m.

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Board Meeting/Minutes

Board Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of most months. Members are encouraged to attend. The next meeting is August, 16 (Tue) at 1:00 pm at the Lakewood Estates Community Center, 8000 Warren Woods Rd, Three Oaks.

Minutes are posted after they are approved by the Board.

[March 15, 2016](#)

by Saturday, November 5, no later than 2 p.m., and you have until 8 p.m. on election day to complete the ballot and return it to the clerk's office.

The polls are open on Tuesday between 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
For more information on your voting rights, go to www.michigan.gov/sos .

Many races are determined in the primary - remind your friends and family of the importance of voting!



Environmental News

Hello, everyone, and welcome to Southwest Michigan's version of its own sauna. Has it been warm enough for you? Every day we are seeing more and more evidence of Climate Change around the planet and the dangerously high heat experience of late just affirms that.

Earlier this year, the LWV was pushing for opposition of S. 2882 and H.R. 4775 as they joined 118 other organizations calling on Senators and Representatives to oppose the "Ozone Standards Implementation Act." "This misleadingly named legislation would systematically weaken the Clean Air Act and prevent the implementation of the Obama Administration's life-saving health standards." As of 7/30/2016, the hearings were held by the Senate Environment and Public Works Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety. Here is a link for a sample letter if you would like to contact.

<http://lwv.org/content/league-pushes-opposition-s-2882-and-hr-4775>

The LWV also opposes H.Con.Res 89 which the Senate received on 6/13/2016 and referred to the Committee on Finance. "The resolution declares that a carbon tax would be detrimental to American families and businesses and is not in the best interest of the United States." This resolution is the latest example of climate action denial being advanced by some members of the House of Representatives." For sample letter <http://lwv.org/content/league-opposes-hconres-89>

Bette

LWVBCC ELECTION CORNER

VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

Remember to VOTE on Tuesday, August 2nd! Polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. You will have to choose either ALL Democrats or ALL Republicans. You can NOT cross back-and-forth on your ballot. Don't forget the proposals!

Chris

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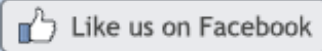
The State Farm logo is a red circle with a white "S" inside.

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