



Presidents Newsletter

Please note that our annual dinner, scheduled for Thursday, June 23, will begin at 5:30 for cocktails with dinner and business meeting to follow at 6:15. If you have not made your reservation, please do so today. We must close the reservation process on Wednesday, June 15, in order for the restaurant to place appropriate food orders with their vendors. We look forward to seeing each of you.

We have been covering a wide range of topics at our monthly board meetings and have quite a few irons in the fire at this time. Making arrangements for our annual meeting plus planning luncheon and other events and beginning the process for forums/debates consumes quite a bit of time. Your board members are to be commended for their time, dedication and willingness to go "beyond the norm" in this intense election season.

Be sure to read the articles we have incorporated in previous newsletters and will continue to print for the next month or two on requirements for voting.

Chris

LWV bylaw amendments

PROPOSED AMENDMENT I

Resolved: The Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Berrien and Cass Counties shall be amended by the addition of the phrase "but no fewer than nine" in Article 5, Section 1. As amended, Article 5, Section 1 will read in its entirety as follows:

Section 1. Number, Manner of Selection, and Term of Office.

The Board of Directors may have as many members as deemed necessary to carry on the work of the League, but no fewer than nine. Directors shall be elected by the membership at the Annual Meeting to two-year terms with terms staggered as evenly as possible. The Board may appoint additional directors between Annual Meetings to serve until the next Annual Meeting.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT II

Resolved: The Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Berrien and Cass Counties shall be amended by deleting Article 5, Section 7 in its entirety and substituting the following in its place:

Section 7. Quorum

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Calendar

June 23rd (Thur) Annual General Meeting & Dinner
Pebblewood Golf & Banquet Hall.
9794 Jericho Rd. Bridgman, MI.

July 5th (Tue) Special Board meeting at 1:00 p.m.

July 11th (Mon) Book Club Meeting at Chris Zilkes' house.
10726 Red Arrow Highway,
Bridgman.

July 19th (Tue) Regular Board meeting at 1:00 p.m.

LWVBCC Board of Directors

Chris Zilke President
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Webmaster Mike McCaffrey

Board Meeting/Minutes

Board Meetings are held on the

A majority of the Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT III

Resolved: The Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Berrien and Cass Counties shall be amended by the addition of the following provision to Article 5:

Section 8. Electronic Participation in Meetings.

A member of the Board or of a committee designated by the Board may participate in a meeting by means of conference telephone or other means of remote communication so all individuals who are participating in the meeting can communicate with the other participants. Participation in a meeting under this section constitutes attendance in person at the meeting.

To read the existing by-laws in their entirety, visit our website, LWVBCC.org.

Annual General Meeting & Dinner

Three dinner entrees will be available: Roasted Pork Tenderloin, Tuscan Chicken, or Vegetable Lasagna. The cost per person is \$28. Reservations can be made by sending a check for number of guests and menu choices directly to treasurer John Ripley at P.O. Box 1032, Niles, MI 49120.

[Click here for a handy RSVP form to print and send to John.](#)

To reserve and pay by credit card online, click on the following choices and give us the names of each person ordering each dish:

For pork, [click here](#).

For chicken, [click here](#).

For vegetarian lasagna, [click here](#).

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON JUNE 23. PLEASE JOIN US

Notice to Voters: Voter Identification Requirement in Effect

From: Michigan Department of State Bureau of Elections

Every Michigan voter who offers to vote in the polls must comply with the requirement by showing picture identification or signing an affidavit attesting that he or she is not in possession of picture identification. (See MCL 168.523 for voter identification requirement.)

Voters with picture ID: Voters can satisfy the ID requirement by showing a Michigan driver's license or a Michigan personal identification card.

Voters who do not possess either document may show any of the

third Tuesday of most months.

Members are encouraged to attend. The next meeting is May, 17 (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](#)

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following forms of picture ID as long as it is current:

- Driver's license or personal ID card issued by another state.
- Federal or state government-issued photo ID.
- U.S. passport.
- Military identification card with photo.
- Student identification with photo from a high school or an accredited institution of higher education.
- Tribal identification card with photo.

Voters without picture ID: Michigan election law anticipates that not all voters will have picture ID. Voters who do not have acceptable picture ID or forgot to bring acceptable picture ID to the polls can vote like any other voter by signing an affidavit.

Questions regarding the voter identification requirement can be directed to your local city or township clerk's office.

For more election related information, visit www.michigan.gov/vote

Environment

As you watch and read the news reports, scientists affirm that Climate Change is real. It is hard not to dispute the facts as we watch increasingly severe storms, floods, and fires creating devastation in various parts of the world. Locally, we have seen the loss of beaches along Lake Michigan this year as the storms and high wave action wash them away and deliver debris all along the shoreline.

Locally, we have several upcoming events that you may be interested in joining. The Michigan State Extension is offering "NATURAL SHORELINE LANDSCAPING Protecting Your Shoreline: A Workshop for Inland Lakefront Property Owners" at Camp Friedenswald, 15406 Watercress Way, Cassopolis, MI 49031 from 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (includes a short tour & light meal) in Cass County on June 4th. [Register here](#); and Sarrett Nature Center 2300 N. Benton Center Rd, Benton Harbor, MI 49022 from 4:30 PM to 9:00 PM in Berrien County on June 9. [Register here](#). Cost: \$50 per person, \$25 for a second member of the household (who will share materials).

You may also want to participate with the **Volunteer Stewardship at Grand Mere State Park Removal of Invasive Plants** sponsored by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Sunday, June 5, 2016, Grand Mere State Park; 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. or Saturday, June 18, Warren Dunes State Park, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteer Stewards are needed to remove invasive garlic mustard, a non-native herbaceous plant that can take over our forested areas. Volunteers should dress for walking in the woods (sturdy shoes) as we will be going off trail to find this unwanted invader. Meet at the organizational campground parking area off of Floral Lane (north of the main park entrance on Red Arrow Hwy). For additional information see: [More Info](#)

LWVBCC Book Club

Encourage membership
in LWVBCC!

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A reminder that the book for our July 11 meeting is "Dark Money" by Jane Mayer.

Sub-titled "The Hidden History of the Billionaires Behind the Rise of the Radical Right", this is an intense, long (378 pages) look at the influences of the super rich and their determination, dating at least as far back as 1958, to set up funds and organizations with the intent of undermining anything that may stand in the way of their accumulating yet more wealth with little regard for any one or any thing that may stand in the way of these objectives. It's a fascinating, disturbing read. It would be nice to see some of our male members attend. Everyone is welcome.

LWV proposed budget

Click link below for more information on the proposed budget.

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