

The Voter

League of Women Voters of the Jackson Area

League of Women Voters is where hands-on work to safeguard democracy leads to civic improvement.

September 2012

P.O. Box 68214, Jackson, Ms 39286-8214

http://www.lwv-ms.org/Jackson_League

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==>As of this release, Mississippi's voter id law has not been pre-cleared. No photo id is required.===

Join us!

Saturday, September 22, 2012, is the next meeting for LWVJA at the Jackson Municipal Art Gallery. We will begin at 10 a.m. Members should invite prospective new members to the event and bring finger foods. Coffee and tea will be available. Our guest speaker will be Theresa Hannah. She will describe health care options in Mississippi for children and their families. The Gallery is located at 839 N State Street. Parking is behind the building via N President Street. Fortification Street is under re-construction but is open.

839 North State St. between Fortification and Barksdale streets. Enter one block west, on President Street.



From the president's desk:

As I write these notes we are entering an exciting time for elections and are moving ahead with League program activities. LWVJA has held two board meetings to establish tasks, schedule meetings, and identify programs. We surveyed members' interests and meeting time preferences. The results are that Saturday afternoon meetings were most desirable, followed by Monday or Tuesday nights. General membership and Board meeting times are listed under the 2012-2013 Calendar on page 3.

Fran Leber and Kay Brodbeck will conduct voter registration training. Several sites have been set. Contact Barbara Powell ASAP if you want to host a site. Barbara has registered us to participate in the National Voter Registration Day on September 25th. Mark your calendars.

Other activities planned include the Membership Recruitment Meeting, the Election Commissioners forum, and a Legislative Panel. All, except for the legislative panel, are listed on the calendar.

The LWVJA has accepted the resignation of Jane Hawkins to serve as co-President.

Marcia Weaver
President, LWVJA

Presidential Debate Schedule

Oct. 3 at the University of Denver. Focus: Domestic policy.

October 11 at Centre College in Danville, Ky. Vice President Joe Biden and challenger, Paul Ryan. Format: a town hall-style meeting divided into nine, 10-minute segments devoted to foreign and domestic policies.

Oct. 16 at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y. Format: a town hall-style meeting

October 22 at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Fla. Focus: Foreign policy topics.

VOTING PROBLEMS ON ELECTION DAY? CONTACT:

The League of Women Voters of Mississippi Election Hotline - (601) 355 7495
The Secretary of State's Office - Election Hotline - (800) 829-6786 (www.sos.ms.gov/elections)
The U.S. Justice Department - (800) 253-3931 or (202) 307-2767; (202) 514-4609
Disability Rights Mississippi - (800) 772-4057

Candidate Forum October 15th Welty Library Community Room

300 North State Street

6-8PM

Hinds County Election Commissioners

District 1

Marilyn Avery, incumbent
James A. Reed, challenger
Primus Wheeler, challenger

District 2

Josephine Anderson

District 3

Shantore Bracey
Jermal Clark, incumbent

District 4

Connie Cochran, incumbent
No challenger

District 5

Lelia Gaston Rhodes, incumbent
Kathy Sykes, challenger



Membership Notes:

We are looking forward to seeing all members and their guests at the September 22nd brunch at the Municipal Art Gallery. (See directions on page 1.) Membership Director, Deloris Lee is excited about talking with our guests to answer any questions you have not been able to answer about becoming League members. League and its non-partisan focus on civic education are needed now more than ever. Let us all join to grow the Jackson League this year!

We want to welcome a returning member and two new members. Rhonda Cooper and Dorothy Moore are new members, having recently joined. Jo Smith Holloman is a returning member from some years ago. Welcome! We hope you will get bring some good ideas to the table, and the action to help make them reality.

2012 – 2013 Calendar

Put this on your refrigerator door, in your cell phone, or in your online calendar

September 22	LWVJA General Meeting & Membership Recruitment Brunch Jackson Municipal Art Gallery, 10AM INVITE PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS, Friends, neighbors, etc.
September 25	National Voter Registration Day
October 2	LWVJA board meeting
October 15	Candidate Forum – Welty Library, 6PM
October 6	Final day to register for the November 6 th election. Noon deadline.
November 6	Election Day
November 10	LWVJA General Meeting, 2PM
November 27	Election run-off (if necessary)
December 4	LWVJA board meeting
January 19	LWVJA Legislative Issues Panel Meeting, 2PM
April 20	LWVJA Annual Meeting

Renew your dues or sign up as a new member

LWV Jackson Area Membership

(Hinds, Madison and Rankin Counties)

Your dues cover membership in the local, state and national Leagues.

NAME: _____ **Phone:** _____ **E-mail:** _____@_____._____

ADDRESS: _____

Dues are \$50. For multiple, non-student, members, at the same address, the first one pays \$50 and any additional ones pay half price (\$25.00). Student dues are \$20.

Make your check out to: LWV-Jackson and mail to **LWV-Jackson, Attn: Margaret Wodetzki, Treasurer**, PO Box 68214, Jackson, MS 39286-8214.