

The Voter

League of Women Voters of the Jackson Area

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NOVEMBER 6, 2012 IS ELECTION DAY. VOTE Y'ALL!



Voter Service Activities

League volunteers have worked hard to register people prior to the November 6th election. Our team of 35 volunteers included members of LWVJA and their friends, students of Dr. Monica Flippin-Wynn's social media class at Jackson State University, and staff from Disability Rights Mississippi. We were able to deliver 184 applications to area circuit clerks' offices. A number of forms were also distributed to people to complete and mail to their circuit clerk. Volunteers worked at two McDade's grocery stores, the Jackson Medical Mall, Lanier High School, Wellsfest, and the Flowood and Madison libraries. League members participating in the project were: **Judy and Rims Barber, Eugenia Bradshaw, Kay Brodbeck, Janine Bruton, Keri Friedley, Jo Ann Hall, Dick Johnson, Fran and Nicole Leber, Natalie Maynor, Dorothy Moore, Dierdre Payne, Barbara Powell, Savina Schoenhofer, Dary Shenefelt, Elaine Talbott, Harriet Tanzman, Carolyn Townes, Marcia Weaver, and Margaret Wodetzki.** Good work team!

VOTING QUESTIONS 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

From the president's desk:

The League of Women Voters of the Jackson Area (LWVJA) quietly celebrated our 66th anniversary. Actually, we missed the May event, but nonetheless we are proud of our history. And I'm even more pleased when I recognize how our team continues to work for important LWV issues at every level. Therese Hanna, executive director of the Center for Mississippi Health Policy, spoke in September about health policy as it develops. Barbara Powell, Voter Service VP, organized events to register voters. Almost 200 people, representing five counties, either completed forms at the event site, or took forms to be completed and mailed later. Leaguers and friends gave nearly 100 volunteer hours for this activity. I was interviewed by Mississippi Public Radio about voter registration. That interview aired Friday, October 5th. Five candidates participated in the recent Hinds County Election Commissioners Forum, moderated by Dierdre Payne, with good dialogue and an attentive audience.

Next up is the General Election hotline. And you might have noticed, we are moving to a digital *Voter* where possible. If you need a hardcopy, please reply to Dierdre Payne, editor, at d.s.payne@att.net. Stay tuned.

Marcia Weaver, President, LWVJA



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The League of Women Voters has two separate and distinct roles:

- **Voters Service/Citizen Education:** we present unbiased nonpartisan information about elections, the voting process, and issues.
- **Action/Advocacy:** we are also nonpartisan, but, after study, we use our positions to advocate for or against particular policies in the public interest.

Membership Notes:

Mississippi Health Care in Review

Therese Hanna, Executive Director for the Center for Mississippi Health Policy, spoke on health issues of children and families in Mississippi at the September 22nd membership brunch attended by LWVJA members and friends. Hanna compared Mississippi and United States data on indicators of child health and focused on the problem of childhood obesity. She pointed out that the high prevalence of overweight and obesity among our children seriously threatens the future health of children and youth because of the associated development of chronic diseases and their complications. She said that Mississippi has seen some improvements in childhood obesity rates since enactment of the Mississippi Healthy Students Act, but racial disparities are increasing with most of the improvements being seen in white students.

Hanna also presented information on health insurance coverage in Mississippi and showed projections of shifts in coverage that may occur as aspects of the Affordable Care Act are implemented. She described health insurance exchanges and explained various aspects such as what benefits will be covered and how “navigators” will assist people enrolling for health care coverage.

<p>Welcome to new members, Janine Bruton and Bradley Bruton.</p>

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.

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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.

2012 – 2013 Calendar

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November 3	The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot (Saturday).
November 5	5 p.m.: The deadline for the circuit clerk to receive absentee ballots, whether in person or by mail. (Monday before Election Day).
November 6	Election Day (7 a.m until 7 p.m.)
November 10	LWVJA General Meeting, Clinton Quisenberry Library, 2PM 605 E Northside Dr, Clinton TOPIC: The One Lake Project
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



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If we have your correct email, you got the 2012-2013 Membership Handbook.

Officers for 2012-2014:

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