Dear Members,

**People like you are our League’s most valuable asset!**  Members give the League visibility and credibility:

* Empowering voters to exercise their right to vote and to have that vote count.
* Educating citizens and fostering dialogue on important issues from Redistricting to the process for amending the Constitution, to disclosure of ‘dark money’ in campaign financing.
* Advocating for positive change at the local, state and national levels that impacts us all.

**Now is the time for membership renewal. If you have not already done so, we need you to renew your membership today, using the enclosed form. Whatever the level of your activity, you are essential to our League’s strength and success.**

As a member you belong to all three levels of the League; local, state and national. This year’s combined dues remain at $60 for an individual and $90 for a household, the student rate is $5 for an individual. Please know that ordinary operating costs will be significantly greater than what we anticipate from dues.

**There are a number of ways that you can help:**

1. Most importantly – **renew your membership today.**
2. **Bring a friend** to a League meeting and ask him/her to join LWV. Did you know that for only an additional $30 a spouse or other member of your household can join you as a League member?
3. Consider becoming a **Sustaining Member** by making an additional donation to your dues payment. Membership dues are not tax-deductible, but provide essential operating funds.
4. Make an **additional tax-deductible donation** **to the LWV Education Fund.** These monies are used for citizen education projects and for Voter Service educational activities such as the Voter’s Guide and Forums.
5. This year only consider a **Special “2020 Anniversary Gift”** – will provide support for important Voter Service and other activities planned for 2020.

The League works on many important issues at the local, state and national level. Understanding members’ interests helps us connect them to our work and allows us to mobilize Leaguers when issues arise. If you have not already done so, we hope that you will consider completing our local survey. Please contact me and I would be happy to mail or email a copy to you. **Any or all of the above will make a significant difference in the vitality of our League! Add your voice in *making democracy work* in our community, state and nation.**

*For questions and membership information please contact Carol McPherson, LWV of the Midland Area Vice-President for Membership,* [*carol.j.mcpherson@gmail.com*](mailto:carol.j.mcpherson@gmail.com) *, 989-832-1623.*

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| **Upcoming Events & LWV 100th Anniversary Celebrations.** |

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| * **December 5,** **Holiday luncheon**. 11:30- 1:00 Long time members will be invited to reminisce about their experience in the League following the luncheon. * **January 14, 2020 2 pm,**  **Sue Smith, LWVMI Vice President Advocacy** – Understanding LWVMI Advocacy Positions – Creative 360 * **February 2020- Ann Manary Midland County Clerk,** 2020 Election Preparations *(Date,* *Time and venue to be determined)* * **April 23, 2020 LWV of the Midland Area Gala** - 100th Anniversary Celebration – Midland Holiday Inn * **May 2020** – Annual Meeting and Tea (*Time and venue to be determined)* * **May 25, 2020 –** MidlandMemorial Day Parade, 10:00-12 noon * **June 10, 2020** – Dinner at Sanford Lake Bar & Grill 6:00 pm |