

Progressive Women's Alliance of West Michigan



Working to influence
public policy through the
election of candidates
and the advocacy of a
progressive agenda.



2007 Highlights

*After a busy year, we want to pause and thank all of you for helping to conduct the work of PWA that is reflected in these pages. Together, we can continue to give a strong voice to progressive issues, candidates, and values in our community.
With deepest appreciation, Melissa Anderson, Chair*

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Thanks to the many organizations and individuals who support PWA with time, talent, and resources. We are so grateful for their commitment to helping us fulfill our mission.



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The PWA Book Club has more than 160 members. Small groups meet monthly for lively discussions. Summaries of all the Book Club selections can be found on the Book Notes page at www.progressivewomensalliance.org.

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Membership remains steady at around 800, with the average contribution being approximately \$60 per member. We are very grateful for your financial participation!

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2007 Grand Rapids Programs Partial List

February

See Dick and Jen Run: A Capitol Correspondent's View of the 2006 Election
Tim Skubick, Political Journalist and Author

March

Being Progressive in Michigan—An Environmentalist's Point of View
Lana Pollack, President of the Michigan Environmental Council

May

Regional Opportunities for Progressive Action
Mayor George Heartwell, Grand Rapids

June

Framing: How Language Manipulates Political Thought
Dr. Michael Wolfe, Associate Professor of Psychology, Grand Valley State University

July

PWA Action on behalf of endorsed 2nd Ward City Commission candidate Ruth Kelly
Neighborhood walking, friend-to-friend cards, letter-writing, socializing at Mangiamo restaurant

September

Everyday Leadership: Getting Results in Business, Politics, and Life
Dan Mulhern, First Gentleman of Michigan

October

PAC 101: A User's Guide to Political Action Committees
Darlene Szumko, Election Law Attorney, and Evelyn Quiroga, Bureau of Elections, Michigan Department of State

2007 Lakeshore Programs

Book Talks

The Audacity of Hope, Barack Obama
The World is Flat, Thomas L. Friedman
Broken Government, John Dean

Film Nights

Bill Moyers on Media Reform
Iron Jawed Angels

Forums

The Iraq Study Group Report, Campaign for a US Department of Peace, Institute for Healing Racism, Knowing Media Literacy

2007 Fundraising Events

April

Strong Voices in Art, Music, and Politics
Second annual PWA spring fundraiser held at San Chez restaurant. Included 423 attendees and featured musical performances, speeches from local and statewide politicians and artists, and a silent auction of donated items. Raised over \$22,000

August

PWA Lakeshore's Third Annual Summer Friend Raiser and Auction
This Grand Haven event included delicious food, art, and items for mind, body, and spirit. Raised over \$3,000

November

A Celebration of Progressive Values
Fall fundraiser at which special guest speaker U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow helped PWA honor State Representative Mary Valentine for her support of progressive values in the Michigan House of Representatives. Raised over \$17,000

2007 Endorsements

Grand Rapids Public Transit millage—\$500. A ballot proposal to renew and increase the millage for The RAPID, Grand Rapids' successful public transportation system. The proposal passed, 58% v.42%.

Grand Rapids Community College millage—\$500. A ballot proposal to enhance the millage for GRCC. The proposal failed, 49% v. 50%.

Mayor George Heartwell re-election campaign—\$5,000. Mayor Heartwell won with 51% of the vote in a four-way primary in August.

Ruth Kelly campaign for Grand Rapids City Commissioner from the Second Ward—\$5,000. Ruth placed second in the August primary, with 35% of the vote, but lost in the November general election, 40% v. 60%.

U.S. Senator Carl Levin 2008 re-election campaign—\$2,500.

2007 Financial Information

2007 Starting balance	<u>\$31,167</u>
Revenues	\$72,120
Operating & fundraising expenses	(\$17,255)
Contract services	(\$11,000)
Contributions to campaigns	(\$13,500)
2007 Year-end balance	<u>\$61,532</u>

Thanks to the generosity of some special PWA supporters who recognized the demands represented by our rapid growth, PWA received funding for \$12,000 in contract administrative services this year. Amanda Narvaes has done a wonderful job with our PAC filings, accounting, membership records, mailings, and more.



