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### Now Is the Time to Get Involved

LWV locally, statewide and nationally has many activities underway. Michigan's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) is happening **now**. Watch this [video](#) created by one of our members and visit the LWVMI and LWVOA websites for more details.

Take a moment to familiarize yourself with the issues and how you may participate. Your energy and enthusiasm are vital. Logging on and taking an interest is paramount. Sharing info with friends and family helps spread the word. Check out the list below for upcoming events.

Looking forward to seeing you at LWV activities.  
Maria Woloson,  
Co-president, LWVOA

### Membership Reminder

Fellow League Members:

Renewal time is coming! If you are a new member and joined after January 2021, you are all set for this year. For the rest of us, it is time to renew our League membership. Many of us would typically renew at the annual meeting, and while we can't do that this year, the Zoom annual meeting is coming soon and it's a reminder that renewal time is here.

Please do join us for the annual meeting – more info in this newsletter. And please also send in your annual dues – follow this link to [pay online or print a form to mail](#).

### March Meet & Greet – Advocacy

Our most recent Zoom Meet & Greet was a great success with Kathy Henry and the Advocacy Committee presenting information on a league effort to interview our legislators and learn their positions in

areas of interest to the league. Several attendees volunteered to work on the legislative interviews and subsequently attended video Zoom training.

The Membership Committee is developing the agenda for the next Meet & Greet, to be scheduled in the fall after the summer's annual meeting(s).



We hope you all have a wonderful summer, and we will send more information in a few months on opportunities to learn more about the League of Women Voters and meet with other members.

## Save the Date: Annual Business Meeting

The annual business meeting will take place on Zoom on June 21 at 7 pm. The board is exploring venues for a social, outdoor meeting later this summer.

This meeting needs to accomplish the following:

- (1) Approve the board/off board members
- (2) Approve a budget for 2021-2022
- (3) Allow direction to the board and comments for future agenda items

The Board is proposing bylaw revisions to bring our bylaws into agreement with those of LWV-US. Changes were approved at the 2020 National Convention. The membership will be asked to approve the following bylaws changes. A complete copy of the bylaws is found in your handbook

Changes proposed:

- ARTICLE II. Purpose and Policy. Section 3 added: *Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Policy. The League is fully committed to ensure compliance - in principle and in practice - with LWVUS' Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy.*
- ARTICLE III. Membership. A [4] is added: Those who are students are defined as individuals enrolled either as full or part time with an accredited institution.
- ARTICLE IX. Principles and Programs , Sec. 1 Principles is amended as follows: ~~The principles are concepts of government adopted by the national convention and supported by the League as a whole. They are the authorization for the adoption of national, state and local program.~~ *The Principles are concepts of government supported by the League and are the authorization for adoption of national, state and local program. They may be amended by the convention in the same way as program is adopted under Section 2 of this Article.*

## Book Club

What's better than reading great books? Talking about them with great people! The book club is open to all members. The only requirement is to read the book (at least part of it). You can join anytime!



***On Democracy*** by E. B. White

Published 2019 - the essays in this book were published in various media between 1928-1976

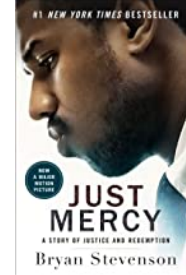
"For democracy's weary champions, White's time-tested prose is a shot of adrenaline."

**Tuesday, June 8, 2021**

***Just Mercy*** by Bryan Stephenson

Published 2018

"a searing indictment of American criminal justice and a stirring testament to the salvation that fighting for the vulnerable sometimes yields"  
**Wednesday, August 11, 2021**

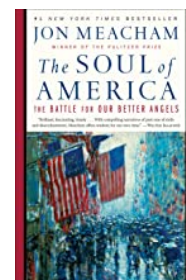


***The Tyranny of Merit: What's Become of the Common Good?*** by Michael J. Sandel  
Published 2020  
"A rich, incisive analysis of how the meritocratic ideal contributes to contemporary political crisis."  
**Tuesday, October 12, 2021**

***The Soul of America: The Battle for our Better Angels*** by Jon Meacham  
Published 2019

"Meacham tells us we've been here before and can find our way out, urging readers to enter the arena, avoid tribalism, respect facts and listen to history."

**Wednesday, December 1, 2021**



## Upcoming Events

Check out our upcoming events:

- May 21-22, 2021 - LWV Michigan State convention (virtual)
- June 8 at 6 p Oakland County MICRC public hearings date, Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave, Novi
- June 8, 2021 at 7p - LWVOA Book Club: *On Democracy* (virtual)
- June 9, 2021 at 7p - LWVOA presentation on Electoral College for LWV Ann Arbor (virtual)
- June 10 at 6 pm Oakland County MICRC public hearings dates, Centerpoint Marriott, 3555 Centerpoint Pkwy, Pontiac
- June 21, 2021 at 7p - LWVOA Annual Meeting (virtual)
- June 22, 2021 at 7p - LWV Michigan Advocacy meeting for **all** LWVMI members (virtual)
- June-July 2021 - LWVOA legislator interviews for local, state and national regions; (virtual and in-person)

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