

The Voter

April 2026

Events

April 18, 2026
General Membership Meeting
10:00am
[Westland City Hall](#)

April 25, 2026
New Member Orientation
10:00am
[Grand Traverse Pie Company, Plymouth](#)

May 20, 2026
Board Meeting
7:00pm
[Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church](#)

June 6, 2026
Annual Meeting
10:00am
[Plymouth Community Arts Council](#)

June 25-28, 2026
LWVUS Convention
Columbus, OH

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President's Perspective

As the League of Women Voters, one of our primary responsibilities is to register voters. However, as voter registration has become more accessible in the State of Michigan, our voter registration drives have not been signing up as many new voters. While our efforts still remain worthwhile, I believe our focus should expand. Instead of asking if you are registered to vote, we should inquire if registered, have you voted.

If not, how can we help?

In Michigan's last gubernatorial election in 2022, 56.8% of eligible voters cast a ballot. 43.2% did not. In the last presidential election, we had a high of 70.5% of eligible voters voting, still 29.5% did not. Given the close nature of some of our recent elections, it is crucial to consider the potential impact of those missing eligible voters. How can we encourage registered voters to show up at the polls?

As we educate, register, and support voters, it is essential to ensure they have a voting plan and actually vote. Do they require an absentee ballot? Do they have transportation needs? Is their voting site accessible? Do they need more



information about the ballot? Do they need to understand the significance of their vote? All these questions can be addressed by the League as we engage with the community. The League can make a difference.

We are entering the busy season of pre-election work. I encourage you to join us in providing supportive services for our voters. Become an election worker, participate in candidate forums, engage with your family and friends, and identify the barriers preventing them from voting. Together, we can contribute to ensuring that your democracy functions effectively for all.

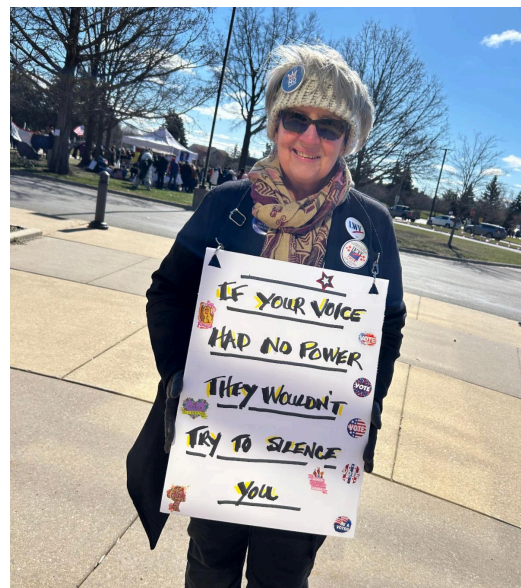
Carrie Moon-Dupree

LWV of Northwest Wayne County Joins the NO KINGS Movement

On Saturday, March 28, League of Women Voters members joined the throngs of citizens around the country for [NO KINGS](#) events where peaceful protestors took to the streets to say loudly and clearly: no thrones, no crowns, no kings!

At least 25 LWVNW members participated in the gathering at the Canton Administrative Building where they heard from Canton Township Supervisor and League Member, Anne Marie Graham-Hudak. Other speakers included Belleville Mayor Ken Voigt, Michigan State Representative Matt Koleszar, and State Representative Ranjeev Puri.

History is clear. People-led movements - not force, not one politician - are how we end authoritarianism. LWV is proud to be a part of this work!





April General Membership Meeting

Our next membership meeting will be Saturday, April 18, 10:30am at Westland City Hall. We are honored to welcome Joel Batterman as our guest speaker. Joel is the Campaign Manager for [Transportation Riders United](#) (TRU), Detroit's nonprofit transit advocates. He will share about the August Wayne County ballot proposal to extend public transit service countywide.

[Click here to read more about the proposal](#)

Please invite any friends, neighbors, and others who want to hear more about this proposal or are interested in membership to the League of Women Voters. This is a great opportunity to meet and greet our members.

Membership Update

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Melanie Davis and Elizabeth Lewandowski

ROSTER UPDATE: 120 and counting!

Apologies: We scheduled an Orientation for Saturday, 3/28 the same day as the NO KINGS March. Our mistake! Since we couldn't be at two events at the same time, Orientation could not be held.

Our next Orientation is scheduled for Saturday, April 25 at 10:00 a.m. at [Grand Traverse Pie Company](#) (41650 Ann Arbor Rd, Plymouth, MI).

Get Involved & Stay Informed

There are a number of ways to join in the work to empower voters and defend democracy. We hope you'll join us!

Voter Registration

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County received a grant from the LWVUS to support our youth voter registration efforts. We had a table at Schoolcraft College's annual Winter Bash in January 2026 at which LWV members distributed information about the LWV and registered 3 individuals to vote. We went to Garden City High School on March 16 - a new school for our

voter registration efforts. Students from the National Honor Society engaged their classmates. We talked with over 45 students about voting and registered 3 students to vote.



Observer Corps

The Observer Corps is asking for volunteers to be “guest observers” to watch one school board meeting in-person or virtually. We are still looking for volunteers to observe school boards in Northville, Van Buren, and Wayne-Westland. If you are able to help, please contact [Lena Packer](#).

Voter Services Volunteers Needed!

- **Text banking** will resume on May 1 for the August Primary. As a reminder, we are sending text messages to LWVNW residents who voted in the 2020 election but not the 2024 election. Contact [Toni Jones](#) by April 27 if you want to participate.
- **Candidate Forums** will be held in June and/or July for the August Primary. If you are interested in helping, email [Toni Jones](#) by Friday, May 8.

Do You Have Time to Give Back?

None of our current board members came to their positions with leadership training or LWV board skills. They were all new to the League at one point, maybe attending their first meeting sitting in the back or timidly asking a question. But when they realized the good and necessary work accomplished by their local League and the need for the non-partisan election and voting information, they answered the call to be part of the Board of Directors.

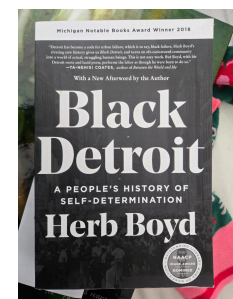


We still need to fill our Secretary position and we are calling you. The main responsibility of this position is to take notes at monthly meetings. The added benefits are that you would learn how the Board operates, participate in making decisions, and step up to protect our democracy. If you think this ‘call’ is for you, then YES, it is! Please contact Paula Bowman (paulabowman9000@gmail.com or 734-277-2243) if you want to talk more about this opportunity. We need you!

DEI Bookclub

Our next book is *Black Detroit: A People's History of Self-Determination* by Herb Boyd. We will meet to discuss the book in early June.

[Click here to see the DEI Committee's 2026 reading list.](#)



March Advocacy

Several LWV members attended the Livonia City Council on March 9 meeting to urge the Council to find a site for 2026 Early Voting other than City Hall. If

you've ever been to a Livonia City Hall meeting, you know that the building entrance is a steep ramp which poses difficulties not only for disabled voters, but even senior citizens. While the ramp is technically in compliance, Livonia can do better. It is a large city and has a lot of suitable alternative options that would make early voting easier for many citizens. Unfortunately, the Council has chosen the site that is convenient for the administration. We are disappointed with the Council's decision but will continue to advocate for a better option in the future.

On March 19, representatives from the Leagues in Wayne County attended the County Commission meeting to urge them to sign on to a resolution in opposition of any ballot proposal or legislation that requires documentary proof of citizenship (DPOC). Currently, Michigan has several DPOC ballot proposals working through the petition process, and MI House bill 4765 will attach the DPOC restrictions to voter registrations if it passes. The US Senate may soon be voting on the falsely-named [SAVE Act](#) which may restrict 23 Million voters from voting. (It is sometimes referred to as "Jim Crow 2.0). The League delegation was successful at the County Commission meeting, and it overwhelmingly passed. But we need to keep fighting to stop these anti-voter measures!

If you have not yet taken action on the MI House bill, take 60 seconds and do so [here](#). And take another 60 seconds to send a message to our US Senators to oppose the SAVE Act [here](#).



Front row: Connie Mitchell, Dearborn League; Lynne Pierce, Lauri Kingsbury and Judy Florian, Grosse Pte League; and Paula Bowman, NW Wayne County League Back row: Ben Gardner, All Voting is Local

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