



***League of Women Voters - Oakland Area, Michigan -
January 2023 Newsletter and Events***

Happy New Year 2023 to all LWVOA members.

Hoping everyone had an enjoyable holiday and is ready to get back into action to promote the LWV mission.

See below for events and volunteer opportunities.

(1) LWVOA Community Engagement Committee, Monday, Jan. 9, 2023 at 4p via zoom

Planning meeting for presentations and activities to increase awareness and educate about important issues.

Contact Geri Rinschler via LWVOAMi@gmail.com for more info.



(2) LWVOA Publicity Group: Wednesday, January 18, 2023, 12:30-1:30p via zoom

LWVOA members are sharing LWV info via social media including Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook, TikTok, etc.

Volunteers with ideas and energy to facilitate this endeavor are welcome. No experience is needed.

Contact Leslie Fleming via LWVOAMi@gmail.com for more info.

(3) LWVOA Advocacy Committee: Wednesday, January 18, 2023, 5:30-6:30p via Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/LWVOAAdvocacy>

We are following legislative movement in areas including bail reform, criminal justice, etc., and anticipating possible future actions. We will also review initial reports from the Observer Corps.

LWVOA Observer Corps: Members have begun attending local school board meetings using the guidelines established by LWV. Thanks to the efforts of Deb Macon and Kathy Henry, two training videos with PowerPoint presentations are available at <https://my.lwv.org/michigan/oakland-area/observer-corps-advocacy> explaining the process and guidelines. After watching the PowerPoint, volunteers for LWVOA Observer Corps should contact Deb Macon, Acting Observer Corps Coordinator, at lwvoa.observer@gmail.com for more info.

(4) LWVMI Environmental Network group: Thursday, January 19, 2023, 11a via zoom

Due to overwhelming demand, Peter Sinclair is back for another presentation. Peter, a Michigan-based videographer, specializes in climate change and renewable energy issues. He has created hundreds of educational videos correcting climate science misinformation.

Contact Sandy Sorini-Elser via LWVOAMi@gmail.com for more info. To see

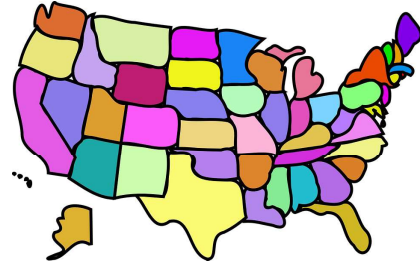
the presentation via Zoom on January 19 at 11am or to get the recording later, **please register** [HERE](#).

(5) Abolish the US Electoral College focus group with LWVUS and local Leagues nationwide: Friday, January 20, 2023, 1p via zoom

LWV members from numerous states meet to discuss strategy and action plans for abolishing the Electoral College

by US Constitutional amendment. The LWV believes that the direct-popular vote method for electing the US President and Vice President is essential to representative government.

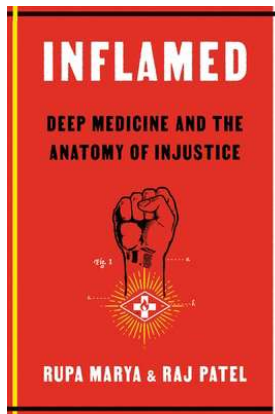
Contact Maria Woloson via LWVOAMi@gmail.com for more info.



(6) LWVOA Board Meeting: Monday, January 23, 2023, 7-8p via zoom

Monthly LWVOA meeting discussing business, programs, and events.

Contact Maria Woloson via LWVOAMi@gmail.com for more info.



(7) LWVOA Book Club - Wednesday, January 25, 2023, 7p

All members are welcome to join in the discussion regarding this month's book.

Inflamed: Deep Medicine and the Anatomy of Injustice (2021) by Raj Patel and Rupa Marya

Inflamed is a subversive political analysis, broken into sections that locate “the causal origin of disease in the multifunctional spaces around and beyond the individual body – in histories, ecologies, narratives, and dynamics of power.

Discussions are always thought provoking and informative.

Whether you read the whole book or just the summary, this is time well spent.

In-person - Bloomfield Township Public Library, 1099 Lone Pine Rd, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, Meeting Room 3 (lower level of library).

Zoom option available - link will be sent out closer to the date.

Contact Tera Moon at tlcmoon@gmail.com for more info.

(8) Program Planning and LWVMI Policy Review: Saturday, February 4, 2023, 10am - noon

Judy Bateman will again host this meeting including a fabulous BUFFET of amazing foods and beverages.

ALL MEMBERS are encouraged to attend to meet other members and learn about LWV positions/policies locally, statewide and nationally.

Please bring a dish to share and add to the banquet.

Contact Judy Bateman at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for info.

(9) Feb. 14 LWV 103rd Birthday, "People Powered League" Day of Action

Celebrate the League's 103rd birthday on Feb.14 with our national day of action! This marquee event will feature speakers livestreamed on our Facebook page at 11am ET on the day of the event.

Whether you use our relational organizing tools, plan an event in your community, or share your story, there are a variety of ways for Leagues to get involved, take action, and celebrate with us. [Register your event here](#). More

information will be shared during our January Organizing Field Call.
See LWVUS.org for more info.

Save the dates for future events:

Candidate Forum planning for 2023 and 2024 elections: March, 2023

A great opportunity to learn first hand about procedures necessary for candidates seeking government positions.

Members interested in participating in organizing forums are encouraged to attend.

The issue of copyright infringement that arose with misuse of the LWVOA videos of forums in the last election will be addressed.

Contact Judy Bateman at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for info.

LWVMI State Convention at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing, Michigan: May 19-21, 2023

Detailed information will be sent in January 2023.

Contact Maria Woloson at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for info.

A thought to ponder...

Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all. -

Dale Carnegie

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