



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

The new year 2023 is off and running with lots to learn and do to help the LWV mission. See below for events and volunteer opportunities.

(1) LWVOA's Annual Program Planning Meeting:

2023 Program Planning Meeting & Brunch

Date/Time: Saturday, February 4, 2023, 10-12noon

Location: Home of member Judy Bateman

10494 Talbot

Huntington Woods, MI 48070

248-399-2815

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

A complimentary buffet will be provided by members of the LWVOA Board.

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

(2) LWVOA Community Engagement Committee: Monday, February 6, 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.

(3) LWV Washtenaw County - Money In Politics: Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 7pm via zoom

After a year of planning, this local league is conducting an organizational meeting to establish a statewide group to learn, monitor, and encourage awareness of the finances and dark money involved in politics.

Contact Lynne Kochmanski via LWVOAMi@gmail.com for more info.



(4) 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.

(5) LWVOA Marketing and Communications (Mar-Com) Committee: Wednesday, February 15, 2023, 12:30-1:30p via Google Meet

All LWVOA members are welcome to help share LWV info via social media including Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook, TikTok, etc.

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

(6) LWVOA Advocacy Committee: Wednesday, February 15, 2023, 5:30-6:30p via Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/LWVOAAdvocacy>

This group focuses on local legislative movements in areas including bail reform, criminal justice, etc.

This group will also review initial reports from the LWVOA Observer Corps that is attending local school board meetings.



(7) LWVMI Environmental Network group: Thursday, February 16, 2023, 11a via zoom

January's meeting with speaker, Peter Sinclair, highlighted the need for environmental awareness and action. Hundreds of Peter's educational videos correcting climate science misinformation are available online. February's meeting will continue to raise awareness and action needed to facilitate

environmental issues.

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

(8) Abolish the US Electoral College focus group with LWVUS and local Leagues nationwide: Friday, February 17, 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.

(9) LWVOA Board Meeting: Monday, February 27, 2023, 7-8p via zoom

Monthly LWVOA meeting discussing business, programs, and events.

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



The Nominating Committee will soon be meeting to begin work for the LWVOA Annual Meeting in May or June 2023.

According to the LWVOA by-laws, in odd-numbered years (2023), the following officers must be elected:

- President or two (2) Co-Presidents
- Secretary
- Three (3) Board members
- Three (3) Nominating Committee members

Serving on the Board is a great opportunity to participate in the League's

mission.

Consider "putting your hat in the ring" or suggesting a fellow LWVOA member for one of these offices.

Perks of the positions include: education of LWV functions, camaraderie with LWV members and monthly board meetings with great snacks when in person!

Contact Karen DeGrendel, Nominating Committee Chairperson at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for more information.

A thought to ponder:

What you do makes a difference and you have to decide what kind of difference you wish to make.

-Jane Goodall

James Treharne and Maria Woloson

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