



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

Snow, sleet, rain, and power failures will not interfere with our LWV mission. Hope everyone is surviving this winter adventure. See below for events and volunteer opportunities.

***(1) LWVOA's Celebration of National Women's History Month:***

**Featured Speaker**  
***Gerry Barrons***

**Date/Time: Wednesday, March 22, 2023, 1-3pm**

**Location: Bloomfield Township Public Library**

**1099 Lone Pine Road**

**Bloomfield Township, MI 48302**

**Free and open to the public**

***Ms. Barrons' life has been committed to opening opportunities  
and advocating for equality and justice for women.***

Her many accomplishments include:

- CEO of the Women's Economic Club;
- President of Michigan Chapter, National Association of Women Business Owners;
- Founding the board of the Sojourner Foundation for Women & Girls;
- Volunteering with Sky Foundation, Inc. (which funds pancreatic cancer research), the League of Women Voters Detroit, and Michigan Women Forward.

Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information, please contact [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com).

***(2) LWV Leelanau County - Women's History Month and International  
Women's Day: Wednesday, March 8th at 12:00 noon via zoom***

Presentation to honor the lives of renowned international, American, and Michigan women.

For more information, please contact [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com).

***(3) LWVOA Community Engagement Committee: Wednesday, March 8th  
at 4p via zoom***

The CEC plans presentations and activities to increase awareness and educate about important issues confronting us today.

Contact Geri Rinschler via [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more info.

**4) LWV Washtenaw County - Money In Politics: Thursday, March 9th at 7p via zoom**

This is a statewide group to learn, monitor, and encourage awareness of the finances and dark money involved in politics. For more information, please contact [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com).

**(5) LWVOA Advocacy Committee: Wednesday, March 15th at 5:30-6:30p**

Monitoring local legislative movements in many areas including bail reform, criminal justice, public education, etc.

Reports from the LWVOA Observer Corps, attending more than 8 local school district board meetings, are informative and insightful.

For more information, please contact [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com).

**(6) LWVMI Environmental Network group: Thursday, March 16th at 11a via zoom**

Discussion topics include global warming, organic farming, toxic chemicals, and PFAS contamination.

Contact Sandy Sorini-Elser via [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more info.

**(7) Abolish the US Electoral College focus group with LWVUS and local Leagues nationwide: Friday, March 17th at 1p via zoom**

Information, including the history of the EC and present-day issues, regarding LWV position 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](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more info.

**8) LWVOA Board Meeting: Monday, March 27th from 7-8p via zoom**

Monthly LWVOA meeting discussing business, programs, and events.

Contact Maria Woloson via [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more info.

**(9) LWVOA Book Club: Thursday, March 30, 2023, 7-8pm, Bloomfield Township Public Library, 1099 Lone Pine (Lone Pine and Telegraph), OR Zoom (email Tera if you want the Zoom link)**

*The Sum of Us: what racism costs everyone and how we can prosper together* (2021) by Heather McGhee. A vital, urgent, stirring, beautifully written book that offers a compassionate roadmap out of our present troubled moment.

Please contact Tera Moon via [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more info.

**(10) League of Women Voters of Michigan's 2023 Convention: May 19-21 at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing**

Open to ALL members, new and veteran, to mingle with fellow members, learn about LWV endeavors and join in actions to promote the LWV mission. See [www.LWVMI.org](http://www.LWVMI.org) for convention details.

**(11) LWVOA Annual Luncheon Meeting: Saturday, June 3rd from 10-2pat the Heathers Club of Bloomfield, 900 Upper Scotsborough Way, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304**

Please join us as LWVOA celebrates another successful year!

The event will include a business meeting, luncheon, and a special guest speaker - **Prof. David Dulio**, of Oakland University's Political Science

Department. Presentation is certain to be interesting, engaging, and entertaining. Details regarding cost and reservations to follow. Contact Geri Rinschler via [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more info.

The Nominating Committee will soon begin work for the LWVOA Annual Meeting in June 2023. LWVOA by-laws, in odd-numbered years (2023), require the following officers to be elected:

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

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

Position perks include: learning of LWV's wide scope of influence, camaraderie with LWV members, and monthly board meetings with great snacks!

Contact Karen DeGrendel, Nominating Committee Chairperson via [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more information.

***Photos from the February 4th planning meeting and brunch.  
Thanks to the LWVOA board and all who brought delicious food for our  
feast. And a BIG thank you to Judy Bateman for opening her home  
to our group!***



***A thought from a great historical woman:***

**"I feel safe in the midst of my enemies, for the truth is all-powerful and will prevail."**

**-Sojourner Truth**

***James Treharne and Maria Woloson***

***Co-Presidents, League of Women Voters, Oakland Area,  
Michigan***

League of Women Voters Oakland Area | 725 S. Adams Road, Suite L-144, Birmingham, MI  
48009

[Unsubscribe carlabw@comcast.net](mailto:carlabw@comcast.net)

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data  
Notice](#)

Sent by [league@lwvoa.org](mailto:league@lwvoa.org) powered by



Try email marketing for free today!