



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

Spring is here with warmer weather and sunny days.  
ENJOY fresh air while furthering truth and justice for all.  
See below for events and opportunities to help the LWV mission.

***(1) LWVOA's presentation on Gun Safety with speakers:***

***Michigan State Senator  
Rosemary Bayer  
&  
Be S.M.A.R.T.  
Jeff Bozel***

**Date/Time: Monday, April 17, at 7pm  
Location: Bloomfield Township Public Library  
1099 Lone Pine Road  
Bloomfield Township, MI 48302  
Free and open to the public**

- ***Sen. Bayer: Co-Chair, Firearm Safety and Violence Prevention Caucus***
- ***Mr. Bozel: Volunteer, Be S.M.A.R.T., protecting families by securing firearms, using Secure Model Ask Recognize Tell***

Both speakers are committed to gun safety and violence prevention. Each will share experiences of guns' devastating consequences and info on curbing tragedies.

Light refreshments will be provided.  
For more information, please contact [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com).

***(2) LWVOA Community Engagement Committee: Wednesday, April 5th at 4p via zoom***

The CEC plans presentations and activities to increase awareness and educate about important issues confronting us today.  
Contact Geri Rinschler at [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more info.

***(3) LWV Washtenaw County - Money In Politics: Thursday, April 13th at 7p via zoom***

This statewide group informs and encourages awareness of the finances and

dark money involved in politics.

Contact Robbi Duda at [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more info.

**(4) LWVOA MarCom working group: Wednesday, April 19th at 12:30p at the Honey Tree Grill, 3633 W. Maple Rd, Bloomfield MI 48301, call-in also available**

Join this group in publicizing and advertising LWV events on social media and other avenues.

Contact Leslie Fleming at [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more info.



**(5) LWVOA Advocacy Committee: Wednesday, April 19th at 5:30p via zoom**

This group monitors 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.

Contact Deborah Macon and/or Deborah Ross

at [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more info.

**(6) LWVMI Environmental Network group: Thursday, April 20th at 11a via zoom**

This statewide group informs and encourages awareness of environmental issues confronting Michigan and beyond.

Jennifer McKay, Director, Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, will present info on septic issues, **Wednesday, April 26 at 6:30p via zoom**

Contact Sandy Sorini-Elser at [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, April 21st at 1p via zoom**

Information, including the history and present-day issues, regarding electing the US President and Vice President.

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

**(8) LWVOA Board Meeting: Monday, April 24th from 7p via zoom**

Monthly LWVOA meeting discussing business, programs, and events.

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



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

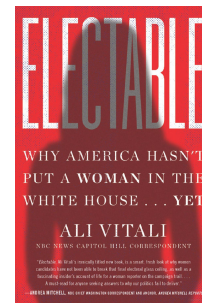
Open to ALL members, new and veteran, to mingle with fellow members, learn about LWV endeavors and join in actions to promote the LWV mission.

See [www.LWVMI.org](http://www.LWVMI.org) for convention details.

**(10) LWVOA Book Club: Tuesday, May 30, 2023, 7pm,  
Bloomfield Township Public Library** (Zoom option available  
by emailing Tera Moon at [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com))

Electable : why America hasn't put a woman in the White  
House... yet (2022) by Ali Vitali

Vitali shows the importance of a truly level playing field as well  
as an intelligent and engaging political analysis.



### **(11) LWVOA Nominating Committee**

All members interested in furthering LWV's mission are eligible.

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

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

Contact Karen DeGrendel at [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more info.



### **Welcome New Members!**

Colleen Murphy, Joan Weddell, Sylvia Whitmer, Lisa Brown & Mary Kulesza

***"The way to right wrongs, is to turn the light of truth upon them."***  
Ida B. Wells-Barnett, late 19th century journalist, activist, and researcher

***James Treharne and Maria Woloson***  
***Co-Presidents, League of Women Voters, Oakland Area,***  
***Michigan***

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