



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

Warmer weather, milder temperatures, and spring flowers allow greater enjoyment of the outdoors. It is also time to participate in the following events and opportunities to help the LWV mission.

(1) LWVOA's presentation on:

Dark Money in Politics

With speakers:

Nick Pigeon

Executive Director

Michigan Campaign Finance Network

&

Hank Mayers

Rise Up MI!

Michiganders for Fair & Transparent Elections

Date/Time: Monday, May 8, at 7 pm

Location: Bloomfield Township Public Library

1099 Lone Pine Road

Bloomfield Township, MI 48302

Free and open to the public

Both speakers are committed to increasing public awareness of the impact money has on politics.

Zoom option available by emailing LWVOAMI@gmail.com.

Light refreshments will be provided.

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

***(2) LWVOA Community Engagement Committee: Wednesday, May 3rd, 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 for more info.

***(3) LWVMI - Money In Politics Network: Thursday,
May 11th at 7p via zoom***

This statewide group informs and encourages awareness of the finances and dark money involved in



politics. Speakers **Nick Pigeon and Hank Mayers will be live at the BTPL on Monday, 5/8/23.**

See details above for attending in person or via Zoom. Contact Robbi Duda at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for more info.

(4) LWVOA Marketing/Communications working group: Wednesday, May 17th at 12:30 at Honey Tree Cafe in Birmingham

Communication is vital to informing members and the public about important topics in today's world. This group facilitates social media to increase awareness and participation in LWVOA activities.

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

(5) LWVOA Advocacy Committee: Wednesday, May 17th at 5:30p via zoom

Reports from the LWVOA Observer Corps, attending more than 8 local school district board meetings, are informative and insightful. All members are welcome to assist after a brief online information session. Contact Deborah Macon and/or Deborah Ross at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for more info.

(6) LWVMI Environmental Network group: Thursday, May 18th at 11a via zoom

Information about rain gardens, septic fields, PFAS contamination and legislation are a few issues discussed by this knowledgeable and dedicated group.

Contact Sandy Sorini-Elser at advocacy@lwvwashtenaw.com for more info.

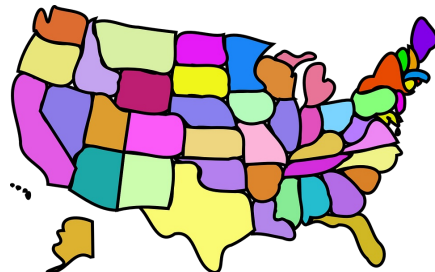
(7) Abolish the US Electoral College focus group with LWVUS and local Leagues nationwide: Friday, May 19th at 1p via zoom

Monthly presentations by knowledgeable speakers regarding the history and present-day issues for electing the US President and Vice President.

Abolishing the AEC by US Constitutional

Amendment is essential for fair representation and the long range goal of this dedicated group.

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



(8) LWVOA Board Meeting: Monday, May 22nd at 7p via zoom

Monthly LWVOA meeting discussing business, programs, and events.

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



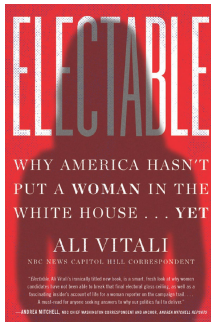
(9) League of Women Voters of Michigan's 2023 Convention: May 19-21 at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing

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 for convention details.

(10) LWVOA Candidate Forum Training: Wednesday, May 24th at 7p at Bloomfield Township Public Library

Planning, organizing, and facilitating candidate forums is vital to promoting participation in local elections. Volunteers are needed in our county with over 60 municipalities and 27 school districts.

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



(11) LWVOA Book Club: Tuesday, May 30th at 7p at BTPL
Electable: why America hasn't put a woman in the White House... yet (2022) by Ali Vitali

'It is the job of the candidates to run, but it is on us to ensure the track is uniformly flat for all of them.' An intelligent and engaging political analysis.

Contact Tera Moon at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for more info and a Zoom link, if preferred.

(12) LWVOA Annual Meeting and Luncheon: Saturday, June 3rd at 10-12 noon at The Heathers Club - 900 Upper Scotsborough Way, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

All members are encouraged to attend the meeting and luncheon to decide the LWVOA 2023-2024 Budget, Board of Directors, and Bylaws.

Prof. David Dulio, Oakland University Political Science Dept. will present info on past and future elections.

His presentation will be informative, engaging, and entertaining.

Details for attending will be sent in a separate email.

Welcome New Member!

Denise Garner

The Gun Safety Presentation on 4/17/23 with Senator Rosemary Bayer and Be S.M.A.R.T. Jeff Bozel was informative and engaging.

Thanks to the CEC group for organizing and facilitating this in-person and virtual event.



If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair.

-*Shirley Chisholm* (The first African-American woman elected to Congress known for her advocacy on behalf of women and underserved minorities.)

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