



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

Summer is here with lots to do to keep LWV's mission moving forward.

(1) LWVOA's 2023 Annual Meeting:

***The League of Women Voters Oakland Area
2023 ANNUAL MEETING
Saturday, June 3, 2023***

10:30 am: In-person Business Meeting
11:30 am: Luncheon

**THE HEATHERS CLUB OF BLOOMFIELD
900 UPPER SCOTSBOROUGH WAY
BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI 48304**

Featuring Guest Speaker:

Professor David Dulio

Professor of Political Science at Oakland University



David A. Dulio is Distinguished Professor of Political Science Department and Director of the Center for Civic Engagement at Oakland University. Professor Dulio has published eleven books, with two of his most recent being *Michigan Government, Politics and Policy* and *Campaigns from the Ground Up*. He has written dozens articles and book chapters on subjects ranging from the role of professional consultants in U.S. elections to campaign finance. Professor Dulio is also a former American Political Science Congressional Fellow on Capitol Hill where he worked in the U.S. House of Representatives Republican Conference for former US Rep. J.C. Watts, Jr. (R-OK).

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

(2) LWVMI - Money In Politics Network: Thursday, June 8th at 7p via zoom

This statewide group informs and encourages awareness of the finances and dark money involved in politics. On May 8th, speakers **Nick Pigeon and Hank Mayers** gave excellent presentations on Dark & Secret MIP. See website for a copy of their presentation.

Contact Robbi Duda at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for more info.

(3) LWVMI Environmental Network group: Thursday, June 15th 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. This monthly meeting features professionals in the field dealing with climate change, etc.

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



(4) LWVMI Statewide Firearm Safety Network Group: Thursday, June 15th at 7p via zoom

Michigan has signed into law bills that provide background checks, safe storage laws, and extreme risk protection orders (ERPO or red flag laws). LWVMI will prepare educational materials regarding these laws and their enforcement.

Contact LWVOAMi@gmail.com for more info.

(5) Abolish the US Electoral College focus group with LWVUS and local Leagues nationwide: Friday, June 16th at 1p (Michigan time) via zoom

Focus group directed by LWV-Illinois with monthly presentations by knowledgeable speakers regarding the history and present-day issues for electing the US President and Vice President.

As set forth by LWVUS at its 2022 National Convention, abolishing the Electoral College by US Constitutional Amendment has been elevated to one of the League's top priorities.

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(6) LWVOA Marketing/Communications working group: Wednesday, June 21st at 12:30p at Honey Tree Café 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 MarCom.LWVOA@gmail.com for more info.

(7) LWVOA Advocacy Committee: Wednesday, June 21st 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.

(8) LWVOA Board Meeting: Monday, June 26th at 7p via zoom

Monthly LWVOA meetings discussing business, programs, and events.
Contact Maria Woloson via LWVOAMi@gmail.com for more info.

(9) LWVOA Candidate Forum Training: June date TBD 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.



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

More than 165 delegates from leagues throughout the state attended. The event included three plenary sessions, six workshops, breakfast table talks, and speakers from LWVUS, the Michigan legislature, and election process facilitators.

An educational and inspiring time was enjoyed by all.

Welcome new member. We're glad you're here!

Barbara Poute



"We all have a role in harnessing the clean energy potential of our public lands to create jobs and new economic opportunities."

Deb Haaland - The first Native American woman elected to Congress and appointed as US Secretary of the Interior.

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

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