



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

Fall is here with lots to do. See below for focus group meetings and activities for LWVUS, LWVMI, and LWVOA.



(1) LWVOA Candidate Forums, September-October 2023 Additional volunteers are still needed for this important segment of the voting process in our county with over 60 municipalities and 27 school districts. This is also a great opportunity to learn about and participate in the election process.

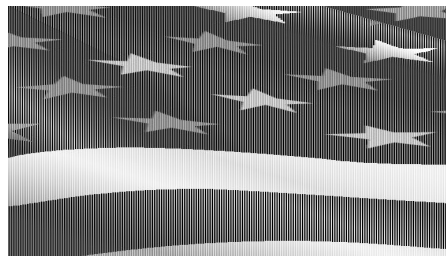
The complete list of scheduled forums may be viewed [here](#) at LWVOA.org. Contact Judy Bateman at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for more info.

***(2) LWVOA interviews with US
Congressional and Michigan
Legislature Representatives***

Meeting with your local legislative representatives is an important function that LWV does every two years.

All members are encouraged to participate in this process to be completed by October 31, 2023.

Contact Jim Treharne at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for more info.



***(3) LWVOA Community Engagement Committee (CEC): Wednesday,
September 6th at 4:30p via zoom & in person***

This group plans and implements events and activities that members may participate in.

Ideas and connections for future presentations are always welcome.

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

(4) LWVMI Statewide Firearm Safety Network Group: Tuesday, September 12th at 7p via Zoom

This group's focus includes Michigan laws that provide background checks, safe storage laws, and extreme risk protection orders (ERPO or red flag laws). Presenters have included Michigan Senator Rosemary Bayer, Moms Demand Action, and other activist groups.

Contact LWVOAMi@gmail.com for more info.



(5) LWVMI - Money In Politics Network: Thursday, September 14th at 7p via Zoom

This statewide group informs and encourages awareness of the finances and dark money involved in politics. Monthly speakers provide insight into the secret money in politics. See the website for a copy of prior presentations.

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

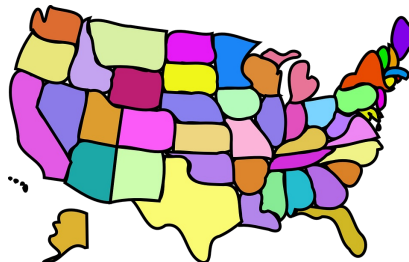
(6) Abolish the US Electoral College focus group with LWVUS and local Leagues nationwide: Friday, June 16th at 1p (Michigan time) via zoom

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. Previous presentations recorded and available for viewing.

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.

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



(7) LWVOA Advocacy Committee and Observer Corps: Wednesday, September 20th 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 Ross at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for more info.



(8) Environmental Network group: Thursday, September 21st at 6p via Zoom

Join the LWVMI Environmental Network for a Zoom presentation by LWVMI member and author, David Allen, an environmental advocate for the Great Lakes Region.

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

(9) LWVOA Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 26th at 7p via Zoom

Monthly LWVOA meetings discussing business, programs, and events.

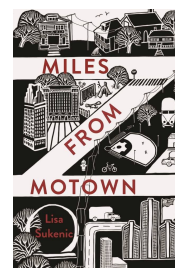
All members are welcome and may participate.

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(10) LWVOA Book Club: October 11th at 7p at Bloomfield Township Library

Miles from Motown (2021) by Lisa Sukenic, a compelling story handling universal issues of life transitions and opens a window to historical events and social issues in 1967 America.

Contact Tera Moon at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for more info.



(11) LWVOA Thursday, October 26th, 1p at Bloomfield Township Public Library



The national trend of attempting to ban books and holding library funding hostage are real threats to our democracy. Library Director Tera Moon will provide an update on what's happening locally and nationally with challenges to books and reading in public libraries, and share actions you can take to protect your right

to read.

There was Sunshine galore at LWVOA's Annual Summer Event on August 23, 2023 at Beverly Park.

Attendees enjoyed the beautiful outdoor park and were joined by speakers:

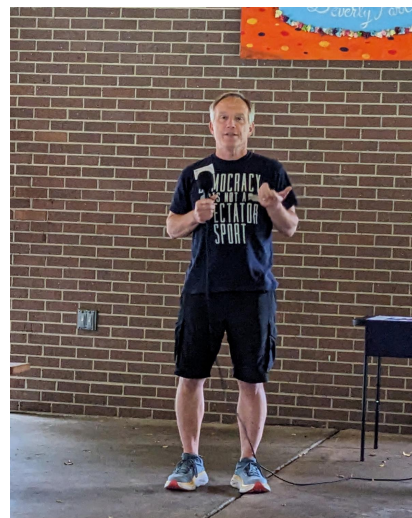
*** *Oakland University, Campus Student Organic Farm - Director, Prof. Fay Hansen***

A community of students, faculty, and staff committed to nourishing the local community through education and community engagement programs as well as fresh healthy food.

*** *Sierra Club of Michigan - Christy McGillivray, Political & Legislative Director***

An organization committed to clean water and air, wild biodiversity, and a safe energy future for EVERYONE!

Attention focused on pending legislation: Michigan Senate's Community Solar Bills (SB 152-153) and its Clean Energy Future Plan (SB 271-274 and 276-277) and the Michigan House's Community Solar Bills (HB 4464-4465) and its Clean Energy Future House Bills (HB 4759-4761)



"Diplomacy is back. Multilateralism is back."

America is back!"

Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield was appointed Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations in 2021 after retiring from a 35-year career with the U.S. Foreign Service in 2017.



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