



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

LWVOA, LWVMI, and LWVUS have lots of info and activities to participate in. "Lean in" to learn about important issues concerning our community.

***(1) Please join us for the LWVOA Presentation:
"Beyond Banning Books - Protect Your
Right to Read "***

***Thursday, October 26th at 1p
at the 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. Ms. Moon will also share possible actions you may take to protect your right to read. President of the Library Board of Trustees Dani Gillman will also share thoughts on this important topic.

This event is open to the public.
LWV members are encouraged to bring a family member
and/or a friend to learn about this important topic.

Light refreshments will be provided.



***(2) LWVOA Candidate Forums, September-October
2023***

With more than 60 municipalities and 27 school districts in Oakland County, Candidate Forum Coordinator, Judy Bateman, along with many diligent members, has been busy. More forums are scheduled for the upcoming November 2023 elections. Help is always welcome. The complete list of scheduled forums may be viewed [here](https://www.lwvoa.org) at LWVOA.org.

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

***(3) 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. Several interviews have already been facilitated. More are scheduled and need LWVOA members to conduct the interviews.

Directions on procedures are available at LWVMI.org. 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.

(4) LWVUS HC4US "Healthcare for All": Sunday, October 1st at 8p via Zoom

LWV healthcare professionals and interested members nationwide share info on promoting healthcare access to all individuals. Monthly Zoom meetings, newsletters, and focus groups are a few of the activities of this determined and energetic group.

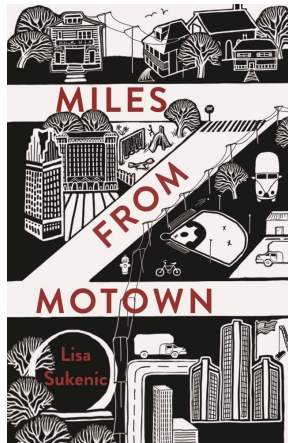
Contact Maria Woloson at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for more info.



(5) LWVMI Legislative updates by the Advocacy group: Wednesday, October 4th at 7p via Zoom

Members of the LWVMI Advocacy group will share info on legislation being followed including voting protections, environment/climate change, firearm safety, criminal justice, Great Lakes and Line 5, abolishing the electoral college, healthcare reform, etc. All members are welcome to learn about LWVMI's actions to promote the League mission.

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(6) LWVOA Book Club: Thursday, October 5th at 7p at the Bloomfield Township Library

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

With the perspective of a family living in Detroit and then moving to the suburbs, this story takes place in our very own "backyard".

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

(7) LWVMI 2023 Student Voting Summit: Friday, October 6th, 10a-4p at Oakland University

This OU program will include elected officials, election law updates, etc. LWVMI members will assist with new voter registration.

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



(8) LWVMI Statewide Firearm Safety Network Group: Tuesday, October 10th 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.

(9) LWVOA Community Engagement Committee (CEC): Wednesday, October 11th at 4p via Zoom & in-person

This group plans and implements events and activities that members and the public may participate in. Ideas and connections for future presentations are always welcome.

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



(10) LWVMI - Money In Politics Network: Thursday, October 12th 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.

(11) LWVOA Italian-American Association election monitoring: Wednesday, October 18th, 10a-8p

LWVOA has again been requested to monitor and conduct the election of officers for this organization. Volunteers may sign up to assist in 2-hour time blocks. This is an endorsement of LWV as a non-partisan and respected organization that facilitates fair and free elections.

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

(12) LWVOA Marketing/Communications working group: Wednesday, October 18th, 12:30p at the Honey Tree Grill

This group facilitates social media to increase awareness and participation in LWVOA activities.

See the website below for forms to notify this group of upcoming events to publicize.

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



(13) LWVMI Environmental Network group: Thursday, October 19th at 11a via Zoom

On 9/26/23 several group members participated in a "Day of Climate Action" at the Lansing state capitol with more than 500 attendees representing dozens of climate action groups. Individual interviews were held with more than 100 legislators' offices. This group continues to facilitate monthly presentations by experts and authorities on climate change and promoting clean energy.

See the website below for past presentations including one 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.

(14) LWVUS Abolish the US Electoral College focus group: Friday, October 20th at 1p (Michigan time) via Zoom

This group, directed by LWV-Illinois, has monthly presentations by knowledgeable speakers regarding the history and present-day issues for electing the US President and Vice President. Previous presentations are 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.

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15) LWVOA Board Meeting: Monday, October 23rd at 7p via Zoom

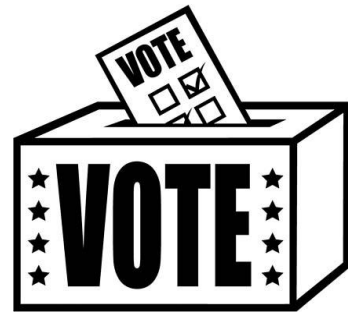
Monthly LWVOA meetings discussing business, programs, and events. All members are welcome and may participate.

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(16) LWVOA Vote411.org: Help needed

Starting in January 2024, assistance to update and process the LWV internet voter guide is needed for the 2024 elections. LWVOA member and University of Michigan political science faculty member, Debra Horner, has facilitated the website in the past and will direct this effort.

Contact Debra Horner at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for more info



LWVOA sponsored Oakland University's presentation:

***"Voting Rights Yesterday and Today:
Lessons from Two Edmund Pettus Bridge Foot Soldiers"***

As teenagers, Alice Holt and Denise Moore marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama.

They witnessed "Bloody Sunday" in 1965 when state troopers on horses attacked the peaceful protesters walking across the bridge.

Their personal accounts were moving and inspirational.

Secretary of State Joslyn Benson and OU President Ora Hirsh Pescovitz paid tribute to these courageous women in their on-going fight for equality and justice for all.



A closing thought to ponder...

"The freedom to read, protected by the First Amendment, is our essential right and duty of our democracy."

--Grace Linn, 100 years old, fighting book banning, doing what her husband, who was killed fighting in World War II, was doing: *Fighting for Freedom*.



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