



***League of Women Voters Oakland Area, Michigan
April 2025 Newsletter***

LWVOA Presents:

***The Future of Public
Education***

*with Superintendent Ken Gutman and
Legislative Director Lisa Hansknecht from
Oakland Schools*



Date: Monday, April 14th

Time: 1:00p

**Location: Bloomfield Township Public Library
1099 Lone Pine Rd, Bloomfield Township**

Please join LWVOA for an informative discussion about the future of public education in Michigan and the United States.

Kenneth Gutman has 33 years of professional educational experience, including 15 years as a superintendent, serving in leadership roles in three Oakland County school districts. Lisa Hansknecht is the Executive Director of Government and Community Services for Oakland Schools.

This event is free and open to the public.

***(1) LWVOA: Community Engagement Committee (CEC) work
group: Tuesday, April 1st at 4p via Zoom***

CEC plans activities and functions for all members and the community to participate in. CEC is always open to ideas and welcomes all members to help plan and facilitate programs.

Contact Geri Rinschler at [**LWVOAMi@gmail.com**](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more info.

***(2) LWVMI Environmental Network: Tuesday,
April 15th at 11a via Zoom***



The Huron River Watershed: why is it important and how can we protect it? In southeastern Michigan, the Huron River watershed spans a land area of more than 900 square miles, draining water to the Huron River through hundreds of tributary creeks and streams. It spans Oakland, Livingston, Ingham, Jackson, Washtenaw, Wayne, and Monroe

Counties, including six local Leagues.

Rebecca Esselman, Executive Director of the Huron River Watershed Council will help us understand the importance of our watershed and how we can protect it.

Contact LWVMI Environmental Network group leader, Sandra Sorini Elser at advocacy@lwvwashtenaw.org to register for this event.

(3) LWVOA Marketing/Communication work group: Wednesday, April 16th at 1p at BTPL

This group utilizes social media and conventional communications to publicize and promote LWV events and programs.



Contact Leslie Fleming at MarCom.LWVOA@gmail.com for more info.

(4) LWVUS Eliminate the Electoral College work group: Friday, April 18th at 1p via Zoom

Monthly presentations provide information about the necessity of abolishing the Electoral College by US Constitutional Amendment which is now one of the League's top priorities. Speakers have provided in-depth analysis of current issues with the Electoral College and the history of facilitating change.

This month's focus will be on how LWV can advocate for EEC with computer slide shows, handouts, and in-person presentations.

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



(5) LWVUS Healthcare Reform nationwide group (HC4US): Sunday, April 27th at 8p via Zoom

Lots of info is provided by this motivated and energetic group from all over the US.

This month's format will include URGENT general health policy topics:

- Science about how to mount effective resistance.
- Congressional healthcare-related bill to be re-introduced.

Click [here](#) to view LWV Healthcare Reform archived newsletters.

(6) LWVOA Board Meeting: Monday, April 28th at 5p via Zoom

LWVOA's board manages and facilitates the business and activities of our local league.

All members are welcome to attend.

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



(7) LWVUS new payment system is in effect as of February 2025.

Please see the LWVOA website [here](#) for more in-depth information.

Save the Dates:

(1) LWVOA Annual Meeting and Lunch: Thursday, May 15th at 10:30a at Heathers Banquet Facility

Featuring Federal Judge Gerald Rosen, Detroit bankruptcy facilitator and legal commentator.



(2) LWVMI 2025 Convention May 16-18, 2025 in Grand Rapids

ALL members are welcome!

See LWVMI website for details and registration.



Women's History Month was celebrated with lifelong women's advocate Anne Doyle. Her passion for involvement and engagement has motivated members to action.



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