



***League of Women Voters Oakland Area, Michigan  
March 2026 Newsletter***

***As always, lots going on...  
Please check the LWVMI and LWVUS websites for more info on  
statewide and nationwide events.***

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***Please join LWVOA for our April in-person event:***

***Navigating the Election Challenges  
for 2026***

***With speaker Allyson Bettis, City of  
Southfield Deputy Treasurer and long-time  
former Garden City Clerk***



***Date/Time: Monday, April 13th at 1 pm  
Location: Bloomfield Township Public  
Library, 1099 Lone Pine Rd, Bloomfield Township***

This event is open to the public. Light refreshments will be provided.

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***(1) LWVOA Community Engagement Committee (CEC): Thursday, April  
9th at 4p via Zoom***

This group plans and facilitates activities for members and the public.

In-person programs are already scheduled for April, May, and June. Suggestions for additional presentations and activities for 2026 are welcome.

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

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***(2) CAN you HELP?***

***LWVMI Youth Engagement Grant Opportunity:*** LWVOA will recruit folks 16-25 years old to assist with Candidate Forums and other activities. Do you have contact with any youth groups that may be interested? Stipends given will be used for continued participation in LWVOA.

**LWVOA Postcard Campaign Grant Opportunity:** LWVMI will supply funds for distribution of postcards to encourage participation in elections and awareness of public policies.

Contact Maria Woloson at [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more info.

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***(3) LWVOA MAR/COM (Marketing & Communication) work group: Thursday, April 9th at 3p at BTPL***

Mar/Com provides local media outlets with information about LWVOA events, including candidate forums, in-person presentations, community engagement opportunities, and more. This group promotes LWVOA through social media and other communication and distribution avenues.

Click [here](#) to follow our new Facebook page (League of Women Voters / Oakland Area).

Contact Leslie Fleming at [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more info.

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***(4) LWVUS Eliminate the Electoral College work group: Friday, April 17th 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. Recordings of past presentations are available for viewing.

Contact Maria Woloson at [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more info.

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***(5) LWVOA Board Meeting: Monday, April 27th 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](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more info.

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***(6) LWVOA and New Citizen Voter Registration at the US Federal Courthouse in Detroit***

New Citizen ceremonies and Voter Registration have resumed. Volunteers are needed to assist in this important effort.

Contact Maureen Christensen at [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more info.

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***(7) LWVOA Observer Corps: Public School Board focus***

As school boards have become a point of controversy, LWVOA members observe and report on monthly meetings. All members are welcome to participate in this important activity.

Contact Linda Fiscus at [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more info.

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***Save the Date:***

***LWVOA Annual Meeting and Luncheon with speaker Former Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly***  
*Wednesday, May 13th, 10a-2p*  
*Location: Heathers Club of Bloomfield*

*Details to follow.*

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***March 2026 Highlights:***

"Ain't We Got Fun" - The History of Women's Swimwear from Victorian Times to the Present Day with speaker Carrie Moon-Dupree, LWVMI Director of Development was held on March 19, 2026.

Bringing her historic swimwear collection, Ms. Moon-Dupree delighted the audience with the history of this garment, which reflects the evolution of women's rights in the United States.

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***NO KINGS Rally: Saturday, March 28th, nationwide***

The "No Kings" event with more than 8 MILLION nationwide demonstrated the POWER of the PEOPLE! Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel addressed the audience at several Michigan locations. The nationwide event was inspiring and energizing for everyone.

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***"Never underestimate the power of a small group of committed people to change the world. In fact, it is the only thing that ever has."***

***-Margaret Mead***

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***Maria Woloson***  
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