



As we survive the heat and rain, LWV has a lot going on. Watch for continuous news on the LWVOA, LWVMI, and LWVUS websites.

LWVOA's August 2025 in-person event:

***Professor Saeed Kahn
Wayne State University***

***Associate Professor in Near Eastern
Studies and Director of the Center for the
Study of Citizenship***

***Date/Time: Tuesday, August 26th at 7 pm
Place: Bloomfield Township Public Library,
1099 Lone Pine Rd, Bloomfield Township***



The Center for the Study of Citizenship's areas of focus are to educate citizens of the new, technologically interdependent world and establish public policies related to citizenship in the United States and in the world. To fulfill its mission, the Center provides research and discourse on citizenship and fosters interdisciplinary education in citizenship studies.

Prof. Kahn's engaging and informative presentation is open to the public.
Light refreshments will be provided.

(1) HELP NEEDED NOW!

The following work groups need members NOW for various activities:

- ***Board of Canvassers*** - observes post-election vote certification process in Oakland County.
- ***Observer Corps*** - watches local school board monthly meetings.
- ***Membership*** - facilitates new and renewing members' dues payment and records.

***See below for contact information if interested in helping out
with any of these programs. You can also email us at***

Oakland County Board of Canvassers:

The August 2025 primary elections will need certification. Members will observe the process at the Oakland County Service Center for 14 days post-election.

Sign up Genius is available for members to sign up for times ranging from 2 to 4 hours.

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

LWVOA Observer Corps Revival 2025:

With local school boards the targets of controversy, members are encouraged to watch, in person or via Zoom, monthly meetings of one of the 28 Oakland County School Districts. Issues arising in school district meetings will be discussed at quarterly (every three months) group meetings. Possible actions by LWVOA members may include drafting questions for the Candidate Forums, Action Alerts to legislators, etc.

Please see the LWVUS "Guide to Observing Your Government" by clicking [here](#).

Guidance, instructions, and selection of the school boards to observe will be provided at an August meeting, date/time TBD. ***We hope to have an active Observer Corps in place by the beginning of the school year, September 2025.***

Contact Linda Fiscus at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for more info.

Membership 2025:

Membership renewals will now be made through LWVUS. Specific instructions on the renewal procedure are available on our website at lwvoa.org.

Contact Ann Megalizzi or Carla Barrows-Wiggins at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for more info.



***(2) LWVUS Unite and Rise 8.5
program from August through
October of 2025***

The LWVUS League Management



website contains information about this program and its Power Playbook 2. PP2 is a guide that includes timely activities for Leagues to participate in Unite & Rise 8.5. These are focused on current or emerging events and what Leagues can do to respond.

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

(3) LWVOA Community Engagement Committee (CEC): Wednesday, August 6th at 5p via Zoom

This group plans and facilitates activities for members and the public. All members are welcome to attend and help.

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



(4) LWVUS Eliminate the Electoral College work group: Friday, August 15th 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 an in-depth analysis of current issues with the Electoral College and the history of facilitating change.



LWVUS's Rommel Sandini spoke at the monthly June meeting about the priority of the LWVUS "Unite and Rise 8.5" initiative.

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

(5) LWVOA Board Meeting: Monday, August 25th 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.

(6) LWVOA MAR/COM (Marketing & Communication) work group: Tuesday, August 26th at 10a at BTPL



Mar/Com provides the most up-to-date information about candidate forums, community engagement opportunities, and Oakland County news and information.

Follow our new page (League of Women Voters / Oakland Area) at

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61554543620762>

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

(7) Candidate Forums for the 2025 general elections:

After the filing dates of July 22 and August 5, 2025 for primary elections, LWVOA will determine which races will need Candidate Forums for the fall. Participating and learning the system now will facilitate the BIG 2026 election forums.

All members are encouraged to help with this core mission of the League:

- Encourage informed and active participation in government.
- Increase understanding of public policy issues.



Group leaders, Christine Allen, Judy Bateman, and Terrye Benjamin, are the facilitators of this group. Contact them at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for more info.



(8) LWVOA and New Citizen Voter Registration

LWVOA partners with two local non-profit organizations that have the USCIS's (US Citizenship and Immigration Services) and the court's (United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan) permission to coordinate nonpartisan voter registration at the naturalization ceremonies.

The ceremonies are conducted at the Theodore Levin Federal Courthouse in Detroit, Michigan. At each ceremony, the organizations are invited to address the new citizens about the voter registration process and provide an opportunity to register.

Ceremonies are conducted four times a week, on Mondays and Thursdays at 10:30 am and 2:00 pm. Shifts are 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Parking is available across the street from the court and is reimbursed.

This volunteer opportunity is very rewarding and a great way to participate in

democracy.

Contact Maureen Christensen at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for more info.

Save the Date:

On Thursday, September 4, 2025, at 1p at the BTPL, Governor, US Representative, and US Diplomat, James Blanchard, will share his experience in numerous government positions and discuss the impact of money in politics.



July 2025 Highlights:



(1) LWVOA held a "New and Newish" members informational meeting: July 8, 2025

LWVOA Membership Co-Chairs, Carla Barrows-Wiggins and Ann Megalizzi, shared information about the League's organization on local, state, and national levels.

Presentations included members working on various groups: Candidate Forums, Membership, Finance, Voter Services, Observer Corps for local school boards and the Oakland County Board of Canvassers, Marketing & Communication, Eliminate the Electoral College, Environmental Network, and MiCare-universal health care in Michigan.

Numerous new folks have already stepped up and volunteered to help on various committees.

(2) John Lewis Day of Action: July 17, 2025

Events across the country commemorated John Lewis's life's work to secure voting rights as well as fight for justice and dignity for all. The events highlighted the urgency to educate, motivate, and activate our community to work towards the passage of the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act.

Several LWVOA members attended local events, distributed LWV literature, and encouraged public awareness of governmental policy issues.



(3) Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds, Lisa Brown: July 23, 2025

Ms. Brown provided information about the many ballot proposals in the process of being approved and/or being circulated in Oakland County.



Additional information on ballot proposals will be forthcoming.

Please click [here](#) to view Lisa Brown's presentation.



"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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For more information, please visit our website at lwvoa.org.



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