



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

As always, lots going on...

Please check the LWVMI and LWVUS websites for more info on statewide and nationwide events.

**Please join LWVOA for our August
In-person Event:**

***Oh What a Primary! And Now
Here Comes November!***

***with Oakland University
Professor David Dulio***



Date: Monday, August 24, 2026

Time: 7:00 pm (please note this is an evening event)

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

David Dulio is a Distinguished Professor of Political Science and Director of the Center for Civic Engagement at Oakland University. He teaches courses on campaigns and elections, Congress, political parties, interest groups, and other areas of American politics. Professor Dulio has published eleven books, with two of his most recent being *Michigan Government, Politics and Policy* and *Campaigns from the Ground Up*.

For this event, Professor Dulio will be sharing his insights on the post-primary and upcoming general elections. Please join us for this interesting and informative presentation.

***(1) LWVOA: Oakland County Board of Canvassers Observers needed for
August 2026 election results.***

Please sign up to help observe the voting verification process. The canvassing occurs from August 5-19 at the Oakland County Courthouse at 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac, MI. All members are encouraged to participate in this vital component of democracy.

Here is the link to the training:

<https://promotethevotemi.thinkific.com/courses/LWVMI-BOC>

Once you click the link, follow these steps to access the training:

1. Select **Enroll for Free** in the blue box
2. Enter your Email, First and Last Name
3. Set up a password (this password will be unique only to you)

Sign-up sheets are available after completing training.

Contact Carla Barrows-Wiggins, lead person for canvassing, at [**LWVOAMi@gmail.com**](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com).

(2) Unite & Rise Event: Saturday, August 8th from 10a to 4p hosted by LWV Detroit at the University of Michigan Detroit Center, 3663 Woodward Ave 150, Detroit

On August 8, 2026, join the League and our partners for a nationwide day of civic action to mark the anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Join us for a Hi-Viz Activation and Community Power investment event in Detroit that combines politics with poetry for an engaging, transformative day.

We're excited to welcome Celina Stewart, Chief Executive Officer of the League of Women Voters of the United States, alongside colleagues and partners for this event.

Please click [here](#) to register for this exciting event.

(3) Unite & Rise for Voting Rights Livestream Event: Saturday, August 8th at 5p on LWVMI's YouTube Channel

The League of Women Voters of Michigan will host a livestream 30-minute documentary, "Three Marches, Two Sisters, One Bridge," as a YouTube Live event. The event will be followed by a panel discussion featuring the two sisters who marched across Selma's Edmund Pettus Bridge in 1965. The documentary tells the untold story of two 1965 Selma foot soldiers, still fighting for Voting Rights. Tune into [LWVMI's YouTube channel](#) at 5:00 pm on August 8th.

(4) LWVMI Postcard Writing Campaign to Get Out the Vote: "Postcards & Pizzelle (Italian Cookies) Writing Party" hosted by Pat Kish, Thursday, August 20th from 1p to 3p

Let's enjoy each other's company, address postcards, and munch on homemade pizzelles (delicious Italian cookies) while encouraging new voters to participate in our democracy!

Volunteers will be able to pick up their mailing lists, postcards, and stamps at the party.

RSVP to Pat Kish at [**LWVOAMi@gmail.com**](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for directions.

Can't make the party but still want to help write postcards? Liz Taliaferro is organizing this effort and will assemble kits necessary to facilitate the project.

Contact Liz at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for more information on how you can get involved.

(5) LWVOA members are needed for ACTION:

LWVMI Youth Engagement Grant Opportunity:

- LWVUS approved a grant to LWVOA to recruit 16- to 25-year-olds to facilitate community engagement, including Candidate Forums, monthly in-person events, etc.
- Do you have contact with schools and other youth groups that may participate in this effort?
- Contact Maria Woloson at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for info.

LWVMI Text Banking Opportunity:

- LWVMI will provide text messaging mechanisms to contact new and established voters to encourage them to participate in elections.
 - Contact Maria Woloson at LWVOAMi@gmail.com OR visit LWVMI.org for more info.
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(6) LWVOA Candidate Forums: August and September 2026

Organizing for the Fall forums before the November 2026 election has begun.

Any assistance with procuring facilities, candidates, and personnel is greatly appreciated.

Question screeners, moderators, pages, and timers are also needed for each event. Time commitment per forum is 4 hours. Help with just one forum will be appreciated.

Contact Christine Allen at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for info.

(7) LWVOA MAR/COM (Marketing & Communication) work group: Thursday, August 13th at 3p at BTPL

The Mar/Com group continues to engage the public and our members with info about upcoming events. It also participates in planning programs and recruiting participants.

Follow the links below to view excerpts from media sources promoting LWVOA:

- [Oakland County Times](#)
- [West Bloomfield Beacon](#)
- [The Oakland County Press](#)
- [Downtown Newsmagazine](#)
- [Farmington Press](#)

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

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

(8) LWVUS Eliminate the Electoral College work group: Friday, August 21st at 1p via Zoom

This month's meeting will focus on organizing this working group. All members are encouraged to attend and discuss how this important issue may move forward toward the goal of a US Constitutional Amendment.

NOTE: LWVUS encourages local leagues to give educational presentations on this topic to any interested groups. LWVUS has a PowerPoint presentation that members may use. Training is available for all members before giving presentations.

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

(9) LWVOA Board Meeting: Monday, August 31st 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.

(10) LWVOA Community Engagement Committee (CEC): Meeting date and time TBD

This group plans and facilitates activities for members and the public. In-person programs are already scheduled for August and September. Suggestions for additional presentations and activities for 2026 are welcome.

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

(11) 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 for more info.

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

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

(13) LWV needs YOU!

- Become a member or renew your membership at the member portal LWVOA.org or with a check to LWVOA for \$20-\$75 dues.
 - 2026 is a critical election year. LWV needs help with its core goal of protecting the vote. Please consider a donation to LWVOA and/or a tax-deductible donation to the LWVOA Education Fund. ALL donations are greatly appreciated.
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Save the date:

Wednesday, September 23rd, at 1 pm at the Bloomfield Township Senior Center: LWVOA member Scott Reilley, with All Voting is Local coordinator Ben Gardner, will present info from the Election Protection Program and Countering Election Sabotage groups about election security.

July 2026 highlights:

(1) LWVUS recognized LWVOA at the 2026 National Convention for our work in diversity, equity, and inclusion.

HATS OFF to ALL members who have contributed time, effort, and energy resulting in this award.

(2) LWVOA participated as a reader of the **US Declaration of Independence** at the Birmingham City Hall with other community members.

"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

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





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