

League of Women Voters Oakland Area, Michigan December 2024 Newsletter--

Having survived a grueling election season, most working groups will pause during December. For now, time to enjoy fellow members' companionship & comradery.

League of Women Voters Oakland Area, Michigan Invites ALL members to the 2024 Year-End Member Appreciation Celebration



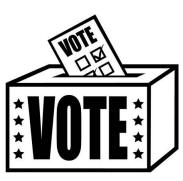
Thursday, December 5, 2024, at 1 pm at Bloomfield Township Public Library

Event to include:

- Bountiful buffet of chocolates and desserts
- Beverages of coffee, hot cocoa & tea
- French culinary commentator with insights on chocolate cuisine
- · Voting for the best chocolate with Rank Choice Voting

This complimentary event is made possible by donations and LWVOA volunteers.

Please RSVP to LWVOAMI@gmail.com



(1) LWVOA Rank Choice Voting work group: Friday, December 6th at 3p at BTPL

Working with RankMiVote, LWVOA is facilitating presentations to local LWV groups at their 2025 Program Planning meetings for the adoption of a position by LWVMI in 2025. With LWVMI support it may become a statewide ballot initiative for 2026.

Contact Chris Wiggins at **LWVOAMI@gmail.com** for more info.

(2) LWVOA Board Meeting: Monday, December 16 at 5p via Zoom

LWVOA's Board manages and facilitates the business and activities of our local league. Monthly meeting minutes are posted on our website. All members are welcome to attend.

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





(3) LWVOA ChapterSpot working group: December 17th at 2p at BTPL

As a new LWVUS system of dues is being implemented in 2025, this group will facilitate the transformation process. Additional info will be provided when available.

Contact Deborah Ross at **LWVOAMi@gmail.com** for more info.

(4) LWVUS Abolish the US Electoral College nationwide working group: Friday, December 20th at 1p via Zoom

This month's meeting will recap past events for Abolishing the Electoral College by US Constitutional Amendment which is now one of the League's top priorities. Training sessions for presentations of the LWVUS PowerPoint may be available after the general meeting at 2p.

Contact Maria Woloson at **<u>LWVOAMi@gmail.com</u>** for more info regarding this training session.

(5) LWV Name Badges available for purchase.

Members may order an LWV name badge from Midwest Graphics, at <u>midwestgraphicsawards.com</u> or call them at 734-424-3700.



Orders are also being taken by

LWVOA's Deborah Ross. Payment options include PayPal or check for \$10.50. For PayPal, visit our website; click the donate button; enter the amount of \$10.50; and write 'nametag' in the special instruction section.

For payment by check: make checks payable to LWVOA and mail to our office at PO Box 930038, Wixom MI 48393 with the name to appear on the badge.

Order will be placed on January 2, 2025.

Contact Deborah Ross at **LWVOAMi@gmail.com** for more info.

November Event Recap:

ARE OUR REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS PROTECTED? with speakerFaith Saenz, Organizing Strategist with the ACLU.

This presentation detailed the status of Michigan's Reproductive Rights for All amendment approved by voters in 2022.

It is available on **YouTube** and the LWVOA website for review.











Save the Date: Program Planning Meeting for 2025 Saturday, Jan. 25, 2024, 10a-12 noon hosted by Christine and Mike Allen





"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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