



*League of Women Voters - Oakland Area,  
Michigan  
July 2024 Newsletter and Events*

## ***Happy Fourth of July!***

Enjoy lots of festivities celebrating our nation while participating in this month's events.



### ***(1) LWVOA Candidate Forums July 2024***

Throughout June, LWVOA members conducted more than seven forums that provided opportunities for the public to meet and ask questions of local candidates.

Two forums are scheduled this month:

***July 2 @ 7p*** in West Bloomfield/Commerce

***July 9 @ 6p*** in Birmingham

Volunteers are always needed and appreciated for these forums that provide a chance to see our political process in action. Click [here](#) for additional info on these forums.

Contact Judy Bateman, Christine Allen, and/or Terrey Benjamin at [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more info.



### ***(2) LWVUS Abolish the US Electoral College nationwide focus group: Friday, July 19th at 1p via Zoom***

Abolishing the Electoral College by US Constitutional Amendment is one of the League's top priorities.

LWVUS' first of a five-phase process is having individual states approve the National Popular Vote. After approval by state legislatures of NPV, the state will direct its electoral college votes to the candidate that wins the national popular vote for the US President and Vice President.

To date, states with a total of 205 electoral votes have committed to the process. A total of 270 are necessary to elect the president. Legislation for NPV has been introduced in the Michigan Legislature. Members are encouraged to notify their state representatives and senators of their support for such legislation.

PowerPoint presentations and handouts are available for members to share

with the public and raise awareness of issues.

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UNDERSTANDING THE HIDDEN NETWORKS THAT  
CAN TRANSFORM YOUR LIFE AND YOUR CAREER  
DAVID BURKUS

**(3) LWVOA Book Club: Thursday, July 25th@7p at the Bloomfield Township Public Library: "Friend of a Friend" by David Burkus**

In this startling new look at the art and science of networking, business school professor David Burkus digs deep to find the unexpected secrets that reveal the best ways to grow your career.

Based on entertaining case studies and scientific research, this practical and revelatory guide shares what the best networkers really do.

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

**(4) LWVUS "HC4US" a/k/a "Healthcare for the United States" nationwide focus group: Sunday, July 28th at 8p**

LWV members from numerous states provide information on the present state of our healthcare systems. Monthly speakers have included professionals working to facilitate governmental initiatives for an equitable health system for ALL.



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**(5) LWVOA Community Engagement Committee(CEC) and Marketing/Communications (Mar/Com) working groups: Tuesday, August 6th at 4p via Zoom AND in person**

CEC presents monthly in-person events with speakers, valuable information, and opportunities for networking as well as socializing. CEC is always open to ideas and welcomes all members to help plan and facilitate programs.

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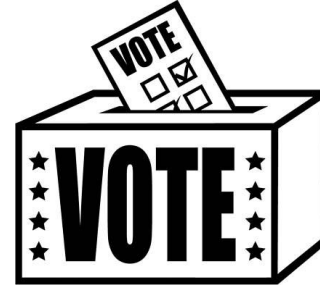
**Mar/Com has new Facebook and LinkedIn pages -- follow us!**

These new pages provide opportunities to communicate to a broader audience with the latest tools these platforms have to offer. We encourage you to follow both of the new pages. Click [here](#) for more information and instructions.

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**(6) Oakland County Board of Canvassers Observation group: Wednesday, August 7th- August 14th at the Oakland County Service Plaza**

Volunteers monitor the collection and counting of votes after the August 6th election from all voting precincts in Oakland County. Observers may sign for 2-3 hour sessions.

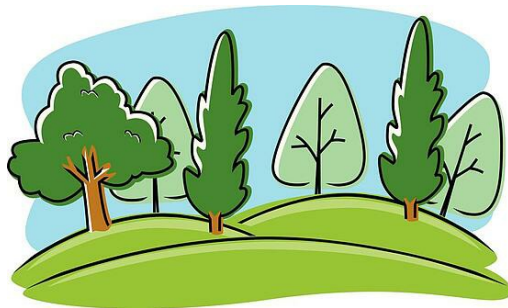


***Training is scheduled for July 22nd at 7:00p.  
Please register [here](#).***

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***(7) LWVOA with AAUW Observer Corps: August meeting date TBD***  
School may be in recess, however, members continue to monitor local school board meetings and give feedback on how the process is working. All LWVOA members are welcome to observe any of the 27 Oakland County local school board meetings. Any help in this effort is greatly appreciated.

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***Save the Date: LWVOA's Annual  
Summer Outdoor Event - Wednesday,  
August 21st at the Beverly Hills Park  
Pavillion***

***5:30p for networking and registration  
Program to begin at 6:00p***

***Topic - Environment and Climate Resiliency: Regional Initiatives and How You May Help***

Speakers from SEMCOG (Southeast Michigan Council of Governments) will present an overview of SEMCOG and environmental programs including: stormwater, flooding, one-water campaign, and parks & recreation trails.

ALL members are encouraged to enjoy this beautiful outdoor park with refreshments provided by LWVOA. Details to follow.

***LWVOA June 2024 highlights:***

***(1) Shirley Stancato and Hillary Doe, June 10th at BTPL, provided an informative and inspirational presentation about efforts in the Detroit Metropolitan area to enhance our community.***

Ms. Stancato, Chair of the Wayne State University Board of Governors, shared insights on how community leaders, from many backgrounds, developed and implemented a plan for a "Way Forward."

As Chief Growth Officer for the State of Michigan, Ms. Doe leads the state's efforts to grow Michigan's population, economy, and reputation as the best place to live, work, raise a family, and start a business.

Their enthusiasm about the Detroit Metro Area and Michigan is contagious.

Click [here](#) to view the "Let's Grow Michigan" presentation on YouTube.



**(2) LWVUS 2024 National Convention, June 27-30 in Washington, DC, was attended by more than 1700 members nationwide.**

Daily events included Plenary Sessions, Lobby Day on Capitol Hill, and more than 35 breakout sessions on topics such as Eliminating the Electoral College, Tactics to Combat Mis/Dis Information, Gun Safety, Environmental/Climate Change, etc.

Our five LWVOA members attended virtually and participated in the Plenary sessions as well as numerous breakout sessions. The convention is a true experience in "Making Democracy Work."

**(3) LWVMI's Environmental Network, June 20th via zoom, presented *Climate Change: This is Humanity's Moment*** with speakers,

Robin Gleason, a geologist, educator, polar expert and League member, and Jackie Goodman, an anthropologist, and retired professor at Eastern Michigan University. Both are long time members of the non-profit, non-partisan 501c3 group The Climate Reality Project. This



interesting and compelling recording will be available for review in the near future.

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