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***So much is happening with LWV on all three levels: local, state & national. Watch for continuous news on the LWVOA, LWVMI, and LWVUS websites.***

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***LWVOA's July in-person event:***

***Learn About Ballot Proposals for 2026  
with Oakland County Clerk Lisa Brown***

***Date/Time: Wednesday, July 23rd at 2p***

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



Serving Oakland County residents for her fourth term as the Clerk/Register of Deeds, Ms. Brown is the official "keeper of the record" - responsible for overseeing the receipt and safeguarding of public records, including Circuit Court legal documents, vital records, and real estate documents. She is also the chief election administrator for the county.

We hope you can attend this informational meeting, which will focus on the upcoming election issues.

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

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***(1) LWVOA New and Newish members  
informational meeting: Tuesday, July 8th at 7p at  
BTPL***

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

Our working groups include: 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. Lots to hear and learn about for ALL members.

Contact Carla and Ann at [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more info.

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

Events across the country will commemorate John Lewis's life work to secure voting rights as well as fight for justice and dignity for all.



The events will highlight the urgency of this moment to educate, motivate, and activate our community to work towards the passage of the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, as well as other legislative action.

Contact Maria Woloson at [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more info of an event near you.

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**(3) LWVUS Eliminate the Electoral College work group: Friday, July 18th 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. LWVUS's Rommel Sandini spoke at the monthly June meeting about the priority of the LWVUS "Unite and Rise 8.5" initiative.

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**(4) LWVOA MAR/COM (Marketing & Communication) work group: Tuesday, July 22nd 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>

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

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**(5) LWVOA Board Meeting: Monday, July 28th at 5p via Zoom**

LWVOA's board manages and facilitates the business and activities of our local league. All members are welcome to attend.



**(6) LWVOA Bookclub: Wednesday, July 30, 2025 at 7p at BTPL**

**This month's selection is *The Lions of Fifth Avenue* (2020) by Fiona Davis**

In New York Times bestselling author Fiona Davis's latest historical novel, a series of book thefts roils the iconic New York Public Library, leaving two generations of strong-willed women to pick up the pieces. Featuring suffragists! A fascinating book about the history and present times of the NYC Library as well as the women's movement.

Contact Tera Moon  
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**(7) Candidate Forums for the 2025 general elections:**

After the filing dates of July 22, 2025 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](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more info.

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**(8) MEMBERSHIP ALERT**

As mentioned in earlier newsletters, membership renewals will now be made through LWVUS.

LWVOA has specific instructions on the renewal procedure available on our website at [lwvoa.org](http://lwvoa.org).

Contact Ann Megalizzi or Carla Barrows-Wiggins  
at [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more info.







### **(9) 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](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more info.

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### **(10) 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, we are invited to address the new citizens about the voter registration process and provide an opportunity to register. The ceremonies are conducted four times a week on Mondays and Thursdays at 10:30 am and 2:00 pm.

Our 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](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more info.

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### **Save the Dates:**

- **Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 7p at BTPL, Wayne State University,**

**Professor Saeed Kahn** will present information on the importance of participating in the voting process and challenges emerging in these turbulent times.



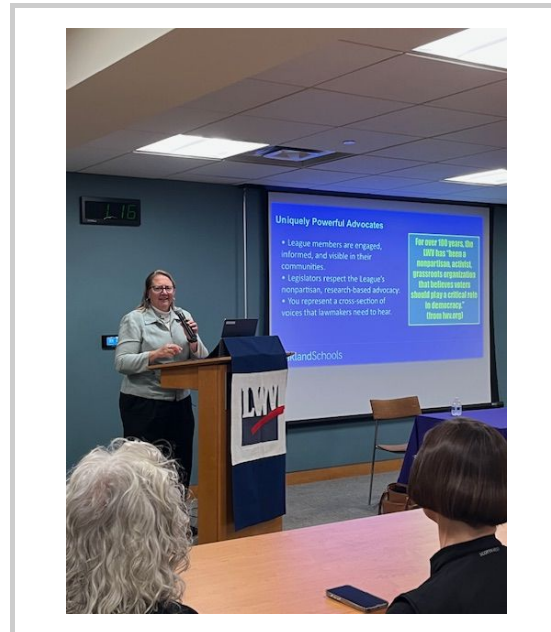
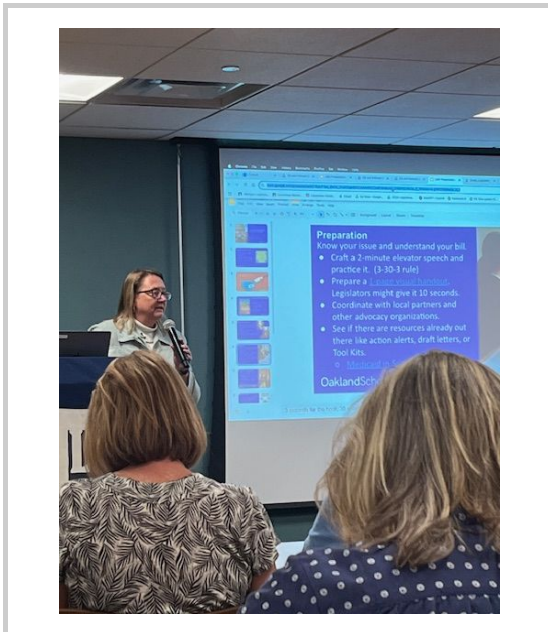
- **Thursday, September 4, 2025 at 1p at BTPL, Governor, US Representative, and US Diplomat, James Blanchard**, will share his experience in numerous government positions and discuss the impact of money in politics.
- **Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at 1p at BTPL, Wayne State University Professor Kevin Deegan Krause** will present information on Comparative World Politics and Tariffs.

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### **June 2025 Highlights:**

(1) Oakland Schools Legislative Director Lisa Hansknecht returned to LWVOA for an informational session on how to influence legislative and public policy issues.

This informative presentation is available for viewing on the LWVOA website by clicking [here](#).



(2) LWVOA members, Ginny Abbott and Maria Woloson provided information about the League and voting at the Juneteenth Celebration at the Oakland County Courthouse.

(3) Numerous LWVOA members attended "No Kings" events on 6/14/25 with nationwide attendance at more than 5 million:

- Ginny Abbott – Troy, crowd estimated at 10,000
- Christine Allen – Ferndale, crowd estimated at 6,000
- Lisa Cooney – Lansing, crowd estimated at 5,000
- Linda Fiscus - Detroit, crowd estimated at 5,000

- Ann Megalizzi – Novi, crowd estimated at 2,000

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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***

***President, League of Women Voters, Oakland Area, Michigan***

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