



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

With summer underway, the calendar is filling up with things to do. Here are this month's events to participate in via Zoom or in person.

LWVOA presents Shirley Stancato: June 10th at 1pm at Bloomfield Township Public Library

Ms. Stancato's experience includes Chair of the Wayne State University Board of Governors, former CEO of New Detroit, VP Chase Bank, advocate for racial equity, and recipient of numerous awards including Neal Shine Award for Exemplary Leadership, Detroit News Michiganian of the Year and induction into the Michigan Business Women Hall of Fame.

The event is certain to be informative and worthwhile.

As always, the public is welcome to attend and light refreshments will be provided.



(1) LWVOA Community Engagement Committee (CEC): Wednesday, June 5th at 4p via Zoom

Thanks to this group's contacts and organization, LWVOA 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.

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



(2) LWVOA Candidate Forums June and July 2024

LWVOA's Candidate Forum Team has worked diligently to contact all candidates for the upcoming elections and schedule forums for the public to learn about them. All members are encouraged to participate in this important function of the LWV as moderators, question screeners, timers, and pages.

Scheduled forums here in Oakland County are: June 17 @6p in Birmingham; June 18 @6:30p in West Bloomfield; three on June 20 @7p in Bloomfield Township, Royal Oak, and Rochester Hills; two on June 27 @7p in Warren and Bloomfield Township; July 8 @6pm in Milford; and three on July 10 @7p in Madison Heights, West Bloomfield, and Waterford. Click [here](#) for a complete list of upcoming forums.

Contact Judy Bateman, Christine Allen and/or Terrey Benjamin at LWVOAMI@gmail.com for more info.

(3) LWVUS "HC4US" a/k/a "Healthcare for the United States" focus group: Sunday, June 9th at 1:30p via (Michigan group) AND Sunday, June 23rd at 8p (nationwide group)

LWV members from various 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.

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



(4) LWVOA Marketing/Communications Working Group: Wednesday, June 19th at 12:30p at the Honey Tree Grill in Birmingham

LWVOA 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.

Contact Leslie Fleming at MarCom.LWVOA@gmail.com for more info.

(5) LWVMI Environmental Network: Thursday, June 20th at 7p via Zoom

This statewide group provides monthly informative presentations of pressing environmental issues.

June's event will be: "Climate Change: This is Humanity's Moment." Speakers will be Robin Gleason, a geologist, educator, polar expert, and League member, and Jackie Goodman, an anthropologist, retired professor at Eastern Michigan University, and experienced presenter on climate change. Both are members of the non-profit and non-partisan group, The Climate Reality Project.



All previous presentations are recorded and available for viewing.

Contact Sandy Sorini-Elser at advocacy@lwwashtenaw.com for more info.

(6) LWVUS Abolish the US Electoral



College focus group: Friday, June 21st 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.

A PowerPoint presentation and handouts are available for members to share with the public and raise awareness of issues.

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

(7) LWVOA with AAUW Observer Corps: Future meeting date TBD

Members already monitoring local school board meetings are requested to 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 will be greatly appreciated.

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



LWVOA's May highlight event:

LWVOA's Annual Meeting & Luncheon with speaker Barbara McQuade was held on May 15, 2024 at the Heathers Club of Bloomfield.

Ms. McQuade's extensive legal career includes serving as the US Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan from 2010-2017 and now a Law Professor at the University of Michigan as well as legal analyst for NBC News and MSNBC. Her presentation included identifying and combatting disinformation as well as numerous accounts of prosecuting corruption inside government. She recently authored the book "**Attack from Within: How Disinformation is Sabotaging America.**"

Click [here](#) to view Ms. McQuade's presentation during the LWVOA's Annual Meeting.



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