



***LWVOA's in-person event for the month will be:***

***How to be an  
Advocate/Activist  
And Get Your Voice Heard!***

*With Lisa Hansknecht from Oakland  
Schools*

**Date: Wednesday, June 4th**

**Time: 1:00p**

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



Oakland Schools Legislative Director Lisa Hansknecht will return to LWVOA for an informational session on how to influence legislative and public policy issues.

Members will also share information on how you can help with all our working groups, including: 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 Healthcare for All.

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

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***(1) LWVOA's Community Engagement Committee (CEC) work group***

CEC plans activities and functions for all members and the community to participate in. CEC is always open to ideas and welcomes all members to help plan and facilitate programs.

Thanks to the efforts of this group, speakers have already been scheduled for August, September, and October. Help is always needed to facilitate these events.

Contact Geri Rinschler at [\*\*LWVOAMi@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more info.



**(2) LWVOA's Candidate Forums Planning meeting in May 2025 resulted in organizing the process for the 2025 elections, including a discussion of the help needed for the 2026 elections.**

All members are asked to help with the core mission of the League to encourage informed and active participation in government and increase the 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.

**(3) Meet and Greet Table at Oakland County's Juneteenth Celebration: Wednesday, June 18th from 10a-2p in Pontiac**



LWVOA will host a table at the Juneteenth celebration in Pontiac. Volunteers are needed to encourage voting, pass out literature, and share info about LWV.

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



**(4) LWVOA MAR/COM (Marketing & Communication) work group: Wednesday, June 18th at 2p at BTPL**

This group facilitates announcements and publicity for groups outside LWVOA.

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

**(5) LWVUS Eliminate the Electoral College work group: Friday, June 20th 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.

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

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**(6) LWVOA Board Meeting: Monday, June 23rd 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](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more info.

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**(7) 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.

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**(8) LWV Environmental Network: MI Healthy Climate Plan Video and Resources**

For those who couldn't attend the LWVMI-EGLE MI Healthy Climate Plan presentation on May 29, 2025, below is a link to the YouTube Video of the meeting, the slide deck, and resource materials.



The MI Healthy Climate Plan lays out a pathway for Michigan to reach 100% carbon neutrality by 2050 to avert the worst impacts of the climate crisis, create good-paying jobs, and build a healthier and more prosperous, equitable, and sustainable Michigan for all Michiganders. Our speaker was Julia Field, the Deputy Climate Energy Advisor for the EGLE Office of Climate and Energy, which leads implementation of the MI Healthy Climate Plan. **[Click here to view.](#)**

Here are some helpful links:

- Click **[here](#)** to view the presentation slide deck.
- MI Healthy Climate Plan: **<https://www.michigan.gov/egle/about/organization/climate-and-energy/mi-healthy-climate-plan>**
- Office of Climate & Energy: **<https://www.michigan.gov/egle/about/organization/climate-and-energy>**
- Sign up for our monthly newsletter: **<https://www.michigan.gov/egle/about/organization/climate-and-energy/mi-healthy-climate-plan/involvement>**



- The MI Healthy Climate Plan legislative wins are written up on page 5 of the 2024 Annual Report: <https://www.michigan.gov/egle/-/media/Project/Websites/egle/Documents/Reports/OCE/MHCP-2024-Report.pdf?rev=e146a3c6147147b094c0ec2dd324bee4&hash=A064EF40A6EF30036134A546E6703EE8>

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### ***Save the Date:***

***Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at BTPL, Wayne State University Political Science Professor Saeed Kahn, will present information on the importance of participating in the voting process and challenges emerging in these turbulent times.***



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### ***May 2025 Highlights:***

***At the LWVOA 2025 Annual Meeting/Luncheon, Federal Judge Gerald Rosen shared his insights of the dire situation within the City of Detroit that culminated in bankruptcy in 2013.***

As the chief mediator in the largest municipal bankruptcy in American history and architect of the “Grand Bargain” that saved the Detroit Institute of Art’s priceless collection—Judge Rosen described the inside story of how Detroit was rescued from the brink of oblivion. Judge Rosen also shared perspectives on the current state of the judicial system.

Click [here](#) to view Judge Rosen's presentation.





***The LWVMI 2025 Convention, May 16-18, 2025, in Grand Rapids, was a great success.***

The annual convention was attended by ten LWVOA members. Hosted by the LWV Grand Rapids local league, the event included plenary sessions, informative presentations, and networking opportunities with members from all over Michigan. See the LWVMI website for a complete report of activities and positions approved. Thanks to all members and staff who facilitated this enormous event. ***HATS OFF for a job well done!***

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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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