



***League of Women Voters Oakland Area, Michigan
June 2026 Newsletter***

As always, lots going on...

Please check the LWVMI and LWVUS websites for more info on statewide and nationwide events.



Please join LWVOA for our June Event:

***Disinformation and the
Threat to Democracy
with speaker Carole Leigh Hutton***

Date: Thursday, June 4th

Time: 1 p.m.

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

Carole Leigh Hutton retired in 2023 after a career that spanned more than 30 years in the newspaper business and 15 years in nonprofit leadership. Most of her journalism career was at the Detroit Free Press, culminating in her being named the first female executive editor and, later, the first female publisher & editor. Ms. Hutton has served on numerous nonprofit boards in both California and Michigan.

Ms. Hutton's presentation will focus on disinformation in the age of AI. We hope you can join us for this interesting and enlightening event.

(1) LWVOA Candidate Forums: June-July 2026

With more than 20 candidate forums, we need YOU to help. Question screeners, moderators, pages, and timers are needed for each event. Time commitment per forum is 4 hours. Help with just one forum will be appreciated.

Contact Christine Allen at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for info.

***(3) Oakland County Juneteenth Celebration "Journey to Juneteenth:
Celebrating Freedom and Community": Thursday, June 18th at 11a-2p at***

LWVOA will table this event, marking the end of the enslavement of Black people in the United States and the continued drive for equality for all. This vibrant, free celebration welcomes the general public for an afternoon of reflection, joy, and community.

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

(4) "Three Marches, Two Sisters, One Bridge" movie premier: Thursday, June 18th at 5p at Southfield Pavilion

Continuing the celebration of freedom, this documentary about LWV member Charles Thomas' two aunts, who were Selma Foot Soldiers, tells the story of their experiences facing discrimination, threats, and violence while fighting for civil rights in the 1960s.

Tickets for this fundraiser, to help finance the continued work for civil rights, may be purchased through Eventbrite.

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(5) LWVUS Eliminate the Electoral College work group: Friday, June 19th at 1p via Zoom

Monthly presentations provide information about the necessity of abolishing the Electoral College by US Constitutional Amendment. This 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. Recordings of past presentations are available for viewing.

NOTE: LWVUS encourages local leagues to give educational presentations on this topic to any interested groups and has a PowerPoint presentation that members may use. Training is available for all members before giving presentations.

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

(6) Calling all LWVOA members and friends with things to do:

LWVMI Youth Engagement Grant Opportunity:

- LWVOA hopes to recruit 16-25 year olds to assist with LWVOA activities, including Candidate Forums. Do you have contact with schools and other youth groups that may be interested? Stipends given to new recruits will be used for continued participation in LWVOA.

LWVMI Postcard Campaign Grant Opportunity:

- LWVMI will supply funds for distribution of postcards to encourage participation in elections and awareness of public policies.

LWVMI Text Banking Opportunity:

- LWVMI will supply text mechanisms for use to contact new and established voters to participate in elections.

Contact Maria Woloson at LWVOAMi@gmail.com OR visit LWVMI.org for more info.

(7) LWVOA Board Meeting: Monday, June 22nd 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 for more info

(8) LWVOA Community Engagement Committee (CEC): Thursday, June 25th at 4p via Zoom

This group plans and facilitates activities for members and the public.

In-person programs are already scheduled for June and August. Suggestions for additional presentations and activities for 2026 are welcome.

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

(9) LWVOA and New Citizen Voter Registration at the US Federal Courthouse in Detroit

New Citizen ceremonies and Voter Registration have resumed, however, in reduced numbers. Volunteers are needed to assist in this important effort.

Contact Maureen Christensen at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for more info.

(10) LWVOA Observer Corps: Public School Board Focus

As school boards have become a point of controversy, LWVOA members observe and report on monthly meetings. All members are welcome to participate in this important activity.

Contact Linda Fiscus at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for more info.

(11) LWV needs YOU!

1) Become a member or renew your membership at the member portal LWVOA.org or with a check to LWVOA for \$20-\$75 dues.

2) 2026 is a critical election year. LWV needs help with its core goal of protecting the vote. Please consider a donation to LWVOA and/or a tax-deductible donation to the LWVOA Education Fund. ALL donations are greatly appreciated.

Save the dates:

1) Reading of the US Declaration of Independence by communities nationwide on Wednesday, July 8th at 6p at the Birmingham City Town Hall.

LWVOA has been invited to be one of the readers at the Birmingham City Town Hall for this commemoration of 250 years of independence.

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

2) Monday, August 24th at 7 pm at BTPL: Oakland University Political Science Professor David Dulio will give a presentation about the results of the primary elections and the future general elections.

May 2026 highlights:

At LWVOA's Annual Meeting, Former Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly's presentation "All's fair in Love, War, and Voters' Rights" was informative and engaging. Justice Kelly shared her experience as a law professor at Wayne State University, as well as a member of the Board of Governors at WSU and Leader Dogs for the Blind.

See the LWVOA website or YouTube to see the presentation.

"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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For more information, please visit our website at lwvoa.org.



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