



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

As always, lots going on...

Please join LWVOA for our March in-person event:

Time to Celebrate Women's History Month!

***"Ain't We Got Fun"
The History of Women's Swimwear from
Victorian Times to the Present Day***

With speaker Carrie Moon-Dupree,
LWVMI Director of Development

Date/Time: Thursday, March 19th at 1 pm

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

Bringing her historic swimwear collection, Ms. Moon-Dupree will delight you with the history of this garment, which reflects the evolution of women's rights in the United States.

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



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

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

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

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

(2) Data Centers - What Michiganders Need to Know: Thursday, March 5th at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

Presented by the League of Women Voters of Michigan and the Michigan Climate Action Network.

[Click Here to Register for Event](#)

(3) LWVOA MAR/COM (Marketing & Communication) work group: Thursday, March 12th at 3p at BTPL

Mar/Com provides local media outlets with information about LWVOA events, including candidate forums, in-person presentations, community engagement opportunities, and more. This group promotes LWVOA through social media and other communication and distribution avenues.

Click [here](#) to follow our new Facebook page (League of Women Voters / Oakland Area).

Contact Leslie Fleming at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for more info.

(4) LWVUS Eliminate the Electoral College work group: Friday, March 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. Recordings of past presentations are available for viewing.

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

(5) LWVOA Board Meeting: Monday, March 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 for more info.

(6) NO KINGS Rally: Saturday, March 28th, Nationwide

The "No Kings" coalition has scheduled a nationwide, nonviolent day of protest for Saturday, March 28, 2026. LWVUS encourages participation in a peaceful and conscientious manner.

See website for additional information and locations at www.nokings.org.

(7) LWVOA Book Club: Tuesday, March 31st at 7p at BTPL

In honor of "March is Reading Month," everyone may choose a banned book to read and share thoughts on why the book was challenged.

Lists of banned books may be found at:

[American Library Association's Banned Book Archive](#)
[PEN America's list of the most challenged books of 2025](#)

Contact Tera Moon at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for more info.

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

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

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

(9) 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.

Save the Dates:

1) Monday, April 13th at 1p at BTPL: Allyson Bettis, Elections Manager for Southfield, will speak about voting and election challenges for 2026

2) Wednesday, May 13th, 10a-2p: LWVOA Annual Meeting and Luncheon with speaker Former Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly

February 2026 Highlights:



"Value of the Vote" Celebration of Black History Month with Charles Thomas

Charles Thomas, founder and director of the voter turnout organization "When You Vote – I Win," focused on engaging voters and promoting participation in elections.

Mr. Thomas' efforts have been built upon the legacy of the work in 1965 by his two Selma "Foot Soldiers" aunts, Alice Moore and Denise Holt. The event was inspiring and motivating.

The program may be viewed [here](#).

"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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