



***League of Women Voters Oakland Area, Michigan
November 2025 Newsletter***

As in every month, November brings lots of activities to participate in with LWVOA, LWVMI, and LWVUS. See below for opportunities to engage in programs and working groups with fellow members.

LWVOA presents the November 2025 in-person event:

***Is it AI? Or is it Real News?
with Artificial Intelligence Specialist
Gus Mondalek***



Date: Monday evening, November 10th

Time: 7 p.m.

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

With constant, confusing, and contradictory information flooding all media, separating facts from fake news is becoming increasingly difficult. Please join LWVOA for an important presentation by technology expert Gus Mondalek on how to stay accurately informed.

Mr. Mondalek is the Chief Technology Officer at Omni-Response and Managing Partner and Geopolitical, AI, and Tech Expert with Mondalek Consulting. He is a distinguished expert and lecturer in geopolitics, religious studies, AI, analytics, and demographics, with over 40 years of experience.

Please join us for this important discussion. We look forward to seeing you on November 10th!

***(1) LWVOA Candidate Forums for November
2025 Elections***

The AMAZING work of this group for the November 2025 election cycle was demonstrated by the following statistics:

- 16 candidate forums were conducted.
- 8 members were coordinators.
- 35 members were moderators, question screeners, timers, and/or pages.
- 800+ people attended in person, with more online.
- 3 cities in Oakland County, LWVOA partnered with other organizations to facilitate the forums.



Preparation for the 2026 election year has begun. An organizational meeting will be scheduled soon for planning purposes. ALL members are encouraged to participate in this core mission of the LWV:

- Promote informed and active participation in government.
- Increase understanding of public policy issues.

Contact Candidate Forum Coordinators, Christine Allen, Judy Bateman, and Terrye Benjamin, at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for more info.



(2) LWVOA Community Engagement Committee (CEC): Wednesday, November 5th at 5p via Zoom

This group plans and facilitates activities for members and the public. In-person programs are already scheduled for December, January, February, and March. Suggestions for additional presentations and activities for 2026 are welcome.

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



(3) Oakland County Board of Canvassers: November 5th-15th at Oakland County Election Office, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac, Michigan 48341

LWVOA members observe the certification of all 60+ voting municipalities in Oakland County for each election. All members are encouraged to participate after review of an orientation PowerPoint provided by LWVMI. Members are scheduled for 2 to 4-hour shifts. A brief online report form for LWVMI is completed at the end of each shift.

Contact Jim Treharne at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for more info.

(4) LWVUS Eliminate the Electoral College work group: Friday, November 21st at 1p via Zoom

Monthly presentations provide information about the necessity of abolishing the Electoral College by U.S. 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, November 24th 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) LWVOA MAR/COM (Marketing & Communication) work group: Tuesday, November 25th at 10a at BTPL

Mar/Com provides information to local media sources about LWVOA events, including candidate forums, in-person presentations, community engagement opportunities, and others. This knowledgeable group works to promote LWVOA through social media and other communication-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.

(7) LWVOA and New Citizen Voter Registration

Due to the U.S. government shutdown, all New Citizen Induction Ceremonies have been placed on hold. Voter registration for new citizens at the ceremonies will resume with their reinstatement. LWVOA will be



advised by coalition members when ceremonies may reconvene.

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

(8) LWVOA Observer Corps 2025-2026

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. 18 LWVOA members have now volunteered to monitor most districts. Additional volunteers are welcome and needed.

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](#).

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



Save the Dates:

- 1. Monday, December 8th at 1p at BTPL: "Classic Michigan Food" authors, Gail Offen and Jon Milan*
- 2. Wednesday, January 14th at 1p at BTPL: WSU Political Science, Prof. Kevin Deegan-Krause - focus on political parties and democracy in the global environment*
- 3. Tuesday, February 10th at 1p at BTPL: Black History Month with LWV member, Charles Thomas*
- 4. Thursday, March 19th at 1p at BTPL: Women's History Month with LWV member, Carrie Moon-Dupree*

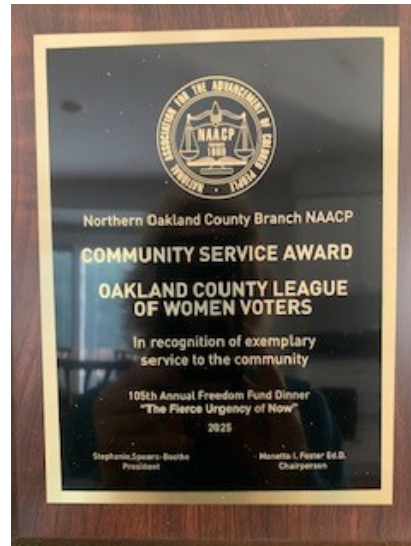
October 2025 Highlights:

Bloomfield Township Clerk, Martin Brook, led a lively interactive discussion with LWVOA members and community attendees on Voting Rights Protections.

A recording of Mr. Brook's presentation will be available soon on the LWVOA website.



NAACP of North Oakland County recognized LWVOA at its 2025 Annual Awards Banquet for LWVOA's outstanding efforts to inform, promote, and educate the community on voting rights, public policy, and government issues.



LWVOA partnered with many organizations in the nationwide NO KINGS rally where more than SEVEN MILLION people participated in 2600 events across the country.

Such events are part of the LWVUS Unite and Rise 8.5 Program, an ongoing effort to address the Constitutional Crisis confronting our country today.

"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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