



**League of Women Voters Oakland Area, Michigan
October 2024 Newsletter**

Beautiful Fall Weather in Michigan also brings election fever with lots of events and working groups happening.

(1) LWVOA Candidate Forums October 2024

This is an opportunity to meet and listen to candidates answer audience questions as well as hear their opinions and viewpoints on important issues.

These informational sessions are one of the core missions of LWV, namely to encourage informed and active participation in government.

With more than 20 forums scheduled in Oakland County, HELP is NEEDED.

To facilitate the forums, pages, question screeners, timers, and moderators are required.



Here is the list of forums scheduled in October:

- Monday, October 7, 2024, 6:00pm - Novi Community Schools Board
- Tuesday, October 8, 2024, 7:00pm - Rochester Community Schools School Board
- Tuesday, October 8, 2024, 6:00pm - West Bloomfield School Board & Library Board
- Wednesday, October 16, 2024, 6:00pm - Birmingham School Board
- Thursday, October 17, 2024 - Oxford School Board

Please contact Judy Bateman, Christine Allen, and/or Terrey Benjamin at LWVOAMi@gmail.com with your availability.



***(2) Community Engagement Committee (CEC)
work group: Thursday, October 10th at 4p via
Zoom***

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.

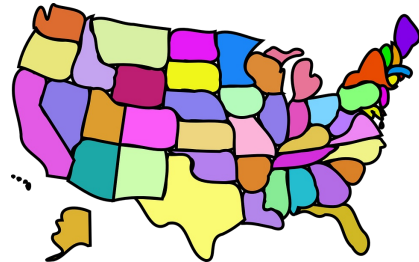


(3) LWVOA Mar/Com work group: Wednesday, October 16th at 12:30p at the Bloomfield Township Public Library.

This group focuses on methods to promote LWVOA events and working groups.

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

(4) LWVUS Abolish the US Electoral College nationwide focus group: Friday, October 18th at 1p via zoom



Monthly presentations provide detailed information as to the necessity of Abolishing the Electoral College by US Constitutional Amendment which is now 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.

Instructional PowerPoint presentations 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.



(5) LWVMI Environmental Network: Monday, October 21st at 7p via zoom

"Community Solar in Michigan: Why We Need It and How We Can Get It" is this month's presentation by this statewide group. Community solar programs allow everyone to participate in the benefits of renewable energy. This program also provides info on how to take advantage of renewable energy to save money and fight climate change.

Contact Sandy Sorini-Elser at advocacy@lwvashtenaw.org for more info.

(6) LWVUS "HC4US" a/k/a "Healthcare for the United States" nationwide focus group:

Sunday, October 27th at 8p via Zoom

LWV members from numerous 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.

Numerous authoritative journals and documents are available for further information.



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



(7) LWVOA Board Meeting: Monday, October 28th at 7p via Zoom

LWVOA's Board manages and facilitates the business and activities of our local league. Monthly meeting minutes are posted on our website. All members are welcome to attend.

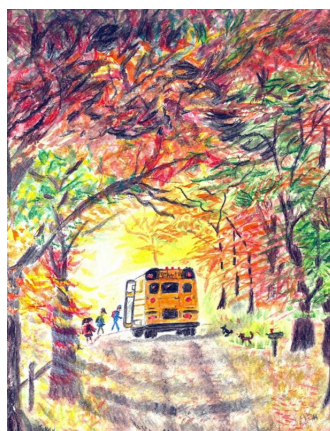
Contact Maria Woloson at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for more info.

(8) LWVOA Rank Choice Voting work group: October meeting date TBD

Learn how RCV may be the preferred method of electing candidates without the hyper-partisan environment that encompasses our elections now.

This group is planning presentations and strategies for the adoption of a position by LWVMI in 2025 and then a statewide ballot initiative for 2026.

Contact Chris Wiggins at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for more info.



(9) LWVOA with AAUW Observer Corps: October meeting date TBD

With the new school year beginning, members continue to monitor local school board meetings and 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. With so many boards to watch, any help in this effort is greatly appreciated.

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

(10) LWVOA Oakland County Board of Canvassers Observers: November 6th-

20th at Oakland County Service Plaza in Pontiac, MI

Members are needed to observe the vote tally and procedures to validate voting. This important function has minimized disruptions of the voting process.



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



LWVUS new payment system begins January 2025

LWVOA will keep you posted on how to pay dues as well as contribute to the LWVOA between now and January 2025, as details are clarified.

Please see the LWVOA website [here](#) for more in-depth information.

September 2024 event highlights:

At a special joint program with LWVOA and LWV Detroit we celebrated long time LWV member, Kathleen Straus' 100-year-long life!

Ms. Kathleen's many accomplishments include:

- *President of LWV Detroit and LWV Michigan State Board*
- *Activist with the 1960s US War on Poverty Program*
- *Southeast Michigan Council of Governments member*
- *President of the Center for Creative Studies and fundraiser*
- *President of the Jewish Community Center*
- *Michigan State Board of Education for 24 years*

The Chroma Detroit facility with retro décor was enjoyed by all attendees.



Sue Smith with Kathleen Straus



**Deborah Bunkley (DLWV),
Maria Woloson &
Kathleen Straus**



**Maureen Christensen, Maria
Woloson & Shelli Weisberg**



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