



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

October has beautiful fall colors, cooler weather, and lots to do with LWVOA. Look for additional news and information on the LWVOA, LWVMI, and LWVUS websites.

LWVOA's October 2025 In-Person Event:

***Do Michigan Laws Protect
Our Current Voting Rights?***

***with Martin Brook,
Clerk for Bloomfield Township,
Michigan***



Date: Wednesday, October 29th at 1p

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

Mr. Brook's presentation will provide information on the processes and procedures that provide SAFE, SECURE, and ACCURATE ELECTIONS.

As the Administrator of all elections for 44,000 residents, Mr. Brook manages this office, which provides numerous complex and crucial services to the community.

Mr. Brook's background includes serving as a Bloomfield Hills School Board member (2005-2010) and practicing as a lawyer concentrating in labor, employment, and payroll law for 25 years.

This presentation is certain to be informative and engaging.

Seating is limited, so please RSVP to [**LWVOAMI@gmail.com**](mailto:LWVOAMI@gmail.com) to reserve your space.

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



LWVOA has already conducted 10 candidate forums and has 6 more scheduled. Volunteers are welcome to assist as pages, moderators, question screeners, timers, and more. A complete list of upcoming Forums can be found on the LWVOA website or by clicking [here](#).

All members are encouraged to help with this core mission of the League:

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

Please contact Candidate Forum Coordinators, Christine Allen, Judy Bateman, and Terrye Benjamin, at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for more info and links to sign-up lists.

(2) LWVOA Community Engagement Committee (CEC): Tuesday, October 14th at 4p via Zoom

This group plans and facilitates activities for members and the public to participate in. Programs are already scheduled for October, November, December, and February. Suggestions for presentations for 2026 are welcome.



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

(3) LWVUS Eliminate the Electoral College work group: Friday, October 17th 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 an 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.



(4) NO KINGS action day & LWVUS Unite and Rise 8.5: Saturday, October 18th, in-person, country-wide

No Crowns. No Kings. On October 18, millions of us are rising again to show the world: America has no kings, and the power belongs to the people!

The LWVUS website contains information about its Power Playbook, which is a guide that includes timely activities for Leagues to participate in Unite & Rise 8.5. These activities are focused on current or emerging events and what Leagues can do to respond.

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

(5) LWVOA Board Meeting: Monday, October 27th 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, October 28th at 10a at BTPL

Mar/Com provides the most up-to-date information about candidate forums, community engagement opportunities, and Oakland County news and information.

Follow our new page (League of Women Voters / Oakland Area) at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61554543620762>

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

(7) LWVOA and New Citizen Voter Registration

LWVOA partners with two local non-profit organizations that have the USCIS's (US Citizenship and Immigration Services) and the court's (United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan) permission to coordinate nonpartisan voter registration at the naturalization ceremonies.



The ceremonies are conducted at the Theodore Levin Federal Courthouse in Detroit, Michigan. At each ceremony, the organizations are invited to address the new citizens about the voter registration process and provide an opportunity to register.

Ceremonies are conducted four times a week, on Mondays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Shifts are 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Parking is available across the street from the court and is reimbursed.

This volunteer opportunity is very rewarding and a great way to participate in democracy.

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.

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, November 10th at 7p BTPL: Gus Mondalek, Artificial Intelligence Specialist, to present on FAKE NEWS

2) Monday, December 8th at 1p at BTPL: "Classic Michigan Food" authors, Gail Offen and Jon Milan

September 2025 Highlight:

Former Governor James Blanchard presented "Democracy in America."

Governor, US Representative, and US Diplomat, James Blanchard, shared his experience in numerous government positions. He also discussed past and present challenges to democracy in America.

A recording of the presentation may be seen [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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