

League of Women Voters - Oakland Area, Michigan -September 2022 Newsletter and Events

Greetings to all LWVOA members!

Fall 2022 is upon us with lots happening and opportunities to help out. See below for events and meetings that everyone may join.

(1) LWVOA Candidate Forms: September 2022, 7-8p, inperson

Eight forums have been scheduled for the month. Help is needed for conducting the events including set up, circulating question/note cards, timers, moderators, etc. Contact Judy Bateman for info.



(2) LWVMI update on ballot proposals: Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 7p-8:30p, via zoom

Presentation by LWVMI members with updates on 3 ballot proposals LWVMI supports - Promote the Vote 2022, Reproductive Rights, and Term Limits. A PowerPoint presentation for the proposals will be made available for distribution by members. See https://lwvmi.org/league-links published monthly by LWVMI. Contact Maria Woloson for info.

(3) LWVMI Environmental Network group: Thursday, September 15, 2022, 11a via zoom

Members statewide share info regarding issues and action taken involving PFAS contamination, Line 5, waste management systems, etc. Contact Sandy Sorini-Elser for info.



(4) National Voter Registration Day: Tuesday, September 20, 2022, 10a-7p, in-person

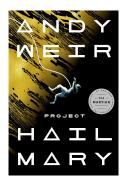
The Baldwin Library in Birmingham, MI has requested assistance with their voter registration drive. Volunteers may sign for 2 hours and/or all day. Contact Maria Woloson for info.

(5) LWVOA Advocacy committee: Wednesday, September 21, 2022, 5:30-6:30p via zoom

Local issues that LWVOA may support/oppose include school board meetings, government programs, criminal justice, etc. On 8/24/22 Deb Macon and Kathy Henry presented an informative orientation to the LWVOA Observer Corps to members interested in observing local government meetings. Meeting may be viewed on-line. All volunteers are welcome. Contact Kathy Henry for info.

(6) LWVOA Board Meeting: Monday, September 26, 2022 at 7-8p via zoom

Monthly LWVOA meeting discussing business and programs. Contact Maria Woloson for info



7) LWVOA Book Club: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 7-8p via zoom

Project Hail Mary: A Novel (2021) by Andy Weil

This book is a departure from our usual fare. Survival of the species depends on a lone astronaut who is far from home, unsure of where he is or how to tackle the monumental task that lies before him. Doesn't that sound like the work we do in League? Contact Tera Moon for info.

(8) LWVMI Observer Corp info: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 4-3p via zoom

Issues regarding observing and reporting on meetings throughout Michigan. Contact David Allen for info.

(9) LWVMI Employment Opportunity:

LWVMI is hiring and seeking an LWV member who can assist the Co-Presidents and the Vice President of Voter Service with the myriad of election protection projects that are on the docket through the 2024 election. Our job advertisement reads:

Contract Position: League of Women Voters of Michigan (LWVMI) is currently seeking an Election Protection Program Project Manager. The position will be involved with various LWVMI voter service activities from August 2022 through December 31, 2024. This is a grant-funded position paying \$50,000/year, non-negotiable. The work may be performed off-site.

Applicants should be a League member, possess excellent communication and organizational skills and have the ability to navigate Microsoft Office. Experience with Mobilize (volunteer management platform) and Voter Activation Network (VAN) is a plus.

A more detailed list of responsibilities is linked <u>here</u>. Interested applicants should complete the <u>application</u> and return it to Judy Florian (email on the form) as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about the position, please contact president@lwvmi.org

-- Paula Bowman, LWVMI Co-President



(10) LWV Lake Michigan Region - September 29 at 7:30pm

Join Us on Zoom to Learn About Issues Impacting Lake Michigan!

The program is complimentary and open to the public. Please share this information with fellow league

members, your colleagues, family and friends. We look forward to seeing you online! See Registration Links below.

Thursday, September 29, 2022, 7:30 p.m. ET – Michigan

Topics: Climate Change, PFAS, Invasive Species, Coal Ash, Line 5

Register here:

 $\underline{https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUkde2sqDsqEtamYIh68KyOJ3DbfroV77ND}$

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

The programs will also be recorded.

If you have any questions, please contact us at lwvlakemichigan@gmail.com

Questions: email LWVMIOA.org or telephone (248)646-5900



HATS OFF to long time LWVOA member, Gilda Jacobs:

Congratulations to Gilda Jacobs for her Shining Light Award 2022. Read about Gilda's many accomplishments and continued efforts to promote the welfare of all people.

Neal Shine Award for Exemplary Regional Leadership

Gilda's achievements include:

- President & CEO of the Michigan League for Public Policy for 11 years
- 30-year career in public service at the local, county and state levels
- Named one of the 100 Most Influential Women in Michigan by Crain's in 2016
- Michigan Food Bank Council's Hunger-Free Award in 2015
- Michigan Women's Hall of Fame in 2019
- Served in the state Senate for eight years after serving two terms in the Michigan House of Representatives (where she made history as the first woman floor leader in either chamber of the Legislature)
- Served as an Oakland County Commissioner and a Huntington Woods City Commissioner
- Important voice for economically vulnerable citizens in Michigan
- Served as Development Director for JARC (a Jewish association providing residential care for persons with developmental disabilities)
- Worked as a special education teacher in the Madison School District
- Currently serves on the boards of the Jewish Fund, Promote the Vote, the Advisory Board of the Michigan Historical Society and was recently appointed by Governor Whitmer to the Michigan Health Endowment Fund

Gilda is a true inspiration to everyone!

James Treharne and Maria Woloson Co-Presidents, League of Women Voters, Oakland Area,



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