



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

***With summer days ending and election fever growing, lots of events  
and working groups are available to participate in.***

***Please join us for a joint program with LWVOA and LWV Detroit for a  
special event honoring***

## ***KATHLEEN STRAUSS***

***A celebration of Kathleen's 100-year-long life!***

***Thursday, September 12th at Chroma Detroit  
2937 E Grand Blvd, Detroit MI 48202  
12noon -2p***

***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*

***Beverages to be provided by LWVOA and LWV Detroit.  
Please bring an appetizer and/or dessert to share.***

***We look forward to seeing you at this special occasion to honor one  
of our finest members.***

Please RSVP regarding this invitation to Geri Rinschler at  
**[LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com)**.



**(1) LWVOA Candidate Forums  
September & 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 19 forums scheduled in Oakland County, HELP is NEEDED. To facilitate the forums, pages, question screeners, timers, and moderators are required.

Please contact Judy Bateman, Christine Allen, and/or Terrey Benjamin at [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) with your availability.



**(2) Community Engagement Committee  
(CEC) working group: Thursday, September  
5th at 1p via Zoom**

CEC is busy planning the September event for Kathleen Strauss as well as future in-person programs.

CEC is always open to ideas and welcomes all members to help plan and facilitate programs.

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at [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more info.

**(3) LWVOA Mar/Com working group:  
Wednesday, September 18th at 12:30p at the  
Honey Tree Grill in Birmingham.**

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

Mar/Com folks have created new Facebook and LinkedIn pages -- follow us!

These new pages provide opportunities to communicate to a broader audience with the latest tools these platforms have to offer. We encourage you to follow both of the new pages. Click [here](#) for more information and instructions.



Contact Leslie Fleming at [MarCom.LWVOA@gmail.com](mailto:MarCom.LWVOA@gmail.com) for more info



**(4) LWVUS Abolish the US Electoral College nationwide focus group: Friday, September 20th 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.

Previous PowerPoint presentations and handouts are available for members to share with the public and raise awareness of issues.

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**(5) LWVUS "HC4US" a/k/a "Healthcare for the United States" nationwide focus group: Sunday, September 22th 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.



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**(6) LWVOA Board Meeting: Monday, September 23rd at 7p via zoom**

LWVOA's Board manages and facilitates the

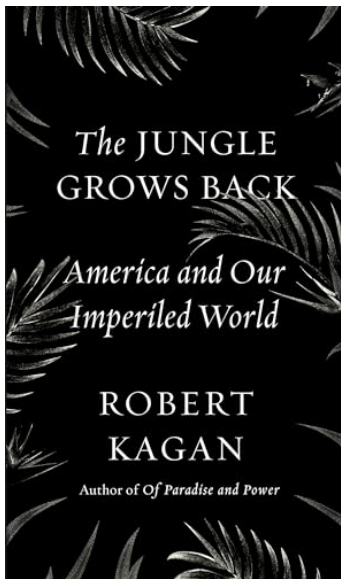


business and activities of our local league.

Monthly meeting minutes are posted on our website. All members are welcome to attend.

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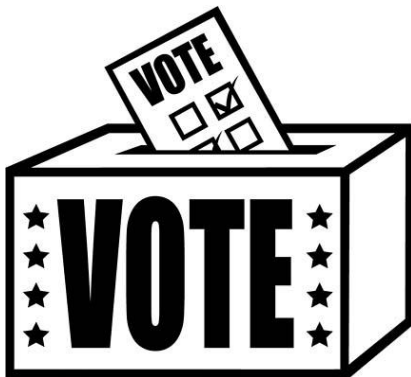


**(7) LWVOA Book Club: Tuesday, September 24th at the Bloomfield Township Public Library 1099 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield MI 48302**

This group explores numerous topics on current events affecting our lives, politics, and environment. This month's reading is especially pertinent as it delves into both world and local politics.

***The Jungle Grows Back: America and Our Imperiled World (2018) by Robert Kagan***  
***A brilliant and visionary argument for America's role as an enforcer of peace and order throughout the world--and what is likely to happen if we withdraw and focus our attention inward.***

Contact Tera Moon at [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more info.



**(8) LWVOA Rank Choice Voting working group: September 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](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more info.

**(9) LWVOA with AAUW Observer Corps: September 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](mailto: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.

### **August 2024 event highlights:**

Between 8/7/24 and 8/16/24, LWVOA members observed the Oakland County Board of Canvassers procedure of certifying the August 2024 election results. By monitoring the process, LWVOA participates in preserving and promoting our democratic system.



ALL members are encouraged to attend the same process after the November 2024 elections.

On August 21, 2024, Representatives of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments provided an informative and interactive presentation. The program titled "Environment and Climate Resiliency - Regional Initiatives and How You May Help" shared information on environmental programs including storm water, flooding, one-water campaign, and parks & recreation trails.

Attendees enjoyed this year's LWVOA annual outdoor program at the beautiful Beverly Hills Park Pavilion with refreshments provided by LWVOA and lots of useful giveaway items by SEMCOG.





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## VOTE EARLY IN PERSON

### WHAT IS EARLY VOTING?

- \* Registered? Vote Early, in person, BEFORE Election Day!
- \* Complete your Ballot and insert it into the Tabulator.
- \* Contact your Local Clerk for Early Voting Sites, Dates & Times.

GO TO [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org) OR [Michigan.gov/vote](http://Michigan.gov/vote)  
for all the Election Information you need.

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