



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

Happy Holidays to all LWVOA members.

Hoping the season is peaceful and joyous.

See below for events and volunteer opportunities for all members.



(1) Debriefing for Board of Canvassers

Observers: Dec. 1, 2022, at 7p

LWVMI had observers watching the election voting results in all Michigan's 83 counties!

Paula Bowman, Co-President of LWVMI, will chair the meeting to learn about issues and/or experience gained as prep for the 2024 elections.

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

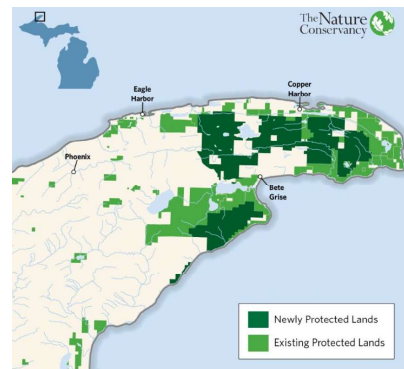
(2) LWVMI Environmental Network group:

Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 11a via

zoom

Topics will include how LWV Copper Country Michigan helped the Nature Conservancy to ensure 31,000 acres in the Keweenaw Peninsula are now protected. This area is home to towering forests, abundant wildlife, cascading rivers and lakes, and a history that dates back millions of years. The land is the equivalent of more than 23,000 football fields lined up next to each other.

Contact Sandy Sorini-Elser via LWVOAMi@gmail.com for more info.



(3) LWVOA Publicity Group: Wednesday, December 21, 2022, at

lunchtime

LWVOA members are sharing LWV info via social media including Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook, TikTok, etc. Volunteers with ideas and energy to facilitate this endeavor are welcome. No experience is needed.

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

(4) LWVOA Advocacy Committee: Wednesday, December 21, 2022, 5:30-6:30p via Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/LWVOAAdvocacy>

We are following legislative movement in areas including bail reform, criminal justice, etc., and anticipating possible future actions. We will also review initial reports from the Observer Corps.

LWVOA Observer Corps: Members have begun attending local school board

meetings using the guidelines established by LWV. Thanks to the efforts of Deb Macon and Kathy Henry, two training videos with PowerPoint presentations are available at <https://my.lwv.org/michigan/oakland-area/observer-corps-advocacy> explaining the process and guidelines. After watching the PowerPoint, volunteers for LWVOA Observer Corps should contact Deb Macon, Acting Observer Corps Coordinator, at lwvoa.observer@gmail.com for more info.

Save the dates for future events in 2023:

****LWVOA Community Engagement Committee:
January, 2023 via zoom***

This group will meet to begin planning the presentations on important LWV issues for the year.
Date and time to be determined by availability.
Contact Geri Rinschler at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for info.



****Program Planning and LWVMI Policy Review: Saturday, February 4, 2023, 10am - noon***

Judy Bateman will again host this meeting including a fabulous BUFFET of amazing foods and beverages.
ALL MEMBERS are encouraged to attend to meet other members and learn about LWV positions/policies locally, statewide and nationally.
Please bring a dish to share and add to the banquet.
Contact Judy Bateman at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for info.

****Candidate Forum planning for 2023 and 2024 elections: March, 2023***

A great opportunity to learn first hand about procedures necessary for candidates seeking government positions.
Members interested in participating in organizing forums are encouraged to attend.
The issue of copyright infringement that arose with misuse of the LWVOA videos of forums in the last election will be addressed. Date TBD.
Contact Judy Bateman at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for info.

****LWVMI State Convention at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing, Michigan: May 19-21, 2023***

Detailed information will be sent in January 2023.
Contact Maria Woloson at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for info.

***Great accomplishments require two things:
A plan and not quite enough time. Leonard Bernstein***

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