



***League of Women Voters Oakland Area, Michigan
February 2026 Newsletter***

As always, lots going on...

***Please join LWVOA for our February
in-person event:***

***A Celebration of
Black History Month with
Charles Thomas***

"Value of the Vote"

Date/Time: Tuesday, February 10th at 1p

Location: Bloomfield Township Public

Library, 1099 Lone Pine Rd, Bloomfield Township



Charles Thomas' background includes being a US Army Veteran, a community activist, and the founder and director of the voter turnout organization "When You Vote – I Win." This presentation will focus on engaging voters and promoting participation in elections.

Mr. Thomas' efforts to build upon the legacy of the work in 1965 by his two Selma "Foot Soldiers" aunts, Alice Moore and Denise Holt, are inspiring and motivating.

Please join LWVOA for this interesting and informative presentation.

This event is open to the public. Light refreshments will be provided.

***(1) LWVOA Community Engagement Committee (CEC): Tuesday,
February 3rd at 4p via Zoom***

This group plans and facilitates activities for members and the public.

In-person programs are already scheduled for February, March, and May. Suggestions for additional presentations and activities for 2026 are welcome.

Contact Geri Rinschler at [**LWVOAMi@gmail.com**](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more info.

(2) LWVUS Immigration and Healthcare Groups presentation Wednesday, February 4th at 7p via Zoom

"Recent Legislation and Policy Changes Impacting Healthcare and Access for Immigrants and Families"

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

Click [here](#) to register for the Zoom meeting.

(3) LWVOA MAR/COM (Marketing & Communication) work group: Tuesday, February 10th at 3:30p at BTPL

Mar/Com provides information to local media sources about LWVOA events, including candidate forums, in-person presentations, community engagement opportunities, and others. This group promotes LWVOA through social media and other communication and distribution avenues.

Click [here](#) to follow our new Facebook page (League of Women Voters / Oakland Area).

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

(4) LWVUS Eliminate the Electoral College work group: Friday, February 20th 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 in-depth analysis of current issues with the Electoral College and the history of facilitating change. Recordings of past presentations are available for viewing.

January's meeting with Professor Mark Bohnhorst provided a thoughtful, in-depth presentation about the original intent regarding the role of state legislatures in choosing Presidential electors.

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

(5) LWVOA Board Meeting: Monday, February 23rd 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 and New Citizen Voter Registration at the US Federal Courthouse in Detroit

New Citizen ceremonies and Voter Registration have resumed. Volunteers are needed to assist in this important effort.

Save the Dates:

1) Thursday, March 19th at 1p at BTPL: Women's History Month with LWV member Carrie Moon-Dupree

2) Wednesday, May 13th, 10a-2p: LWVOA Annual Meeting and Luncheon with speaker Former Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly

January 2026 highlights:

Professor Kevin Deegan-Krause's presentation of "Understanding Accountability: Why It's Important, Why It's at Risk, and What We Can Do About It" on 1/14/2026 was informative, engaging, and entertaining.

See the LWVOA website or click [here](#) to view the recording.

The 1/31/26 LWVOA Program Planning and Review of Positions meeting included info on our existing working groups, plans for upcoming events, and review of LWV positions in preparation for the LWVUS National Convention in June 2026.

Members enjoyed the hospitality of hosts, Christine and Mike Allen, at their beautiful home, as well as a delicious brunch buffet that many individuals contributed to.





"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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