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LWVOA Virtual Annual Election Results

The League of Women Voters Oakland Area successfully conducted its 2020 annual election virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Utilizing the online tool Survey Monkey, fifty-one of the LWVOA members responded to elect board members and officers as well as confirm positions. The final election results are provided on the sidebar of this newsletter.

The members also elected to approve the 2020-2021 operating and education fund budgets as well as the local program positions.

The LWVOA thanks everyone who participated in this process. We look forward to an in-person membership meeting when conditions allow.



Voter Guides

The [LWVMI Voter Guide](#) and the [LWVOA Voter Guide](#) are both available now online and in print. You also can find them on the [LWVMI.org](#) and [LWV.org/michigan/oakland-area.org](#) websites. Copies of the Voter Guides are available at city clerks' offices and libraries. If you are interested in obtaining additional copies or distributing printed copies of the Voter Guides, please contact Jim Treharne, Co-president at 248-251-6057.

Libraries should also have some of the Know Your Voting Rights booklets published by [Michiganvoting.org](#). It is also available [online](#) in multiple languages.

Voters may also use [Vote411.org](#) to learn

New LWVOA Website and Candidate Forums

The migration of the former website to a new format has been completed to adhere with LWVMI's direction. Please take a moment to acquaint yourself with the [new site](#).

Candidate forums also have a new format this year because of the pandemic. [All forums were recorded and are available on the website](#).

Get Paid to Provide Vote Count

The LWVOA has been contacted by Kelly Martin from Edison Research, a company that runs vote count projects and exit polling for the National Election Pool, which includes networks like CNN, NBC, ABC, and MSNBC. She is looking to hire a few vote count collectors in Michigan. Please pass around information to friends and family about this position. Working with this organization in November also opens up possibilities to other opportunities.

The vote count collecting position is an evening position, that pays \$50 to go to a polling location and call in results. This typically takes about an hour or two.

If you or someone you know are interested in working with Kelly's team, contact her via email at kmartin@edisonresearch.com. Respondents should include a name, best phone number and zip code. Kelly will contact potential volunteers with more details.

Celebrate Woman Suffragist in Oakland County



Lillian Drake Avery

In their latest newsletter, the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society published an article about a suffragist in Oakland County who helped pave the way for the ratification of the 19th amendment. She may not be a name you recognize, but she is a local connection to the movement that led to women gaining the right to vote. Read about Lillian Drake Avery [here](#) or visit ocphs.org to learn more about Oakland County history.

Absentee Voting

Please follow these instructions, but also be prepared to instruct others to make sure their votes count!

- **READ ALL OF THE INSTRUCTIONS** before marking your ballot.
- Complete your ballot in a **BLUE** or **BLACK** ink pen.
- **READ** the ballot carefully.
- Check both sides of the ballot.
- If you make a mistake, do not attempt to correct your errors. Instead, return your ballot to your clerk for a new ballot.
- Place only your completed ballot in the **SECRECY SLEEVE**, so only the numbered stub is visible.
- Then place the ballot and secrecy sleeve into the **RETURN ENVELOPE**. You must use **TWO ENVELOPES**, whether you mail in or drop off your ballot.
- **SIGN YOUR NAME AND DATE IT ON THE RETURN ENVELOPE** how it appears in the state's system.
- Hand deliver your ballot to your clerk's office or a drop box available in your voting

Stay safe and avoid Election Day crowds

VOTE EARLY

up to 40 days before Nov. 3

Absentee voting allows early drop-off, in-person and mail-in voting

Step 1: Make sure you're registered
Visit Michigan.gov/Vote to verify you are registered to vote OR to register online.

Step 2: Apply for an absent voter ballot
Apply online at Michigan.gov/Vote to have your ballot or accessible ballot sent to you OR use the search tool to find your local election clerk's office to apply in person and receive your ballot. *You can vote while you are there, beginning Sept. 24.*

Step 3: Vote your ballot
Vote your ballot, then submit it at your clerk's drop box or office OR return it as soon as possible by mail (allow at least two weeks). **Ballots must be received by 8 p.m. on Election Day.**

Visit Michigan.gov/Vote to track your absentee ballot.

- jurisdiction. Find a drop box using ballotpower.org.
- Verify you have enough postage if mailing and mail by October 19, 2020.
- Track your ballot at michigan.gov/vote. If your ballot is rejected for any reason, or not received by the clerk within 5 days, contact your clerk.

If you have moved in the last 30 days, you will need to re-register. You can update your information through this online voter registration page or go to your city or township clerk. If you have moved and have not changed your address for voting, you need to do that.

If you have received your absentee ballot and then decided to vote in person on election day, contact your local clerk for instructions.

Independent Redistricting Commission Progress

The Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission is active and attending to business. You can view the next meeting of the live at Facebook.com/RedistrictingMI. Here is the meeting schedule:

- Saturday, Oct. 17, 2020 - 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020 - 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020 - 9:00 a.m. to to 12:00 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 20, 2020 - 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 4, 2020 - 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020 - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 17, 2020 - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

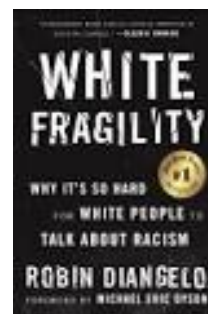
Check RedistrictingMichigan.org for current information.

Book Club 2020

Do you love to read and talk about books? Attend the LWVOA book club! This group reads books that connect to LWVOA's positions and other issues important to our organization. This is a great way to get to know your fellow League members.

Next book:

White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism by Robin DiAngelo via Zoom on Thursday, 12/3 at 7 pm.



White fragility is the phenomenon by which white people become angry, defensive, or hostile when confronted with the idea that they are complicit in systemic racism. In *White Fragility*, author Robin DiAngelo examines its origins in the failure of white society to understand the structural nature of racism, explores the history of the existing racial hierarchy, and makes a powerful case for why it is incumbent upon white people to accept their individual and collective responsibility for white supremacy—and to do the difficult work of challenging it.

Upcoming meetings and books:

The Death and Life of the Great Lakes by Dan Egan (TBD)

Email tlcmoon@gmail.com to join a discussion.

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