

# The Voter

March 2026

## Events

March 17, 2026

DEI Book Club

7pm

Zoom

March 18, 2026

Board Meeting

7pm

Zoom

March 28, 2026

Orientation

10am

Grand Traverse Pie  
Company - Plymouth

March 28, 2026

No Kings March

11am

Canton Township Hall  
(more details below)

April 18, 2026

General Membership  
Meeting

10:00am

Westland City Hall

June 6, 2026

Annual Meeting

10:00am

Plymouth Community  
Arts Council

June 25-28, 2026

LWVUS Convention

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## President's Perspective

March is Women's History Month. It is the time we remember the role models who came before us and on whose shoulders we stand. Women had to be persistent to win the right to vote, the right to have control over their bodies, the right to own their own finances, and the right to an education. Sadly, we are seeing the current administration very much engage in rolling back those rights. The League has firmly said that we will not remain neutral in this fight, we will fight back. Here are some of the ways the Northwest Wayne Co. League is fighting:

**Training moderators, producers and others to do as many candidate forums as possible.**

We cover 13 cities and townships which gives us lots of opportunities to do forums.

**Forming a Speakers Bureau.** We now have a group of individuals ready to go out into the community to present non-partisan educational information for our voters. Do you have a group that we should speak before on voting rights or ballot proposals? Let us know!

**Hosting Membership Meetings** that are open to the public, presenting timely topics. Our April

Columbus, OH

Visit the League's [calendar page](#) for the latest information about upcoming events



meeting will have a speaker on the transportation proposal on the November ballot.

**Leveling up our social media and marketing** by investigating having an intern from a local college or university who can broaden our reach.

**Attending the LWVUS Convention.** We have three voting delegates to this convention - Paula Bowman, Christina Stark and myself. We will be voting on the direction of the League for the next 2 years.

**Conducting an inventory of our collateral materials and stocking up for the year ahead.** We are compiling information like brochures, handy guides to voting, mis and dis-information recognition tips, and Voter Guides.

**Working to actively engage youth.** We applied for and received a LWVUS grant and will participate in LWVMI grant opportunities to support us connecting with several local school systems to present to high school students about their rights as voters.

**Participating in the No Kings March.** LWVUS is a sponsor of these marches nationally. Our League will be joining others in a peaceful protest over the erosion of our voting rights with the current administration. More info below.

As League members, we must be persistent like our foremothers. No, I was not named after Carrie Chapman Catt, founder of the League, but I sure hope I have her fighting spirit. Won't you join me?

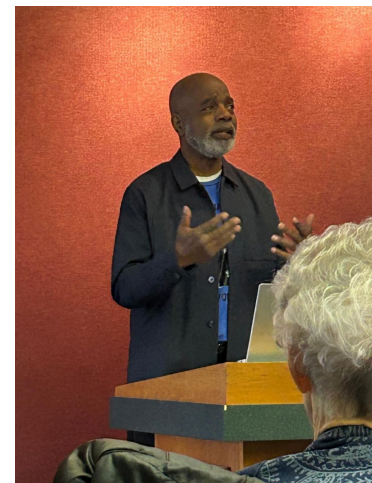
Carrie Moon-Dupree

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## February General Membership Meeting Recap

On Saturday, February 21, 22 League Members gathered at the [Plymouth District Library](#) for a General Membership meeting. Carrie Moon-Dupree opened the meeting with general business, and Paula Bowman reported that the League is in enviable financial shape thanks to grant opportunities and generous donations.

The group then heard from Charles Thomas Jr., [LWVMI Board Member](#) and Founder of [When You Vote - I Win](#). Charles showed the group a presentation designed for young people, walking them through the history of voting rights and the importance of engaging in the process. He also featured the inspiring story of his aunts, Denise Jarnigan-Holt and Alice Moore, who marched in Selma, AL in 1965. [Click here to see the trailer for their upcoming documentary.](#)



Charles and his organization are available to present to young people across Michigan. Please email Charles at [youvoteiwin@gmail.com](mailto:youvoteiwin@gmail.com) about presenting to your student group.

For Black History Month, Laura Jannika shared about 2 books available for members to borrow from the League, [The Untold Story of Women of Color in the League of Women Voters](#) and [Ghosts of Segregation](#). She then shared a video called *Untold Stories of Black Women in the Suffrage Movement*. Click the image below to watch.

The meeting closed with reports from Voter Services, Voter Registration, Observer Corps, and Membership Committees.



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## Membership Update

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:** Kathie Martin, Lisa McIntyre, Sabrina Ruby, Deborah Savage

**ROSTER UPDATE:** 13 renewals in December, January, and February

**ORIENTATION:** Saturday, March 28, 10:00 a.m. at [Grand Traverse Pie Company](#) (41650 Ann Arbor Rd, Plymouth). All new and current members are invited to attend. Please RSVP to [Christina Stark](#) so she can plan appropriately. We look forward to our next face-to-face, be it Orientation or a Membership meeting. Please be sure to introduce yourself.



**GIFT A MEMBERSHIP:** Does your calendar have a birthday, graduation, wedding, anniversary, or a future celebration coming up? Consider a LWV gift membership!

Visit the [LWV Member Portal](#), tap your membership card, and look for the “Grow Our Community” box. Hit “Gift,” fill out the recipient’s info, choose their League, and select the dues you want to cover.

Empower someone you care about. Gift a year of civic impact.

## Get Involved & Stay Informed

There are a number of ways to join in the work to empower voters and defend democracy. We hope you'll join us!



We will be participating in the No Kings March on March 28 between 11am-2pm. [LWVUS](#) is a sponsor organization so this is an approved rally. We would like to gather together at the Canton march, located at the [Canton Township Hall](#), (1150 S. Canton Ct. Rd.). As many of us live in Canton, we will be car pooling and offering shuttle service to the event. A separate notice will go out a week before the march with specific details.

You may wear League identifying clothing and pins and mention the League on your signs. If we are together, we make a bigger impact. We also have our prominent yard signs that state clearly, "Empowering Democracy, Defending Voters" that are effective when held high. Let [Carrie Moon-Dupree](#) know if you would like a sign. We are asking for a \$10 donation per sign.

Click below to sign up and see ways to prepare for the event. Please let Carrie know you have signed up as we will have a Zoom organizing meeting prior to the event.

Together we can do great things. Thank you for being part of those willing to fight back.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE MARCH](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR RESOURCES FOR PREPARING FOR THE EVENT](#)

### Observer Corps

Our committee would like to learn more about the issues being discussed at our school board meetings. Because our group is small, we will need help from the membership. We are asking for volunteers to be "guest observers" to observe school board meetings in our area. Each observer is asked to watch 1 meeting in person or virtually and prepare a short paragraph about the issues discussed and how well the meeting was organized. This information will be shared with the Observer Corps.

We are looking for volunteers to observe the following school boards: Plymouth-Canton, Northville, Van Buren, Redford, Garden City, Livonia, and Wayne- Westland. These meetings are open to the public, so you do not have to be a resident of a particular school district to attend these meetings. If you are able to help, please contact [Lena Packer](#).

## League of Women Voters of NW Wayne County

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### *The Voter Editor*

Anne Reilly

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Membership in the League is open to anyone age 16 and older.

Join through our [website](#) or by calling 734-748-5564

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan, political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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