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Letter From the President

April is always a fun month for our league. This is the time of year when we begin preparations for our annual meeting which is scheduled for June 8, 2019 at Farina's in Berkley. The details of this event will be coming to you in a separate mailing.

On April 2, our League hosted a program at the Bloomfield Township public library with Sean McBrearty, the coordinator for Oil and Water Don't Mix, a collaborative organization. Sean spoke about the environmental concerns relating to the Enbridge Oil company Line 5. He shared a number of photos in his presentation which were taken under water demonstrating the condition of Line 5 which has been sub-merged in the Straits of Mackinac since 1953. The program was well attended and we are grateful to Sean for sharing the perspectives of Oil and Water Don't Mix. To learn more about this organization, and to view some of the photos of Line 5 you can go to, www.oilandwaterdontmix.org.

I hope you are thinking about attending the 5/17-19 LWV of Michigan convention this year especially since it's being held in Livonia. The keynote speaker on Saturday evening will be Elaine Weiss, author of "The Great Fight to Win the Vote, The Woman's Hour". We are so fortunate to have this accomplished author and journalist present at the convention as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the LWVMI.

In her book, Weiss brings to life the history and saga of the suffragists long journey to secure the right to vote and especially, the last few months which lead up to getting the 19th Amendment ratified.

You still have time to register for the state convention. Click [Convention Registration form](#). I look forward to seeing you there!

Geri Rinschler

League Sponsored Oil and Water Don't Mix Program



Speakers at the Oil and Water Don't Mix program speak about environmental concerns relating to Line 5

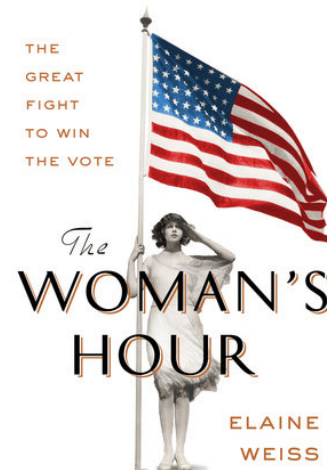
Convention and Annual Meeting

Register Now for LWVMI 2019 Convention to Avoid Late Fees

The 2019 Convention in Livonia on May 17-19 will celebrate the 100th birthday of the League of Women Voters of Michigan and the 100th anniversary of suffrage for Michigan women. The Oakland Area has eight official voting delegates who will conduct important business of the state League.

Even if you are not a delegate, you are welcome to attend the convention. There are opportunities to participate in workshops, learn more about the League and renew friendships with League members across the state. The host League, NW Wayne County, invites convention goers to participate in a Friday night DINE-AROUND.

Visit www.lwvmi.org for details and register before April 27, 2019 to avoid late fees!



Save the Date for the Annual Meeting

We are thrilled to present Chief Justice Bridget Mary McCormack as our Annual Meeting speaker! Chief Justice McCormack joined the Michigan Supreme Court in January 2013, and became Chief Justice in January 2019. Before her election to the Court in November 2012, she was a law professor and dean at the University of Michigan Law School. Since joining the Court, Chief Justice McCormack continues to teach at the Law School. LWVOA's annual meeting will be held Saturday, June 8, 2019 at Farina's Banquet Center in Berkley, MI. Watch your email for registration details.

LWVOA Book Club

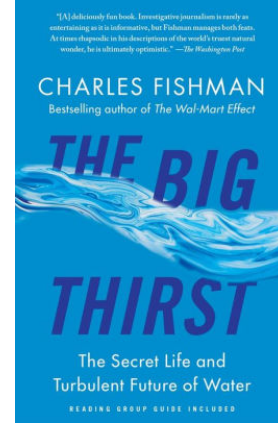
Do you love to read and talk about books as much as you love League? Join the LWVOA book club! This group is just getting started reading books that connect to LWVOA's positions and other issues important to our organization. This is a great way to get to know your fellow League members.

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 22, 2019 @ 7pm

The Big Thirst: The Secret Life and Turbulent Future of Water by Charles Fishman

Panera Bread, 2508 S Adams Rd, Rochester Hills, MI 48309

Let Tera Moon know you're coming. Email tlcmoon@gmail.com or call/text 248-376-9368.



Upcoming meetings and books:

- Wednesday, July 24 - *Republic, Lost: How Money Corrupts Congress—and a Plan to Stop It* / Lawrence Lessig
- Wednesday, September 25 - *Can Democracy Work?: A Short History of a Radical Idea, from Ancient Athens to Our World* / James Miller
- Wednesday, November 27 - *Political Tribes: Group Instinct and the Fate of Nations* / Amy Chua

Census 2020

On April 1, 2020, communities across the country will begin reporting to the U.S. Census and be counted. The League is committed to a fair and accurate 2020 Census because if our communities are not fully counted, opportunities for investment, health, public safety, and representation will be lost.

In the next year, there is much preparation that needs to be done by community groups who represent minorities, immigrants, children, and others to ensure that everyone is counted.

Resources and Information

— Nonprofit Complete Count Committee co-chairs, Donna Murray-Brown and Hassan Jaber, wrote an op-ed about the importance of the 2020 census. Read [here](#).

— April 1, was the Census Day of Action marking 365 days away from the 2020 census. The Be Counted Detroit 2020 campaign kicked off. To learn more and get involved, visit [here](#).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, MAY 17-19

LWVMI State Convention, Embassy Suites, Livonia;

Saturday luncheon speaker: LWVUS President Chris Carson

Saturday Banquet speaker: Elaine Weiss, author of "*The Woman's Hour -- The Great Fight to Win to Vote*"

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

LWVOA Annual Meeting

Farina's, 2485 Coolidge Hwy, Berkley, MI 48072

Speaker at 1 pm: Chief Justice Bridget Mary McCormack

Wednesday, May 22 @ 7 pm

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