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### Letter From the Co-Presidents

Greetings LWVOA Members!

Following is a brief summary of efforts to **Move the Needle**:

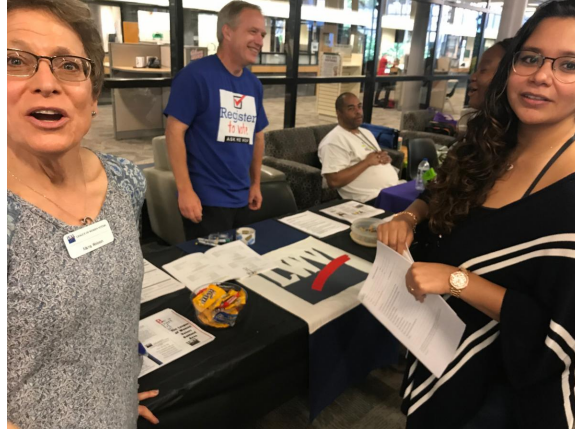
- Judy Bateman and Jerry Burden have again organized another season of candidate forums for local fall elections. Volunteers are needed for ten forums planned. See below for details.
- Denise Tyler and the Milford area group continue their amazing efforts organizing and registering high school students (over 850 last year) on the western side of county. Methods may be utilized in all districts in Oakland.
- On July 25, our LWVOA Community Engagement Committee (CEC) with Jenny Alvarez, Geri Rinschler, Charlie Carpenter, Kathy Henry and Nancy Lewis, held an informative, excellent seminar about roads in Oakland County which is now available on [YouTube](#). **A big thanks** to all CEC members for planning and executing the event.
- Charlie Carpenter and Jim Treharne attended four Oakland Community College Fall Student Activity Fairs registering student voters and recruiting new members for LWVOA. Efforts will continue to contact schools for voter registration and engagement in civic activities.
- Jim Treharne visited 45 of 63 Clerks' offices in Oakland County, making contact with local officials who are vital for voter registration, election processes, etc.
- The CEC is planning an event on Oct. 24: The POOR next DOOR focusing on hunger here in Oakland County...**yes...hunger** here in Oakland County.

**Democracy in NOT a spectator sport** so jump into the fray and join the party!

Co-Presidents,  
Jim Treharne and Maria Woloson



Jim Trehame, LWVOA Co-President and Charlie Carpenter, OA League member, discussing voter registration, volunteer opportunities and promoting democracy in America at OCC in Southfield.



Maria Woloson, LWVOA Co-President, discussing democracy with an international student at the OCC Royal Oak Campus.

Every year at the beginning of fall classes, OCC hosts a Student Activity Fair providing the opportunity for students to interact with their community outside the classroom.

## CANDIDATE FORUMS FALL 2019

Here are the current details on candidate forums the league is facilitating. Please refer to Candidate Forums on [LWVOA.org](http://LWVOA.org) for updates. Videos of forums will be available and information regarding recordings will be added to each forum as it becomes available.

**Ferndale** Monday, September 16, Ferndale City Hall, 300 E. Nine Mile Rd. 6:30-7:05 pm: two candidates for Mayor, 2-year term. 7:10-8:50 pm: five City Council candidates for two 4-year terms and four City Council candidates for one 2-year term.

**Rochester** Monday, September 16, Rochester City Hall, 400 Sixth St. 7 pm: seven candidates for City Council, three highest vote totals for 4-year terms, fourth highest for 2-year term.

**Rochester Hills** Tuesday, September 17, Rochester Hills Public Library, 500 Olde Towne Road, 7 pm: three candidates for Library Board for two 6-year terms.

**Rochester Hills** Wednesday, September 25, Rochester Hills City Hall, 1000 Rochester Hills City Drive, 7 pm: four candidates for two City Council At-Large and two candidates for one City Council District 2 for 4-year terms.

**Northville** Tuesday, September 17, Northville Library 212 W. Cady, Northville 48167. 7-8 pm: three candidates for City Council, vote for two for 4-year terms; 8:05-8:35 pm: two candidates for Mayor for 2-year term.

**Southfield** Wednesday, September 18, Southfield City Hall, 26000 Evergreen Rd. 7 pm: 12 candidates for City Council, vote for four, three highest vote totals for 4-year terms, fourth highest for 2-year term.

**Berkley** Thursday, September 19, Berkley City Hall, 3338 Coolidge Hwy. 6:30-7:10 pm: two candidates for Mayor for 2-year term. 7:15-8:45 pm: six candidates for City Council, vote for three for 4-year terms.

**Farmington** Monday, September 23, Farmington City Hall, 23600 Liberty St. 7 pm: five candidates for City Council, vote for three, two highest vote totals for 4-year terms, third highest for 2-year term.

**South Lyon** co-sponsoring with the Salem South Lyon Library on Tuesday, September 24, 9800 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon. 7 pm: seven candidates for City Council, vote for three for 4-year terms.

**South Lyon**, Thursday, September 26, Salem South Lyon Library, 9300 Pontiac Trail. 7

pm: two candidates for Mayor for 2-year term.

**Auburn Hills** Monday, September 30, Auburn Hills City Hall, 1827 North Squirrel Road. 7 pm: Six candidates for City Council, three highest vote totals for 4-year terms, fourth highest for 2-year term.

**Clawson**, September 30, Clawson City Hall 425 N. Main St. , Clawson. 7-8 pm: Two candidates for mayor, 2-year term; four candidates for city council, vote for two for 4-year terms.

**Birmingham**, Wednesday, October 2, Baldwin Library, 300 W. Merrill. 7 pm: seven candidates and possibly one write-in for city council, vote for four for 4-year terms.

**Novi** Thursday, October 3, Novi City Hall, 45175 Ten Mile Rd. 6-6:30 pm: two candidates for mayor for 2-year term; 6:40-7:50 pm: six candidates for City Council, vote for three for 4-year terms; 8-8:40 pm: three candidates for City Council, vote for one for 2-year term .

**Royal Oak** Monday, October 7, Royal Oak City Hall, 211 Williams St. 6:30-7:05 pm: two candidates for Mayor for 2-year term; 7:10-8:50 pm: six candidates for City Commission, vote for three for 4-year terms.

**Farmington Hills** co-sponsoring with the Council of Homeowner Associations on Thursday, October 17, Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills 48336. 7 pm: two candidates for Mayor for 2-year term; six candidates for City Council, vote for three for 4-year terms.

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## **Voter Guides are Underway for Fall Elections**

The LWVOA is currently preparing Voter Guides for the November 5, 2019 general election. The League's Voter Guides and [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org) (an interactive, community specific online Voters' Guide) ask all certified candidates to provide information to voters in their own words. This gives Oakland County voters an easy way to compare candidate positions and priorities in local races where information can be difficult to find.

For the upcoming election, the League has sent invitations to more than 160 candidates in 52 city elections to submit responses to questions about their qualifications and priorities. In addition, Voter Guides and [VOTE411](http://VOTE411) will provide voters with information about 24 local proposals on the ballot. The deadline for receipt of candidate responses is September 20 and the goal is to have online Voter Guides available on or before September 25.

During last year's 2018 general election, more than 60,000 voters visited [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org) to view guides available for races on ballots in Oakland County and more than 30,000 voters visited [LWVOA.org](http://LWVOA.org) to view individual Oakland County community guides.

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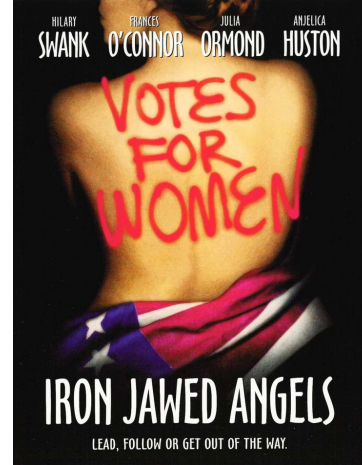
## **100th Anniversary Celebration Event**

The Celebration of Women's Suffrage Ad Hoc Committee, in partnership with the League of Women Voters Oakland Area will be hosting a FREE screening of the film *Iron Jawed Angels* on Monday, October 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Emagine Royal Oak Theatre. Each ticket includes a soft drink and popcorn. Please note that parking, which is available in front of and in the structure adjacent to the theatre, is not included. Tickets are limited to four per person while supplies last. To reserve

your tickets, call (248) 594-6602 or send an email to [lwvoami@gmail.com](mailto:lwvoami@gmail.com).

*Iron Jawed Angels* is a 2004 film about the American women's suffrage movement during the 1910s. The film follows political activists Alice Paul (Hilary Swank) and Lucy Burns (Frances O'Connor) as they use peaceful and effective strategies, tactics, and dialogues to revolutionize the American feminist movement to grant women the right to vote.

**Note:** Theatre policy states that no persons 15 years of age or younger are allowed inside the premises after 6 pm unless accompanied by a parent or adult guardian. Additionally, no one is allowed into an auditorium 15 minutes after the show start time.



## LWVMI Updates

### Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Earlier this month, the Membership committee presented a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) action plan. A Shur Fellow from LWVUS guided the committee through the writing of this plan. All state boards are asked to develop this plan. The plan has several actions that will help achieve a more diverse and inclusive organization. The plan was adopted by the LWVMI board through a vote.

### Lame Duck Study

Paula Bowman, LWVMI VP Program, is coordinating the study of “the structure and process of the Michigan Legislature limited to lame-duck sessions” which was adopted at the LWVMI Convention in May 2019. A committee has been formed and Paula has drafted a timeline. There are no OA members on this committee. If anyone is interested, contact [Paula Bowman](#).

## Webinars Now Available On Demand

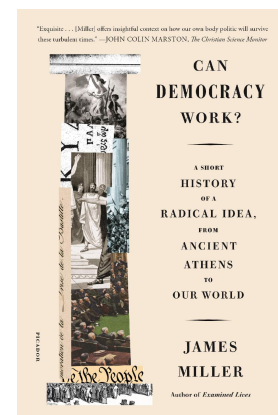
There are a lot of webinars available from LWVUS on important and relevant topics including [fundraising](#), [Census 2020](#) and [DEI](#). Christina Schlitt, LWVMI President, encourages all to view the webinars which are free, recorded and available on demand.

## LWVOA Book Club

The next meeting of the LWVOA Book Club is Wednesday, September 25 at 7 pm at Panera in Bloomfield Hills, on Telegraph, north of Square Lake and Costco. We'll discuss *Can Democracy Work?: a short history of a radical idea, from ancient Athens to our world* by James Miller. Everyone is welcome! No need to have attended other book club meetings. See you there!

### Upcoming meetings and books:

- Wednesday, September 25 @ 7 pm, Panera, 2125 S. Telegraph Rd., Ste B, Bloomfield Twp 48302 - *Can Democracy Work?* / James Miller
- November (date and location TBD) - *Political Tribes: Group Instinct and the Fate of Nations* / Amy Chua



## Volunteers Still Needed

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**Candidate Forums - a Great**

## Brochures - Help on Your Schedule

The League is currently updating TRY brochures listing elected candidates at all levels for every community. We've completed two, and need help with five more. This work, that **can be done from home**, involves collecting data for races in local cities, townships, villages, school boards and district court judges. See the latest TRYs on [LWVOA.org](http://LWVOA.org).

Email [packardeva@gmail.com](mailto:packardeva@gmail.com) to help us educate voters.

## Way for New Members to Get Involved

With all the candidate forums coming up, we need several volunteers to serve as pages and timers. **Training will be provided** which makes this an easy way to get involved in your own community. League sponsored candidate forums offer voters the opportunity to meet those running for office in person.

Email [judybateman@comcast.net](mailto:judybateman@comcast.net) to help us connect voters and candidates.

## Calendar of Events

**September 16 - October 17** Candidate Forums, see list above for your community

**Wednesday, September 25** Book Club - *Can Democracy Work?* / James Miller  
7 pm, Panera, 2125 S. Telegraph Rd. Ste B, Bloomfield Twp 48302

**Monday, October 14** *Iron Jawed Angels* movie screening  
6:30 pm, Emagine Royal Oak 200 N. Main Street, Royal Oak 48067

**Thursday, October 24** The POOR next DOOR program, time and location TBD

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