



League of Women Voters Oakland Area

10:00 AM	Registration Check-in
10:30 AM	Business Meeting
12:00 PM	Luncheon
1:00 PM	Speaker

Annual Meeting Saturday, June 24, 2017

Plum Hollow Golf Club
21631 Lahser Rd, Southfield 48033

Speaker: *Casandra Ulbrich* **Topic:** *The State of Public Education in Michigan*



Casandra Ulbrich, Ph.D. (D-Rochester Hills) was elected in 2006 to an eight-year term on the Michigan State Board of Education, and re-elected in 2014. She currently serves as the Co-President of the Board.

Casandra has spent the majority of her career in higher education administration. She currently serves as the Vice President for College Advancement and Community Relations at Macomb Community College, responsible for overseeing the college’s Marketing and Communications; Public Relations; Foundation; and Cultural Affairs.

Before joining Macomb Community College in 2011, Casandra was employed at Wayne State University for over ten years, serving in various administrative positions, including Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations. Previously, Casandra served as a Press Secretary to former U.S. House Democratic Whip David Bonior, acting as the official spokesperson for the Congressman.

Casandra is the immediate Past President of the Women Officials Network, an organization dedicated to increasing women’s participation in elective and appointive office regardless of party affiliation; serves on the board of Healthy Neighborhoods Detroit; and is an active volunteer K-9 handler with Search and Rescue of Michigan.

Casandra was recognized as one of Michigan’s 40 under 40 by Crain’s Detroit Business, received the Service to Schools Award by the Macomb ISD and is the recipient of an honorary degree from her alma mater, St. Clair County Community College.

The first in her family to earn a college degree, Casandra has an Associates Degree from St. Clair County Community College, a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor), a Masters Degree in Communication from Wayne State University in Detroit, and a Ph.D. in Communication, also from Wayne State University.

MENU

Choice of Plated Salad:

- **Michigan Harvest Salad** (Assorted Greens with Red Onions, Dried Cherries, Mandarin Oranges, Goat Cheese, Walnuts with Raspberry Vinaigrette) **OR**
- **Traditional Caesar Salad** (Romaine Lettuce, Parmesan Cheese, Herb Croutons with Homemade Caesar Dressing)

Choose Protein Topping on salad: Grilled **Chicken** or Pesto-rubbed **Salmon**

Lunch includes Soup, Rolls, Dessert (Mini Eclairs), Tea and Coffee

*See page 4 for registration form
RSVP by June 16th 2017*

Gerrymandering and Redistricting *Should politicians choose their voters?*

On April 18th, 2017, LWVOA sponsored an informational meeting at The Bloomfield Township Public Library. Judy Karandjeff, President of League of Women Voters of Michigan gave a PowerPoint presentation which included a bit of history, statistics, and explained why it is now more important than ever to change the way Michigan handles the redistricting process.



Professor David Dulio, Chairman of Oakland University's Political Science Dept. gave us some straight talk on the challenges of getting a Constitutional Amendment passed, and spoke about some of ways other States have gotten it done. We were also honored to have State Representative Jeremy Moss speak to us about the gerrymandered districts here in Southeast Michigan. Rep. Moss is a sponsor of *House Bill No. 4122 - A bill to create a citizens redistricting commission and prescribe its powers and duties.*

With approximately 135 people in attendance at this meeting, it was the biggest event LWVOA has had this year. Michigan voters are ready and waiting to take action.

Volunteers Needed for Legislative Interviews

We are still looking for volunteers to conduct legislative interviews with Oakland County's 5 State Senators and 14 State Representatives. League members contact their legislators to learn their priorities for legislation and ascertain their views on topics of interest to the League. The State Board has developed the questions to be asked. This activity is a perfect time for a new member to team up with an old member. Meeting places can be the legislator's office, a library, coffee shop, or wherever convenient. One member will ask the questions while the other takes notes. The information we obtain will only be used by LWV when we contact legislators about proposed legislation. It is not provided to anyone else.

Please contact the office at 248-594-6602, if you are available to participate in this interesting project, or you can email President Jerry Burden at jbunden41@ameritech.net. Use the subject line "Legislative Interviews".

Membership Renewal

If you joined or renewed in 2016 - dues for 2017-18 are due July 1st.

If you joined after January 31, 2017 - you do not have to pay again until next year.

There are 3 ways to pay your dues, the easiest is at the annual meeting. You will find a membership form on page 3 which you can mail in with a check. Lastly, you can pay online by going to LWVOA.org and clicking on the *Join the League* link on the left side of the homepage. Early payments are accepted and appreciated.



League of Women Voters Oakland Area Membership Form

For new and returning members

Date _____

Primary member:

Last name _____ First name _____

Household member: (each additional person residing at same address is a household member)

Last name _____ First name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **ZIP** _____

Home phone _____ **Work Phone** _____

Cell phone (if available) _____ **FAX** _____

Email address _____

- I am a **NEW** member - \$65.00
- Please renew my membership - \$65.00
- Household membership (renew or new) - \$32.50
Each additional person residing at the same address is a household member
- Student membership - \$32.50
- I want to make an additional contribution \$ _____
- I want to contribute to the LWV Education Fund (tax deductible) \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

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Please make checks for membership and additional contribution payable to: LWVOA
Please make checks for a contribution to the LWV Education Fund payable to: LWV-EF

Mail to: LWVOA
725 S. Adams Road, Suite L-144
Birmingham, MI 48009

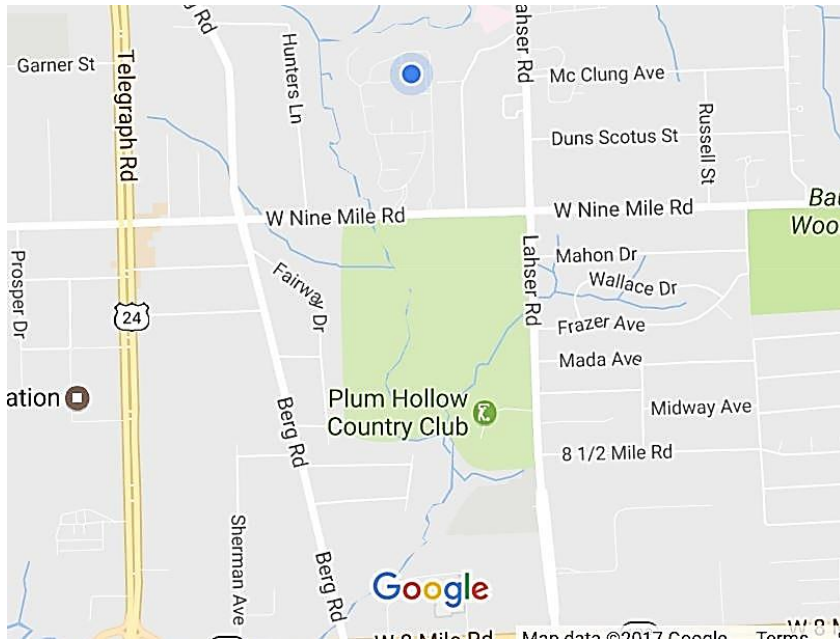
If you prefer to pay via Paypal, please go to LWVOA.org.

Membership year is from July 1 through June 30. Membership includes subscription to the Oakland Voter and the Michigan Voter.

Dues and contributions to LWVOA are **not** deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. Contributions to LWV Education Fund **ARE** tax deductible.

Questions? Call 248-594-6602

2017 Annual Meeting and Luncheon Plum Hollow Golf Club 21631 Lahser Road (Between 8 and 9 Mile Roads) Southfield, MI 48033



Registration Form for 6/24/2017 LWVOA Annual Meeting (Cut off and Mail)

Name _____ Phone No. _____

Select Salad: Michigan Harvest Traditional Caesar Salad

AND

Protein Topping: Grilled Chicken Pesto-rubbed Salmon None

Indicate Number of reservations:

- _____ **Yes, I will attend 6/24/17 Annual Meeting and Luncheon** **Cost: \$35.00***
- _____ **I will attend Speaker portion of Meeting, but not Luncheon** **\$10.00**
- _____ **No, I cannot attend but would like Annual Meeting Workbook sent to me.** **\$7.00**

***Make Check payable to LWVOA** Amount enclosed \$ _____

Please RSVP by June 16th

Mail to LWVOA, 725 S. Adams Rd., Ste. L-144, Birmingham, MI 48009

Questions: call 248-594-6602 and leave a message.

Donations are appreciated.