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### Welcome New Members!

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### Census Changes Due to COVID-19

Here's how COVID-19 is impacting the 2020 Census:

- The deadline for responding to the Census, either online, by phone, or by mail has been postponed until October 31, 2020.
- When filling out the Census Questionnaire, Heads of Households should answer questions based on where household members were living on April 1, 2020. The April 1 date has not changed.
- Census Bureau in-person follow-up with those who haven't responded to the Census has been delayed until August.

As of April 12, Michigan's response rate was 54.7%, third in the nation. The U.S. response rate was 48.1%. Help increase the state's completion rate by completing your Census and encouraging others to do so. Visit [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov) to learn more.



### Vote from Home

Thanks to the passage of proposal 3, we can all stay safe and vote from home in Michigan. You can [register to vote from home](#). Once registered, you can also vote absentee in any election without a reason. Visit the Secretary of State [website](#) for applications or more details. Most of the rejected absentee ballots are due to not being received in time. Your ballot must be at the clerk's office by 8 pm on election day even if it is mailed.

Following the LWVMI's guidance, the LWVOA board voted to change our by-laws so that we can conduct our annual meeting in a virtual format this year. We will still vote on the 2020-2021 budget for the LWVOA and the slate of board members put forth by the nominating committee via an online survey and/or a special mailing. We will also provide a way for you to give directives to the LWVOA 2020-2021 board. More information will be coming on how to provide your feedback.

For now, please renew your LWVOA membership for the 2020-2021 year. [You can renew or join online.](#) We want to carry on the work we do. Please continue to help let the secret out of all the good things we do to promote democracy.



We rely on dues and donations to support our programs. If you are able to help us, please [click here to donate.](#)

## A Little Beauty



Late April normally the time for tulip festivals. Since visiting Holland isn't an option this season, take a [virtual walk](#) through one of the most famous tulip farms and largest gardens in the world with over 7 million blooms – Keukenhof Park which is 30 miles outside of Amsterdam.

## Comic Relief

For those of you who had elective surgeries delayed, like knee replacements, the advice below might help.... or maybe not so much.



## U.S. and State League Updates

### Current LWVUS Efforts

LWVUS is still working hard to ensure elections and equality are prioritized as Congress considers the next stimulus bill for COVID relief. We are asking to ensure that:

1. **\$4 billion in election funding** is included to help states to make the remaining primaries and the November general election safe for all to participate.
2. **All families and individuals receive aid** from the government, regardless of their immigration or tax status.
3. **DC is treated like a state** and not a territory in funding distribution.

You can help ensure these provisions are included in the next stimulus package by taking action with our [action alert](#) and

### LWVMI Voter Services

League members at the state level are busy updating [Vote411.org](#) and creating state voter guides.

The LWVMI is also sponsoring [MichiganVoting.org](#) along with many election protection organizations. This resource provides information about:

- Voting rights
- Who can register and vote
- Voting identification
- Voting on election day
- Voting accessibility
- Frequently asked questions

## An Awesome Hobby

This very cool seven minute video will give you a new appreciation for ingenuity. Here's a man whose hobby is perfect for sheltering in place - creating art from matchsticks. From the One World Trade Center to huge battle ships- his work is very impressive. So much creativity and patience!

[Click here for the video.](#)

## More Comic Relief

What's the difference between a poorly-dressed man on a bicycle and a well-dressed man on a unicycle?

**Attire!**



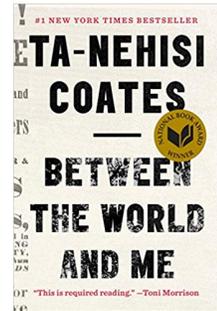
## Book Club 2020

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:

*Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nahesi Coates

This book pivots from some of the biggest questions about American history and ideals to the most intimate concerns of a father for his son, Ta-Nehisi Coates offers a powerful new framework for understanding our nation's history and current crisis.



### Upcoming meetings and books:

- *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nahesi Coates (May - virtual meeting)
- *Strangers in Their Own Land: Anger and Mourning on the American Right* by Arlie Russell Hochschild (TBD)
- *Educated, a Memoir* by Tara Westover (TBD)
- *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* by Robin DiAngelo (TBD)
- *The Death and Life of the Great Lakes* by Dan Egan (TBD)

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