



Oakland Voter

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Wednesday, March 19, 7-9 pm
Sunshine Week,
a dialogue about the importance
of Open Government and Freedom of Information

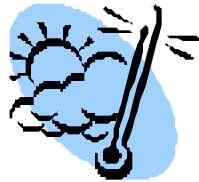
Huntington Woods Library
26415 Scotia, Huntington Woods, MI 48070

Speaker: Professor Robert A. Sedler, JD

Distinguished Professor and Gibbs Chair in Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
Wayne State University Law School

Topic: The relationship between government and the media,
including the voluntary refusal of media to provide information
harmful to national security.

Professor Sedler has published extensively on issues of constitutional law. He has argued a number of influential civil rights and civil liberties cases in Michigan and elsewhere.



Lunch and Learn
Monday, April 28, 12-3 pm
Visitor Center, Heritage Park
(Farmington Road between 10
and 11 Mile Road)
Farmington Hills



Is it getting hotter? Colder? Drier? This winter it has been hard to tell what is going on, although scientists all tell us that climate changes are coming faster than anticipated.

Bring your own bag lunch. Vegetables, fruit and beverages will be provided. **Lisa Kamil**, who was trained by The Climate Project, will give a presentation about dealing with global warming. **Tiffany Hartung** of the Sierra Club of Oakland County will describe their initiative with local communities to create a greener environment.

The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization, 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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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Eva Packard

The one-month period from January 12 to February 11 included **five significant LWV Oakland Area programs** which illustrated what the League of Women Voters is about.

That month began and ended with program planning about public policy issues. On January 12, members gathered to make our **recommendations to the national League about current positions and possible future studies**. See the article on page 5 for our members' input. Thank you to Vicki Lange for again hosting LWVOA and to all those who contributed items to our tasty brunch.

On February 11 we celebrated the 88th birthday of the League of Women Voters of the United States with a delicious and decorated birthday cake, thanks to Sue Abrams. Members from a variety of communities provided their input to Oakland Area's **Consensus on the state League study on local government** covering counties, townships, shared services, and consolidation. Study info on pages 6-7.

In between these meetings, we had three Citizen Education events. The first, an **Award Banquet** on January 17 **for our Youth PSA Contest**, focused on high school students and emphasized the importance of voting. See page 4 for a report on the banquet and the winners of the contest. The winning PSA is now running on Detroit PublicTV (WTVS Ch. 56 – PBS) and the broadcast times are being listed on our website www.lwvoa.org as we learn them. Times on page 8.

The second event, a **Town Hall with Legislative Leaders**, on January 28, was directed at the voting public who turned out despite the weather and submitted many questions to Senator Bishop and Speaker Dillon. Both expressed the intent to work more cooperatively in 2008. It seemed a precursor to the Governor's State of the State the next night which had the same theme. It will be aired on local cable. See page 3. I especially want to thank Paula Bowman, President of our local League partner, and Connie Ferguson, who came in from Kalamazoo, to moderate the forum for the key roles they played in the success of this event and Oakland Community College which provided a well-located venue for it.

The third event, **Me? Run for Public Office??**, targeted potential candidates and featured elected women officials sharing their experiences about running for office. Three of the speakers are also LWVOA members. See page 9 article. Thanks to Barb Moorhouse and the Women Officials' Network for putting the two- program series together. Pages 10-11 provide information on the second program, the **Nuts & Bolts of Running for Public Office**, which teaches about organizing a campaign, financing it and dealing with the media.

The latter two events resulted in front page articles in the *Oakland Press* and stories in other media outlets such as the *Observer & Eccentric* and the online *Michigan Women's Forum*. Along with our PSA running on PBS, this media coverage has provided us with good visibility, one of our goals!

More Citizen Education events are coming up – on **Civil Liberties for Sunshine Week in March** and on **Climate Change in April**. See page 1. Hope to see you there. Invite a friend to come with you and join us.

Eva pres@lwvoa.org

"As an LWV member, you are a part of an organization where citizens like you are actively engaged in effecting change on the local, state and national level."



Left to Right:
Mike Bishop, Andy Dillon

Brian Dickerson,
Gerald Faye,
Eva Packard

Below: Connie Ferguson



**Interest High at Town Hall Forum
with Michael Bishop, MI Senate Majority Leader and Andy Dillon, Speaker of the House**

Great interest in Michigan's many problems, concerns about the effectiveness of Michigan's legislature and the desire to hear Michigan's top legislative leaders prompted about 250 people to attend the Town Hall meeting in the Smith Theatre at Oakland Community College on a rainy, sleety January 28th. Questions ranged from health care, smoking issues, Great Lakes water purity and prison reform to concern about lack of collaboration in the legislature, term limits and recall campaigns. Even after the two-hour forum ended, citizens lined up to talk with **Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop** and **House Speaker Andy Dillon**.

Detroit Free Press columnist **Brian Dickerson**, Oakland Community College **Professor Gerald Faye** and LWVOA President **Eva Packard** questioned the legislators. Many written questions were also submitted by audience members.

Arlene Frank, WomenCenter Program Coordinator of OCC, welcomed the audience to the Orchard Ridge Campus. **Paula Bowman**, President of LWV Northwest Wayne County, introduced the program and panelists. **Connie Ferguson**, Co-President of LWV Kalamazoo Area and a past President of LWV of Michigan, moderated the forum which was sponsored by LWV Oakland Area, LWV Northwest Wayne County, and Oakland Community College. Paula Bowman and Eva Packard co-chaired the event.

Assisting with the forum were **Sue Abrams, Mary Ann Barkach, Judy Bateman, Jerry Burden, Fran Fisher, Laura Gogola, Randa Keener, John Magary, Tera Moon and Alissa Terrell** of LWV Oakland Area, and **Ann Abdoo, Charlene & Mase Krygier and Lena Packer** of LWV Northwest Wayne County.

Dana Novak recorded the town hall and will provide copies for cable organizations in both counties. Jay Seewald, Facilities Manager for the OCC campus, arranged for the theater and necessary setup and support.

PSA Contest Wrap-up



(Back Row) Ray Malover, Margaret Hall, Matt Jylkka, Eric Bowers, Jaclyn Talon, Andrea Blankstrom, Sara Synder, and Dan Alpert

(Front Row) P.J. Royale, Randa Keener, Roger Avie and Eva Packard

The LWVOA Youth PSA (public service announcement) Award Banquet was held January 17 at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. About 50 students, teachers, parents and LWV members enjoyed this memorable first time contest. **P.J. Royale** almost single-handedly engineered the contest, enlisting the help of numerous businesses and individuals who provided advice and services ranging from publicity, catering, judging and producing and showing the PSA's. Thank you, P.J.

Dan Alpert, C.O.O./General Manager of Detroit Public TV, provided a great deal of valuable advice as well as delivering the keynote address. After a delicious dinner by Epoch Event Catering, banquet attendees enjoyed a showing of the seven excellent entries into the contest. After the awards were announced, the winning PSA as prepared by PBS Detroit Public TV for broadcasting was shown at the banquet. Special thanks to **Deb Horner** for handling the PSA viewing and preparing the certificates and **Alissa Terrell** for designing and producing the banquet program.

Christopher Copacia and **Edward Foreman** of Berkley High School took the first prize (\$500), **Jaclyn Talon** of Bloomfield Hills Andover H.S. won second prize (an iPod) and **Matt Jylkka** of Walled Lake Western H.S. took third prize (bowling, shoes, and food for 16 at Lucky Strike Entertainment). Other entries were submitted by **Andrea Blankstrom** of Walled Lake Western, **Eric Bowers** of Bloomfield Hills Lahser & **Sara Snyder** of Novi. All students received certificates.

Our thanks go to the judges: Dan Alpert, PBS Detroit Public TV; Sam Sdafani, Comcast; Rich Homberg, WWJ 950 Radio; Jayne Bower, WWJ 950 Radio; Margaret Hall, Southfield School Board; Roger Avie, Vi-SPEC Production Co.; Ray Malover, Vi-SPEC Production Co.; Steve Wasseman, Channel 4 WDIV; Debra Horner, LWVOA; Randa Keener, LWVOA; Eva Packard, LWVOA; Erica Folks, new voter and Leah Folks, high school student. Thanks also go to the teachers who mentored the students: Pete Bowers (Bloomfield Hills Andover), David Legg (Novi), Caye Matthews (Berkley) and Laura Pawlowski (Walled Lake Western).

More thanks go to the following businesses which offered services and prizes in making this event a success: PBS Detroit Public TV, WWJ 950 Radio, Comcast Cable, Vi-SPEC, Detroit News, Residence Inn by Marriott Novi, The Bamboo Club Asian Bistro, Detroit Marriott Pontiac at Centerpointe, Bonefish Grill, Lucky Strike Entertainment, Metro Audio & Video, See It Again Photography, Epoch Event Catering and Rock Financial Showplace.

League members who assisted P. J. Royale with the PSA project were Debra Horner, Vicki Lange, Margaret Hall, Tera Moon, Eva Packard, and Alissa Terrell. Thank you to Erica Folks and Leah Folks and members Judy Bateman, Doug DePoorter, Linda DePoorter, Laura Gogola, Fran Fisher, Randa Keener and Alison Scofield, who assisted at the banquet.

National Program Planning



WHAT A BRUNCH!

National Program Planning at the home of Vicki Lange on January 12.

Andrea Zalewski and Fran Fisher

Nothing gets better than a brunch at Vicki Lange's home with ample time to admire Vicki's numerous artifacts before getting down to business –

National Program Planning. Members were generally satisfied with our national programs as they are with one exception. Several members expressed concern about media access issues:

- possible move of public access, educational and government channels from channels 8, 10 or 15 to channels in the 900s,
- emergence of monopolies as companies are allowed to own more media outlets,
- technological access with equality of service.

Members recommended a new national study about Media Access under Citizen's Right to Know to deal with some of these issues. Health Care was the current national position that members recommended for review and broader education.

The community needs everyone to participate in order to be a strong, safe, fair and vibrant place to live.

Membership in the League of Women Voters is open to all citizens. Dues are \$60 per year or \$30 for students. See our website: www.LWVOA.org and click on Join the League to print a membership form to mail in or to join online via Paypal.

A few days after our meeting, Greg Kowalski, Editor of the Birmingham Eccentric, discussed Comcast's cable channel issue and pointed out that Public Access TV channels carried by Comcast will stay right where they are – for now.

Wrote Kowalski, "Late Monday evening, U.S. District Judge Victoria Roberts placed a temporary restraining order on the cable provider halting its plan to shift public, education and government, or PEG, channels to the 900 range on the cable lineup"

According to Judge Roberts, "Both sides in this dispute have substantive arguments on the merits which weigh in their favor," the opinion stated. "Until the merits of this case can be fully sorted, the court finds the balance of equities - substantial harm to others, the public interest and harm to the municipal plaintiffs - weigh in favor of the relief sought by the plaintiffs. The status quo will be maintained."

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Township Government and the Sharing of Services

A November meeting on Township Government had few in attendance, but a wealth of information on issues of concern to Michigan townships and other local units of government.

Oakland County originally consisted of 25 townships of 36 square miles each. Today it has 21 townships of which 14 still contain all or almost all of their original area, four cover more than half their original area and three are only a small part of the original township. Townships comprise about 70% of the land area of the county and make up 40% of the population.

Barb Moorhouse, who served on the state study committee on Local Government, provided insights into the history of township government and moderated a panel consisting of:

Dave Payne, Supervisor of Bloomfield Township,

Don Green, Supervisor of Milford Township, and

Maxine Berman, the Governor's Director on shared services and consolidation issues.

Joanne Smith (who was involved in the change from Farmington Township to Farmington Hills) was not able to attend because of illness, but League member **Paula Creed** was able to describe how and why Farmington Township became the city of Farmington Hills and incorporated two Villages through a citizen petition and vote of residents. The concerns were annexation by the city of Farmington of properties paying higher taxes or by Southfield and Novi to get land for non-residential development. Because residents of the city of Farmington voted against joining with the township and villages to form one larger Farmington, there are now two separate cities.

Dave Payne explained that **Bloomfield Twp.** is 95% residential, has a master plan and zoning ordinances, provides full municipal services including police, fire, and EMS. In the early 70's, it was able to get a state law passed to allow townships to do their own road work if they had more than 40,000 residents and passed at least 1 mill for road maintenance. Thus they are able to do almost everything a city can and do so except for parks. He noted that roads and annexation are two major reasons townships become cities. Bloomfield Twp. takes care of its own roads and can provide city-type services for new developments, forestalling the major rationale for annexation. They assess about 8.5 mills and have a \$40 million budget. (Interestingly, no other large township has opted to take advantage of the road maintenance option.)

Don Green said that more rural **Milford Twp.** has planning and zoning, parks and recreation, a trail system, and a sewer and water district to allow industrial development. The County handles township roads. They have a fire department which covers the Village of Milford while the Village handles police services for the full Township. Green believes that townships are less intrusive into the lives of residents than cities. He notes that an area needs at least 500 people per square mile to become a city.

Both townships are charter townships and the law governing them allows for hiring of a manager or superintendent. However, few charter townships have done so.

None of the panelists believed that a township should be *required* to become a city or hire a professional manager based on a certain set of criteria; all felt the citizens already had the right to vote to become a city, if appropriate. The Township Supervisors would keep Clerks and Treasurers as elected officials. Green noted that the Michigan Township Association holds classes continuously so newly elected officials can learn what is needed. Creed noted that perhaps such classes should be required to assure that officials are properly trained for their jobs. Berman noted that the Supervisor is usually blamed if something goes wrong, so why not let these officials be appointed and give the Supervisor full authority over all township functions? She also asked "Why not allow the county to collect taxes or register voters for tiny townships and cities without offices?" Several audience members expressed concerns regarding adequate experience of officials, particularly in smaller townships.

Berman believes staggered terms are important for institutional memory. Payne felt that while staggered terms were reasonable, they were not critical because full government turnover is rare. Green agreed with him. None of them felt that nonpartisan races were necessary because the public is aware of the parties of those running and so it would not make a difference. Packard noted that, while those involved in politics such as the panelists might know this, the general public often does not. Also, most of our townships are one-party, making the low-turnout August Primary the deciding election in most.

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All of the panelists supported shared services where they made economic sense. The two Townships were already doing some sharing with other communities and investigating more. Berman said that "There is a lot more sharing already going on in the state than the public knows." She noted that 35 communities applied for the pool of incentive money available from the state in support of sharing, and there were not sufficient dollars to help all of them.

Thank you to **Sue Abrams** for arranging the room, the refreshments and the callers and to **Carole Elder, Randa Keener, Betty Spehar and Andrea Zalewski** for calling members about the meeting. A special thanks to **Barbara Moorhouse** for arranging the program and speakers.

Consensus Meeting on State Study of Local Government

On February 11, LWVOA members met at St. Andrew Lutheran Church to take Consensus on the state study of Local Government. Consensus does not mean a majority nor does it mean unanimity. Its goal is to identify the issues on which members can find common ground. Leagues throughout the state will be providing their input and the resulting position will be a consensus of all Leagues participating.

LWVOA has several local positions which could be impacted by any state position, including those on township and county government. The state study also included consolidation and sharing of services. Thank you to **Barb Moorhouse** for providing background information on the Consensus question issues. Our League's recommendations are just that and not final because the State Board factors in all Local League replies.

We also celebrated the 88th birthday of the League of Women Voters of the United States which was created to help newly-empowered women understand the issues and candidates on which they would be voting with the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. **Sue Abrams** provided a delicious cake decorated with the LWV logo and Happy Birthday greetings. Thank you to **Andrea Zalewski** for calling members to invite them to the meeting.

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NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY

We need to know what gets printed about our Forums, Voter Guides, and other activities. If you take a newspaper (whether daily, biweekly, weekly or semi-monthly) which writes about any League event or member, **YOU can help by cutting out articles** in newspapers and mailing them to the League office (LWVOA, 200 S. Washington, Ste. 4, Royal Oak, MI 48067) if they mention any LWVOA information or event, either to announce an event or to report on what happened at an event. There are many local newspapers in Oakland County and we rely on our members to let us know what is published about the League in their communities. We support 60 communities. Please help!

Finance Drive Report

I would like to **thank all those who responded to our December Finance Drive mailing** and helped move us toward meeting the matching challenge grant. **We are 85% of the way.** There is **still time to have your contribution matched.** You may donate payable to LWVEF for a tax-deductible contribution to Citizen Education work or to LWVOA for our advocacy and operating expenses. Your help is needed to continue to hold programs such as those described in this newsletter and to meet LWVOA's ambitious goals for this major 2008 election year. Send your contributions to LWVOA, 200 S. Washington, #4; Royal Oak, MI 48067.

Thanks for helping to Make Democracy Work! - *Eva*

Detroit Metropolitan Area League

Members of the LWVOA are also members of the Detroit Metropolitan Area League (DMA) which consists of all Leagues in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties. The DMA focuses on regional issues such as transportation, water quality, housing, etc. They meet four times a year, including an annual luncheon in June. The DMA board tackles League issues from a different perspective, filling the gap between issues that our local Leagues deal with and exclusive statewide issues handled by LWV of Michigan.

LWVOA members Judy Bateman, Laura Gogola and Karen DeGrendel all serve as directors, but as the largest LWV in the area, DMA could use some more help from our League. If you would be interested in serving as a director, contact Judy Bateman, 248/399-2815, for more information.

DMA is sponsoring a meeting for Saturday, April 12 at 10 a.m. at the Southfield Library on the State Budget. More details will follow.

See the Winning Public Service Announcement (PSA)

from the LWVOA's Youth PSA Contest
on Detroit Public Television – **WTVS Channel 56 (PBS)**
Sat. 3/01/08 at 8:28 am Sun. 3/02/08 at
8:28 am Wed. 3/05/08 at 5:58 pm
Thur. 3/06/08 at 3:28 am Fri. 3/07/08 at 5:57 pm
Sat. 3/08/08 at 9:41 am Sun. 3/09/08 at 8:26
am

The PSA began running on PBS on 2/11/08 and has run almost daily in the evening since then. It will be run again around election time.

LWVOA thanks Detroit Public Television and Dan Alpert and Toni Cozad for supporting the student PSA contest and preparing the winning entry for airing on PBS to encourage voting and help Make Democracy Work!

May 2008 Election has Fewer School Districts on the Ballot

About two-thirds of Oakland County's school districts have moved to November elections – 5 districts to every odd year, 6 districts to every even year and 8 districts to annually. **Only the city of Bloomfield Hills and 9 county school districts remain on the May ballot:** Clarkston, Clawson, Ferndale, Hazel Park, Lake Orion, Lamphere, Madison, Oak Park, and Pontiac.

We will again do Voter Guides on our website for these contests. Two (Clawson and Lamphere) have no contest on the ballot. Candidate lists are available by going to www.oakgov.com/clerkrod and clicking on "Elections Division" and then on "May 6, 2008 Candidates & Proposals". We will also be planning some candidate forums.

Me? Run for Public Office???

by Eva Packard

On a snowy Saturday morning in early February, two dozen women and one man turned out at the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham to hear local women officials share their experiences running for public office and the lessons they learned. **Probate Judge Linda Hallmark**, President of the Women Officials' Network, was the Moderator of the forum and also shared some of her experiences. **Birmingham City Commissioner Rackeline Hoff** welcomed attendees.

Mary Kerwin, Troy City Council member and former Troy School Board member, was the keynote speaker and spoke of the who, what, when, where, why and how of campaigns. She recommended having a two-word description (such as community activist) to describe the "who" you are. Know yourself. Develop a platform to give out and a 60-second elevator speech to describe "what" you stand for. You are ready to run "when" you have a burning desire and the toughness needed to be a public figure plus family support. You find votes "where" you are every day and you have to ask for people's vote and their help. You should explain "why" you are running and why you have the right skills and abilities for the job. The "how" included dressing for success – look professional – and greeting people with enthusiasm and focusing on them. Wear a name tag with your name and note the office you are seeking.

The panel consisted of:

- **Oakland County Commissioner Marcia Gershenson**
- **West Bloomfield Township Trustee Debbie Macon**
- **Farmington City Council member and former Mayor JoAnne McShane**
- **Birmingham School Board Trustee Geri Rinschler.**

Macon, McShane and Rinschler are LWV Oakland Area members.

Each answered questions about their position and responsibilities, time spent, pay, and their greatest challenges and rewards. Challenges included realizing that you were always on camera, needing to be available and responding promptly, taking an unpopular stand, and shoring oneself up. Rewards include making a difference in people's lives, seeing the achievements of students, implementing change and growing personally.

They were asked why they ran and how far ahead they decided as well as the cost (which ranged from \$600 to \$10,000 for the local positions). One suggestion was to make a list and invite those people on it to a restaurant fundraiser. They talked about walking neighborhoods and going to events to meet people and writing notes to family and friends and enlisting the support of community groups. Prior community activities were important.

Co-sponsors for the event were the Women Officials' Network (WON), American Association of University Women (AAUW), Women's Action for New Direction (WAND) and the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham. We thank the church for hosting the event and LWVOA member **Mary Pickett** for making the arrangements. **Barbara Bonsignore** of AAUW and **Claire Colman** of WAND handled registration. **Barbara Moorhouse** was the guiding hand who arranged all the speakers and the public information about the event.

Attendees came from many Oakland County communities and even one from Wayne County and were running for a variety of offices. The attendee evaluations were exceptional – everyone gave all aspects a "Very Useful". There were many nice general comments and useful suggestions for how to reach people who might want to run for office as well as some other topics to consider in the future.

The Agenda and Registration Form for **The Nuts & Bolts of Running for Public Office** workshop covering organization, money and media on Sat., March 8, are on Pages 10-11.

**The Nuts and Bolts of Running for Public Office
Saturday, March 8**

Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus

27055 Orchard Lake Rd.
(Orchard Lake Road at I-696, Exit 5)

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

**BLDG. J, Room 306
(Park in Lot 2)**

Workshop Schedule

- 8:30 am **Registration opens**, coffee and rolls
- 9:00 am **Welcome**, Eva Packard, President, LWV Oakland Area
- 9:15 am **A Winning Campaign Plan**
Assembling Your Team
Plotting Your Strategy
Mary Kerwin, Troy City Council
Honing Your Message
Cassandra Ulbrich, State Board of Education
- 10:45 am Break
- 11:00 am **Financing your Campaign**
Part 1: Where Do You Find the Money?
Suzie Mitchell, Mitchell Research & Communications
- 11:45 pm Part 2: What Do You Have to Report
Barbara Moorhouse, MI Campaign Finance Network
- 12:15 pm **Break**
(Tim Skubick will be selling and signing his book, See Dick and Jen Run)
- 12:30 pm Lunch
- 1:15 pm **KEYNOTE SPEAKER:** *Tim Skubick, Capitol Correspondent
and host of "Off the Record"*
"How NOT to Handle the Media"
- 2:30 pm Adjourn

Registration form on Page 11 – Open to both women and men

The Nuts and Bolts of Running for Public Office
Saturday, March 8
REGISTRATION FORM

BLDG. J, Room 306 - Park in Lot 2
Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus
(Orchard Lake Road at I-696, Exit 5)
Farmington Hills

To register for the workshop, provide the information requested below.

Registration is \$60. The registration fee includes handouts, morning snacks and lunch.

Please make checks payable to LWVOA and mail with your registration form to:

League of Women Voters – Oakland Area
200 S. Washington Ave., Suite 4
Royal Oak, MI 48067

You may register online instead and use PayPal for the registration:

www.womenofficialsnetwork.org/WorkshopRegistration.html.

Space is limited and reservations will be taken on a first come, first serve basis.
DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, MARCH 6.

Name: _____

Street Address _____

City, Zip _____

Phone: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

E-mail _____

To help our presenters, please indicate your area of interest:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> County Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Library Board |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> City Council/Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

*If you have any questions,
please call the League of Women Voters Oakland Area at 248/548-1097.*

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Calendar of Events

- Sat. Mar. 8 8:30 am -2:30 pm **The Nuts and Bolts of Running for Public Office**, Bldg. J, Room 306
 OCC Orchard Ridge, 27055 Orchard Lake Rd, Farmington Hills 48334
 includes lunch Co-sponsors: WON, LWVOA, AAUW, WAND, OCC WomenCenter
 \$60 Registration Fee. See www.womenofficialsnetwork.org for details
- Wed. Mar. 19 7 pm Sunshine Week presentation on Civil Liberties by Professor Robert Sedler**
 Huntington Woods Library, 26415 Scotia, Huntington Wds 48070
- Mon. Apr. 7 7 pm LWVOA Board Meeting, Residence Inn, 27477 Cabaret Dr, Novi
- Sat. Apr. 12 10 am Michigan State Budget Analysis and Look to the Future
 By LWV Detroit Metropolitan Area at Southfield Public Library
- Mon. Apr. 28 12-3 pm Climate Project presentation – Lunch & Learn with Lisa Kamil**
 Visitor Center at Heritage Park, 25099 Farmington Rd, Farmington Hills 48336
 Co-sponsor: Sierra Club of Oakland County
- Sat. May 10 TBA LWVMI Workshop on Voter Service and Membership in Lansing
- Sat. May 31 9:30 am **LWVOA Annual Meeting** at Shenandoah Country Club, West Bloomfield
- Fri-Tue June 13-17 LWVUS National Convention, Portland, Oregon

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