



# League of Women Voters Oakland Area

## Annual Meeting Saturday, May 19, 2018

Farina's Banquet Center  
2485 Coolidge Highway, Berkley, MI 48072

**Speaker: Carl Levin**



The League of Women Voters Oakland Area is pleased to present Carl Levin as the speaker at our annual meeting. Senator Levin, the longest serving U.S. Senator in Michigan history, is a life-long supporter of Michigan, its communities, and its businesses. He helped the auto and auto parts industries survive and thrive and led the way to partnering between the commercial and military vehicle sectors. He was instrumental in obtaining federal funding for the development of Detroit's riverfront and the M1-Rail system, as well as Focus: HOPE's Machinist Training Institute and Center for Advanced Technologies. He also is devoted to the protection of the Great Lakes as vital to the health and prosperity of Michigan. He led the effort to establish and expand national parks, lakeshores, wilderness areas, trails, and the Thunder Bay Marine Sanctuary.

Wayne State University created the Levin Center at Wayne Law, named in honor of Senator Levin. Through academic programming, training, and scholarship, the Center will help equip lawyers, legislators, and leaders with an understanding of how effective legislative oversight can lead to significant and meaningful changes in public policy and institutional behavior. The Senator serves as chair of the Levin Center and as Distinguished Legislator in Residence at Wayne Law.

### Schedule

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

*You don't have to be a member to attend. But you might be a member by the end of the afternoon!*

*Come for the whole meeting or join us at noon for lunch and a unique opportunity to hear from Mr. Levin.*

*This is a great time and place to renew your membership dues, to reconnect with League friends, and to meet some new ones.*

### Menu and Fees

**Choice of Plated Salad:**

*Tomatoes, olives, cucumbers, red onions and croutons placed atop a bed of salad greens*

**Salad only (no protein)**

**Salad with chicken breast**

**Salad with salmon**

**Plus soup du jour, dessert, and soft drinks**

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| <i>Business meeting, lunch &amp; speaker</i> | <b>\$35.00</b> |
| <i>Lunch &amp; speaker</i>                   | <b>\$35.00</b> |
| <i>Speaker only</i>                          | <b>\$10.00</b> |

**See page 7 for registration form  
RSVP by May 11, 2018**

## LWVOA Joins Statewide Election Reform Effort



On March 3, 2018 LWVOA hosted a kickoff party for Promote the Vote, a campaign to place on the November ballot a constitutional amendment to provide comprehensive election reform for Michigan. Citing the need for an accessible and secure ballot for all, a coalition which includes the League of Women Voters, the ACLU of Michigan and the state and Detroit branches of the NAACP filed ballot language in January with the Secretary of State's office.

In addition to no-reason absentee ballots, the amendment would give military members more time to vote; let citizens register closer to Election Day; allow straight party voting, automatically register citizens when they do business at the Secretary of State's office, protect a secret ballot and add audits for election results. "We're all better off when more Americans---Republicans, Democrats and independents---participate in our democracy," said Judy Karandjeff, president of the League of Women Voters of Michigan. "Providing a system that works for all isn't hard; it just common sense."

This effort needs you! 400,000 signatures are needed by June 30. It's not too late for you to take petitions and get signatures. Petitions will be available at the annual meeting for you to sign and for you to take with you and ask others to sign. "This petition drive speaks directly to the core mission on which the League of Women Voters was founded nearly a century ago," said Geri Rinschler, LWVOA President.

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## League Works to End Gerrymandering in Michigan

The League of Women Voters of Michigan supports the ballot proposal initiated by Voters Not Politicians (VNP), that calls for an Independent Commission to establish district lines. On December 18, 2017, VNP submitted the requisite number of petition signatures to the Secretary of State's office. We congratulate VNP on its successful efforts.

On December 22, 2017, The League of Women Voters of Michigan and 11 individual voters filed a lawsuit against the State of Michigan in federal court in Detroit to end unfair, partisan gerrymandering of Michigan's Congressional, state senate and state house districts.

You can help by talking to your friends, family, and neighbors about the proposal that will likely be on the November ballot and urging them to vote YES. You can also connect our Redistricting presenters, Ann Megalizzi, Jim Treharne, and Kath Maisner with groups that are interested in learning more.

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### HELP WANTED

**Webmaster.** No fancy coding knowledge required. Responsibilities include posting Voter Guides and *They Represent You* brochures; keeping website current with events. If you know the difference between a Word document and a PDF, and have a passion for sharing information, you might be the perfect candidate! Training provided.

### HELP WANTED

***They Represent You* Coordinator.** These helpful brochures are one of the most visible and vital services we offer. Our League covers 60 communities and 27 school districts. That's a lot of elected officials to keep track of. If you can use Microsoft Word and are detail-oriented, you might be the perfect candidate! Training provided

Interested? Contact Tera Moon at [membership@lwvoa.org](mailto:membership@lwvoa.org) or 248-376-9368

# 2018 Nominating Committee Report

## Executive Board (2-year terms)

### 1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT, VOTER SERVICE

#### *Judy Bateman, Huntington Woods*

Co-President and then President LWVOA, 2-year term. Served as LWVOA Candidate Forum Director and DMA Secretary; Royal Oak LWV President and Vice President. Joined the Royal Oak League in 1981 and produced and moderated candidate forums for many local elections. Retired from teaching in Detroit after 30 years.

### 3<sup>RD</sup> VICE PRESIDENT, FINANCE

#### *Karen DeGrendel, Rochester Hills*

Fundraiser for LWVOA; Served as President, Treasurer, Finance Director for LWV Rochester Area and DMA. Other League positions included VP, Secretary, Voter Service Director, Study Chair and off-Board LWVMI Finance Director. Self-employed.

### TREASURER

#### *Mary Howarth, Rochester Hills*

LWV member for 44 years, past president of Rochester Area (twice), LWVMI board member (twice), national member email list owner, national database development contributor, LWVOA database manager, current LWVOA Treasurer. Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce Pinnacle Award winner for community volunteering. Rochester-Avon Historical Society, Rochester Hills Museum, Rochester Tuesday Musicale, Abiding Presence Lutheran Church.

## Directors (3 two-year terms)

#### *Ann Megalizzi, Commerce Township*

My community involvement has often reflected my stage in life. As a teacher: professional education organizations; once my own children entered school: PTAs and Families in Action. Now that I have retired as a corporate communications trainer: LWVOA. I was appointed to board last June and have recently taken on Advocacy Co-chair role and coordinator for our League's Redistricting Training Sessions.

#### *Jim Treharne, Troy*

Appointed to Board and Advocacy Co-chair in February 2017. Redistricting Coordinator since 2017. Berkley High grad. Served in U.S. Air Force. EMU grad w. Masters in Special Education. Taught 5 years. Spent 39 years in business world as Sales Rep, Sales Manager, Manufacturers Rep to MI, IN, & OH markets. Jim & wife Michela retired 1/2016. Married 43 years, they have 3 children, 7 grandchildren. Spends 6-8 winter weeks in FL.

#### *Elizabeth Kern, Birmingham*

Joined LWVOA in 2016 after relocating to Michigan from Boston, MA. Voter editor since July 2017. Helped update *They Represent You* brochures. Healthcare IT consultant working with behavioral health organizations, physician groups, and health systems to select and implement new technology solutions and improve workflows.

## Directors to be Appointed (1-year terms)

#### *Maria Woloson, Bloomfield Township*

Appointed to Board in November 2017. Has assisted at Candidate Forums. 20 years experience as an attorney specializing in personal injury and automobile insurance law. Utilizing background as a registered nurse and excellent written and verbal skills, facilitated large caseload and excelled at managing all phases of litigation. Exceptional at coordinating litigation with referral attorneys nationwide to expedite case resolution.

#### *Kathleen Maisner, Waterford Township*

Redistricting Coordinator. Served on LWVOA Education & Privatization Committees. Taught Advanced Placement English & coordinated Service Learning Program at North Farmington High. Member MEA, NEA. Appointed to Mich. Community Service Commission by Gov. Granholm.

## Off Board (One-Year Terms)

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE (1-year term)

#### CHAIR

#### *Patricia Finn, Beverly Hills*

LWVOA Communications Director. Coordinates Meals on Wheels for Farmington-Farmington Hills. Past Secretary and Administration Director.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

#### *Ann Edwards, Rochester Hills*

Joined LWV Warren/Sterling Heights in 1984. Transferred to LWV Rochester Area in 1986. Held positions of President, Director of Voter Service, Treasurer and Editor of State Voter Guide.

#### *Laura Gogola, Berkley*

LWVOA member since 1999. Helped with office administration and Voter Forums. Currently an active volunteer with the Detroit Zoo as docent and as a Citizen Scientist working on two projects which involve the documentation of native local species (frogs, butterflies).

## Positions with one year left in terms:

**President:** Geri Rinschler

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Tera Moon

**Secretary:** Eva Packard

**Directors:** Sue Abrams, Jerry Burden, Randa Keener

### Submitted by 2018 Nominating Committee:

**Chair:** Patricia Finn

**Members:** Laura Gogola, Ann Edwards

**Board Reps:** Tera Moon, Sue Abrams

# Local Program Recommendation

Retain all local positions

# Local By-law Change Recommendation

“Notice of the annual meeting shall be sent to all members one month prior to date selected for the annual meeting,” shall be added to Bylaws Article VII, Section 2 as second sentence.

## Proposed Budget – Education Fund

### LWV Oakland Area

July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

#### INCOME

|                                |                 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Member/Nonmember Contributions | \$9500          |
| Rochester TRYs                 | \$250           |
| Taken from Reserves            | \$9038          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                   | <b>\$18,788</b> |

#### EXPENSES

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| US PMP – ½ of cost   | \$2288          |
| Rochester TRYs       | \$250           |
| TRYs – not Rochester | \$1750          |
| Voter Guides         | \$12,000        |
| Office/Telephone     | \$2500          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         | <b>\$18,788</b> |

# Proposed Budget – Operating LWV Oakland Area July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

## INCOME

|                          |                    |  |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Dues                     | \$8872.50          | - 135 @ \$65 less 6 paid to 2019, 15 at \$32.50  |
| Contributions to OA      | \$2500             |  |
| Contributions to Ed Fund | \$200              | - Transferred to Ed Fund in Expenses             |
| Contributions – In Kind  | \$125              |  |
| Special Events           | \$850              | - Programs, forums                               |
| Annual Meeting           | \$1200             |  |
| Rochester TRYs           | \$250              |  |
| Transfer from Ed Fund    | \$16,788           | -\$2288 – US PMP; \$2500 - office; \$12,000 V.G. |
| <b>Total Income</b>      | <b>\$30,785.50</b> |  |

## EXPENSES

|                            |                    |   |
|----------------------------|--------------------|---|
| President                  | \$100              |   |
| Printing/Supplies          | \$200              |   |
| Postage & Permit           | \$250              | - \$225 bulk mail permit                |
| Insurance                  | \$900              |   |
| Rent                       | \$3300             |   |
| Telephone, Internet, Fax   | \$1812             |   |
| Web site                   | \$400              |   |
| Computer                   | \$200              |   |
| Membership                 | \$250              | - Includes postage costs                |
| PMP – US                   | \$2288             | - 1/2 from Ed Fund. \$32/\$16           |
| PMP – MI                   | \$3289             | - 137 @ \$23; 12 @ 11.50                |
| MI Convention              | \$850              |   |
| Meetings (not annual)      | \$200              |   |
| Annual Meeting             | \$1900             | - Includes workbook, directory, postage |
| Affiliations               | \$100              |   |
| Promotions                 | \$25               |   |
| Finance Drive              | \$125              | - Printing and postage                  |
| Voter Publication          | \$175              | - Printing and postage                  |
| Citizen Education Programs | \$350              |   |
| Programs and forums        | \$250              |   |
| TRYs                       | \$2000             |   |
| Voter Guides               | \$11,621.50        |   |
| Transfer to Ed Fund        | \$200              |   |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>      | <b>\$30,785.50</b> |   |

# 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) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| for office use only: |            |
| rec'd _____          | date _____ |
| _____                | ck _____   |
| date _____           | _____      |
| ck # _____           | _____      |
| PayPal _____         | _____      |

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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](http://LWVOA.org).

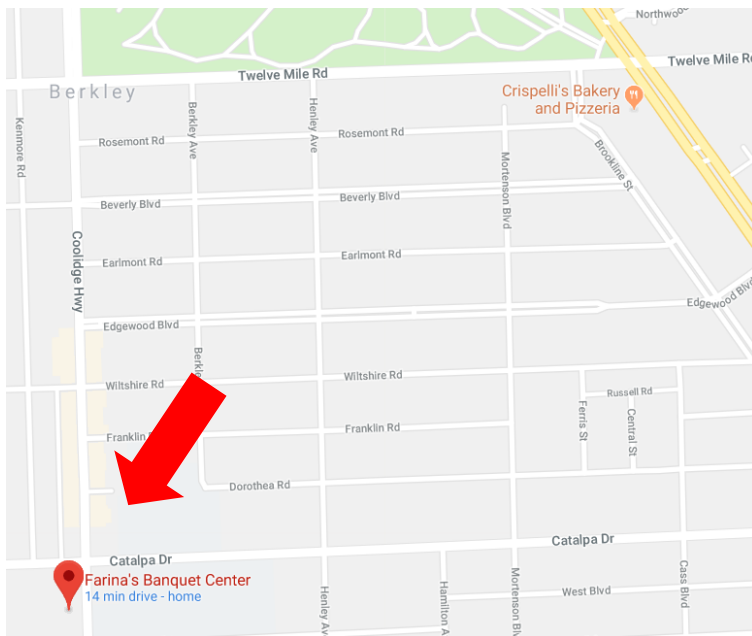
Membership year is from July 1 through June 30. Membership includes subscription to the Oakland Voter and the Michigan Voter.

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

# LWVOA 2018 Annual Meeting & Luncheon

**Farina's Banquet Center**  
**2485 Coolidge Highway**  
**Berkley, MI 48072**  
 (south of Catalpa)



**Registration Form for May 19, 2018 LWVOA Annual Meeting (Cut off and Mail)**

- Please RSVP by May 11.
- Mail to LWVOA 725 S. Adams Rd., Ste. L-144, Birmingham, MI 48009
- Make checks payable to LWVOA.
- Call 248-594-6602 or email [league@lwvoa.org](mailto:league@lwvoa.org) with questions.
- Donations are always appreciated.

**Attendee 1:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

Select protein: Chicken  Salmon  No protein

**Attendee 2:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

Select protein: Chicken  Salmon  No protein

**Attendee 3:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

Select protein: Chicken  Salmon  No protein

**Indicate Number of reservations for each:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I will attend Annual Meeting and Luncheon **\$35.00**

\_\_\_\_\_ I will attend speaker portion of meeting, but not luncheon **\$10.00**

\_\_\_\_\_ I cannot attend but would like Annual Meeting Workbook sent to me. **\$7.00**

**Amount enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_



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website: www.lwvoa.org

## **Annual Meeting Supplement**

**Saturday, May 19, 2018**

**Luncheon at  
Farina's Banquet Center  
2485 Coolidge Highway  
Berkley, MI 48072**

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**RSVP by May 11, 2018. Guests are welcome.**