



Dear Michigan League Members:

It is with deep gratitude that we thank all of you for the fine work you've done in 2023. As we filled out the Annual League Survey for LWVMI this past week, we were amazed at how much work our Michigan members have done this past year. We thank you for

Y Saying YES to the League and YES to so much that we ask of you!

O Observing many Board of Canvasser Meetings after local municipal elections.

U Using your skills to make the League stronger

A Attending our 2023 Convention - a blast in Lansing!

R Registering Voters, especially in high schools and on college campuses.

E Excellent Energy! We wonder how you all do it!

A Attending network meetings to learn and share ideas.

P Poll working, observing or challenging—LWV members answer

the call and make the best workers!

- P** Presenting more than 80 Town Halls on NPV and New Voting Rights. The Power Points got a workout!
- R** Routinely making DEI part of your League activities and plans.
- E** Engaging in membership recruitment to grow our impact.
- C** Candidate forums, Voter Guides and VOTE411, *Oh My!*
- I** Including our principle of non-partisanship in all LWV work.
- A** Answering Action Alerts when the League needed you to help deliver support of bills on which we had positions.
- T** Targeting underserved populations with your voter service work.
- E** Educating the public with good information to combat mis- and dis-information!
- D** Your Determination to make the LWV the most trusted source of election information!

In League,

*Paula Bowman and Denise Hartsough
LWVMI Co-Presidents*

And Little Bits of News That Can't Wait Until January



We will be observing the Boards of Canvassers following the February 27th Presidential Primary. Stay tuned for more



LWVUS Program Planning is now in effect for the LWVUS 2024 Convention in Washington DC

details.

LWVMI paid out \$43,550 in grant money to local Leagues last week! This money was for the Town Hall Grants and the Election Promotion Grant.

Yes! We will be awarding grant money to Leagues doing 2024 Town Hall meetings about the new voting rights because guess what? There are plenty of people who still need to learn about these wonderful new rights (that all take effect on February 13, 2024.)

There is a **Firearm Safety Event** on January 9, 7:00 that is a repeat of the presentation at the 2023 Convention. [Click here for the flyer](#) (and registration link)

Build your 2024 calendar by checking out the January and February meeting dates on the [LWV Only website page](#). Don't have the password? Ask your president.

(June 27-30). Each local League is asked to submit a survey about LWVUS positions by 3-31-24. [See the LWVUS website](#) for all the details.

LWVUS CEO Virginia Kase Solomon is leaving her position in February, 2024. Her new position will be the President and CEO of Common Cause. Though we are sad to lose her, we're confident that LWVUS will remain strong with a new CEO to be named shortly.

Watch for a steady stream of news about the **Transformation Plan** and the Unified Dues Platform in 2024. There is already much [information on the LWVUS website](#). Remember - there will be no change in the dues collection until 2025.



Legislature, Bills and Mayors

- No Action Alerts for a while since the MI Legislature finished its 2023 session on Nov. 14. They'll resume their session on Jan 10, 2024.
- Immediate effect for all those 2023 election bills? **Nope**. See the fabulous [Election Bill Chart](#) on our website which shows that most go into effect on Feb. 13.
- The LWVMI Advocacy Committee was plenty busy in 2023, watching 215 bills! [Check out the chart](#) to see the action we took and which bills got signed.
- Two representatives have quit the MI House to become mayors. Special elections are set for April 16 in Warren and Westland to bring the House back to full strength.

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