



## Special League Links - March 31, 2022

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## **Co-Presidents' Messages**

### **PTV2022**

We are *all* anxious to get the signature-gathering process started!

As you know, the PTV2022 petitions had to be reprinted. Another ballot proposal was challenged for wording discrepancy and they lost the challenge. The PTV2022 petition which was already approved had similar wording. The decision was made to review and reprint now before too many signatures were gathered and the challenge was made at a later date.

New petitions will be ready shortly and will be distributed. The communication materials are being finalized as we speak and will also be distributed. Some of the information will be emailed to all of our organizers, team leaders, and circulators, and that should be soon!

The training video is being edited and should also be ready.

I have been participating in many of the meetings and progress is indeed being made.

Don't forget to enter your in-kind donations for clipboards, pens, etc. on the IN-KIND form on the [PTV2022](#) website on-going.

In the meantime, continue to firm up your internal organization and communication network.

Some League organizers are forming contests within their organization and will recognize the winners with their own fun prizes. Let us know who they

are and we will feature them in League Links.

Thank you for your patience!

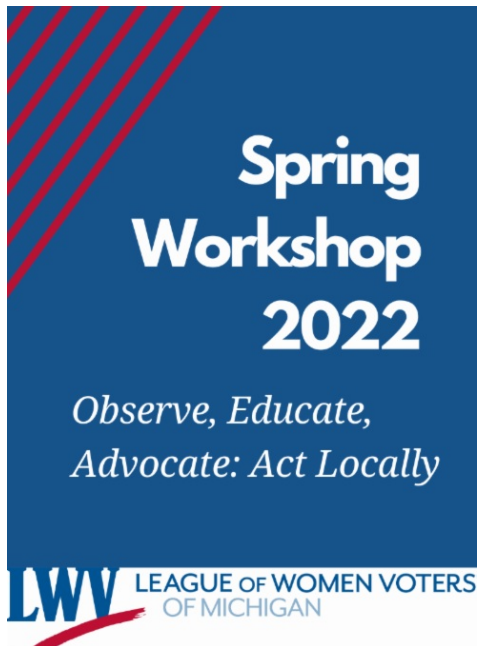
In League,  
--Christina Schlitt, LWVMI Co-President

## April 12 is Thank Election Heroes Day

The League of Women Voters and other election advocacy groups have proclaimed April 12<sup>th</sup> as Election Heroes Day, and they are encouraging all of us to say thank you to our local clerks, election workers, and poll workers on this day. Attached is a sample letter to the editor, which you can customize from your local League in any way you wish, and a toolkit from LWVUS which includes some great social media graphics.

- [Sample Letter to the Editor](#)
- [LWVUS Toolkit](#)

In League,  
-- Paula Bowman, LWVMI Co-President



**April 30 / 1-3:15pm**  
**FREE / via Zoom**

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1:00 PM Welcome  
1:05 PM General Session  
1:50 PM Conversations (topic choice below)  
2:05 PM Break  
2:10 PM Breakout Sessions (topic choice below)  
2:55 PM Conversations (topic choice below)  
3:10 PM General Session

## **LWVMI Spring Workshop** **Observe, Educate Advocate:** **Act Locally**

Join League members from across our great state of Michigan for virtual learning and conversation! At the spring workshop, you will pick up knowledge and tools to help your League advocate effectively at the local level. From being an informed petition signer to sharing what makes an Observer Corps such an important part of local advocacy, you'll get the chance to learn and share during breakout sessions and informative conversations.

**When:** Saturday, April 30, 2022

**Time:** 1:00-3:15pm

**Mode:** Zoom

**Cost:** Free

This virtual workshop will be presented via Zoom at no charge to members of Leagues in Michigan. Register at the link below by April 22, 2022. **You'll be asked to choose topics for two conversations and one breakout session.** The conversations are small, informal groups sharing information (think of those great conversations you might have during meal breaks or in the hallway). The breakout session is a bit more formal learning session where experienced Leaguers share best practices.

We look forward to seeing you virtually at this informative and fun event!

**[To register, click here and fill out the registration form by April 22, 2022.](#)**

**Schedule:**

1:00 **Welcome**

1:05 General session: **Know What You're Signing**—Information on state ballot proposals, including tips for local Leagues about sharing information about the process & content of proposals. Presented by Judy Karandjeff, LWVMI and Talyce Murray, Promote the Vote.

1:50 **Conversation** (choose topic on registration form)

2:05 **Break**

2:10 **Breakout sessions** (choose topic on registration form)

A. Local Advocacy Tools in Action—Sue Smith, LWVMI; Rosemary Edgar, LWVJA

B. Climate Change Toolkit for Local Action—Karen Schmidt, LWVMC; Sandi Sorini Elser, LWVWC

C. Local Observer Corps—David Allen, LWVMC & Joanna Mitchell, LWVMC

D. Get a Pro-voting Resolution Passed by Your Governing Body: Jo Foley, LWVMC

2:55 **Conversation** (choose topic on registration form)

3:10 **Closing**

For more information, please contact Denise Hartsough, [denise.hartsough@gmail.com](mailto:denise.hartsough@gmail.com) or 269-599-1801

-- Denise Hartsough, Chair, Spring Workshop Committee

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## Local Leagues

Berrien/Cass Counties

Copper Country

Dearborn/Dearborn Heights

Delta County

Detroit

Eastern UP MAL State Unit



Flint Area  
Grand Haven Area  
Greater Grand Rapids Area MAL State Unit  
Grand Traverse Area (with Crawford County Geographical Unit)  
Grosse Pointe  
Holland Area  
Jackson Area  
Kalamazoo Area (with Calhoun County Geographical Unit)  
Lansing Area  
Leelanau County  
Livingston County MAL State Unit  
Macomb County MAL State Unit  
Manistee County  
Marquette County  
Midland Area (with Bay County Geographical Unit)  
Mt. Pleasant  
Northern Lower Michigan MAL State Unit  
Northeast Michigan (formerly Alpena County)  
Northwest Wayne County  
Oakland Area  
Saginaw County  
Tecumseh/Lenawee County MAL State Unit  
Troy  
Washtenaw County (formerly Ann Arbor Area)  
For more information go to [www.lwvmi.org](http://www.lwvmi.org)  
or check out Facebook pages for state and local LWVs

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## League Leadership 2021-2023

### Officers

Co-President: Christina Schlitt (Grand Traverse Area)  
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Communications: Vicki Granger (Grosse Pointe)  
At-Large: David Allen (Marquette County)  
At-Large: Kathy Poore (Macomb MAL)

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## Calendar

## April 2022

Begin to plan 2022-2023 meetings

Plan a "Go See" tour

April 4: 4th Quarter PMP due

April 9: LWVMI Board Meeting (League Links to follow)

April 12: Thank Election Heroes Day

April 13: Membership Virtual Meeting, 7 p.m.

April 14: LWVMI Presidents and Local Presidents Call, 7 p.m.

April 20: Voter Services Virtual Meeting, 7 p.m.d

April 21: Advocacy Virtual Meeting, 7 p.m.

April 22: Earth Day

April 30: LWVMI Spring Workshops 1 - 3:15 p.m.

June 23-26: LWVUS [Convention](#)

View the [calendar](#) on the LWVMI website



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