



# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS DETROIT

END OF THE YEAR 2020 AND BEGINNING OF 2021

LWV Detroit **Membership Renewal** time is NOW! If you have received a notice in the mail or email or a telephone call about renewing your membership, please do on-line at [www.lwvdetroit.org](http://www.lwvdetroit.org) or mail a check for \$60 or \$90 for an additional household member to LWV Detroit, P.O. Box 2503. For more information, please contact the League at [LWVdetroit@gmail.com](mailto:LWVdetroit@gmail.com) or call 313-288-9590.

## December

- **No membership meeting in December**

## January

- **LWV Detroit Membership Meeting Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am, on Zoom.**

Webinars hosted by the Detroit Public Library and in collaboration with the LWV Detroit will start again in February, on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm. Put on your calendar!

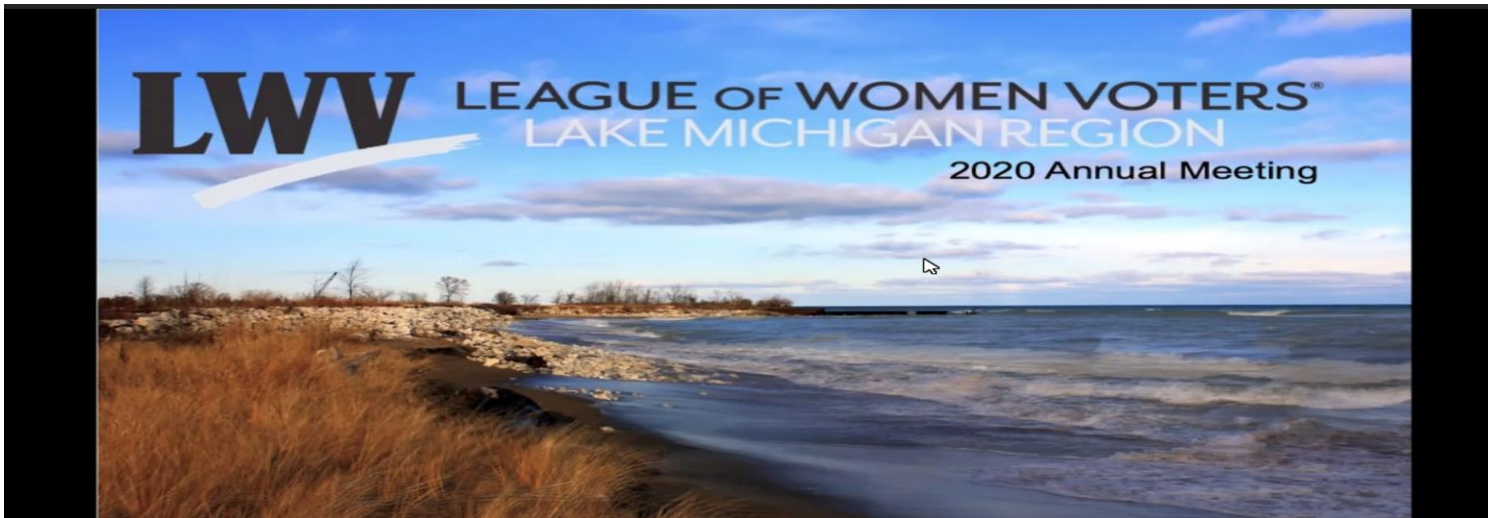
# Happy Holidays!

To the Wonderful League of Women Voters Detroit Members,

I wish to thank and congratulate all of you for being Defenders of Democracy. Whether you worked this year in a specific program or individually impacted people in your community to promote participation in voting, you have done much to contribute to one of our most sacred institutions. And you did all of this during an important election and a pandemic!!!

This year will always be remembered, and you can pat yourself on the back for your work. This is a difficult time for all of us. It has been pointed out that we are all in this political, social and health storm together but please remember that although we are in the same storm, we are not all in the same boat. There are many who are struggling with financial and domestic issues that can or will permanently affect their lives and the lives of their children. Please be mindful of the ways you can contribute to the safety and health of those most vulnerable during this time. Give time, money and voice to those in need especially during this season. Cherish your loved ones, family and friends for they are your most treasured possessions. Although we may not be able to participate in many activities at this time, we will always have an opportunity to love others. I love you all. Have a Happy and Safe Holiday.

Rhonda Craig



The annual meeting of the **League of Women Voters Lake Michigan Region** was held Nov. 14 with more than 40 members and delegates in attendance. President Krista Grimm led the meeting, which included an update on fundraising, advocacy and education. The league had just completed an online auction that raised over \$1,000 using a tool called BiddingOwl. Over the last year, the advocacy team supported legislation and funding for Great Lakes restoration and protection. It also fought deregulation from the Trump administration that would harm wetlands and "censoring science" legislation that would have limited the flow of environmental and public health data that supports clean air and water efforts. The team supported the efforts of the group Oil & Water Don't Mix which heralded the landmark termination of an easement that allowed petroleum to be carried through the Straits of Mackinac. The league also operates a team of speakers to update and educate local leagues and organizations on environmental issues. Stephanie Simon is a member who is bring the voice of LWV Detroit to the League of Women Voter Lake Michigan Region

## **LAME DUCK** RHONDA IS LOOKING FOR MEMBERS WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN BEING A PART OF THE LAME DUCK STUDY SPONSORED BY THE STATE LWV.

This would involve a committee going over materials provided by LWVMI and making a presentation to our Detroit members. The committee will also gather opinions and information from our membership about lame duck sessions. The end result of the study will be a new position that LWVMI can use for advocacy purposes. The more members that participate in the study the stronger our position will be. At the end of the study our Detroit League will complete a short questionnaire which must be turned in by March 31st.

Materials include a PowerPoint presentation and other documents. Rhonda will provide the information sent from LWVMI. Materials are also available on LWVMI's website: [https://lwvmi.org/member/mem\\_studies.html](https://lwvmi.org/member/mem_studies.html)



We would like non board members to participate as well as board members. **Please email Rhonda at [LWVdetroit@gmail.com](mailto:LWVdetroit@gmail.com) if you are interested.** Our Zoom account is available for anyone who wants a meeting platform. Thank you in advance for your participation. We hope you will consider doing this!

The League of Women Voters encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government; works to increase understanding of major public policy issues; and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League is strictly nonpartisan meaning we neither endorse nor oppose candidates or political parties. Membership is open to men and women that are of at least 16 years of age.