

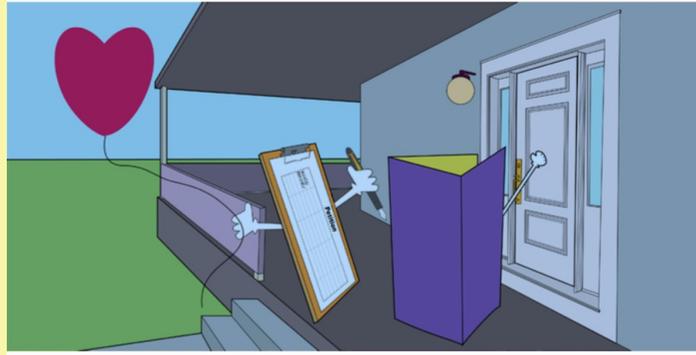


# DETROITER

*Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.*

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## Calendar of Events



### Inspiring Voters Through Deep Canvassing

*A Detroit Public Library/LWV Detroit Virtual Forum*

**Tuesday, May 10, 2022 @ 6-7pm**

Deep canvassing research effectively turns infrequent voters into regular voters and enthusiastic advocates for voting, sharing their new practical knowledge with close contacts and family members. The technique also raises empathy in canvassers, who report more significant curiosity about those different from themselves.

Learn about deep canvassing and how this non-partisan method counteracts the misinformation that discourages voter participation. [Read more here.](#)

Click the button to register, and the program hosts will email registrants the zoom link before the event.

[Click to register for Deep Canvassing](#)

ALL **VOTING**  
IS **LOCAL**

### Election Certification and Vote Count 101

**Wednesday, May 11, 2022 @ 6pm**

Our elections are free and fair; however, mis/disinformation threatens their integrity and jeopardizes voting and voter rights.

**All Voting Is Local** and the **League of Women Voters of Michigan** are pleased to host elections officials and experts for a critical discussion about the vote-counting process and how

MI elections are certified. Attendees will learn how to get involved in election protection work to support local clerks.

**FMI on this event, read our blog.**

Click the button to register and program hosts will email registrants the Zoom link before the event.

**Register for Vote Count 101**



### **LWVD Board Meeting** Monday, May 9, 2022 @ 6:30pm

The Board of LWV Detroit meets monthly. These meetings are open to the public.



### **New LWVD Member (Virtual) Orientation** Saturday, May 14, 2022 @ 10-11:30am

LWVD holds New Member Orientation twice a year.

Come meet the Board, learn about the League's history and mission, and discover how you can get involved with LWVD.



### **Virtual LWVD Membership** Saturday, May 21, 2022 @ 10-11:30am

Members meet once a month (with time off in August and December).

Membership meetings are open to the public; you need not be a member to attend.

***We always email the zoom link to LWVD members. Want to attend, but you're not a member? Get in touch with our Membership Chair, Cheryl Bukoff:***

[lwvdetroit@gmail.com](mailto:lwvdetroit@gmail.com)

## **President's Message**



Greetings,

LWV Detroit will be very busy this summer. We have launched the Promote the Vote Petition Drive (**PTV2022**) and need volunteers to circulate our petitions.

PTV2022 is an exceedingly important petition because it puts voting rights into our constitution. Once there, it will be tough to overturn or change through legislation.

We don't expect circulators to go door-to-door (although you can) but rather circulate petitions among family, friends, and neighbors. Many of our members will go to fairs and other public events to circulate petitions. Training in petition circulation is available. Contact me if you are interested in this pivotal work for our community: (313) 288-9590.

In addition to the petition drive, we will also hold voter registration drives for high school

students and new citizens. LWVD member, Sarah Niskanen, is our committee chair for these registration events. She needs volunteers. Contact Sara if you want to help: [lwvdetroit@gmail.com](mailto:lwvdetroit@gmail.com).

In June, we will help our senior citizens with Tenant Council Elections. In July, we will join our partner sororities to host candidate forums for the August 2 primary elections.

As I said, LWVD is busy! AND WE NEED YOUR HELP. Please do not hesitate to volunteer for any of these events. You can make a difference!

**Rhonda Craig,**  
LWV Detroit President

## LWVD Member Spotlight



### **ROBERTA DEERING**

Roberta Deering is no stranger to the observation process. Having closely followed the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission redraft of the state's district maps, she then joined forces with the newly

formed **LWVMI Observer Corps**.

Teaming up with LWVD members Cheryl Bukoff and Charlene McNary, Roberta has been instrumental in the conformation of **LWVD Observer Corps**, which will observe meetings of the **Wayne County Board of Canvassers** and the **Wayne County Election Commission**.

With Roberta's expertise, LWVD Observer Corps will test their new observation skills on these two groups while planning to recruit more observers and expand their observation entities.

[Read more](#)

### **Welcome to LWV Detroiter** the new online version of the Detroit League newsletter

We typically publish our newsletter six times a year. It's one of the best ways to keep our members abreast of LWVD activities.

Tell us: Is the content of this newsletter relevant to you?

**Yes**

**No**

## **Feature Article: Library/League Partnership**

In *Know What Matters* (2015), author Saidi Mdala says, "We all, without exception, need relationships to achieve extraordinary things." Although his quote means to encourage people to develop a personal philosophy while navigating the business of life, its message holds true for public affairs.



The notable relationship between the Detroit Public Library and the League of Women Voters of Detroit is a case in point. These nonpartisan entities have partnered to pool their resources to create something exceptional for the common good: voter information and education that encourages voter turnout.

The partnership is the brainchild of DPL Librarian Jennifer Dye and Detroit League Membership Chair Cheryl Bukoff. With the help of graphic artist Ruth Koelewyn, the trio has produced more than a dozen virtual forums and workshops. From their first program (*Voting Safely*), which “aired” in September 2020 at the height of the shutdown, to the moving historical presentations from LWVD President Rhonda Craig (*African American Suffrage Movement: Fighting Against All Sides*) and Charles Thomas (*Three Marches, Two Sisters, One Bridge*), the DPL and LWVD have partnered in talks promoting voter education and tools for action.

Other popular forum topics have included *How Political Cartoons Happen*, *Detecting Disinformation and "Pink Slime,"* and *Voting Accessibility: The Disability Experience*. DPL has been recording these programs since mid-2021, and LWVD stores the recordings on its website.

Stealing Bogart's famous line from the film classic *Casablanca*, “I think this is the beginning of a beautiful [partnership].”

[Click for recordings](#)

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