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# NEWSLETTER

September 15th @ 6pm

Doors open at 5:30pm!

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### Hello, September!

Mark your calendar! Our upcoming meeting on Monday, **September 15**th will feature Formeeca Tripp, Senior Organizer for Southeast Alabama of Alabama Arise. Come join us to learn about the important work of Alabama Arise and what to watch out for in the 2026 Alabama legislative session.

Alabama Arise is a statewide, member-led organization advancing public policies to improve the lives of Alabamians who are marginalized by poverty. LWV of Alabama is a member group.



#### Volunteer Opportunities

id you know?

Want to get involved? Click here to sign up for events on National Voter Registration Day on Sept. 16 and Constitution Day on Sept. 17.

Every month LWVEA meets up tor a Hot Topics gathering to chat and talk local issues. The next meeting will be held on September 25th at Amsterdam Cafe, 1850 Shug Jordan Pkwy.



#### **August Roundup**

# Opelika Municipal Candidates Forum

On August 12th, LWVEA and the Opelika Chamber of Commerce hosted a Meet the Candidates Forum in the run-up to Opelika's municipal election on August 26th. The forum featured mayoral candidates Eddie Smith and Raven Harvis, as well as candidates for Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. Each candidate spoke for 4 minutes to introduce themselves and outline their top priorities. Read local coverage of the event by Opelika-Auburn News here.





**Hot Topics** 

## August Meetup at Ristretto

Thank you to all who attended the lunchtime Hot Topics in August! It was great to see some new faces and hear from friends and neighbors about the upcoming Municipal Elections and other current events.





#### Women's Equality Day Celebration at Whistle Stop

In honor of Women's Equality Day, which coincided with election day in Opelika, LWVEA gathered at Whistle Stop in downtown Opelika to celebrate the holiday and track the election results. Also in attendance was Marilyn Garrett (seated in the foreground), LWVEA's newest lifetime member! Marilyn has been a member of various LWV chapters since 1967, and she has been a member of the East Alabama chapter since 1977. Cheers to Marilyn! Thank you for your lifetime of support.

Women's Equality Day (August 26) commemorates the ratification of the 19th Amendment in 1920, which granted women the right to vote. Congress established the holiday in 1973.