

2011-2012 MEMBERSHIP FORM

YES, I want to join the League of Women Voters of the Copper Country (check one):

\$45 INDIVIDUAL membership \$ _____

\$65 HOUSEHOLD for two members who share an address \$ _____

\$20 STUDENT individual membership \$ _____

I wish to make a **CONTRIBUTION** to the League at this time (please fill in amount)

• General LWVCC purposes \$ _____

• Kay LaRue Memorial Membership Fund \$ _____

• LWV Education Fund (tax deductible) \$ _____

Total \$ _____

____ I wish to apply for a scholarship for membership.

____ I prefer to receive the *C C Voter* by email

Name(s)

Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone Day Evening

Email address

Please make your check payable to LWVCC, and return it with your application form to:

Treasurer, LWVCC
PO Box 815
Houghton, MI 49931-0815

Any citizen over 18, female or male, may become a voting member of the League of Women Voters. League members receive the *Copper Country Voter*, *Michigan Voter*, and *National Voter* newsletters; and the opportunity to learn about local, state, regional, and national issues.

BUDGET 2011-2012

GROSS EXPENDITURES

General administration	\$210
Board and administrative committees	\$450
Delegates, travel, & workshops	\$1,100
<i>Copper Country Voter</i>	\$550
Educational activities	\$625
Position support	\$25
Annual meeting, misc.	\$700
State and national dues	\$3,100
Total	\$6,760

GROSS INCOME

Member dues (single, household, student)	\$ 2,510
Annual meeting, designated funds, grants, interest, reserves, LWV Education Fund external source, miscellaneous and reserve.	\$ 750
Contributions:	
Member	\$1,300
Non-member	\$600
Member Ed Fund	\$600
Non-Member Ed Fund	\$900
Kay LaRue Scholarships	\$100
Total	\$6,760

NOTE: Membership dues will be increasing in 2012-2013.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE COPPER COUNTRY

OFFICERS – Shared Governance Model

Acting President/
Children and Youth Fredi de Yampert

1st Vice President/
Natural Resources Kristine Bradof

2nd Vice President/
Social Policy Mary Jane Hatton

Treasurer Mary Marchaterre

Secretary Barry Fink

Education Karen Hubbard

International Relations Carol Kurz

Voter Service Kathy Flagstadt

Health Care Judy Crotty

OFF-BOARD

Finance Drive Faith Morrison

Voter Editor Linda Ott

Health Policy Carolyn Weissbach

Website Dale Yeo

Members of the League of Women Voters of the Copper Country give many hours of volunteer time in service to the community.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Membership dues and contributions to the League of Women Voters (except LWV Education Fund contributions) are not deductible as a personal or business expense for tax purposes.

2011 Report To The Community

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE COPPER COUNTRY



THE LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS

**Fredi de Yampert
Acting President**

**LWVCC
P.O. Box 815
Houghton, MI 49931-0815**

Internet

<http://www.lwvccmi.org>

HIGHLIGHTS 2010-2011

VOTER SERVICE

- Provided voter information at MTU Community Welcome.
- Provided voter information at Finlandia University's Community Welcome.
- Staffed Voter Registration Fair in September at Houghton High School.
- Provided voter information online at website (<http://www.lwvccmi.org>).

CITIZEN EDUCATION

- Produced Voter Guide for mid-term 2010 election.
- Published and distributed *Your Government Officials* (a listing of elected government officials) to government offices, libraries, high schools and in the community in Houghton County.
- Maintained web site: <http://www.lwvccmi.org>.
- Participated in voting-related public information/awareness events on both college campuses and in the community.
- Published information updates on health care reform, sustainability, redistricting, and the National Popular Vote Initiative.

HIGHLIGHTS 2010-2011 (cont.)

ADVOCACY & PROGRAMS

- Co-sponsored candidates forum on children's issues featuring candidates for State Representative 110th and State Senate District 38.
- Participated in Justice Center public information sessions held at Portage Lake Library and CLK Elementary School.
- Held unit meeting to discuss alternate forms of voting. Shared our results on the consensus questions with LWVMI.
- Welcomed Senator Tom Casperson as our annual meeting speaker in April.

LWV STUDIES RESULTING IN ACTION

- Recommended study on redistricting in Michigan.

LWVUS NATIONAL STUDIES

- The Education Study: The Role of the Federal Government in Public Education.

LWVMI STATE CONVENTION

- Sent two voting delegates to LWVMI convention in Traverse City, MI.

PLANNED FOR 2011-2012

VOTER SERVICE/EDUCATION

- Participate in campus and community awareness days and voter registration.
- Update and publish *Your Government Officials* and maintain website, <http://www.lwvccmi.org>.
- Provide voter education/registration opportunities.

STUDY, PROGRAMS and ADVOCACY

- Host public viewing of film *Gerrymandering* and participate in state study on redistricting in Michigan.
- Support climate change & sustainability events.
- Hold informational sessions on health care.
- Host annual meeting with speaker TBA.
- Send one voting delegate to the LWVUS national convention June 8-12, 2012 at Washington, DC Hilton.
- Advocate for ballot issues supported by League positions.

NON-PARTISAN BUT POLITICAL

The League is non-partisan in that it does not support or oppose any political party or candidate. The League is political in that it takes positions on selected governmental issues after member study and agreement and publicly advocates for those positions.

JOIN THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE COPPER COUNTRY

We need you with us – join now!

- Join to stay informed about issues and government, and about decisions that directly affect you and your community.
- Make your voice heard as an advocate for change and community problem solving.
- Sharpen your skills in leadership, communications, networking, public speaking and more, as you organize and act on local and national issues.

You will join the national, state, and local Leagues in an exciting new effort to do something about the distrust and hostility that dominate public debate in America.

- We're advocating for changes in the political process, including campaign finance reforms that reduce special interest influence and make decisions fair.
- We're getting voters to the polls, because the system won't change unless we all hold government accountable and vote.
- We're creating opportunities for citizens to come together to discuss issues and shape solutions for the future.
- We're educating citizens and young people, giving them the knowledge and the tools they need to make a difference.
- We're opening new doors for women and minorities so our government is more representative of our society.

