

## 2013-2014 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

\$55 INDIVIDUAL membership \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$80 HOUSEHOLD for two members who share an address \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$30 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 2013-2014

### GROSS EXPENDITURES

General administration	\$220
Board and administrative committees	\$550
Delegates, travel, & workshops	\$1,100
<i>Copper Country Voter</i>	\$550
Educational activities	\$475
Position support	\$25
Annual meeting, misc.	\$600
State and national dues	\$2,850
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,370</b>

### GROSS INCOME

Member dues (single, household, student)	\$ 3,000
Annual meeting, designated funds, grants, interest, reserves, LWV Education Fund external source, miscellaneous and reserve.	\$ 600
Contributions:	
Member	\$1,000
Non-member	\$570
Member Ed Fund	\$300
Non-Member Ed Fund	\$800
Kay LaRue Scholarships	\$100
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,370</b>

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.

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE COPPER COUNTRY

### OFFICERS – Shared Governance Model

Acting President	Fredi de Yampert
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President/ Natural Resources	Kristine Bradof
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President/ Social Policy	Mary Jane Hatton
Treasurer	Mary Marchaterre
Secretary	Barry Fink
Children and Youth	Louisa D. Wills
Education	Carol Kreher
International Relations	Carol Kurz
Health Care	Judy Crotty
Voter Service	Kathy Flagstadt
Website	Shellie Crisman
<b>OFF-BOARD</b>	
Education	Karen Hubbard
Finance	Faith Morrison
Health Policy	Carolyn Weissbach
Voter Editor	Linda Ott
Website	Dale Yeo

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.

# 2013 Report To The Community

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE COPPER COUNTRY



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WOMEN VOTERS

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**<http://www.lwvccmi.org>**

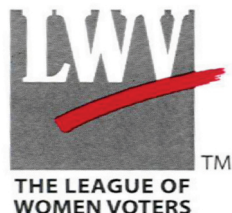
## HIGHLIGHTS 2012-2013

### VOTER SERVICE

- Provided voter information at MTU's "Afternoon on the Town."
- Provided voter information at MTU's Community Expo.
- Provided voter information at Finlandia University's Community Welcome.
- Provided voter information during Constitution Day talk by SUNY New Paltz Professor Joel Lefkowitz at Michigan Tech.
- Provided voter information at Hancock Middle School during candidate forum on children's issues.
- Met with local Girl Scout troop about voter education.
- Provided voter information online at website ([www.lwvccmi.org](http://www.lwvccmi.org)).

### CITIZEN EDUCATION

- Produced two segments of the Voter Guide with the *Daily Mining Gazette*. First one had local county races and local ballot proposals for Houghton and Keweenaw. The second section contained state ballots, US races and Michigan seats.
- 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; placed it on our website.
- Maintained web site: [www.lwvccmi.org](http://www.lwvccmi.org).
- Published information updates on local environmental issues, health care reform, education, sustainability and election procedures.



## HIGHLIGHTS 2012-2013 (cont.)

### ADVOCACY & PROGRAMS

- Provided a voter information program to the Houghton County and Baraga County RICC members.
- Co-sponsored with Keweenaw Chamber of Commerce and moderated a public forum with the Houghton County candidates.
- Co-sponsored Constitution Day event on the Electoral College at MTU by Joel Lefkowitz.
- Held a public meeting on health care reform with Keweenaw Chamber of Commerce, Aspirus Keweenaw and KEDA.
- Moderated candidate forum at Hancock Middle School on children's issues.
- Hosted Michigan LWV president Sue Smith at a unit meeting about the state league election activity, positions on state ballot issues and on advocacy for voter access.
- Presented to Keweenaw Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on non-partisan advocacy and the LWVMI ballot positions.
- Presented to Baraga County RICC members a program on non-partisan advocacy and the LWVMI ballot positions.
- Presented to residents at the Golden Horizons home for seniors in Calumet a program on non-partisan advocacy and the LWVMI ballot positions.
- Moderated a public forum with the Portage Township candidates.
- Co-sponsored a forum with Houghton-Keweenaw MSU Extension at BHK Learning Center in Houghton to present the pros and cons of the ballot proposals.
- Held a unit meeting on the Michigan Open Meetings Act and LWV Dayton's observer manual.
- Held a public meeting on the LWV of Leelanau County's study of an agricultural migrant worker visa, to be voted on at the LWVMI convention.
- Welcomed the Honorable Mark Wisti, judge of the 97th District Court, as our annual meeting speaker.

## LWV STUDIES

- Sent in answers about Voter Services Activities to LWVMI.
- Reviewed and responded with results on LWVMI positions.

### LWVMI STATE CONVENTION

- Sent two voting delegates to the LWVMI state convention at Lansing May 17-19, 2013.

## PLANNED FOR 2013-2014

### VOTER SERVICE/EDUCATION

- Support campus and community awareness days and voter registration.
- Update and republish *Your Government Officials* and maintain website, [www.lwvccmi.org](http://www.lwvccmi.org), and Facebook page.
- Provide voter education/registration opportunities.

### STUDY, PROGRAMS and ADVOCACY

- Study and reach consensus on home schooling in the Copper Country.
- Hold informational sessions on health care reform, environmental issues and education.
- Produce consensus results on National Agricultural Study to LWVUS.
- Host annual meeting with speaker TBA.
- Send one voting delegate to LWVUS convention in Dallas, TX.
- Advocate for 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.