

2014-2015 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	\$200
Board and administrative committees	\$550
Delegates, travel, & workshops	\$2,000
<i>Copper Country Voter</i>	\$630
Educational activities	\$800
Position support	\$25
Annual meeting, misc.	\$610
State and national dues	\$2,800
Total	\$7,615

GROSS INCOME

Member dues (single, household, student)	\$ 2,955
Annual meeting, designated funds, grants, interest, reserves, LWV Education Fund external source, miscellaneous and reserve.	\$ 550
Contributions:	
Member	\$1,000
Non-member	\$750
Member Ed Fund	\$750
Non-Member Ed Fund	\$1,500
Kay LaRue Scholarships	\$110
Total	\$7,615

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	Mary Jane Hatton
1 st Vice President/ Children & Youth	Carol Kreher
2 nd Vice President/ Natural Resources	Kristine Bradof
Treasurer	Mary Marchaterre
Secretary	Barry Fink
Director	Ellen Varney
Electoral Process	Faith Morrison
Voter Service	Kathy Flagstadt

OFF-BOARD

Education	Martha Sloan
Facebook	Lisa Dunnebacke
International Relations	Carol Kurz
Voter Editor	Linda Ott
Website Editor	Shellie Crisman

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.



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2014 Report To The Community

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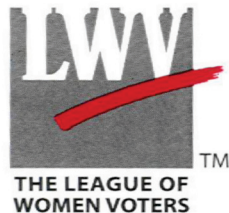
HIGHLIGHTS 2013-2014

VOTER SERVICE

- Provided voter information at MTU's "Afternoon on the Town."
- Provided voter information on "National Voter Registration Day" in Baraga and Hancock.
- Provided voter information online at website (<http://www.lwvccmi.org>).
- Offered voter information at all LWV events.

CITIZEN EDUCATION

- Published and distributed *Your Government Officials* (a listing of elected government officials) to government offices, libraries, high schools and in the community in Houghton and Keweenaw County. Also, it was placed on our website.
- Maintained website: <http://www.lwvccmi.org>.
- Published informational updates on local environmental issues, health care reform, drug court, education, agriculture, sustainability, election and voting procedures.
- Promoted the Green Film series and the Constitution Day event at MTU with David Canon about the Electoral College.



HIGHLIGHTS 2013-2014 (cont.)

ADVOCACY & PROGRAMS

- Co-sponsored presentation with Western UP Health Department and Michigan Consumers for Healthcare on how the Affordable Health Care Act will impact families.
- Held Constitution Day talk by Mary Jane Hatton at Finlandia.
- Held an informational meeting on local home schooling.
- Hosted Michigan LWV president Sue Smith at a dinner meeting on education in MI, including the current characteristics of schools in MI, the governor's message, legislative action, funding issues, distressed schools and future steps for LWVMI.
- Assisted Affordable Care Act enrollment at Calumet and Houghton.
- Held public meeting with FOLK on the economic impact of mining in Calumet and Houghton.
- Held public meeting to discuss whether food should be labeled for GMOs.
- Held Equal Pay Day activities and 'Wear Red' dinner.
- Welcomed Marilyn Clark, CEO of the MTEC SmartZone, as our 54th annual meeting speaker.
- Provided public meeting on Net Neutrality.

LWV STUDIES

- Held meeting and reached consensus on LWVMI education study.
- Reviewed and responded to LWVUS agricultural consensus questions.

PLANNED FOR 2014-2015

VOTER SERVICE/EDUCATION

- Attend LWVMI regional workshop voter service track and membership and leadership development track.
- Moderate candidate forum with Keweenaw Chamber of Commerce.
- Host Michigan LWV president Sue Smith talk on ballot issues.
- Produce Voter Guide for 2014 election.
- Co-sponsor candidate forum on children's issues.
- Provide education information on ballot issues in multiple public meetings.
- Support campus and community awareness days and voter registration.
- Publish and send to high school students the Vote411 handout on how to vote for the first time.
- Update and publish *Your Government Officials* and maintain website, <http://www.lwvccmi.org>.
- Provide voter education/registration opportunities.

STUDY, PROGRAMS and ADVOCACY

- Hold informational sessions on transportation, health care reform, environmental issues and education.
- Host annual meeting with speaker TBA.
- Send voting delegates to LWVMI convention in Kalamazoo, MI.
- 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.