

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE COPPER COUNTRY**

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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.



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**BUDGET 2015-2016**

**GROSS EXPENDITURES**

General administration	\$200
Board and administrative committees	\$450
Delegates, travel, & workshops	\$1,000
<i>Copper Country Voter</i>	\$630
Educational activities	\$450
Position support	\$25
Annual meeting, misc.	\$310
State and national dues	\$2,900
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,965</b>

**GROSS INCOME**

Member dues (single, household, student)	\$ 2,780
Annual meeting, designated funds, grants, interest, reserves, LWV Education Fund external source, miscellaneous and reserve.	\$ 200
<b>Contributions:</b>	
Member	\$900
Non-member	\$645
Member Ed Fund	\$610
Non-Member Ed Fund	\$720
Kay LaRue Scholarships	\$110
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,965</b>

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

**2015-2016 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. 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 federal tax purposes.

2015  
Report To The  
Community

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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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Acting President**

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## HIGHLIGHTS 2014-2015

### VOTER SERVICE

- Distributed voter information at Michigan Tech's "Afternoon on the Town."
- Participated in "National Voter Registration Day" events in Baraga and Hancock.
- Presented voting and disabilities information with Regional Interagency Coordinating Council (RICC)
- Posted current voter information online on LWVCC website ([www.lwvccmi.org](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, Keweenaw, and Baraga Counties. Placed pdf version on our website.
- Launched a new look and feel to our website, [www.lwvccmi.org](http://www.lwvccmi.org), and Facebook page.
- Published informational updates on voter services and rights, state candidate forums, political fact-checking sites, education, equal pay, natural resources, UP energy issues, and public transportation for low-income UP workers.
- Promoted the Constitution Day event on the Electoral College with Jeff Kolnick and the Green Film Series, both at Michigan Tech.



## HIGHLIGHTS 2014-2015 (cont.)

### ADVOCACY & PROGRAMS

- Held Constitution Day talk by Mary Jane Hatton at Finlandia University.
- Hosted LWV of Michigan president Sue Smith, who spoke at several meetings on efforts to arrange state candidate forums.
- Moderated a candidate forum on children's Issues with Copper Country Human Services Coordinating Body, Great Start Collaborative, and Superior Child Abuse. Invited 110th District state representative, 38th District senator, and Houghton Country District 1 and 3 commissioner candidates.
- Teamed with Copper Country Intermediate School District, Finlandia University, Houghton-Keweenaw 4-H, and Michigan State University Extension to offer several teen leadership programs on facilitative leadership, parliamentary procedure, and running a meeting.
- Welcomed 110th District Rep. Scott Dianda as our 55th annual meeting speaker.
- Members attended LWVMI regional workshops and LWVMI State Convention.
- Hosted LWV of Michigan president Sue Smith for a public presentation on the May 5th ballot proposal.

### LWV STUDIES

- Held meeting and reached consensus on positions held by the LWV of Michigan.

## PLANNED FOR 2015-2016

### VOTER SERVICE/EDUCATION

- 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 voter registration handout on how to vote for the first time.
- Distribute *Your Government Officials* and maintain website, [www.lwvccmi.org](http://www.lwvccmi.org).
- Provide voter education/registration opportunities.

### STUDY, PROGRAMS and ADVOCACY

- Hold informational sessions on transportation and develop a position statement for advocacy.
- Continue collaboration with local groups to conduct teen leadership workshops.
- Hold unit meeting to reach consensus on the constitutional amendment questions.
- Participate in LWVUS Money in Politics Review and Update.
- Host annual meeting with speaker TBA.
- Send voting delegates to LWVUS convention in Washington, DC.
- Advocate for issues supported by League positions.

### NONPARTISAN BUT POLITICAL

The League is nonpartisan 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 COPPER COUNTRY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

- 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.

- **Protecting Voters.** The League is dedicated to ensuring that all eligible voters—particularly those from traditionally underrepresented or underserved communities, including first-time voters, non-college youth, new citizens, minorities, the elderly and low-income Americans—have the opportunity and the information to exercise their right to vote.
- **Educating and Engaging Voters.** The leaders you elect make the decisions that affect you—your job, health care, energy costs, security and more. The League helps you to get registered, get to know the candidates and issues, and get out and vote.
- **Reforming Money in Politics.** The League is deeply committed to reforming our nation's campaign finance system to ensure the public's right to know, combat corruption and undue influence, enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office, and allow maximum citizen participation in the political process. We will continue this fight in Congress, with state legislatures, with the executive branch and, where appropriate, the courts.
- **Defending the Environment.** The League supports legislation that seeks to protect our country from the physical, economic and public health effect of climate change while also providing pathways to economic prosperity.
- **Other Work:** Reforming Immigration, Advancing Health Care, Gun Safety, Fixing Fiscal Policy, Improving Government and Global Democracy.