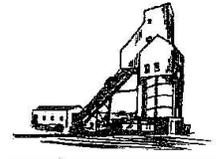




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LWVCC Calendar

- Apr. 2** Board Meeting
Tuesday, 7:00pm Country Inn & Suites, Houghton
- Apr. 9** Equal Pay Day
- Apr.20** Annual Meeting with speaker Mark Wisti
Saturday, 10:45am Ramada Inn
- May 17-19** State Convention
Lansing, MI
- Aug. 12** Summer Board Meeting
Monday, 4:00pm Mary Marchaterre's home

LWVCC Board for 2012- 2013

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Hon. Judge Mark Wisti to Speak

Our annual meeting is Saturday, April 20th at the Ramada in Hancock. Members are asked to arrive at 10:45 to sign in and pay the annual dues. Our speaker is the Hon. Judge Mark Wisti.

Judge Wisti has been the 97th District Court Judge since 2009. Prior to election to the bench, he was defense attorney. He attended Chicago-Kent College of Law and Michigan State University. He's married to LWVCC member Amy Wisti. They have three children.

He plans to speak on the impacts of substance abuse and the concepts behind the creation of drug courts.

The annual business meeting will follow lunch and is important to your League. A quorum is required to pass the budget for the new fiscal year, adopt (re-adopt) local program positions and elect the slate of officers and trustees. The board is also recommending a one year continuation of the local study on home schooling in the Copper Country. Please let Mary Marchaterre know you will attend at 483-2291 or mmmarcha@mtu.edu

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In Memorium – Dorothy Love

Submitted by Barry Fink

The League of Women Voters of the Copper Country is saddened by the passing of Dorothy Love, long term member and past president of LWVCC. Dorothy met and married George Love in Washington DC and they returned to the Copper Country where George grew up, in the mid 1960's. Dorothy was signed in as the 75th member of the young LWVCC in 1964. She quickly joined the board 1965 taking the portfolio "local study item" and began an examination of local education. She worked on the publication of "Know Your County" and was involved in learning about the proposed Houghton County Medical Care Facility. She worked on the League's first advocacy in support of a proposed county millage for the Facility.

Dorothy was noted by her fellow board members for her energetic work. A note in the archived board minutes state "Dorothy has been busy doing everyone else's job, including this secretary's." She served as League president in 1973 to 75.

Dorothy engaged in local politics starting with service on the Planning Commission. As required by League policy, she resigned from the board to run for elected office. She was elected to the Houghton City Council and served for 20 years from 1982 through 2002. Bob Backon served with her and recalls Dorothy always took the best minutes of any council member and was always prepared. On the city council, she helped co-ordinate many of the downtown improvement projects, which won Houghton the Michigan "Community of Economic Excellence" award for 1987-1989.

We also remember George as one of the first men to join League when membership was opened to men in the 1970s. Dorothy remained and engaged member of League of Women Voters, and an engaged citizen, to the end of her life.

League of Women Voters of Michigan Update on Issues: Public Education

In April, 2011, Governor Snyder announced that he planned to reform education in Michigan and move to a "performance-based funding plan" from the current "seat count" funding. Snyder's plan calls for an "Any Time, Any Place, Any Way, Any Pace" education system. ([Click here](#) to read the April speech) The current "bundled" plan, whereby all services to students are bundled in one school district, would be "unbundled". Students would have a home district or charter school, which could be anywhere in the state (districts must accept out of area students), but they could also take

online courses offered by other educational entities. The money would follow the student, meaning the \$6,900 state foundation level per pupil would be divided up between the home district and online and other providers. Online learning is very strongly encouraged as well as part of the "open entry/open exit" component of the plan. Working at their own speed, students would receive \$2,500 in college scholarships for each semester they graduate early from high school, to a maximum of \$10,000.

The Governor entrusted the writing of this plan to the Oxford Foundation, which on November 19 released the plan in the form of a proposed bill—the [Michigan Education Finance Act of 2013](#) and [Richard McLellan provided a narrative](#). Additionally, the [State Board of Education has commented](#) as well as [school administrators](#). Other voices in this discussion include the [Center for Michigan's Bridge Magazine](#), whose mission is to inform Michigan citizens about their state, amplify their views and explore challenges of our civic life. (Click on blue phrases to move to links.)

At this time we are awaiting another revision to the first proposed plan from the Oxford Foundation and then Governor Snyder will decide what he wants to recommend to the legislature. The dates for these events are not certain. LWVMI will review the final plan and make recommendations for advocacy.

In addition, Governor Snyder and others are proposing a system for grouping low achieving schools in the Educational Achievement Authority. Bills were introduced during 2012 and will probably be re-introduced in 2013. LWVMI opposed the bills in 2012.

On February 7, 2013, Governor Snyder released his proposed budget to the MI House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Committee. His budget added some new money for education including an increase for early childhood education. The Michigan League for Public Policy has released [an analysis of the proposed budget for education](#). The Legislature will now hold hearings on the proposed budget.

On March 13, 2013, the House Education Committee voted to report HB 4369, the bill to establish Educational Achievement Authority (EAA) statewide. The vote was 9-5 with three members abstaining. The bill would expand the authority which has 15 of the lowest-performing schools in Detroit to 50 in the state. The Authority is appointed by the Governor, as well as the Chancellor, and reports to the Governor. On March 21, 2013, the Michigan House of Representatives voted on HB 4369. It passed 57-53 after hours of debate. The bill now goes to the MI Senate.

LWVMI will be following any proposed legislation closely and will keep members informed via the website www.lwvmi.org.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH: Predictive Test for Aggression in Male Youth

Submitted by: Louisa D. Wills

The Children and Youth area is inclusive of an exhaustive array of concerns. Abuse, neglect and unmet medical or psychological needs are the root cause of many youth failing to meet their greatest potential or desired life goals. However, an interesting press release from the International Child Youth Care Network (CYC-NET) indicates a remarkable predictive test outcome that may protect health care professionals and youth, as well. A saliva test in a small controlled study of 17 male youth ages seven through nine may provide evidence of a certain aggression hormone. According to a March 23, 2013, article, Cincinnati Children's Hospital reports promising results of saliva sampling linking hormones and aggression. The journal *Psychiatric Quarterly* released the finding in the March 2013 issue.

Further studies to help mental and health care professionals better predict potential violence in male youth are planned. The result, in combination with other assessment tools, will improve the safety of both providers and youth. The study's expansion will include broader male age groups and girls. The article is available at www.cyc-net.org/newsrelease/nrl-March2013.html

2013 Green Film Series: Issues & Dialogue at Michigan Tech

Chasing Ice - Acclaimed environmental photographer James Balog ventures to the Arctic to document the melting of ice mountains using state-of-the-art time lapse photography. *Chasing Ice* depicts a photographer trying to deliver evidence and hope to our carbon-powered planet. (76 min.)

Discussion Facilitator: Dr. Sarah Green, Michigan Tech Dept. of Chemistry

Date: May 9, 7:00-8:30 pm; with coffee, dessert, and facilitated discussion

Location: Atrium & G002 Hesterberg Hall, Michigan Tech Forestry Building

Cost: FREE; \$3 suggested donation

Co-sponsored by Lake Superior Stewardship Initiative, Michigan Tech Center for Water & Society, Keweenaw Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, and Keweenaw Land Trust

Mining Education Monthly Forums

As part of the Green Sanctuary Program, the Keweenaw Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (KUUF) is investigating the question: "What are the characteristics of an acceptable mine – economically, socially, and environmentally?" The monthly forums are intended to educate the Fellowship and the community, and guide future activities. Mining encompasses water, tribal rights, land use, remediation policy & enforcement, economics, personal consumption.

The forums on mining are held the second Sunday of each month at 10:30 am at the BHK Head Start Center, 700 Park Avenue, Houghton. All are welcome to attend. The schedule for spring 2013 is:

March 10 *How will mining impact KBIC land and cultural sites?*

Chuck Brumleve, KBIC geologist, and Jessica Koski, Mining Tech. Assist.

April 14 *Recent Mine Reclamation in Wisconsin: Jackson County Iron Mine and the Flambeau Mine.*

Jim Ludwig, President, Ecological Restoration, Research & Consulting

May 12 *The role of the Michigan DEQ in regulating mining*

Joe Maki, U.P. District Geologist, MI Dept. of Environmental Quality

June 9 *Copper Mining Prehistory in the Copper Country*

Susan Martin, Associate Professor of Archaeology, MTU

July 14 *Independent community environmental monitoring*

Carl Lindquist, Exec. Director, Superior Watershed Partnership & Land Trust
Lake Superior, Lake Michigan, Lake Huron

Aug 11 *PBS documentary: America's Ancient Industry*

Bob Wheeler, founder and president, Copper Country Ancient Sites Conservancy. Field trip to local ancient archaeological site will follow.

Sept. 8 *Mining Education and Citizen Empowerment Friends of the Land of Keweenaw (FOLK)*

Future Dates & Topics to be announced



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