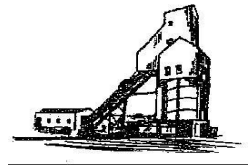


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LWVCC Calendar

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| Oct. 6 | Last Day to Register for November General Election |
| Oct. 07 Tuesday, 7:00pm | Board Meeting Country Inn & Suites, Houghton |
| Oct. 17 Friday, 6:00 pm | Candidate Forum Hancock Middle School Auditorium |
| Oct. 20 Monday, 6:30pm | Children's Issues Candidate Forum with SCB, GSC and Superior CAP Hancock Middle School, Hancock |
| Nov. 4 | ELECTION DAY |
| Nov. 4 Tuesday, 5:00pm | Board Meeting and Election Party Pot Luck Country Inn & Suites, Houghton |

Candidate Forum – Date Changed to 10-17-14

A Candidate Forum will be held on October 17, 2014 beginning at 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm at the Hancock Middle School Auditorium. The Forum is being sponsored by the following organizations: Copper Country Human Services Coordinating Body, Copper Country Great Start Collaborative, Superior Child Abuse Prevention Council and The Copper Country League of Women Voters. The Candidate forum will address Children's Issues, including: early childhood, K-12, and general youth issues and concerns to our local residents. Audience members will be given time to ask questions of the candidates. The Forum will have candidates from the following races: State Representative 110th District, 38th District Senate and Houghton County District 1, and 3, Commissioners. The entire forum will be videotaped by Bill Fink and will be available on our website www.lwvccmi.org, after the forum airs.

November 4th LWV Board Meeting – Election Party Potluck

Please join your LWV Board for a potluck on election night party! The fun starts at 6:00 pm, enjoy dinner, and then move into our regular Board meeting, which you are welcome to attend, and then watch the results of Election night on TV. We will gather at the Comfort Inn, behind Wal-Mart in their meeting room by the pool. Please bring a dish to pass and your non-alcoholic beverage and join us for the fun! If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Kathy Flagstadt, kflagstadt@hotmail.com or 906-399-0721 by 11-3-14.

LWVCC Board for 2014 - 2015

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Voter Services Activities

Kathy Flagstadt, Chair

Absentee Ballots available at Clerks office or on your smartphone or tablet

If you will be out of town or unable to get to the polls on Election Day, Tuesday, November 4th, be sure to request an absentee ballot as soon as possible from your local County Clerk or City Clerk or Township Clerk. Absentee applications are due Saturday, November 1st, and you need to return your ballot by 8 pm on Election Day. Or you can now apply for an absentee ballot on your tablet or smartphone by going to: www.MIAbsentee.com. There are no excuses not to vote this November, and there's simply too much at stake to stay home.

2014 LWVCC Voter Guide

The 2014 Voter Guide will be distributed in the Daily Mining Gazette on 10-18-14. There will be 800 additional copies of the Guide distributed and available to local businesses, libraries, schools, and public areas for the public to pick up, after 10-18. The Voter Guide will also be on our website: www.lwvccmi.org, after 10-18-14. A special Thank You to Mary Marchaterre for all of her assistance this year on the Voter Guide and Voter Services.

Master of Public Administration will be presenting.

State President Sue Smith Visited Copper Country

Sue Smith made her annual visit to the Copper Country in September and spoke about efforts to arrange candidate forums at the state level. She believes Michigan needs to use the model of the Indiana Debates Commission to require candidates to sit down at a table together to discuss dates, times, moderators and formats for televised debates. Allowing candidates to choose whether or not to debate based on how it will benefit their own campaign does not serve the voters. So far, efforts at arranging a gubernatorial debate and a debate for the senate seat being vacated by Carl Levin have been stymied. Smith offered three dates and times to the Snyder and Schauer campaigns for a meeting in early September to take place at the League's office in Lansing. But, Smith stated "Republican Gov. Rick Snyder has refused to debate his opponent." Smith said: "Voters will see a lot of political ads from all sides between now and Election Day. Debates help

voters cut through the rhetoric and get to hear from the candidates in their own words and more fully understand where they stand on important issues. The League is willing to help in any way it can to facilitate debates." To date only forums for the MTU Regents and Supreme Court Judicial candidate have been worked out.

University of Michigan Regents Candidate Forum:

Friday, October 24, 2014 beginning at 4:00 at the Joan and Sanford Weill Hall, 735 S. State St., Ann Arbor. The public is invited to attend this forum co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Michigan, the League of Women Voters of Ann Arbor Area and the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy.

Michigan Supreme Court Judicial Candidates Forum:

Wednesday, October 15, 2014. Filmed at the WTVS Studios in Wixom, this program will be available on public TV stations throughout Michigan prior to the election. Co-sponsored by the league of Women Voters of Michigan, the League of Women Voters of Oakland Area, the Oakland County Bar Association, Detroit News, Detroit Free Press and Detroit Public TV.

Community Forum on Redistricting:

Thursday, October 16, 2014, 6:30-8:30, Jackson Public Library (244 W. Michigan, Jackson, 49201). LWVMI President Sue Smith will be one of the presenters at this forum along with Rep. Earl Poleski. The forum is open to the public. The panelists will discuss the current redistricting process in Michigan, possible alternatives, and the impact on Michigan citizens.

Smith also reported that there will only be two ballot proposals, both dealing with wolf hunting. There will be pro/con statements on those in the state Voter Guide.

A friendly reminder

Our League membership year runs from April to March. If you haven't yet renewed your membership this year, now is time.

With the 2014 election year approaching and the issues facing us all, the community will again be looking to the League for interesting events.

Volunteers are always welcomed!

Fact Help

Need some help sorting through the political ads and scare stories during this election season and beyond? Here are some reliable sources that sift through the hype and fabrications for us.

- **FactCheck.org** from the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg Public Policy Center is a nonpartisan, nonprofit "consumer advocate" for voters that aims to reduce the level of deception and confusion in U.S. politics. FactCheck monitors the factual accuracy of TV ads, debates, speeches, interviews and news releases.
- **PolitiFact.com** is a project of the St. Petersburg Times to help people find the truth in American politics, reported in the form of a Truth-O-Meter.
- **OpenSecrets.Org** is the Center for Responsive Politics' nonpartisan guide to money's influence on U.S. elections and public policy.

Green Films Available for Checkout

Submitted by Joan Chadde

The updated list of Green Films available for checkout by teachers and community members is now posted on the Green Film website on the Western UP Center's homepage under "Community Events."

<http://wupcenter.mtu.edu/>. **Green Films 2011-2014** are available for a 2-week checkout for classroom, meeting or home viewing. Public viewings have additional cost.

To borrow films, contact: Loret Roberts (482-0331 or loret@copperisd.org at the CCISD at 809 Hecla St., Hancock) or Joan Chadde (487-3341 or jchadde@mtu.edu at the 115 Great Lakes Research Center at Michigan Tech).

Many thanks to our funders: Keweenaw Community Foundation Environmental Endowment, League of Women Voters of the Copper Country, and Friends of the Land of Keweenaw.

Suggestions for the Fall 2014 Green Lecture Series or Green Films Jan-May 2015 are welcome. Please email to jchadde@mtu.edu

We had to struggle with the old enemies of peace – business and financial monopoly, speculation, reckless banking, class antagonism, sectionalism, war profiteering .

They had come to consider the government of the United States as a mere appendage to their own affairs. We know now that government by organized money is just as dangerous as government by organized mob.

– Franklin D. Roosevelt



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