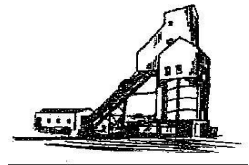


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LLWVCC Calendar

Mar. 3 Tuesday, 7:00PM	Board Meeting Country Inn & Suites, Houghton
Mar. 24 Tuesday, 6:30PM	Youth Leadership Program CCISD Board Room
Apr. 7 Tuesday, 7:00PM	Board Meeting Country Inn & Suites, Houghton
Apr. 11 Saturday, 11:15AM	Annual Meeting Speaker: Rep. Scott Dianda, MI 110 th District Ramada Waterfront Meeting Room, Hancock
Apr. 14 Tuesday	Equal Pay Day Wear red to show support!
Apr. 28 Tuesday, 7:00PM	May 5th Ballot Proposal with MI League President Sue Smith Houghton High School
May 15-17	LWVMI State Convention "Giving Voice to Democracy" Four Points Hotel, Kalamazoo, MI

LWVCC Board for 2014 - 2015

Shared Governance Model Acting President/ Mary Jane Hatton	523-5368
1st Vice President/ Children and Youth Carol Kreher	487-6778
2nd Vice President/ Natural Resources Kristine Bradof	482-0446
Treasurer Mary Marchaterre	483-2291
Secretary Barry Fink	482-4632
Director Ellen Varney	524-7845
Electoral Process Faith Morrison	487-9703
Voter Service Kathy Flagstadt	399-0721

LWVCC Annual meeting

The annual meeting will be Saturday, April 11, 2015 at the Ramada Waterfront Portage Room. Check in and register for the meeting at 11:15; annual dues may be paid at this time. Select your lunch order from the mini menu which will be available. We are all responsible for paying our own check. Lunch will be served at noon after the speaker. Our speaker is Rep. Scott Dianda at 11:30; the public is invited.

The business meeting will be after lunch is served. Agenda items to be voted on :

- Treasure's Report
- Proposed budget
- Slate of candidates for open board positions
- Adoption of positions: current potions may be viewed at www.lwvccmi.org
- Proposed New Local Study (board recommends) "League of Women Voters of the Copper Country will conduct a one year study of the availability of public transit in Baraga, Houghton and Keweenaw Counties and identify any gaps in service."

Off Board

Education Martha Sloan	369-4184
International Relations Carol Kurz	337-2920
Facebook Lisa Dunnebacke	231-2176
Voter Editor Linda Ott	487-2315
Website Editor Shellie Crisman	523-6299

www.lwvccmi.org

<http://www.facebook.com/coppercountrylwv>

LWVCC offers Teen Leadership Workshop

Teaming up with the Copper Country Intermediate School District (CCISD), Finlandia, and Houghton-Keweenaw 4-H, the LWVCC will be offering a Teen Leadership Program on leadership and parliamentary procedure for teens 12-19 at the CCISD conference room Tuesday, March 24, 2015, from 6:30 to 8:00p.m. Teens will have an opportunity to learn about their leadership styles, how to make an agenda, parliamentary procedures, and how to run a meeting. The League's new and current positions may be brought up in the mock meeting the youth will run. Throughout the workshop questions from the U.S. Naturalization Test will be asked. LWVCC members are welcome. Register online at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/citizen-leaders-of-tomorrow-tickets-> For more information contact Carol Kreher at krehercreations@charter.net or call 523-4048.

May 5 Ballot Proposal: 'What is it? What will it do?'

There will be a single state ballot proposal on May 5. What the *Detroit Free Press* has called “the myriad constitutional and statutory changes outlined in the proposal” are intended to address the much-needed repair of roads and bridges in Michigan. The complicated ramifications of passage or failure of the measure are not easy, yet important, to understand. If passed, it would change the state sales tax from 6 to 7% and institute a number of measures regarding revenues.

We are fortunate to have access to the work the State League has done in examining the proposal. State President Sue Smith will visit us on Tuesday evening April 28 to present a public program of the PowerPoint and conduct a question-and-answer session. The House and Senate Fiscal Agency Analysis is our respected source of non-biased information. Put Tuesday, April 28, 7pm at Houghton HS Auditorium on your calendar and invite others to attend.

Absentee ballots will be available starting March 21. To study information now, visit our website www.lwvccmi.org and click on “Upcoming May 5 Ballot Proposal” on the left side list of links and then on [May 5 State Ballot Proposal: What Is It; What Would It Do? presentation](#). If you need help with a hard copy, call Barry Fink at 482-4632.

Know Your Government Officials – Baraga County

Know Your Government Officials – BARAGA County is now available in print and soon to be on our website along with the HOUGHTON County version. If you would like copies of either, please contact Kathy Flagstadt kflagstadt@hotmail.com.

Nominating Committee Slate for 2015-2017

Barry Fink, Secretary
Faith Morrison, Director
Kathy Flagstadt, Director
Rhianna Williams, Director

March is National Women’s History Month

March is National Women’s History Month and 2015 marks the 35th anniversary of the Women’s History Movement and the National Women’s History Project. This year’s theme is Weaving the Stories of Women’s Lives. Next year in March, we will be highlighting and having a program on one of our own LWVCC members and her story.

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

March is also Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. First proclaimed in 1987 by President Reagan during a significant time of social change and shortly before the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the presidential proclamation called upon Americans to provide the “encouragement and opportunities” necessary for people with developmental disabilities to reach their potential.

In fact, in terms of the barriers that women and people with developmental disabilities still struggle to overcome, they have more in common. Both have to address stereotypes and discrimination.

According to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 29.3 percent of charges filed in 2014 were based on gender while 28.6 percent were based on disability. Neither is equally represented in the workforce, particularly in positions of leadership. In 2013, only 57.2 percent of women were in the workforce compared to 69.7 percent of men.

The Office of Disability Employment Programs regularly reports that nearly 80 percent of people with disabilities are not part of the labor force. Each is vulnerable to poverty and is likely more dependent on government funded programs. Nearly six in ten poor adults are women. In 2013, individuals with disabilities had a poverty rate of 28.7 percent. In contrast, those without a disability had a poverty rate of 13.6 percent.

PROPOSED BUDGET for April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		<u>INCOME</u>	
A.	<u>Administration</u>	A.	<u>Dues</u>
	1. Chamber of Commerce Dues		1. 33 Individuals @ \$55
	2. Postage		2. 10 Family @ \$80
	Sub-total		3. 1 Students @ \$30
			Sub-total
B.	<u>Administrative Committee</u>		
	1. Finance	B.	<u>Contributions to Finance Drive</u>
	2. Membership		(not tax deductible)
	Sub-total		1. Member
C.	<u>Delegates, Travel & Workshops</u>		2. Non-member
	1. National Convention		3. Kay LaRue Scholarship Fund
	2. State Conv/Council		Sub-total
	Sub-total		
D.	<u>Financial Support</u>	C.	<u>Contributions to Education Fund</u>
	(per Member Payment = PMP)		(tax deductible)
	(37 Individual @ \$55.81, 8 Family @ \$84.12)		1. Member
	1. National PMP		2. Non-member
	Cash		Sub-total
	Education Fund		
	2. State PMP	D.	<u>Other Sources</u>
	Sub-total		1. Annual Meeting
			2. Bank Interest
			Sub-total
E.	<u>Copper Country Voter</u>		
	1. Postage CCV		
	2. Printing CCV		
	Sub-total		
	<u>Educational Activities (tax deductible)</u>		
F.	1. Program Committees		
	2. Publications - Internet Web Pg.		
	3. Voter Service - Prim/Gen Guide		
	4. Voter Service - Your Gov't		
	Sub-total		
G.	<u>Position Support</u>		
	1. Advocacy		
	Sub-total		
H.	<u>Other</u>		
	1. Annual Meeting		
	2. Kay LaRue		
	Sub-total		
	<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>		<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>
	\$5,965		\$5,965
			<u>Budget Committee</u>
			Mary Jane Hatton (Acting President)
			Mary Marchaterre (Treasurer)
			Nanno Rose



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Membership

Individual Dues (\$55)

Household Dues (\$80)

Student Dues (\$30)

Donation

Finance Drive (\$____)

Kay LaRue Scholarship (\$____)

Education Fund {\$____)