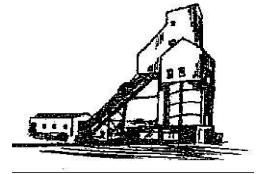




# Copper Country Voter

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## LWVCC Calendar

- May 1**  
Friday, 6:00PM  
Teen Facilitative Leadership Workshop  
MSUE – Sisu room  
Sponsored by MSUE, Michigan 4-H,  
H/K 4-H and LWVCC and lead by  
Brian Wibby, MSUE Educator
- May 15-17**  
LWVMI State Convention  
“Giving Voice to Democracy”  
Four Points Hotel, Kalamazoo, MI
- June 19-21**  
Friday to Sunday  
Seafood Fest  
Volunteers are needed
- June 23**  
Tuesday, noon  
Recap of State convention with Martha Sloan  
and Mary Marchaterre  
Kangas cafe
- August 18**  
95th Anniversary of the right to vote for  
women – 19th amendment passed
- August 18**  
Tuesday, 5:00pm  
Summer Board Meeting  
Mary Marchaterre's home  
1216 E. Lakeshore Dr, Houghton  
Potluck. All members are welcome!

## Proposed Book Club

At the state convention of the League of Women Voters, one of the other leagues reported success in developing a book club that deals with public policy issues. Mary Marchaterre and Martha Sloan liked the idea so well that Martha will bring a proposal, complete with an annotated list of possible books, for LWVCC to have a similar book club to the summer board meeting. The club could serve as both member recruitment and member development functions. It could be open to anyone interested and would feature nonfiction books on such policy issues as inequality, education, economics, democracy, and justice, considered from a wide spectrum of viewpoints. Anyone interested in this club, especially with recommendations on books, should contact Martha at [masloan@mtu.edu](mailto:masloan@mtu.edu) or 906.369.4184.

## A Friendly Reminder

Our League membership year runs from April to March. If you haven't yet renewed your membership this year, now is the time. Please mail checks to LWVCC PO Box 815, Houghton, MI 49931. Households are \$80, individuals are \$55 and students are \$30. Please let me know if you are interested in volunteering. Call Mary Marchaterre at 483-2291 or email [mmmarcha@mtu.edu](mailto:mmmarcha@mtu.edu). Thank you and looking forward to the upcoming year!

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## Minutes - 55th Annual Meeting of Members Delegates Report from LWVMI State Convention

Martha Sloan and Mary Marchaterre represented the LWVCC at the state convention in Kalamazoo in May. Its theme was "Giving Voice to Democracy." A new Yooper league was in attendance (League of Women Voters of Eastern Upper Peninsula), so we were not alone. It was a busy and exciting three days of meetings, workshops and networking with other Leagues.

We covered different workshops to maximize our return to the Copper Country League. Mary went to 'The "GROW ME" Membership Model, Program and Advocacy: How do we know where we are going and how do we get there?', 'A Social Media Playdate: a hands-on workshop using social media to build your League', 'Building the League of Tomorrow: Growing our Ranks with Young People'.

Martha participated in the "LWV's Democracy Agenda: Redistricting," an issue on which the Copper Country League had viewed a documentary a year or so ago. Headed by outgoing state president Sue Smith, the review of state responsibility for redistricting showed that most states, like Michigan, require the state legislature to do it. She showed statistics for Michigan that showed that the resulting change in legislators by party definitely favors the party that headed the redistricting. The method most likely to appeal to League members is one that has an independent commission decide on new districts. However, the Supreme Court just reviewed a lawsuit against Arizona for just such a scheme that charged that this violates the U.S. Constitution that makes legislators responsible for districts. Martha also attended a workshop on League Basics that was just that.

A new position from LWV of Leelanau on 'The Agricultural Migrant/Seasonal Worker' was adopted during the convention. "State and local governments should pass legislation and publically fund programs and services that address the ongoing challenges faced by agricultural workers and their families that draw workers in a competitive market. Quality of life is enhanced by safe, healthy, affordable housing; education; health care; fair treatment by law enforcement and other services provided by state and local government offices and agencies."

A study to update the 'Taxation and Budgeting' position was approved. 'The current Taxation and Budgeting position is out of date and inadequate to address current issues of providing sufficient revenue for our state programs. Martha volunteered to be part

of the initial planning for the study via email.

Dr. Carla Campbell-Jackson was the keynote speaker at the Saturday Banquet. Her message was "*Don't Just Talk About it .....BUT BE ABOUT IT!*". She has worked in Public Affairs and Human Resources and now works as the only African America State Farm Insurance Section Manager in Kalamazoo. "There is a destiny which makes us brothers; none goes his way alone. All that we send into the lives of others comes back into our own." This is a quote from Edwin Markham that was the starting point of her message about the League.

Susan Demas was the Saturday lunch speaker and is the editor and publisher of *Inside Michigan Politics*, a nationally acclaimed newsletter founded in 1987. Raised in Iowa, she compared Iowa politics with Michigan politics. She was especially frank in pointing out that politicians of both parties are devoted to being re-elected.

Anita Loch was the Sunday breakfast speaker on "*LWVUS Democracy Agenda*". She was elected to the Board of Directors of the LWVUS and the Board of Trustees of the LWV Education Fund in 2014. The "Democracy Agenda" is an advocacy and public education effort to strengthen and renew the basic tenets of American democracy. This umbrella includes redistricting, civil liberties, campaign finance reform, voting rights for District of Columbia residents, election administration reform and ethics and lobbying reform.

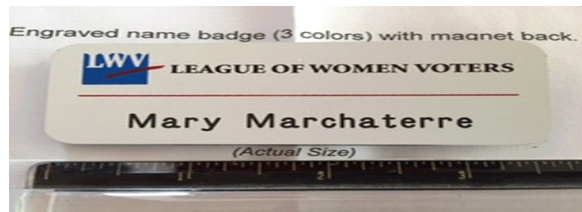
Following her speech, a League member, Joanne Schroeder, gave a ventriloquist show featuring five different women's rights advocates of the nineteenth century. Her show was both educational and humorous and was a high point of the convention.

Come meet Martha and Mary to discuss the convention at noon on June 23 Tuesday at noon at the Kangas Café.



## League Name Badges

Interested in an engraved name badge (3 colors) with magnetic back? This is a service that LWVMI provides to our members once a year. The cost of the badge is approximately \$10 plus mailing costs (about \$1.50). Postal costs can be reduced if multiple badges are sent to one address. If you wish to order a badge, please email Mary Marchaterre ([mmmarcha@mtu.edu](mailto:mmmarcha@mtu.edu)) by July 1st. Your badge and invoice will be sent to you by the end of August. If you have any questions, you can call me at 483-2291.



## Honoring Michigan's Own Anna Howard Shaw

Dr. Trisha Franzen will discuss her book, *Anna Howard Shaw: The Work of Woman Suffrage* at a luncheon August 22 in Livonia. Shaw was a pioneer – Minister and Doctor – but left both to work for the women's suffrage. Her oratory skills made her a national figure. Shaw challenged traditional gender roles by building a tight knit family with her secretary and longtime companion, Lucy Anthony. Franzen presents a compelling portrait of a woman whose significance has been misinterpreted and who has, until now, received minimal attention from historians. If you are interested in attending the luncheon, please contact Mary Marchaterre at [mmmarcha@mtu.edu](mailto:mmmarcha@mtu.edu) or 906.483.2291 for further details by August 18.

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– Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., 1904

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