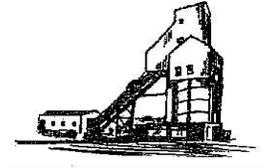


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<u>LWVCC Calendar</u>			
February 2 Tuesday, 7:00pm	Board Meeting Country Inn & Suites, Houghton	March 10 Thursday, 7pm-9pm	Local Transportation Informational Meeting Portage Lake Library
February 8	Last Day to register for presidential primary.	March 15 Tuesday, 4pm-7pm	Youth Leadership training CCISD, Hancock
February 16 Tuesday, 7pm-9pm	Pay Equity Informational Meeting, Marchaterre's house 1216 E Lakeshore Dr, Houghton	March 22 Tuesday, 7pm-9pm	Gerrymandering Informational Meeting, Portage Lake Library
March 1 Tuesday, 7:00pm	Board Meeting Country Inn & Suites, Houghton	April 5 Tuesday, 7:00pm	Board Meeting Country Inn & Suites, Houghton
March 5 Saturday, 2pm	Deadline for electors who wish to receive an absent voter ballot	April 12 TBD	Equal Pay Day Events Michigan Tech and Finlandia
March 8	Presidential Primary	April 16 Saturday, 11:15am-1:30pm	Annual Meeting, Speaker George Stockero, CCISD Superintendent Pilgrim River Steakhouse
		June 16-18 Thursday-Saturday	National Convention Washington DC

Pay Equity DVD Presentation – February 16

Join us for an informative evening to learn more about Pay Equity. I'm worth it: The Simple truth about pay equity and what we can do about it. We will view a DVD Presentation on 2-16-16 at 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm at Mary Marchaterre home. The presentation we will view is a program that AAUW-MI presented last November at Albion College, which our League was going to participate in by live streaming, but due to technical difficulties we could not. Learn more about the pay gap and other truths about pay, including the wage gap for women of color, and hear actual scenarios from members of AAUW. Also, learn tips to negotiate your salary and future raises and how it can affect your retirement benefits. You can contact Mary Marchaterre at mmmarcha@mtu.edu or call 483-2291 for more information. To get to her house, you drive past the Super 8 in Houghton, drive through their parking lot heading to Tech. Her house is the 2nd one at the end.

Michigan Presidential Primary – March 8

Michigan's Presidential Primary is March 8th, 2016. At this time, there are 13 candidates appearing on

Michigan's Republican ballot and 4 candidates qualified for the Democratic primary. After the Iowa caucus, several candidates chose to drop out of the Presidential race, but unfortunately, their names will still appear on our ballot, due to filing deadlines. Remember to vote on March 8th in the Primary Election!

Special Information for Presidential Primary: The Presidential Primary to be held on March 8, 2016 will be conducted as a "closed" primary. To view your sample ballot: Go to Michigan.gov/sos and enter in your personal information. The screen that will appear will include where you need to vote and candidate information for both the Republican Party and the Democratic Party. **If you wish to apply for an absentee ballot, please do before the deadline of 3-5-16.** When you vote or pick up an absentee ballot however, you must request either a Republican Party or a Democratic Party ballot which will include only the candidates of the party you select. If a special election is conducted in conjunction with the Presidential Primary, the special election information will appear on both the Republican and Democratic ballots. You will also have the option of selecting a ballot that excludes Presidential Primary information and includes only special election information.

Requesting an Absentee Voter Ballot for the Primary Election on 3-8-16

Your request for an absentee voter ballot must be in writing and can be submitted to your city or township clerk. (For assistance in obtaining the address of your city or township clerk, see <http://www.Michigan.gov/vote>). Your request must include one of the six statutory reasons stated above and your signature. You must request an absentee voter ballot by mailing the online application, a letter, a postcard, or a preprinted application form obtained from your local Clerk's office. Requests to have an absentee voter ballot mailed to you must be received by your clerk no later than 2 p.m. on March 5th, the Saturday before the election. Once your request is received by the local clerk, your signature on the request will be checked against your voter registration record before a ballot is issued. You must be a registered voter to receive an absentee ballot. Requests for absentee voter ballots are processed immediately. Absentee voter ballots may be issued to you at your home address or any address outside of your city or township of residence.

Michigan's Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame 40th Anniversary

The only museum in the state of MI dedicated to women's history, has been celebrating the accomplishments of Michigan women for over 40 years. In celebration of their anniversary, LWVCC donated \$50 and member Mary Marchaterre donated \$50, so our name could be printed in their 40 year celebration flyers. The MWHOF is located in Lansing. The mission of the MWHOF is to inspire and engage adults and children by celebrating Michigan women's history, promoting educational opportunities, and honoring the accomplishments of Michigan women.

Equal Pay Day – April 12 – Wear Red

Equal Pay Day symbolizes how far into the year a woman must work, on average, to earn as much as a man earned the previous year. The wage gap is even greater for most women of color. Because women earn less, on average, than men, they must work longer for the same amount of pay the man earns. Red is worn on this day as a symbol of how far women and minorities are "in the red" with their pay. For more information on pay equity, <http://www.pay-equity.org/>

Join other local women and students on April 12th at noon on the campuses of MTU and Finlandia University and wear the color RED. More information on where to gather and other local activities will be published in our March and in our April Voter.

Planning Meeting Report

A good turnout of members attended the January planning meeting and for once we did not have a blizzard that night! Members engaged in a lively discussion of the consensus questions for the national "Money In Politics" study. The responses can be viewed on our website at www.lwvmicc.org. We also agreed to support concurrence with the LWV Colorado position on "Behavioral Health" in the LWVUS Health Care position and support for League of Women Voters of Tacoma-Pierce, Washington to add language regarding "Global Climate Change" to the LWVUS positions on Representative Government, International Relations, Natural Resources, and Social Policy. We did not reach consensus and therefore did not vote support for their proposal to update language regarding "Equal Opportunity." Mary Jane Hatton has submitted our results on-line with national.

League Members Attend Local RICC Meeting

Approximately 30 members of the CCRICC (Copper Country Regional Inclusive Community Coalition) attended its meeting held on Thursday, January 14, 2016 from 3:30-4:30 at Lakeview Manor Meeting Room in Hancock. RICC is an advocacy group for people with a variety of challenges. It also includes and helps their families and friends to express their needs, concerns and suggestions to improve their lives. The goal is to provide a support system so the adults can live as independently as possible. RICC's are funded through the Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council. They provide an opportunity to address local issues, share information and influence positive change. Currently they are working on expansion of hours and increase distance of Houghton and Hancock transit system. For more information about RICC, visit the group's Facebook page, or email coppercountryricc@yahoo.com.

The LWVCC was invited to talk about Parliamentary Procedure at their meeting. It was nice to observe their meeting prior to our talk. Suggestions were given to expand their agenda to include new and old business. The "Simplified Parliamentary Procedure" booklet was given out and followed somewhat. We did some hands on practice of making a motion with some very helpful participants. Some knew the information prior to our presentation, others picked it up, and others are learning. The program was graciously received. LWVCC members who attended were presenters Kathy Flagstad and Carol Kreher along with helper, Heather Bean.

Welcome to New Member

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Martha Sloan our February Notable Woman of the Year

This month the League of Women Voters Copper Country would like to recognize the achievements and contributions of the Copper Country's very own Martha Sloan, an electrical engineer, Professor Emerita at Michigan Tech, longtime and active member of LWVCC and so much more (MTU, 2015; LWVCC 2016).

Martha was born in Aurora, IL in 1939, the daughter of an obstetrician. She first learned about circuit design in her late teens through a summer institute run by Northwestern University. Majoring in electrical engineering at Stanford University she graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a BSEE in 1961, the only woman in her class of approximately 600 (Wiki, 2015). Later she earned a MESS and a PhD. From Stanford University, Stanford CA (A+ Foundation, 2012). She worked for two years at Lockheed Missiles and Space Company, and two years teaching at the Frankfurt International School in Oberursel, Germany before joining Michigan Technological University as the first woman hired as a faculty member in the Electrical Engineering department (A+ Foundation, 2012; Michigan Tech, 2016).

Awards and recognition for her hard work and dedication to her field continued throughout her career including: the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) Distinguished Engineering Educator Award, an Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) Centennial Medal, the Richard E. Merwin Award, the ASEE Outstanding Young Electrical Engineering Educator Award, and the Michigan Tech Distinguished Service Award (A+ Foundation, 2012; Michigan Tech, 2015).

In 1993 Martha became the first woman president of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) by gathering 6,000 signatures to become a write-in nominee and receiving 25,000 votes for the position. During her year long tenure Martha worked to bring engineers together from around the world. "I traveled to Manila, Taipei, and Bangkok- to name just a few destinations- and worked with local engineers to share and develop information technology that will improve our world," comments Martha (Hatch, 2006).

As a role model and mentor, she has supported women faculty and women of all walk of life from around the globe (Michigan Tech, 2015). The 2012 Distinguished Alumni Hall of Honor for West Aurora Schools sums Martha up with "Sloan is a problem solver. In a profession which was predominantly male-specific, her sheer brilliance in the field broadened its scope to include and embrace the contributions of women." (A+ Foundation)

Thank you Martha, for all you have done!

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