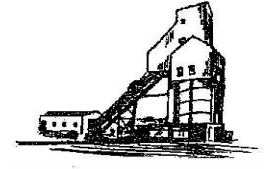


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## LWVCC Calendar

<b>November 7</b> Tuesday, 7:00pm	Board Meeting Country Inn & Suites, Houghton	<b>March 6</b> Tuesday, 7:00pm	Board Meeting Country Inn & Suites, Houghton
<b>December 5</b> Tuesday, 5:00pm	Board Meeting La Cantina, Hancock	<b>April 3</b> Tuesday, 7:00pm	Board Meeting Country Inn & Suites, Houghton
<b>December 6</b> Wednesday, 6:30pm	Redistricting in Michigan Portage Lake District Library	<b>April 14</b> Saturday, 11:15am	Annual Meeting Guest Speaker Sarah Green Ramada Inn
<b>January 9</b> Tuesday, 7:00pm	Board Meeting Country Inn & Suites, Houghton	<b>June 28 – July 1</b>	League of Women Voters' 53 <sup>rd</sup> National Convention 2018 Creating a more perfect democracy Chicago, IL
<b>January 22</b> Monday, 5pm	Planning Meeting Kangas Café		
<b>February 6</b> Tuesday, 7:00pm	Board Meeting Country Inn & Suites, Houghton		

### **Redistricting in Michigan: Should Politicians Choose Their Voters?**

On Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, Martha Sloan will present “REDISTRICTING IN MICHIGAN: Should Politicians Choose Their Voters?” at Portage Lake District Library. Her presentation will cover

- the historical background of redrawing national and Michigan districts,
- the effect of gerrymandering on selecting winners,
- a comparison of Michigan processes with those of other states,
- recent court decisions,
- the proposal of Voters Not Politicians for the Michigan 2018 ballot, and
- the recommendations of the Michigan League of Women Voters.

The presentation will be followed by a question and answer period, and light refreshments will be available.

### **Annual Meeting January 22, 2018 – Save the Date**

Our January Planning Meeting will be a dinner meeting, to be held Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5pm at the Kangas Cafe in the Jutila Center (the old Hospital) in room 311, Hancock.

Please RSVP by Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> to Mary Marchaterre, [mmmarcha@mtu.edu](mailto:mmmarcha@mtu.edu) or 483-2291 with your menu entree choice of: Chicken Piccata or Veggie Lasagna. The cost is \$16.50 for the meal, which includes: Salad, Roll, Dressings, Dessert, and Beverages: Coffee, Tea, Lemonade, and Gratuity. Unfortunately, "No shows" will still be expected to pay for their dinner and will be billed by the LWVCC, as we will be committed to covering the number we have reserved.

In preparation for our local Annual Meeting in April, any ideas for local programs or speakers should be brought up at this time.

## First Call to National Convention Chicago July 2018

The League of Women Voters' 53rd National Convention will be held at the Hilton Chicago in Chicago, IL, from Thursday, June 28 through Sunday, July 1, 2018. We invite our League members to save these dates and plan to join hundreds of passionate and engaged leaders for our biennial national gathering. More information and the full "first call" is [available here](#).

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## State Study for 2017-18 Program Years: Language Change in State's Agricultural/ Seasonal Worker Position

Vina Mikesell, LWV Leelanau,  
LWVMI Vice President of Program

At the State Convention last May, delegates overwhelmingly voted to support the proposal made by the League of Women Voters Leelanau County to study an update of the language in Section 1.B. of the Agricultural/ Seasonal Worker Position. The current language reads: "Should allow a lawfully present, qualifying person to apply for or secure and renew a driver's license or obtain an identification card". The Leelanau League is proposing that a study be conducted to determine whether the identification should or should not be based on immigration status. At its June meeting, the LWVMI Board voted to ask the Leelanau League to create pros and cons, along with background information about why a change is needed. LWVCC looks forward to participating in the review of this information, which will be sent to local Leagues, asking them to review the materials and to decide whether or not to concur with a revision by a certain date. Responses will then be sent to the State Board which will decide whether or not consensus was reached by a majority of local Leagues. If the Board determines there is consensus, the revised position would be adopted by the State Board and would have the same status as any other current LWVMI position.

## The Goal: Becoming a Top Ten Education State

The Education Trust- Midwest, a nonpartisan research and advocacy organization, has published their 2016 Michigan State of Education Report. Titled, "Michigan's Talent Crisis: The Economic Case for Rebuilding Michigan's Broken Public Education System." The report deals with steps to reach the goal of becoming a top ten education state. Today, Michigan's K-12 system is among the weakest in the country and getting worse. In a little more than a decade, Michigan has gone from being a fairly average state in elementary reading and math achievement to the bottom 10 states. This is a devastating fall. [Read the annual report here](#).

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## LWV Statement on Executive Order to End Health Care Subsidies

"President Trump's executive order to end health care subsidies for insurance companies will raise premiums and leave more Americans without meaningful health insurance. These subsidies were put in place deliberately to keep costs down for everyday Americans. Removing them now is a dangerous step toward unraveling a fragile system.

"President Trump is attempting to dismantle the American health care system piece by piece, in the same dangerous and under-the-table manner that the American people made clear to their Congressional leaders is unacceptable.

"We have said many times that the Affordable Care Act is not a perfect law. Congress should work to improve it. The White House should not undo the positive impacts this legislation has had for millions of Americans who previously could not afford health care coverage."

League of Women Voters president **Chris Carson**  
10/13/17

*The real purpose of the Second Amendment was to ensure that state armies – militia – would be maintained for the defense of the state. The very language of the Second Amendment refutes any argument that it was intended to guarantee every citizen an unfettered right to any kind of weapon he or she desires.*

-- Conservative Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger

## 100 Year Anniversary of “Night of Terror”

On November 15, 1917, suffragists imprisoned after picketing the White House faced violent attacks at the Occoquan Workhouse in Virginia. Lucy Burns, Dora Lewis, and other members of the National Woman’s Party were brutally beaten and abused, according to affidavits. Lucy Burns was handcuffed and forced to hang from the top of her cell, while some witnesses say Dora Lewis suffered a heart attack. The abuse was ordered by the superintendent, W.H. Whittaker, in an attempt to teach the suffragists a lesson. The courage and conviction expressed by the National Woman’s Party inspired more volunteers to join the picket line and eventually convinced the public and elected officials to support the suffrage amendment. Doris Stevens recorded this and other stories from the campaign for suffrage in *Jailed for Freedom*, her memoir chronicling the work of the National Woman’s Party. At this historic milestone, it is important to reflect on the sacrifices of the hundreds of women who gave so much for the right to vote.



### Friendly Dues Reminder

**Our League membership year runs from April to March. If you haven’t yet renewed your membership, now is the time. See form on Page 4**

### LWVCC Board for 2017 - 2018

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