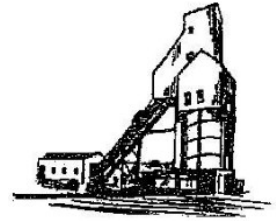


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LWVCC Calendar

March 6 Tuesday, 7:00pm	Board Meeting Country Inn & Suites, Houghton	April 10 Tuesday, 11:30-12:30	Equal Pay Day event by MTU Husky Wear red to show support
March 10 Saturday, 10am-3pm	Michigan 4-H Youth Leadership Workshop, SISU Room, MSU Extension Office, Hancock	April 14 Saturday, 11:15am	Annual Meeting Guest Speaker Sarah Green Ramada Inn
March 20 Tuesday, 6:30pm-8pm	Statehood for the People of DC by Martha Sloan, Portage Lake Library's Community Room, Houghton	June 28 – July 1	League of Women Voters' 53 rd National Convention 2018 Creating a more perfect democracy Chicago, IL
April 3 Tuesday, 7:00pm	Board Meeting Country Inn & Suites, Houghton		

Annual Meeting, April 14th

Please join us for the 58th annual meeting of League of Women Voters of the Copper Country Saturday, April 14th at 11:15 am at the Portage Room, Ramada, Hancock. Members sign-in by 11:15 am and lunch may be ordered from the Ramada Inn. We will hear from our speaker, Prof. Sarah A. Green talk about our shared future: sustainable development goals in a changing climate at 11:30 am and following lunch, the business meeting will begin. Members are encouraged to bring a guest. Let us know if you can attend. RSVP to Mary Marchaterre by phone at [906-483-2291](tel:906-483-2291) or email mmmarcha@mtu.edu.

LWVCC Calls on Houghton County Commission to Expand Dialogue on Jail/Courthouse

The following remarks are being shared with the Ho. Co. Board of Commissioners. LWVCC shares the concerns about the inadequate county jail. We understand the pressure to take action without delay. But we also believe there is an opportunity now to take more than just a “whack-a-mole” approach to short term, piecemeal problem solving that only looks at one issue. We need a true examination of the county infrastructure regarding not only the jail, but the serious safety and operational needs of the court and county offices in the courthouse and the sheriff’s department. These matters are interconnected. The proposed jail addition is a good

design but building it as proposed, while solving problems in the jail, ignores or may create or seriously impair the ability to solve other problems. A list of pros and cons, an expanded discussion of the cons and an architectural sketch of the design are available at www.lwvccmi.org

The MI Planning and Enabling Act directs the county board to be responsible for long term planning for capital expenses. We need a plan we can be proud of.

We can take a little more time and ask the public to be involved in a broader discussion of our needs and how the citizens think they should be addressed. There is a long history of failed appeals for millage votes, for the jail in particular, and it is time to not just try to sell another plan but take a different approach. It is safe to say, we may only get one chance to get this right, for a long time to come.

If the Commissioners do not plan to host that effort, the League will take it on. We appeal to other community partners throughout the county to join us and hope the Commissioners will participate with us. It is our intention to share whatever information can be gathered, as we also will use it to guide us in deciding the League’s stance on the addition or any other proposal.

Dates and locations for two meetings in the immediate future will be posted ASAP.

Items to be voted on by the membership at the Annual Meeting:

Nominating Committee Slate:

President (1yr term) Leah Bectel
 1st VP (2yr term) Linda Belote
 Treasurer (2yr term) Mary Marchaterre

PROPOSED BUDGET for April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		<u>INCOME</u>	
A. <u>Administration</u>		A. <u>Dues</u>	
1. Chamber of Commerce Dues	100	1. 24 Individuals @ \$60	1440
2. Postage	<u>100</u>	2. 6 Family @ \$90	540
Sub-total	200	3. 1 Students @ \$30	<u>30</u>
		Sub-total	2010
B. <u>Administrative Committee</u>		B. <u>Contributions to Finance Drive</u>	
1. Finance	350	(not tax deductible)	
2. Membership	<u>50</u>	1. Member	960
Sub-total	400	2. Non-member	1000
C. <u>Delegates, Travel & Workshops</u>		3. Kay LaRue Scholarship Fund	<u>120</u>
1. National Convention	2000	Sub-total	2080
2. State Conv/Council	<u>0</u>		
Sub-total	2000	C. <u>Contributions to Education Fund</u>	
D. <u>Financial Support</u>		(not tax deductible)	
(per Member Payment = PMP)		1. Member	1000
10 Life, 29 Individual, 6 Household, 1 Student		2. Non-member	<u>1685</u>
1. National PMP	1300	Sub-total	2685
Cash	650		
Education Fund	650	D. <u>Other Sources</u>	
2. State PMP	<u>1000</u>	1. Annual Meeting	300
Sub-total	2300	2. Bank Interest	<u>0</u>
E. <u>Copper Country Voter</u>		Sub-total	300
1. Postage CCV	200		
2. Printing CCV	<u>350</u>	<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	\$7,075
Sub-total	550	<u>Budget Committee</u>	
		Kathy Flagstadt	
<u>Educational Activities (tax deductible)</u>		Mary Marchaterre (Treasurer)	
F. 1. Program Committees	175	Faith Morrison	
2. Publications - Internet Web Pg.	280		
3. Voter Service - Prim/Gen Guide	450		
4. Voter Service - Your Gov't	<u>250</u>		
Sub-total	1155		
G. <u>Position Support</u>			
1. Advocacy	<u>50</u>		
Sub-total	50		
H. <u>Other</u>			
1. Annual Meeting	300		
2. Kay La Rue	<u>120</u>		
Sub-total	420		
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	\$7,075		

LWVMI Agricultural/Seasonal Worker Position due March 30

We need your input on the LWVMI Agricultural/Seasonal Worker Position by March 30.

At the 2017 state convention, delegates passed a motion to conduct an updated study of Section 1. B of the LWVMI Agricultural/Seasonal Worker Position. Subsequently, the State Board voted to use the concurrence process to determine the final wording. More information, such as pros, cons and overview, can be found on our website. Can you please reply to Barry Fink (barryfink@chartermi.net) or call at 906-482-4632 by March 30?

1. A person should be allowed to apply for or secure and renew a driver's license or obtain an identification card regardless of immigration status.

Agree Disagree No Consensus

OPTIONAL COMMENTS (250 word limit):

Depending on how this question is answered will determine if this change is done.

1. Revise Section 1. B. of the LWVMI Agricultural/Seasonal Worker Position by deleting the sentence "Should allow a lawfully present, qualifying person to apply for or secure and renew a driver's license or obtain identification card." and substituting the sentence "Should allow a person to apply for or secure and renew a driver's license or obtain an identification card regardless of immigration status."

Statehood for the People of DC on March 20

Did you know that citizens of the District of Columbia pay more in federal taxes than do the citizens of 22 states? Yet they lack the representation and control of their locality that comes with being a state. On Tuesday, March 20 at 6:30 pm at the Portage Library, Martha Sloan will talk about the background of this situation and a path toward statehood for the District, based on presentations prepared by the DC League of Women Voters.

Equal Pay Day is April 10th

This year we will again be on the campus of MTU at the Husky statue Tuesday, April 10th from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm to distribute information on Pay Equity. We will also hand out cookies with 80.5% in red frosting. Last year, we were very visible and had great media coverage.

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/> or www.aauw.org.

Please join your LWV members and other local women and students on April 10th by the Husky statue and wear the color RED. If you wish to volunteer to help spread the word, please let Mary Marchaterre at mmmarcha@mtu.edu or call 906-483-2291, ASAP.

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