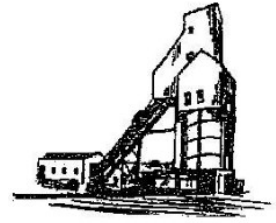


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LWVCC Calendar

March 5 Tuesday, 7pm	Board Meeting Country Inn & Suites, Houghton	April 2 Tuesday, 11:30-12:30	Equal Pay Day Event at MTU Michigan Tech Husky statue, Rain location Fisher Hall
March 9 Saturday, 1pm	Planning Meeting for 100 th anniversary of Women's Suffrage Portage Lake District Library, Houghton	April 11 Thursday, 7pm	A Talk on the Townships by Steve Karpiak Carnegie Museum Community Room, Houghton
March 12 Tuesday, 6pm	Open Meetings Act Presentation by Valorie Troesch, Portage Lake District Library, Houghton	April 27 Saturday, 11:15am	LWVCC Annual Meeting with County Commissioners Roy Britz and Gretchen Janssen Ramada Inn, Hancock
March 21 Thursday, 7pm	New Member Unit Meeting Fink's house 22083 Royalwood Dr., Houghton	May 12 Sunday, 10:30am	Constitutional Convention Movement Poses Threat by Liz Hakola BHK Child Development Board Head Start Center, Houghton
March 23 Saturday, 1:00pm	Second organizing meeting for "Sister Suffragettes Project", PLDL	May 17-19	2019 LWVMI State Convention. Livonia, MI Celebrate the LWVMI 100th Year!
April 1 Monday, 7pm	Board Meeting Country Inn & Suites, Houghton		

Mark your calendars!

ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON

Place: Ramada Inn, Hancock
Date: Saturday April 27
Starting Time: 11:15 sign in and place food order from the menu (each member pays for their own meal).
Program 11:30 Houghton County Commissioners Roy Britz and Gretchen Janssen present "Perspectives on Public Service"

Lunch and the Business meeting follow the Question and Answer period of this presentation.

Gretchen Janssen was appointed County Commissioner for District 4 when that position was vacated in June 2018. She subsequently was elected to the position in the November 2018 election. She grew up in Houghton, graduated from Houghton High School, earned a Bachelor's Degree from Michigan State and a Master's Degree in Education from Boston University. She lived abroad for seven years, before returning to Houghton.

She worked for the Barbara Kettle Gundlach Shelter Home and Michigan Tech before becoming a Realtor in 2000. She is able to continue her career in real estate sales while serving the people of Houghton County as a Commissioner.

Roy Britz was elected to be the County Commissioner for District 5 in the November 2018 election. He was born in Houghton County, graduated from Houghton High School and from Michigan Tech. He served for 35 years as a police officer in Houghton County, retired as Undersheriff/911 Coordinator. At present he is the Deputy Chief of Police/Emergency Management with Michigan Tech Public Safety. He is married, has four children and ten grandchildren.

New Member Unit Meeting

All Members are invited to attend a social meeting about the League at Barry Fink's home on Thursday, March 21 at 7pm. Bring a guest or come yourself to learn some history and how the organization operates. Seasoned members are needed to greet newer members. We are growing!

PROPOSED BUDGET for April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020

EXPENDITURES

A. <u>Administration</u>	
1. Chamber of Commerce Dues	100
2. Postage	<u>100</u>
Sub-total	200
B. <u>Administrative Committee</u>	
1. Finance	450
2. Membership	<u>50</u>
Sub-total	500
C. <u>Delegates, Travel & Workshops</u>	
1. National Convention	0
2. State Conv/Council	<u>1,000</u>
Sub-total	1,000
D. <u>Financial Support</u> (per Member Payment = PMP) 10 Life, 29 Individual, 6 Household, 1 Student	
1. National PMP	1,650
Cash	825
Education Fund	825
2. State PMP	<u>1,250</u>
Sub-total	2,900
E. <u>Copper Country Voter</u>	
1. Postage CCV	200
2. Printing CCV	<u>350</u>
Sub-total	550
<u>Educational Activities (tax deductible)</u>	
F. 1. Program Committees	500
2. Publications - Internet Web Pg.	300
3. Voter Service - Prim/Gen Guide	0
4. Voter Service - Your Gov't	<u>0</u>
Sub-total	800
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>60</u>
Sub-total	360
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	\$6,360

INCOME

A. <u>Dues</u>	
1. 34 Individuals @ \$60	2,100
2. 8 Family @ \$90	720
3. Students - Free	<u>0</u>
Sub-total	2,820
B. <u>Contributions to Finance Drive</u> (not tax deductible)	
1. Member	900
2. Non-member	1,000
3. Kay LaRue Scholarship Fund	<u>50</u>
Sub-total	1,960
C. <u>Contributions to Education Fund</u> (tax deductible)	
1. Member	590
2. Non-member	<u>700</u>
Sub-total	1,290
D. <u>Other Sources</u>	
1. Annual Meeting	300
2. Bank Interest	<u>0</u>
Sub-total	300

GRAND TOTAL **\$6,360**

Budget Committee

Mary Marchaterre (Treasurer)
Faith Morrison
Nanno Rose

Volunteer Opportunities

Please contact Mary Marchaterre at mmmarcha@mtu.edu or 483-2291 for the following opportunities.

- Looking for at least 2 delegates for LWVMI conference in Livonia, MI.

- Need help with updating and maintaining our Facebook page
- 100 year anniversary of League in 2020.
- Observer Corps - contact Linda Belote at lsbelote@mtu.edu or 483-0552.

Report from the Nominating Committee:

Acting President: Barry Fink will serve as acting president for communication with LWVUS and LWVMI for the remaining year of her current term. The board will function with the shared governance model used in recent years.

Nominees for two year terms (2019-2021)

2 nd VP	Kristine Bradof
Secretary	Taryn Mason
Directors	Faith Morrison Barb Turuc

Nominations may be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting by any voting member provided that the consent of the nominee has been obtained.

A Talk on the Townships

April 11th at 7 p.m. in the Carnegie Museum of the Keweenaw Community Room, Steven Karpiak, supervisor of Osceola Township will make a presentation "A Talk on the Townships." He will answer these questions and any you bring to this event as well:

What ARE townships? What authority do township officials have? What responsibilities do they bear? How long do they serve? How often do they meet? Are the meetings open to the public? What are common problems that arise in township governance? What is the relationship of the township to the County Government?

Karpiak is a former MTU instructor in Social Sciences and retired in 2003 as Dollar Bay's middle and high school teacher of Social Studies after 18 years. He was first elected to serve as Osceola Township Supervisor in 2004, a position he continues to hold. In 2014 he was elected to the Michigan Township Association Board of Governors representing the townships in Keweenaw, Houghton, Ontonagon, and Gogebic Counties.

Come prepared to learn more about our local government system.

Equal Pay Day is April 2nd

This year we will again be at the Husky statue on MTU's campus Tuesday, April 2nd 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 women of color. Because women earn less on average, than men, they must work longer to earn the same amount of pay. 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 LWV members, other local women (men, too!) and students on April 2nd 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.

LWVCC Board for 2018 - 2019

President Leah Bectel	616-719-6085
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Education Martha Sloan	369-4184
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Voter Service Kathy Flagstadt	399-0721
Website Editor Shellie Crisman	523-6299

By establishing a national organization of Women Voters, we will create "a living memorial dedicated to the memory of our departed leaders and the sacrifices they made for our cause" and "to assist women in making decisions which would make the nation safer for their children and their children's children."

- Carrie Catt Chapman



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Address _____

Email _____

Telephone _____ (home) _____ (work)

Membership

Individual Dues (\$60)

Household Dues (\$90)

Student Dues (Free)

Suggested Donation of \$10

Kay LaRue Scholarship (\$____)

Education Fund {\$____}

Contributions to the annual finance drive and Kay LaRue Scholarship are NOT tax deductible. Checks should be made out to: LWVCC.

Contributions to the Educational Fund are tax deductible. Checks should be made out to: LWV Educational Fund