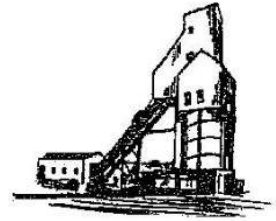


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LWVCC Calendar

December 3 Tuesday, 5pm	Board Meeting La Cantina, Hancock	January 7 Tuesday, 7pm	Board Meeting Country Inn & Suites
December 6 Friday, 3:30pm	March with Keweenaw Youth for Climate Action, Downtown Houghton - Meet under lift bridge	January 12 Sunday, 10:30am	Overview of voting, census and redistricting committee by Belote & Fink Keweenaw Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
December 6 Friday, 6:00pm	“Minä olen”: Finnish Women of Strength - honoring Minna Canth and 19 th amendment Finnish American Heritage Center	January 21 Tuesday, 5pm	Annual Planning Meeting Kangas Cafe
December 9 Monday, 6pm	Michigan Independent Citizen Redistricting Commission Benyi and Troesch Portage Lake District Library	January 25 Saturday	Heikinpaiva Parade with riseUP and LWVCC Hancock

Annual Planning Meeting

Our January Planning Meeting will be a dinner meeting, to be held Tuesday, January 21st at 5pm at the Kangas Cafe in the Jutila Center (the old Hospital) in room 311, Hancock.

Please RSVP by Friday, January 15th to Mary Marchaterre, mmmarcha@mtu.edu or 483-2291 with your menu entree choice of: Chicken Piccata or Veggie Lasagna. The cost is \$20.00 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.

About the Meeting:

This year's planning program is in preparation for the adoption of the next two years program at the national convention. You can view the questions we will be discussing at this [link](#) or at <https://tinyurl.com/tj7zmup>. The national convention will be very special this year as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the passage of women's suffrage and the creation of the League of Women Voters. We are

also preparing for our local Annual Meeting in April. Any ideas for local programs or speakers should be brought up at this time. If you have ideas to share and cannot attend the meeting, please give your remarks in writing to a board member.

Redistricting Commission informational meeting

LWVCC will present an informational meeting about the status of the Michigan Independent Citizen Redistricting Commission on Monday, December 9 at 6pm at the Portage Lake District Library. Presenters Valorie Troesch and Elizabeth Benyi are members of LWVCC and Voters Not Politicians. They will give an update on the open application opportunity for persons interested in serving on the commission and current information about the initiative passed by the voters in Prop 2 on the ballot Nov. 2018. This program is one of the series being supported by a grant from LWVMI Education Fund.

Walk with riseUP Keweenaw Chapter in the Heikinpäivä parade

Please join more than a dozen riseUP volunteers, including LWVCC Board members Linda Belote and Faith Morrison, in celebration of women's suffrage on January 25th. We need folks to carry the riseUP banner and/or some of the great signs Lora Repp has created for us in the Heikinpäivä parade on January 25th. The parade will take place on Quincy Street in Hancock. Assembly is in the parking lot east of La Cantina at 10:30a.m. The parade begins at 11 a.m. and ends at Quincy Green with other delightful Finnish traditions celebrating the day the bear rolls over – halfway date through winter – will be happening. Contact Linda Belote (lsbelote@mtu.edu or call 483-0552) if you can help us out.

Benson announces beginning of online voter registration

LANSING – Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson announced on Cyber Monday that Michiganders can now register to vote or update their voter registration online at Michigan.gov/VoterRegistration.

By implementing online voter registration, Michigan joins 37 other states that allow citizens to register to vote online. Legislation providing for online voter registration was enacted by the Michigan Legislature in 2018. Other states that have implemented online voter registration have seen several benefits:

Cost savings: Online voter registrations replace paper applications, saving money on printing, mailing and processing time.

Increased accuracy: Online voter registrations are entered electronically and matched to data the state already has on file; this eliminates typos and transcription errors, as well as missing information on voter registration forms.

LWVCC Presentation on Michigan Redistricting



Elizabeth Benyi and Kari Henquinet presented on Michigan Voting and Redistricting at MTU's D80 conference October 12, 2019.

LWVCC Presentation on the 2020 Census



Candy Peterson and Richelle Winkler, MTU Associate Professor of Sociology and Demography, presented on the 2020 Census: How to Count Every Person, Once and in the Right Place at the Portage Lake District Library Community room, Tuesday, Nov. 19. Richelle currently serves on U.S. Census Bureau's Scientific Advisor Committee.

LWVCC Presentation on Michigan Voting Rights



Joe Bouchard, Librarian and Instructor, at Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College in L'Anse, gave LWVCC members Linda Murto and Liz Hakola appreciation gifts for presenting the Michigan Voting Rights changes passed by voters in 2018 (Proposal 3) to his class.



KBOCC students in Joe Bouchard's Life Success class and LWVCC members Linda Murto and Liz Hakola after the Michigan Voting Rights classroom presentation on November 14, 2019

LWVCC Members Receive State Awards

At the LVVMI State Convention 2019 three Copper Country members were recipients of Belle Ringer Awards. Named after LWV-MI's first president, Belle Brotherton, these awards honor service in support of League priorities. The awards were accepted by our delegates Donna Cole and Liz Hakola.

Linda Belote – Advocacy;
 Barry Fink - Voter Service;
 Mary Marchaterre - Membership Recruitment and Engagement



From left to right: Linda Belote, Barry Fink, and Mary Marcheterre.

New or Returning Members

Michele Blau	Floyd Henderson
Jimmy Diehl	Jacqueline Huntoon
Suzanne Diehl	Craig Kurtz
Sarah Green	Jeanne Kurtz

In Memorium

Alyce Thorpe, president of LWVCC in 1989, passed away on November 15, 2019. Alyce was one of the three early members who were presented with lifetime membership awards at the annual meeting last April. The video of the three speakers recalling the early years of LWVCC is housed in our organization's records in the Copper Country Archives at MTU.

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