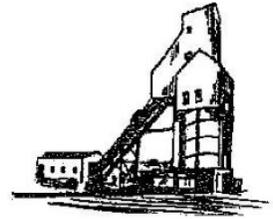


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## LWVCC Calendar

<b>January 7</b> Tuesday, 7pm	Board Meeting Country Inn & Suites	<b>January 22</b> Wednesday, 6pm	Michigan Independent Citizen Redistricting Commission Benyi and Troesch Portage Lake District Library (Rescheduled December meeting which was canceled due to weather.)
<b>January 12</b> Sunday, 10:30am	Overview of voting, census and Redistricting committee by Belote & Fink, Keweenaw Unitarian Universalist Fellowship	<b>January 25</b> Saturday, 11:00am	Heikinpaiva Parade with riseUP and LWVCC Meet at the parking lot east of La Cantina at 10:30 to join the marchers
<b>January 18</b> Saturday, 1:00pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Women's March Meet at the Bridgeview Park	<b>February 14</b>	Day of Action, honoring the birth of LWVUS 100 years ago.
<b>January 21</b> Tuesday, 5pm	Annual Planning Meeting Kangas Cafe		

### Planning Meeting with REDUCED Meal Price

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 Jutula Center (the old Hospital) in room 311, Hancock. Please RSVP by Friday, January 15th 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 \$15.00 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. Your board has decided to cover the balance of the previously stated cost of \$20 in order to keep it in reach for more folks. Another option is to attend the meeting and enjoy coffee and dessert at no cost and skip the meal.

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 Wednesday, January 22 at 6pm at the Portage Lake District Library. This meeting was originally scheduled for December but was canceled due to inclement weather. 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.

## LWVUS Turns 100 and LWVCC Needs Cookies!

The League of Women Voters turns 100 years old on February 14<sup>th</sup>. The League of Women Voters was founded by Carrie Chapman Catt in 1920 during the convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association on February 14<sup>th</sup>. LWVCC is joining leagues across the country in a Day of Action honoring the suffrage fight by continuing to push our democracy forward so that every voter can play a critical role in shaping our country.

LWVCC wants to celebrate the continued existence and survival of our vibrant and vigilant organization by baking 100 cookies and delivering them to Jennifer Kelly our County Clerk on this day in thanks for the good work she does in association with voting especially during major election years. We also wish to thank the Daily Mining Gazette in a similar fashion, delivering another 100 cookies to them for publishing the Voters Guide. We do a lot of the work that goes into creating and producing the Guide, but the Gazette does not charge us for this publication.

Can you help with this cookie project? Call or email Linda Belote (lbelote@mtu.edu or call 483-0552) to tell her how many cookies you can provide. Should you wish to have a part in the delivery...to make it a party indeed, Linda will let you know the time of delivery closer to the day of delivery...Friday February 14<sup>th</sup>.



## Future of Houghton's Lakeshore Drive petition

A group of local citizens, now called the Waterfront Redevelopment Citizens Group, has drafted a petition regarding the future of Houghton's Lakeshore Drive parking decks. The petition reads:

*"Should the sale of the waterfront parking deck property be postponed until the citizens of Houghton and other stakeholders are able to participate in an open decision-making process about future use of the property that explores other options besides a sale to a single private developer?"*

If at least 133 voters sign the petition before January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the language will be submitted for inclusion on the May 28<sup>th</sup> election ballot. Then, if passed, this would become a non-binding, advisory resolution; i.e., it requests the city council take action but does not have the force of law.

Only registered voters in the city of Houghton are asked to sign the petition. And, by signing one of these petitions you're not really responding to the question itself, only saying you support it being on the ballot.

City of Houghton voters interested in signing can find petition forms at:

- 5th and Elm
- The Print Shop
- Swift's Hardware
- or email Jim Hertel, [jehertel@gmail.com](mailto:jehertel@gmail.com)

Information about the redevelopment project can be found on the City of Houghton's website at: <http://www.cityofhoughton.com/news-special.php> Information is also available on the [Houghton Waterfront Redevelopment Citizens' Group](#) Facebook page.

This is an example of how a petition is used to place a proposal on a ballot with county and local clerks. LWVCC does not have a position in support of or opposed to this petition.

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## New or Returning Members

Phyllis Fredendall  
Hilary Sproule  
Richelle Winkler

## 2020 is here! Let the Celebration Begin!

By Faith Morrison, LWVCC and riseUP

Beginning with Seneca Falls in 1858, and at the instigation of the final, most controversial plank of Elizabeth Cady Stanton's Declaration of Sentiments, the formal fight for woman suffrage in the United States finally came to fruition on August 26, 1920 when the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment became part of the highest law of the land. Let's celebrate!

As you know, the LWVCC in conjunction with riseUP Keweenaw (Recognizing the Importance of women's Suffrage Everywhere – UP Chapter, [riseupkc.org](http://riseupkc.org)) have already begun celebrating, and here's an update of what is going on this month. On January 9, the Finnish American Heritage Center (FAHC) showed the film *Sirkka: Past and Present*, profiling Finnish-American centenarian (almost! She turns 100 days ahead of the suffrage anniversary). Sirkka Holm, a whip-smart veteran of the WACs (Women's Air Corp), whose progressive politics landed her in the (hostile) witness seat before the House UnAmerican Activities Committee during the McCarthy era, and who has never stopped fighting for what she believes in. More than 130 folks came out to FAHC, and everyone I've spoken to was taken with Sirkka. The DVD is available for \$20 from FAHC.

Next up is the Women's March, 1pm Saturday January, 18, 2020 organized by Susan Burack, cosponsored by the League and endorsed by riseUP. The 4<sup>th</sup> annual event is held in conjunction with the national Women's' March, with similar Sister Marches held across the country and around the world. Marchers will gather in BridgeView park with their signs and walk across the Portage Lake Lift Bridge. For more information contact Susan Burack ([sburack@pasty.net](mailto:sburack@pasty.net)). And still talking about January events, riseUP will march in the Heikinpaiva Parade on January 25, 2020 in Hancock (from La Cantina to the FAHC). Join riseUP and the League as we raise awareness about the suffrage anniversary. We'll have the riseUP trifold and some sunflower pins for those lucky enough to get one before we run out.

Coming up are more riseUP events including the opening reception on March 5 for the LWVCC-sponsored exhibit *Petticoat Patriots: How Michigan Women Won the Vote*, on display at the Carnegie Museum for four weeks in March. The LWV of Marquette is getting a bus together to join us for this reception. Also in March, Professor Laura Rouleau will speak at the Carnegie Museum on Women's History (March 19). And Equal Pay Day is March 31. More is in the works. Do you have a women-in-sports story? Please let me know ([fmorriso9@yahoo.com](mailto:fmorriso9@yahoo.com)); we're working on a sports event too. Come to the riseUP meetings, which are the third Saturdays of the month at the Portage Lake District Library. The fight, and the fun, continues!

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