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LWVCC Calendar

February 4 Tuesday, 7pm	Board Meeting Country Inn & Suites	March 3 Tuesday, 7pm	Board Meeting Country Inn & Suites
February 14 11am-2pm	Birthday social at Portage Lake District Library; Stop by to celebrate our 100 year anniversary!	March 5 6:30-8:00pm	Opening reception for Petticoats Patriots Display Carnegie Museum, Houghton
February 14	Cookies for our Partners. To celebrate our partners, 200 cookies will be delivered to the Daily Mining Gazette and Houghton County Clerk.	March 31 11:30am-12:30pm	Equal Pay Day by Husky statue at Michigan Tech Wear red to show support!
March	Women's History Month - Petticoats Patriots Display at Carnegie Museum see website for days and hours https://carnegiekeweenaw.org/exhibits-events	April 18 11:15am	60 th Annual Meeting with Jerry Wuorenmaa and Rachael Pressley Ramada Inn, Hancock

Special Event Happening March 5 at the Carnegie, Hosted by LWVCC

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of woman suffrage, LWVCC in collaboration with riseUP, is bringing an exhibit from the Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame to the Carnegie Museum in Houghton for the month of March. The eighteen panel history exhibit entitled "Petticoat Patriots: How Michigan Women Won the Vote" explores how the women's suffrage movement unfolded in Michigan and features the stories of over 20 Michigan women that became leading suffragists. The exhibit opening reception will be on Thursday, March 5 6:30pm-8p.m. Few events in American history are as significant and as overlooked as the women's suffrage movement. Spanning a period of more than 70 years, the movement altered the political and social fabric of the country. The enfranchisement of half of the American population was one of its most dramatic and enduring results.

Michigan played a major role in women's suffrage—producing many national suffrage leaders, as the second state to place women's suffrage on the ballot, and as one of the first three states to ratify the 19th Amendment. More than two generations of Michigan women challenged an entrenched opposition that often played dirty.

The exciting and inspirational story starts with abolitionist and Quaker women who began to question women's rights, to the first Women's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, NY, in 1848, to municipal suffrage in Grand Rapids, MI, and through the final passage of the 19th amendment granting women the right to vote in 1920.

We especially look forward to members of our sister League in Marquette making a special bus trip to be part of the opening. Let's have a good attendance from our members, mark your calendar for March 5 and join us for the opening reception.

January Planning Meeting

A dozen members participated in the January Planning meeting. We supported the directive that national continue to pursue the “Making Democracy Work” initiative. LWVCC has participated with the several programs we have done on New Voting Rights in MI, Redistricting Commission and the Census and on The Open Meetings Act. Fink spoke about these efforts as the “nuts and bolts” of democracy. “They aren’t the issues that we march in the streets about, though we certainly do march about Healthcare, Climate Action, Reproductive Rights, etc., but these underpinnings of how we vote and are counted are essential to a fair process that makes our voice on all these matters count.” The National Convention, celebrating the 100 years of LWV, will be held in Washington D.C. on JUNE 25 - JUNE 28, 2020. If you are interested in attending please contact Barry Fink barryfink@chartermi.net asap.

Women's March January 18th

Kristine Bradof holds multiple signs while crossing the Portage Lake Lift Bridge during the Women’s March on Saturday, January 18th. The sunflower is commemorating the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which recognized women’s right to vote.



(Photo courtesy of Garrett Neese of the Daily Mining Gazette)

LWVCC Participates in Nationwide Day of Action for Organization's 100th Birthday

The League of Women Voters turns 100 years old on February 14, 2020, and to celebrate, local and state Leagues around the country are joining in a nationwide day of action called “Women Power the Vote.”

“The League was founded by suffrage leaders 100 years ago to help American women exercise their new right to vote,” said Barry Elizabeth Fink, President of the Copper Country League. “Women Power the Vote” is the slogan for the League’s 100-year milestone, bringing together Leagues in over 750 communities across the country with one unified day of action.

Locally the League is inviting the community to stop in at the Portage Lake District Library for birthday cake and to access a variety of resources about new voting regulations in Michigan, voter registration and absentee ballot applications and other topics and activities. As part of the celebration LWVCC is delivering 100 cookies to the Houghton County Clerk at the courthouse to thank her for the work she and clerks all over the area are doing to implement our elections. Another 100 cookies will be delivered to the *Daily Mining Gazette*, in recognition of the newspaper’s many years of partnership with LWVCC in publishing the Voters Guide prior to the general election. The Copper Country League is also celebrating its 60th birthday this spring.

“For 100 years, Leagues have registered voters, informed their communities on the issues, advocated in their legislatures, and helped shape their communities and this country,” said Chris Carson, president of the board of the League of Women Voters of the United States. “Our founders achieved the impossible by getting the 19th Amendment passed 100 years ago, so today we honor their fight by continuing to push our democracy forward so that every voter can play a critical role in shaping our country.”

New or Returning Members

Elise Nelson
Petra Huentemeyer
Emily Shaw



LWVCC Planning meeting was catered by Kangas at the Jutula Center on Jan 21. in photo: left to right: Gloria Melton, Barb Turuc, Valorie Troesch, Cat Madish, Mary Marchaterre, Barry Fink, Kristine Bradof, Donna Cole, Pushpa Murthy, Lora Repp. Missing Faith Morrison, photographer Linda Belote



Heikinpaiva parade: 25 people marched in the wet snow in the Heikinpaiva parade on Jan 25th, carrying sunflowers and fun facts on signs advertising the 2020 centennial celebration of women's suffrage. Photographer Jim Belote.

In Memorium

Ruthann Ruehr, president of the LWVCC 1983 to '87 passed away Jan. 25, 2020. Ruthann received a lifetime membership award for fifty plus years of membership in the League of Women Voters. She was an active board member for many years and co-created "The Voting Game" which she helped present in high school classrooms for students with disabilities. The "Game" project was recognized at National Convention in 2002 with an LWVUS award for outreach.

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