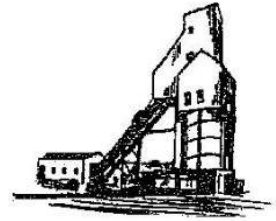


# Copper Country Voter



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## LWVCC Calendar

<b>March</b>	Women's History Month - Petticoats Patriots Display at Carnegie Museum see website for days and hours <a href="https://carnegiekeweenaw.org/exhibits-events">https://carnegiekeweenaw.org/exhibits-events</a>	<b>March 19</b>	Thursday, 7:00pm Women's History Talk by Dr. Laura Rouleau, 'A future generation of strong and graceful women!' Cora Jeffers, Physical Education, and the Fight for Equal Rights
<b>March 3</b> Tuesday, 7pm	Board Meeting Country Inn & Suites	<b>March 31</b>	11:30am-12:30pm Equal Pay Day by Husky statue at Michigan Tech Wear red to show support!
<b>March 5</b> 6:30-8:00pm	Opening reception for Petticoats Patriots Display Carnegie Museum, Houghton	<b>April 7</b>	Tuesday, 7pm Board Meeting Country Inn & Suites
<b>March 15</b> Sunday, 3:00pm	Copper Country Chorale, Justice for All: A Celebration of the Women's Suffrage Centennial St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church 146 Tamarack Street, Laurium, MI	<b>April 18</b>	11:15am 60 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting with Jerry Wuorenmaa and Rachael Pressley Ramada Inn, Hancock
		<b>May 5</b>	Tuesday, 7pm Board Meeting Country Inn & Suites

### Join us for our Fifth Equal Pay Day Event

Equal Pay Day is Tuesday March 31, 2020. Equal Pay Day symbolizes the extra days women work, on average, to catch up to what the average man earned the previous year. The gender pay gap has its origins in the practice in the 1830s of paying women from one-quarter to one-half of what men earned for the same work--if women were permitted to work at all. In the intervening 180 years women have won some equal-pay battles, but the pay gap persists, with women, on average overall, earning approximately 80% of what men earn.

Red is worn on Equal Pay Day as a symbol of how far women and minorities are "in the red." Join us in raising awareness of this persistent problem. In 2020 for the first time Equal Pay Day falls in March (not April). This represents some progress on the issue of equal pay for women. The LWVCC will be at the Husky statue on Michigan Tech's campus on Tuesday March 31 from 11:30am-12:30pm. Come by for some

cookies, a brochure, and to help us spread awareness of the need to address this persistent problem of pay inequity. The larger the group, the larger the impact. Can you join in?

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### Mark your calendars! ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON

Place: Ramada Inn, Hancock Date: Saturday April 18  
Starting Time: 11:15 sign in and place food order from the menu (each member pays for their own meal). Program 11:30 with speakers Jerry Wuorenmaa and Rachael Pressley of Western UP Planning and Development Regional (WUPPDR) discussing the agency's work and how it supports area municipalities. The meeting includes the annual business meeting for adoption of the budget, program and election of officers.

## Exhibit now until March 28: How Michigan Women Won the Vote

***Petticoat Patriots: How Michigan Women Won the Vote***, opened at the Carnegie Museum on Thursday, March 5, with a crowded and joyful reception. The exhibit, created by Michigan Women Forward of Lansing, was brought to the Copper Country by the LWVCC in cooperation with riseUP Keweenaw (Recognizing the Importance of women's Suffrage Everywhere-UP). We encourage you to make time to take-in the exhibit, which tells the story of how, in 1918, Michigan women won their fight for the vote, followed by all American women achieving the vote in 1920, 100 years ago.

The exhibit is the work of *Michigan Women Forward*, formerly the Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame. The panels lay out the challenges and tactics that, for more than seven decades, were necessary to achieve woman suffrage in the United States. The Carnegie display supplements these materials with a collection of suffrage and women's rights books, suffrage artifacts from the local community, and even a Votes for Women jigsaw puzzle.

The opening reception on Thursday March 5 provided a program of celebration of the suffrage centennial. The reception opened with Faith Morrison of riseUP and the LWVCC reading the words of feminist scholar Gerda Lerner, a founder of the field of women's studies, setting the stage for the suffrage battle: in the 1800s women had no civil rights to property, no rights to custody of their children, and were prohibited to speak in public, as this was considered indecent. Thus, the fight for suffrage began with a fight for women to have a public voice.

Following this introduction, Director of the Carnegie Museum (formerly the public library) Elise Nelson welcomed attendees and noted that the original collection of the public library came from a local women's library; also, the first librarian was a woman. Nelson turned over the program to a contingent of The Copper Country Chorale, who sang "The March of the Women," a British suffrage anthem, written by composer Ethel Smyth. Smyth, a British composer, was prohibited from studying music by her father, and was only permitted to do after staging an acrimonious two-year protest. Pianist William Keith contributed to the evening's commemorations by playing a piece by Dvořák, a contemporary and acquaintance of Smyth's.

The Suffrage Rally Singers were next in the program. Alice Margerum and Bill Fink, with technical assistance from Steve Walton, introduced us to the 1800s practice of "rally singing." As you can imagine, getting a crowd to sing along to an anthem is a challenge, but 150 years ago they had an ingenious solution: set the words to a song

familiar to the crowd. It worked on Thursday night as we sang along to two suffrage rally songs set to the tunes of "Oh Christmas Tree" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

The Friends of Fashion (Chassell) came to the reception bringing to life suffrage-fight leaders Alice Paul, Susan B. Anthony, and Mabel Vernon. Alice Margerum supplied members of the League with gold-white-purple sashes reminiscent of Alice Paul's National Women's Party tricolors used in the Silent Sentinel suffrage protests of 1917

*Petticoat Patriots* will be on display in Houghton until March 28. The Carnegie Museum's hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 12-5pm, and Saturdays 12-4pm. Educators who wish to bring a school group to see the exhibit outside of these hours may contact the Carnegie Museum directly to make arrangements.



Listen to Faith Morrison and Barry Fink radio interview about 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of woman's suffrage and the Carnegie exhibit at

<http://www.keweenawreport.com/category/c-c-today/>

## Petticoat Patriots Opening Reception



Faith Morrison and Elise Nelson make remarks at opening reception.



Members of Women's section CC Chorale and Friends of Fashion.

## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters was founded by Carrie Chapman Catt in 1920 during the convention of the National Women Suffrage Association. The convention was held just six months before the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment was ratified.

The League began as a “mighty political experiment” designed to help 20 million women carry out their new responsibilities as voters. While the organization was established as non-partisan, members were encouraged to be political themselves, by educating citizens about, and lobbying for, government and social reform legislation.

LWVCC Celebrated with birthday cake at the Portage Lake District Library February 14.



Lora Repp and PLDL Community Programs Director Michael Stanitis cut the birthday cake.



Donna Cole, Mary Marchaterre and Sheryl Middlemis-Brown work on the Suffragists puzzle at the LWV 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday social with Lora Repp looking on.



**PROPOSED BUDGET for April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021**

**EXPENDITURES**

**INCOME**

A.	<u>Administration</u>	
	1. Chamber of Commerce Dues	100
	2. Postage	<u>150</u>
	Sub-total	250
B.	<u>Administrative Committee</u>	
	1. Finance	450
	2. Membership	<u>50</u>
	Sub-total	500
C.	<u>Delegates, Travel &amp; Workshops</u>	
	1. Convention – National 2020	<u>1,000</u>
	Sub-total	1,000
D.	<u>Financial Support</u> (per Member Payment = PMP) 8 Life, 41 Individual, 11 Household, 16 Student	
	1. National PMP	1,850
	Cash	925
	Education Fund	925
	2. State PMP	<u>1,500</u>
	Sub-total	3,350
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. <i>riseUP</i> Programs	2,000
	3. Publications - Internet Web Pg.	450
	4. Voter Service - Prim/Gen Guide	450
	5. Voter Service - Your Gov't	<u>250</u>
	Sub-total	3,650
G.	<u>Position Support</u>	
	1. Advocacy	<u>75</u>
	Sub-total	75
H.	<u>Other</u>	
	1. Annual Meeting	300
	2. Kay La Rue	<u>60</u>
	Sub-total	360
	<b><u>GRAND TOTAL</u></b>	<b>\$9,735</b>

A.	<u>Dues</u>	
	1. 35 Individuals @ \$60	2,100
	2. 11 Family @ \$90	990
	3. Students - Free	<u>0</u>
	Sub-total	3,090
B.	<u>Contributions to Finance Drive</u> (not tax deductible)	
	1. Member	1,000
	2. Non-member	1,495
	3.a) <i>riseUP</i> new	500
	b) <i>riseUP</i> reserve	2,000
	4. Kay LaRue Scholarship Fund	<u>60</u>
	Sub-total	5,055
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** **\$9,735**

**Budget Committee**

Mary Marchaterre (Treasurer)  
Faith Morrison  
Barb Turuc



LWVCC celebrated the League's 100th anniversary by delivering 100 cookies to thank our County Clerk for her work on the elections; and to thank the Daily Mining Gazette for printing the Voters Guide which we put together.

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**Membership**

Individual Dues (\$60)

Household Dues (\$90)

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**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.

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