
NEWSLETTER

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Mission Statement:

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization encouraging informed and active participation in government. It influences public policy through education and advocacy.

LVW-Alpena County Annual Meeting

This year's Annual Meeting will be held on May 9 at 5:30 pm (dinner at 6:00) at First United Methodist Church on First and Ripley. Joy Fellowship will cater the event, and the cost for dinner is \$10 per person, payable at the door.

RSVP to Pauline Buchner (pbuchner@charter.net, 340-0391) by May 6.

Each aspect of the League's work will be reported on and there will be opportunities to get more information about efforts that interest you.

We will be voting on the new Slate of Officers and the Proposed Budget, included in this Newsletter.

Annual dues (\$55.00 per person or \$82.50 per household) may also be paid at that time. The LWV US and LWV MI are waving membership fees for students who would like to join the LWV.

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Calendar of Events

April 20, Friday, noon - Lunch Bunch, 19th Hole, 1081 US-23, Alpena

April 28, Saturday, 1pm - Book Club, Blue Phoenix Bookstore - RESCHEDULED FROM APRIL 14

May 5, Saturday, 9:30 am - 3 pm - LWV-MI Spring Workshops in Gaylord

May 7 - Monday, 7 pm - Immiscible: The Fight Over Line 5, at Thunder Bay Marine Sanctuary. Discussion to follow.

May 9, Wednesday, 5:30 pm - Annual Meeting and New Member Orientation.

May 18, Friday, noon - Lunch Bunch, Connie's Cafe, 11585 US-23, Ossineke

June 15, Friday, noon - Lunch Bunch, The Owl, 121 W Chisholm St, Alpena

July 20, Friday, noon - Lunch Bunch, The Portage, 5529 E Grand Lake Rd, Presque Isle

August 17, Friday, noon - Lunch Bunch, Austin Brothers, 821 W Miller St, Alpena

2018 PROPOSED SLATE

TO BE ELECTED

Vice-President: Trina Borenstein

Treasurer: Jennifer Dutcher

Leadership Team:

1-yr. term Marcia Aten

2-yr. term: Vernie Nethercut

Pauline Buchner

Doris Feys

Nominating Committee: Mary Ann Crawford

Jessica Luther

CONTINUING FOR ANOTHER YEAR

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Leadership Team: Anne Nave

Robert Kennedy

Thank you to the Nominating Committee:

Sue Maxwell, Mary Ann Crawford, and Anne Nave

Promote the Vote

Promote the Vote is a proposed constitutional amendment to 1. make voting more accessible and convenient, 2. ensure that everyone's votes are secure and counted, and 3. ensure that everyone's voice is heard.

A group of people met yesterday at the Alpena Library to learn about the proposed amendment and pick up petitions to circulate.

Anyone who is interested in circulating a petition or learning more about the amendment, can give Bob Kennedy or Margy Kutzera a call!

klakeshore@yahoo.com 724-6192

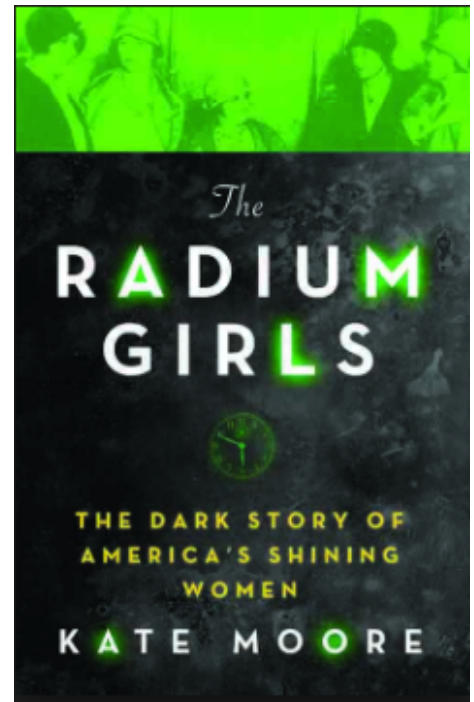
Saturday Book Club

"A perfect blend of the historical, the scientific, and the personal, this richly detailed book sheds a whole new light on this unique element and the role it played in changing workers' rights. *The Radium Girls* makes it impossible for you to ignore these women's incredible stories, and proves why, now more than ever, we can't afford to ignore science, either." - Bustle

The library has ordered two copies, and you can call Blue Phoenix at 340-1744 or go online to order your own copy at bphoenixbooks@gmail.com.

Join us for the book discussion on April 28, 1-2:30, and if you are hungry, come early to lunch at As You Wish (right next door).

Suggestions for next book - take a look: "My Life, My Love, My Legacy" by Coretta Scott King, and "The Woman Who Smashed Codes" by Jason Fagone



LWV-MI Spring Workshops

The League of Women Voters of Michigan is offering workshops on two Saturdays this spring that will appeal to both new and experienced League members. The workshops run from 9:30-3:00 and will be held in Ann Arbor on April 28 and in Grayling on May 5. Members can attend both a morning and an afternoon session covering the following topics:

Democracy Agenda: Promote the Vote, the LWVMI Gerrymandering lawsuit and other legislative updates pertinent to the Democracy Agenda

League Basics: LWVMI's new membership program, treasurers' best practices, engaging new and current members, programming- positions and how it works, fundraising & development

Voter Service: voter registration ("Pop Ups" and School Programs). Get Out the Vote ideas, 2018 voter service calendar

You can register for the workshop on-line here

<https://fs16.formsite.com/lwvmi/2018SpringWorkshop/index.html>

or you can print the on-line form and mail it in with your check. Registration deadline is April 15, 2018.

Take Action - Tell Your MICHIGAN REPRESENTATIVE & SENATOR "Support Online Voter Registration"

The Michigan House and Senate are considering a package of bills (SB 425-429 and HBs 5548 & 5549) to require the Secretary of State (SOS) to develop and maintain an electronic voter registration interface to allow an applicant to submit a voter registration application electronically through the SOS website. Eligible voters would have to have a valid Michigan driver's license or a state ID card to register to vote online. Of course, the current paper registration process would also continue to be used.

2018 LWV National Convention: Chicago

Michigan Leagues are encouraged to send a delegation to the national convention June 28-July 1 in Chicago. Registration is already underway for this exciting event. Visit the LWV Forum site for details.

CREATING A MORE PERFECT DEMOCRACY

38 states plus the District of Columbia offer online registration. Online voter registration systems supplement the traditional process. A validation step is done by comparing the information on the online registration form against the information provided by the same individual when he or she received a driver's license or other state-issued identification card. The signature already on record with the state becomes the signature on record for voting. When the information does not match, the application is sent to officials for further review or action.

In states where online registration has been implemented the cost of processing new voter registrations has been reduced. Online voter registration also increases accuracy since the information does not have to be manually re-entered.

The League of Women Voters has supported this proactive election reform for many years. This election reform is needed in Michigan!

Take action now: http://participate.lwv.org/c/8799/p/dia/action4/common/public/?action_KEY=13294

Please note you can edit the letter you send!



The Feminist Lunch That Broke Boundaries 150 Years Ago *For women, dining in public without men was revolutionary.*

ON APRIL 20, 1868, A dozen women filed into Delmonico's. The New York restaurant was the most famous in America, and the women were all middle- and upper-class. But many of the women worked, which was an anomaly in the mid-19th century. And their lunch was even more of an anomaly: It was the first time American women deliberately dined in the public eye without the accompaniment of men.

Continue reading this fascinating article from Atlas Obscura:

<https://tinyurl.com/yc2ldkdz>

LEAGUE NAME BADGES

Up until now, LWVMI has submitted an annual order for the popular League name badges that so many of our members wear to League forums and events (badges are 3.5 x 1.5 inches, and have a magnet on back). Members are now able to order badges on their own and at any time. Midwest Graphics & Awards in Dexter (midwestgraphicsa2.com, 734-424-3700) has the artwork in place already for these badges. Members can order directly from Midwest Graphics and the badge will be sent to you. The cost is approximately \$15 with shipping. Multiple badges to the same address will probably reduce the shipping cost.

To order: email the League's account contact, Adam Hernandez (adam@midwestgac.com). Identify yourself as a LWV member and provide the name you want to appear on the badge and your shipping address. For now, Midwest Graphics will invoice you, but payment in advance may be required at some point.

If you have questions about this process, please contact LWVMI Board member, Paula Bowman, at paulabowman9000@gmail.com.

FILM ABOUT LINE 5 TO BE SHOWN

The LWV of Alpena will host the showing of the film *Immiscible: The Fight Over Line 5*. This film explores the growing tension between water activists and big oil companies, and features interviews from leading organizations in the fight to decommission Enbridge Line 5 in the Straits of Mackinac, members of indigenous communities at risk, concerned residents, as well as Enbridge Energy's public response to this conflict.

Join the LWV on Monday, May 7 at 7 p.m. at Thunder Bay Sanctuary for the showing of this important film. A discussion time after the film will be led by Jane Speer

MOVING FORWARD ON THE DEMOCRACY AGENDA



Promote the Vote Campaign:

The coalition, LWVMI, ACLU of MI, MI League for Public Policy, NAACP State and Detroit, and others, supporting the Promote the Vote Campaign continues to move forward!

Many local Leagues kicked off their trainings for gathering signatures on petitions and distributed petitions this month. NAACP and others are also initiating petition trainings and circulating petitions. The campaign also started sending out paid petition workers to gather signatures around the state. You can find out where people are planning to gather signatures by going to www.promotethevotemi.com, and clicking on "Find events near you" and entering a Zip Code.

There is an online training scheduled for Tuesday, March 27, at 7 p.m. for volunteers who want to collect signatures. To sign up for the training go [to this site](#). Petitions are available from local Leagues or the state office. If each League member gathered 50 signatures - we could certainly help reach our goal!

Redistricting Lawsuit:

LWVMI v Johnson, the court case that challenges the current maps for the U.S. Congress, Michigan Senate and Michigan House, continues to move forward in the U.S. Federal District Court. On Monday, March 19, we will have our first court appearance. One of the issues is whether the League has standing in the case. As soon as know the results of the hearing, we will let you know. Up to date information on the court case is available [here](#).

Legislature:

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So much is happening on our agenda and the League is actively involved!

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS - ALPENA COUNTY
TREASURER'S PROPOSED BUDGET 2018-2019

BEG. CASH IN CHECKBOOK

2,769.51

	ACTUAL YE 3/31/2018	BUDGET 2018-2019
INCOME:		
EDUCATION FUND (LWVUS)	241.55	873.00
DUES	2600.75	2750.00
MEMBERSHIP MEETING	78.00	300.00
DONATIONS AND MEMORIALS	693.50	200.00
FUNDRAISER	513.80	500.00
INTEREST EARNED	2.02	2.00
1	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	4129.62	4625.00
EXPENSES:		
OPERATING EXPENSES:		
ANNUAL MEETING BOOKLET	57.25	75.00
MEMBERSHIP MEETING	114.00	300.00
OTHER MEMBERSHIP EXPENSE	0.00	0.00
FUNDRAISER	100.00	0.00
INSURANCE	100.00	100.00
POSTAGE, PRINTING, ETC.	0.00	25.00
WEBSITE LWVCA	250.00	250.00
WEB DOMAIN FEE (Good until 12_2021)	0.00	0.00
1	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	621.25	750.00
CONVENTIONS AND WORKSHOPS	375.00	1200.00
LEAGUE FINANCIAL SUPPORT		
NATIONAL PMP	608.00	1600.00
1/2 DUES PAID BY EDUCATION FUND	0.00	-800.00
STATE PMP	933.90	1150.00
DUES TO LWV LAKE MICH. REGION	0.00	25.00
1	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL LEAGUE FINANCIAL SUPPORT	1541.90	1975.00
PROGRAMS		
VOTER SERVICE	478.55	600.00
1	0.00	0.00
2	0.00	0.00
3	0.00	0.00
4	0.00	0.00
5	0.00	0.00
OTHER PROGRAM EXPENSE	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL PROGRAMS	478.55	700.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>3,016.70</u>	<u>4,625.00</u>

CURRENT CASH IN CHECKBOOK

3,882.43

BEG. EDUCATION FUND (LWVUS)

46702.15

INCOME:		
DONATIONS	0.00	0.00
1	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	0.00	0.00
EXPENSES:		
1/2 NATIONAL DUES	624.00	800.00
1	241.55	73.00
2	0.00	0.00
3	0.00	0.00
4	0.00	0.00
5	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	865.55	873.00

CURRENT EDUCATION FUND (LWVUS)

45836.60



Take Action with the Michigan Equal Pay Coalition!

April 10 is Equal Pay Day

The gender pay gap is a grim reality for many working women in Michigan who on average are paid just about 80 cents for every dollar a man is paid. The effects of the pay gap are even worse for African American women (63 cents) and Latinas (54 cents). Our state ranks 32rd in closing the gap.

On average, Michigan women who are employed full time lose a combined total of nearly \$16 billion every year due to the gender pay gap. This means Michigan women and families have less money to save for the future or to spend on basic goods and services - huge economic drivers.

You can see how much women and men earn in your county.

Here's the good news: while the persistent gender wage gap exists in every state, lawmakers here in Michigan can do something about it.

Go to Take Action and let your state representative and senator hear from you:

http://participate.lww.org/c/8799/p/dia/action4/common/public/?action_KEY=13337

STATUS OF BALLOT PROPOSALS

Are you wondering what the status of ballot proposals are? The Secretary of State has [compiled a list](#) of proposals and their status.



Currently the Secretary of State is reviewing the signatures gathered from three petitions that have been submitted for review: 1) Coalition to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol, 2) Protecting MI Taxpayers (repeal Prevailing Wage & Fringe Benefits Act), and 3) Voters Not Politicians (Redistricting).

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/sos/Bal_Prop_Status_560960_7.pdf