



League of Women Voters of Alpena County January 2016

Calendar

January 15, Friday

Book Group, 11 AM

Lunch Bunch, 12 noon

Mangos

January 25, Monday

Money & Politics Consensus

Fresh Palate, Center Bldg.

5 PM Dinner

6 PM Consensus Meeting

February 8, Monday

Team Leader Meeting

ACC, BTC 107 D

February 15, Monday

National LWV Positions

N.E. Community Found. Room

11 am—1 pm

February 19, Friday

Lunch Bunch, 12 noon

J'J's Steak & Pizza House

411 N. 2nd Ave.

March 14, Monday

Team Leader Meeting

ACC, BTC 107 D

March 18, Friday

Lunch Bunch, 12 noon

Austin Brothers Beer Co

Money in Politics Consensus Meeting



Join us for Consensus—on **Money in Politics** on Monday, January 25, at the Center Building in the lower level conference room. We will order from the menu of **Fresh Palate**— (you may enjoy a glass of wine) —at 5 PM, then begin the meeting at 6 PM.

At its 2014 national convention, the LWV established a Money In Politics (MIP) Committee to update the League's position on campaign finance for the purpose of addressing whether financing a political campaign is protected speech under the First Amendment. This study and consensus process will consider:

1. The rights of individuals and organizations, under the First Amendment, to express their political views through independent expenditures and the finance of election campaign activities; and
2. How those rights, if any, should be protected and reconciled with the interests set out in the current LWV position.

To get ready to understand this important subject—members can download these valuable resources—

Google—LWV money in politics review (4 pages)
LWV study guide for money in politics consensus (15 pages)

Although this may seem like an unsurmountable problem, come and hear some of the solutions that are possible and what you can do about it.

Kay Ogger is the chair of this study and committee members are Dottie Haase, Margy Kutzera, Carol Lund.

Lunch Bunch Continues



Join League members for lunch and talk once a month on Fridays. Each month we get together at a different restaurant. All are welcome.

Jan. 15, Friday, 11AM, Book Club
12 noon, Lunch Bunch
Mango's in Nieman's Plaza

Feb. 19, Friday noon, J'J's Steak & Pizza House, 411 N. 2nd Ave.

Mar. 18, Friday noon, Austin Brothers Beer Co, 821 W. Miller St., just off Johnson St., next to the Booster Club

LWV Book Club

Join us at 11 AM before the Friday, January 15 Lunch Bunch for an hour of book club. We will meet at Mango's in Nieman's Plaza.

The book is Republic Lost: How Money Corrupts Congress and a Plan to Stop It by Lawrence Lessig. Lessig rejects simple labels and reductive logic—and instead uses examples that resonate as powerfully on the Right as on the Left—Lessig seeks out the root causes of our situation. Join us for book discussion.



Come even if you have not read the book!

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www.lwv.org

LWV of Alpena County— Facebook

Up and running —
thanks to Trina Borenstein.
Check it out.

Let's Talk...

About the our national program for LWV.

Bring your lunch and join our League Team Leaders on **Monday, February 15 at the N.E. Community Foundation Office, 100 N. Ripley from 11 AM to 1 PM** to talk about our national program.



In providing input, LWV US asks that our central focus be on where the League should put its energies and resources in the coming biennium. Consider:

- In what way can the League best empower citizens to shape a better nation and communities during the next two years?
- What do our communities and nation need from the League right now?
- Where can the League's strengths have the greatest impact?
- What program work would best help enhance the League's influence, credibility, visibility, and membership?
- Should the focus be that proposed by LWVUS: a nationwide League campaign: *Making Democracy Work*, taking the power from the few and returning it to the many, as the single focus for LWVUS education and advocacy work in the 2016-2018 biennium? If the answer is "yes," what specific activities should be included in the campaign? What kinds of training and assistance would enhance your League's participation in the campaign?

For more info look at LWV program in your annual booklet, pages 16-19.



Voter Information

March 8—Presidential Candidate Primary Election

You must select only 1 ballot—either a Democratic ballot or a Republican ballot

A voter may indicate “uncommitted” which means the voter is indicating a vote for the party, but is not indicating a particular candidate.

February 8—Last day to Register for Presidential Primary

January 25—Absentee Voter Ballots available