



# League of Women Voters of Alpena County April 2016

## Calendar

**April 11, Monday, 2:30 PM**  
**Team Leader Meeting**  
ACC, BTC 107 D

**April 15, Friday**  
**Lunch Bunch, 12 noon**  
Wish, 104 N. Second

**April 25, Monday, 7-9 PM**  
**Recycling Forum**  
ACC, Granum Theatre

**May 9, Monday, 2:30 PM**  
**Team Leader Meeting**  
ACC, BTC 107 D

**May 16, Monday, 5:30 PM**  
**Climate Change &  
Annual Mtg.**  
Marine Sanctuary

**May 20, Friday**  
**Lunch Bunch, 12 noon**  
John A Lau, 414 N 2nd

**June 16-19**  
**LWV National Convention**  
Washington, D.C.

**June 17, Friday**  
**Lunch Bunch, 12 noon**  
Mountain Bar & Grille  
Black River

## CONVERSATION ON RECYCLING

Do you have questions about recycling in Alpena? Do you wonder what can be recycled? The League of Women Voters of Alpena County invites the public to have a "Conversation on Recycling" with a panel of experts who will share information about recycling services in Alpena County and answer audience questions.



This public forum is from **7:00 to 9:00 PM on Monday evening, April 25, at Alpena Community College in the Granum Theatre.**

Panel participants include: Brian Burke, DEQ Recycling Specialist; Stan Mischley, Manager, Alpena Resource and Recovery Facility; Cindy Johnson, Alpena City Council; Diane Rekowski, Executive Director, NEMCOG; Robert Spragg, Owner, Greenway/L&N Disposal. Pauline Buchner will be the moderator.



League Members and friends attend movie Suffragette

More than 20 people attended the showing of the movie "Suffragette", sponsored by the Alpena Library and our League.

Thanks to Mary Ann Crawford for leading the discussion. If you did not have a chance to see the movie, it is now available for loan at the Alpena County Library.

**Climate Change the subject for the Annual Meeting**

Join League members and guests on **Monday, May 16 at 5:30 PM at the Marine Sanctuary**. The evening will include a climate change program, dinner and the annual meeting.



The climate change program will be on the Science On a Sphere (SOS), a spherical projection system. It presents high-resolution video on a suspended globe rather than a flat screen, with the aim of better representing global phenomena. Animated images of atmospheric storms, climate change, and ocean temperature can be shown on the sphere to explain these complex environmental processes.

Save the date and the details for the dinner will be announced later.

**Lunch Bunch Continues**

Join League members for lunch and talk on the third Friday of each month. We get together at a different restaurant each month. All are welcome. Join us at 12 noon!

April 15, as you WISH, 104 N. Second—  
between Olivet Bookstore & Master's Shoes

May 20, John A. Lau, 414 N. 2nd.

June 17, Mountain Bar & Grill, 5495 US 23,  
Black River, between Ossineke & Harrisville



thank you

**Bonnie Friedrichs**, Alpena County Clerk, and League member spoke to the Alpena Senior Citizen Center. She gave the Senior Citizens information about absentee ballots, registering to vote, and left flyers and voting information that was available for all who use the Center.

LWV of Alpena County— Facebook  
Check it out.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

**The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.**

*Some additional information about money in politics—*

*Thank you to the Kalamazoo Area LWV newsletter for this article.*

*Ruth Caputo is a board member for that LWV.*



## **Michigan Worst State for Integrity**

By Ruth Caputo

According to a recently released report by The Center for Public Integrity, Michigan comes in dead last among US states for integrity. The State Integrity Investigation is an ongoing comprehensive assessment of state government accountability and transparency. Michigan received an F in 10 of the 13 categories of government operations that were examined, including public access to information, political financing, executive accountability, legislative accountability, judicial account ability, and lobbying disclosure. To see more information, go to a summary of the report at <http://www.publicintegrity.org/2015/11/09/18427/michigan-gets-f-grade-2015-stateintegrity-investigation>

A reporter for the Center for Public Integrity received the 2014 Pulitzer Prize for investigative reporting.

*“And so we shall have to do more than register and more than vote; we shall have to create leaders who embody virtues we can respect, who have moral and ethical principles we can applaud with enthusiasm.”*  
—Martin Luther King, Jr.

## LWV NATIONAL PROGRAM PLANNING

*By Sue Maxwell*

Departing from long-standing tradition the National LWV Board this year gave direction to our planning program. They asked that we select no new studies at the national level and devote the League's energies at all levels to "Making Democracy Work."



**This total advocacy effort would be directed to three areas: Voting Rights, Redistricting, and Money in Politics.**

**Two reasons were given for this recommendation:**

**Our democracy is under attack in many parts of our country.**

**We have limited resources and we need to use them to work for campaign finance reform, protection of voting rights, and redistricting reform.**

**Our local Alpena County League met on February 15 and voted to accept this recommendation. The League's State Board in Michigan voted to do the same.**

### **LWV of Alpena County Officers**

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