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**March 2010
League of Women Voters of
Alpena County**

**Celebrate Women's
History Month**

The League and the Alpena Public Library are sponsoring the following events for Women's History Month—ALL EVENTS ARE IN THE ALPENA PUBLIC LIBRARY

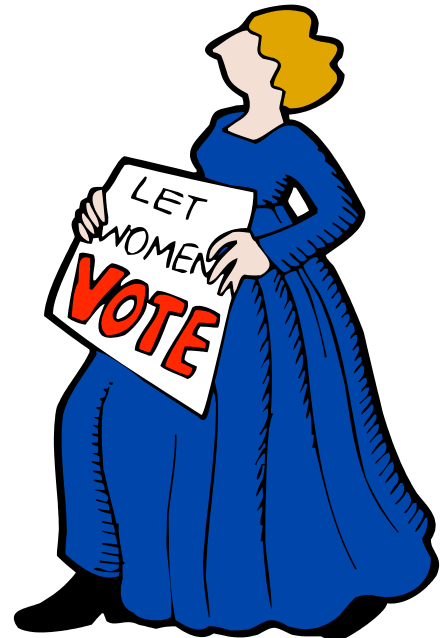
Week of March 1 during regular library hours—continuous showing of the short film "We Can Do It.," in the 2nd floor reference library area. The film is a celebration of the achievements of outstanding historical and contemporary Michigan women.

March 9, Tuesday, 12 noon, Stillion Conference Room. "Iron Jawed Angels," a film of the beginning of the fight for women's rights, will be shown. This film tells the remarkable and little known story of a group of passionate and dynamic young women, who put their lives on the line to fight for women's right to vote. Bring your lunch if you would like.

March 15, Monday, 7 pm, Stillion Conference Room. Karen Magenss-Eubank will talk about "Women in the Arts." Karen is a writer and teacher with an Interdisciplinary Fine Arts Ph.D. She taught a class for A.L.L. about art around town during the fall.

March 23, Tuesday, 7 pm, Stillion Conference Room. Janet Smoak will talk about the "Women's Suffrage Movement." Janet is a league member and the director of the Jesse Besser Museum. Janet is an historian who can find the most interesting details in history stories.

Please come to these events and bring your friends. We will not have a regular league meeting during the month of March, in order to encourage you to come to several of these outstanding events.



Solid Waste Study Committee Meeting



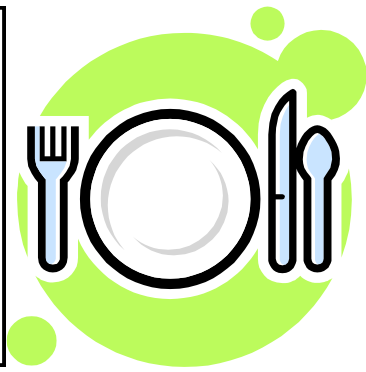
We need your help to work on our study on solid waste. Come to a meeting for this vital study on **Mar. 10 at 10 AM at the County Court House Annex**. This topic is important to our community so join other League members as they study this issue.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

★ Mar. 1 Week	★ “We Can Do It”— film	★ Alpena Lib., 2nd floor
★ Mar. 9, Tues. , 12 noon	★ “Iron Jawed Angels” —film	★ Alpena Lib., Conf . Rm
★ Mar. 15, Mon. 7 PM	★ “Women in the Arts” ★ Karen Magness-Eubanks	★ Alpena Lib., Conf. Rm.
★ Mar. 19, Fri. noon	★ Lunch & Discussion	★ Hunan’s
★ Mar. 23, Tues. 7 PM	★ Women’s Suffrage Movement” ★ Janet Smoak	★ Alpena Lib., Conf. Rm.
★ Mar. 24, Wed. 3:30 pm	★ Board Meeting	★ ACC, 107D
★ April 10	★ Annual reports due to Marcia Aten	
★ April 16, noon	★ Lunch & Discussion	★ Fresh Palate
★ April 28, Wed. 3:30 pm	★ Board Meeting	★ ACC, 107D
★ May 10, Mon.	★ Annual Meeting	★ Place and time to be ★ Determined
★ June 11-15	★ LWV US Convention	★ Atlanta, GA

On **March 19, Friday at noon**, the lunch discussion group will meet at **Hunan’s Chinese Restaurant**. Join us for lunch and lively discussion.

On **April 16, Friday at noon**, the lunch discussion group will meet at the **Fresh Palate, in the Center Building**. All league members and friends are welcome. We have great discussions and often solve the problems of the world!



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RECAP of February Meeting on LWV US Program Planning

Our February league meeting topic was LWV US policy in order to direct the national organization in preparation for annual convention in June. Marie Gilmet-Dully led the planning process. The LWV-US positions were discussed and the group decided to respond to the Policy titled, Representative Government/ Election Process/ Campaign Finance. In light of the recent U.S. Supreme Court Ruling that "Corporations Are Persons." LWV of Alpena wanted that policy reviewed. We felt that we could partner with other organizations who share concern over that court decision. We could help to educate leaders to make clear the ramifications of that Court ruling. Also, we could lobby to get the Supreme Court ruling changed or to, at least, clarify the terms of the debate over funding campaigns.

Pool Meeting Recap

About 80 people attended the LWV meeting about Plaza Pool. The program was taped and will be shown on cable channel 97 every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday March 3-15 at 8 PM. Panel members were Bill Estlack, Alpena County Commissioner; Art Gillespie, Coach; Brent Holcomb, Alpena Public Schools Superintendent; Mark Kinney, Friends of the Plaza Pool member; Brandy Norton, Pool Director. The county-owned pool will likely lose financial support from the school system. Several panelists mentioned a millage as a solution to the funding problem.



The league organized this meeting as a way to inform the public on an important topic and because we have a local position in support of recreation facilities and coordinated funding of these facilities. Thank you to Marie Gilmet-Dully for chairing this forum and to Sue Maxwell for moderating the forum.



Delegate to LWV US Convention Needed

Interested in being our delegate for LWV US convention? The National Convention is June 11 to June 15 in Atlanta, Georgia. Delegates have lots of fun, work hard at understanding issues and meet lots of wonderful league members from all over the US. Call Pauline or Sue if interested?

Interested in working on a Law Day Panel?

Several attorneys have expressed interest in having our league sponsor a forum for attorneys in conjunction with Law Day in May. If interested in this, please call Pauline Buchner.—340-0391.



We extend our sympathy to Bonnie Friedrichs on the death of her brother-in law in an auto accident.