

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.

Action Alerts

On June 6, 2018, State President Judy Karanjeff sent an Action Alert to the members statewide, asking them to contact Governor Snyder to veto Senate Bill 897, which would impose an 80-hour per month work requirement on those of limited income who are eligible to receive Medicaid Health Benefits, if they are able bodied. The bill has passed the Senate and House and was sent to the Governor. You can call the Governor's office at (517) 373-3400 to oppose the bill. You can read the bill and its analysis here:

[http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(a5jspeovyva43yzanzklgvz\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2018-SB-0897](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(a5jspeovyva43yzanzklgvz))/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2018-SB-0897)

Please remember to open and take action of LWV's Action Alerts!

Voters Candidate Forum

We are planning voter candidate forums in Alpena, Alcona and Rogers City. Please let Dottie (dsbhaase@live.com) if you can volunteer. **We will need lots of workers for the forums.** All of the dates have not been set yet, but will be in the last 2 weeks of July to get information to voters for the August 7 election. Since many voters use absentee ballots, they need the information early so they can fill out their absentee ballots.

Calendar of Events

June 7, Thursday, 4:30 - Team Leadership Workshop, Anne Nave's house, carpool from Alpena. For more info, call Dottie (989) 916-4104

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

June 23, 1pm - Saturday Book Club, "The Opposite of Hate", by Sally Kohn

June 27-July 1 - LWV National Convention, Chicago

June 28, Thursday, 8 pm - the LWV convention will live stream a discussion on redistricting. You are invited to share this viewing with us at ACC--(room to be determined). The 2 speakers are experts in the redistricting field and will speak on redistricting and the efficiency gap theory. They are attorneys for the appellees in the case currently before the Supreme Court. This is open to the community so please invite your friends to join us for this important discussion about redistricting.

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

Date TBD - Candidate Forums in Alcona and Alpena Counties. We will need your help - be ready to volunteer!

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

LWV PLANNING WORKSHOP

The League of Women Voters of Alpena County met for a recent workshop to make plans for the coming year, including candidates forums and election information for the coming elections. A report on Voter Registration of high school students in Alcona County, Alpena, and Rogers City was given. LWV plans to register voters at ACC in the fall.

Alpena LWV Team Leaders--left to right, top row--Bev Bodem, Anne Nave, Ann Hardesty, Jennifer Dutcher; Middle row--Marcia Aten, Vernie Nethercut, Trina Borenstein, Bob Kennedy; Bottom row--Pauline Buchner, Doris Feys, Dottie Haase; Missing is Florence Stibitz



Saturday Book Club

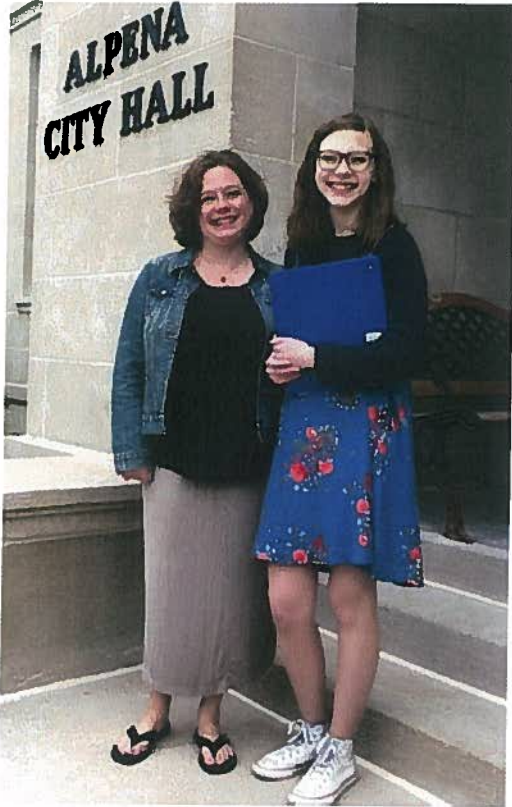
Join us for the book discussion on June 23, 1-2:30, and if you are hungry, come early to lunch at As You Wish (right next door).

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. Other suggestions are welcome!

Check with Alpena Library for copies, and you can call Blue Phoenix at 340-1744 or go online to order your own copy at bphoenixbooks@gmail.com.

Membership

League of Women Voters of Alpena County recently welcomed new member Isabel Luther to the League. Isabel is a Senior at Alpena High School and has a passion for politics. Isabel joins her mother Jessica, who is also a LWV member.



The League waives membership dues for 16-25 year-old students enrolled part or full time in an accredited school. The League believes that waiving membership fees decreases barriers to entry and League membership. For more information about student membership or membership in general with the Alpena County LWV, visit www.lwvalpenacounty.org.

Dues—Our annual dues are due now. \$55.00 for one member and \$82.50 for 2 members sharing the same address. Just a few of our members have not paid. If you are not sure whether you have paid or not, just email treasurer Jennifer Dutcher at (jdutcher@wmcckfc.com) and she will tell you what her records show.

We are sorry to report that member Paul Wolne has died. He was a politically active member and was honored by the Hillman Chamber of Commerce as one of 3 Outstanding Persons in November 2017.

It's an exciting time of year for the millions of students who are preparing for graduation and beginning a new chapter of their lives. With the Midterm elections right around the corner, it's up to us to make sure that students and young adults have the tools they need to participate.

The League stands ready to empower the graduates of 2018 by registering to vote—and create lifelong habits of civic and voter participation. As a generation, students in the Class of 2018 have demonstrated an enormous capacity to use their voice to affect change and engage in civic affairs. One of the most crucial steps to having your voice heard is registering to vote.

Encourage a recent graduate in your life to take a more active role in our democracy by sending them our eCard and reminding them to register to vote. The League's eCard directs recipients to VOTE411.org where they can easily begin the voter registration process.

Congratulations to the Class of 2018 and thank you to all of our volunteers working to register new voters this cycle. Send an Ecard today: http://participate.lwv.org/c/10065/p/salsa/web/postcard/public/?postcard_KEY=273&utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=graduation



League of Women Voters of Michigan v Johnson
Redistricting Lawsuit

Good News!

On May 26, the federal three-judge panel ruled that the lawsuit challenge the state's maps for the U.S. House and state legislative districts can continue.

Mark Brewer, one of the plaintiffs' attorney, noted the court recently scheduled the case for trial next February and discovery is set to begin. "The court has denied the essence of the motion to dismiss and allowed us to go forward to trial, and a trial date has been set for February," he said. "We continue to prepare for trial and are eager to demonstrate that these three plans are gerrymanders." (Gongwer News) For more information about our lawsuit and its status go to the Brennan Center website.



We continue to need your financial support to pay some of the costs for depositions, expert witnesses, etc. Our lawyers are proving their work pro bono. Please consider making a special donation to the LWVMI Education Fund's Legal Fund.

Brennan Center Website: <http://www.brennancenter.org/legal-work/league-women-voters-michigan-v-johnson>

LWVMI Ed Fund Legal Fund: <http://www.lwvmi.org/>

LEAGUE NAME BADGES

Although you can now order LWV of Alpena County name badges directly, the cost of shipping turns out to be ridiculously high. So, our League will collect individual orders and send them all in together, to split the shipping costs among the badges. If you would like a good quality magnetic badge (no snags!), call Doris Feys 989-255-5534.

VOTERS NOT POLITICIANS UPDATE



On June 7, the Michigan Court of Appeals issued an opinion on the case brought by Citizens to Protect Michigan's Constitution challenging the Voters Not Politicians proposal. The opponents argued that the ballot proposal is a redraft of the MI Constitution and fails to list all of the constitutional provisions it would override.

The MI Court of Appeals ruled that the ballot proposal should be on the ballot. Citizens to Protect Michigan's Constitution appealed the decision to the Michigan Supreme Court.

LWVMI supports the petition for an Independent Redistricting Commission.

MI Court of Appeals: <http://www.brennancenter.org/legal-work/citizens-protecting-michigans-constitution-v-sec-of-state>

NOTE: We recently received the following plea from the VOTERS NOT POLITICIANS headquarters:

We have many roles to fill in our East Mitten Region! Your knowledge of Alpena area organizations is very helpful to our Outreach effort! If you have experience to give or know someone who does, you may reach out to Matt Badanek, our state Volunteer Engagement chair, by email (mjbadanek@gmail.com) or at 616-534-6834.

Name	Committee	Position
	Communications	
	Education	
	Events	
	Field Operations	
	Finance/Supply	
	Fundraising	
	Information Technology	
	Outreach	
Patricia Pryor	Supply	Regional Co-Coordinator
Deb Burr	Supply	Regional Co-Coordinator
Michael Moran	Volunteer Engagement	Regional Coordinator

Canvassing: We are desperately looking for any support to initiate canvassing operations in the East Mitten. We have over 25,000 knocks across the state so far and none in the East Mitten! We need all three levels of Field Operations roles filled; Door-to-Door canvasser, Field Captain, and Regional Director. Again, If you have experience to give or know someone who does, you may reach out to Jamie Lyons-Eddy, our state Field Team Director, by email (Jamiedle@gmail.com) or at 248-224-8319.

DEFENDERS OF DEMOCRACY T-SHIRTS!

You may have noticed some members wearing LWV superhero T-shirts, and you can order your own! The T-shirts are produced by LWV of the Ann Arbor Area, and were designed by a member who is also Newsletter editor Trina Borenstein's daughter! A PDF of the form is at:

<http://lwwannarbor.org/files/>



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THREE ANNIVERSARIES

2020 is a BIG year for the League of Women Voters. Not only is it the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage, but it is also the 100th anniversary of the League of Women Voters of the United States, formed in 1920. But did you know that the **League of Women Voters of Michigan was formed a year earlier, in 1919?** This means that **OUR 100th birthday is next year, 2019.** You can read about **LWVMI's origins on our website - click on the "History" tab.** The birthday will be recognized at our **LWVMI convention in 2019.**

Have a brilliant idea for our celebration? Please share it with Paula Bowman who is collecting them (paulabowman9000@gmail.com).

LWVMI's Origins: <http://lwvmi.org/aboutUs.html#history>



Pictures from LWV of Alpena County Annual Dinner, May 9, 2018



From the Michigan League of Women Voters



Recently you may have received a letter from LWVMI asking for your financial support. We urge you to donate to help us pay for many of the voter service activities we have planned for the 2018 elections. We need money to print and distribute 100,000 voter guides and to continue our financial support of VOTE411.

To make a donation, you can go to our website, www.lwvmi.org, or send a donation to LWVMI, **600 W. St. Joseph, Suite 3G, Lansing, MI 48933**. For more information, contact Ken Manley, LWVMI Development Director, kenmanley@hotmail.com.

For more information on our income and expenditures please look at our pie chart summaries from FY 2016-2017.

