



The Leelanau VOTER Winter 2020

From the President.....

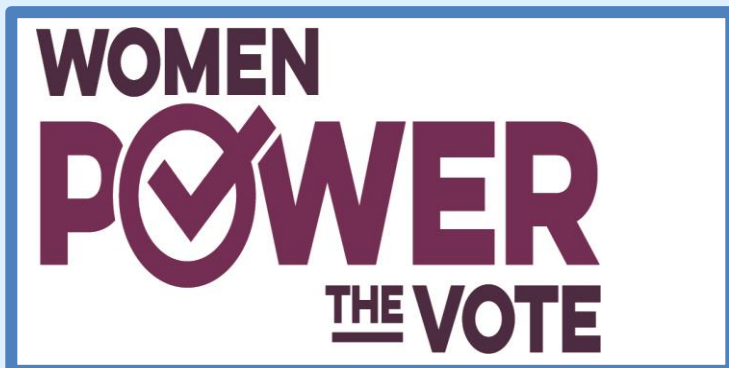
I share with you a message from the national LWV.

“100 years ago, women didn’t have representation in government. With the ratification of the 19th Amendment, women and their allies won the biggest growth in our democracy in the last 100 years. We celebrate this great accomplishment by standing in our power, but at the same time, we acknowledge that the 19th Amendment did not break down voting barriers for all women. Even today, our work is not done.

Many Americans still don’t have their voices heard in choosing our representatives. Politicians have robbed voters of their power by manipulating access to the polls and gerrymandering districts at all levels of government. As the 2020 decennial Census approaches, the prospect of an inaccurate or incomplete count threatens to deprive even more people of their rightful share in American democracy.

Women have played a fundamental role in shaping an inclusive and active electorate. Women have powered -- and continue to power -- the vote. On the 100th birthday of the League of Women Voters, we are keeping in line with the fact that we were born from the suffrage movement.”

Consider how YOU will power the VOTE in 2020.



Calendar

February 5 noon FORUM on Michigan’s Citizen Redistricting
February 13 Blood Drive 2-6 pm at Govt. Center

March 4 FORUM We Shall Remember see page 8

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The monthly editions of LWVLC’s VOTER are at LWVLeelanau.org and LWVMI’s LEAGUE LINKS are at LWVMI.org under Member Resources.

Follow LWVLC on FB at League of Women Voters Leelanau County.
Bring a friend to a LWVLC Forum!!

**Empowering Voters.
Defending Democracy.
Imagining a Democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge, and the confidence to participate.**

MISSION STATEMENT

The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Upcoming Presidential Primary March 10, 2020

You must choose a Democratic or Republican Ballot

DEMOCRATS

Bennet, Michael

Biden, Joe

Bloomberg, Michael R.

Booker, Cory

Buttigieg, Pete

Castro, Julian

Delaney, John

Gabbard, Tulsi

Klobuchar, Amy

Sanders, Bernie

Sestak, Joe

Steyer, Tom

Warren, Elizabeth

Williamson, Marianne

Sanford, Mark

Trump, Donald J.

Walsh, Joe

Weld, Bill

**REGISTER
AND VOTE**

VOTE

New rights for Michigan VOTERS

► **Register to vote through Election Day**

Through Feb. 24	Feb. 25 through March 9	March 10 (Election Day)
<p>Register:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online at Michigan.gov/VoterRegistration • At any Secretary of State branch office • At your township, city or county clerk's office • At a designated state agency • By mail 	<p>Register:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In person with your township or city clerk 	<p>Register and vote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In person with your township or city clerk, <u>not</u> at a precinct. <p><i>Voters who register on Election Day get a ballot and can vote that day.</i></p>

Residency verification required.

Acceptable documents include:

- Driver's license
- State ID card
- Current utility bill
- Bank statement
- Paycheck
- Government check
- Other government document

Documents must have name and current address. Digital copies are acceptable.

► **All voters now can vote early**

Step 1: Request your ballot.

Get an application at county, township and city clerks' offices or at Michigan.gov/Vote.

- Mailed-in applications must be received by **5 p.m. the Friday before an election**. Your ballot will be mailed to you.
- Voters also can drop off their application in person at their township or city clerk's office by **4 p.m. the Monday before Election Day** and get their ballot.

Step 2: Complete it, sign it, submit it.

- **Option 1:** Drop off completed ballot in person to your township or city clerk.
- **Option 2:** Return your ballot through the mail.

► **Ballots must be signed and received by 8 p.m. Election Day.**

COMMITTEES IN ACTION

For a full description of all committees, go to LWVLeelanau.org and Click on Committees in the left column.

FARM LABOR AND IMMIGRATION TASK FORCE

Our forum of April 1 will be titled **Agricultural Challenges and Solutions in Leelanau County**. We will have speakers on the following topics, 1. Environmental challenges; 2. Tariffs and markets; 3. Unplanned changing of crops; 4. Labor; and 5. Grower resilience.

A continuing concern is the loss of the summer Migrant Head Start program. We know that the local immigrant community is very fearful of ICE raids and visits by Border Patrol. ICE raids are very traumatic for children and adults and there is little to no mental health treatment available to help them. They are also anxious about the DACA status of several local young people who are waiting to see what happens.

NEXT MEETING: February 11 at 10 am at Government Center Conference Room #1

EARLY CHILDHOOD NEEDS AND SERVICES

We discussed proposed legislation that will expand K-12 funding at the State per pupil level to “early 5” or second year of kindergarten programs. The measure will be a topic of our discussion with Sen. VanderWall on the January 27th. A more full report of this meeting will follow.

We set the following legislative priorities for the upcoming year:

- Early childhood education funding
- Expanded support for child care providers
- Amending/repealing current restrictions on County funding

We discussed a possible April showing of the film *“No Small Matter.”* Members will look into venues.

We will continue to monitor the implementation of the EC millage proposal. Lisa Peacock presented the proposal on behalf of the Health Department to the BOC on January 15th. Many committee members were there in support. Sue Miller forcefully addressed the BOC at the end of the meeting. As reported in the Record Eagle:

“Sue Miller said she’s tired of some commissioners who continue to say that no one knew about the proposal, which passed by a slim margin. “The assertion that no one knew about the millage is false and I’d like to put that to rest,” Miller said. Presentations were made at every township board and village council meeting, at women’s clubs, churches and service groups, Miller said. There was also information on social media, in school newsletters and in several local newspapers, she said. “I’m not sure what else could have been done to reach the voters,” Miller said. “The voters have spoken and it’s time to move ahead.”

NEXT ECNS meeting is at 2:00 PM on Friday, February 28, 2020 in the Munnecke Room.

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES members are planning an evening program for **Wed. April 29 from 5 to 9 PM at the Gov't center community room.** Since that date is the 5th Wed of April, there should be no conflicts... right? It also follows Earth Week. This will be a **Forum and Fair** around the topic of connecting the climate crisis with the huge possibility of reducing its impact by utilizing Nature to **reduce the amount of carbon already in the atmosphere.** Participants will discover how that would work as well as learn from many local folks what they are already doing. We have discovered there is a huge interest in agriculture, reforestation, and gardening to employ practices associated with regenerative growing techniques which not only would **sequester carbon** but also produce clean water and air, healthy food, healthier people and wildlife, increased biodiversity, fertile soil, and even increased income. We will have a keynote speaker to introduce the topic followed by short "lightning" chats by some of the many exhibitors who already are planning to participate. For early arriving attendees we may even show the film about a couple who have developed, in a short time, an amazing eco-farm especially utilizing sustainable and ecological practices..." The Biggest Little Farm." **NEXT MEETING Wed. Feb. 5 at 10:00 AM in Conference room #1 in the Leelanau County Government Center.**

THE CHARLEVOIX EMMET UNIT OF THE LCLWV continues to grow with 41 members! Voter Services is the Unit's primary focus until after the 2020 election. Currently scheduled events include voter registration at North Central Community College and local high schools, and public forums covering the new changes in voter laws, redistricting, and the history and fragility of voting rights. The Unit is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment protecting woman's constitutional right to vote with a 100-woman suffrage float in the Petoskey 4th of July Parade. To commemorate local suffragists, a tree and plaque will be donated and placed in Arlington Park in Petoskey, and a collaborative event with the Little Traverse Historical Society is in the works. We are an energized and committed group and are thankful for the inspiring mentorship of the Leelanau LWV! Like us on Facebook: League of Women Voters Charlevoix/Emmet Unit

VOTER SERVICES is hosting the Feb. 5 forum "2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission." We received a grant from LWVMI and the LWVUS Education Fund for these efforts. 2020 is an important election year and we will work hard on voter registration. We are co-hosting the showing of "Iron Jawed Angels" to high school students in April with the ERA committee. Mark your calendars for our June 3 forum on the new Voter Rights in Michigan. Candidate forums will be planned for the fall. We welcome new members to our committee. Consider joining us to help democracy work.
Contact Jacquie Johnson, jacquie380223@gmail.com 231-432-0771.

EQUAL RIGHTS ADVOCACY

The ERA Committee is off and running and has plans through August.

March 4, 2020 Noon LWVLC forum "We will Meet Again" bring stories, poems, objects to share of an important woman in your life to share.

April 15, 2020 Showing movie "Ironed Jawed Angels" BCT 9am for High School Seniors /register to vote. All but one school has confirmed that they will attend. Deputy County Clerk to be on hand to accept voter registrations.

April 22, 2020 Tentative date for tree planting on Earth Day honoring 100 Years of Right to Vote at Gov. Center. Tricia Denton and Jan Frazee made the request of the BOC on January 14. We await their decision.

May 6, 2020 LWVLC annual dinner with possible re-enactment of Seneca Falls convention. For this re-enactment will require 30 readers (including 2 men) and will take 45 minutes. Another re-enactment Seneca Falls Women's convention is planned for August 26, 2020. Patty O'Donnell is taking the lead and looking for venues.

June 11, 2020 Elaine Weiss in TC for the National Writer Series come and dress as Suffragist. LWVLC is a co-sponsor and our members receive a discount if you say you at a League member when buying tickets over the phone or at the Opera House.

July 4, Parade in Glen Arbor and July 20 National Cherry Festival Heritage Parade dressed as Suffragists. We will invite women and men from the Leelanau Republican and Democratic Parties to march with us since this is a non-partisan celebration. It would be exciting to get 100 women in costume to march in the Heritage Parade in Traverse City during the National Cherry Festival.

NEXT ERA meeting will be 2/18/2020 at 1pm in the Munnecke Room Leland Library.

Get your Yellow Suffragist Sash

Order Form for Sashes

	Cost each	Qty
Tricolor Sash with "Votes for Women" in black letters on white with purple and gold bands	\$19.50	
Solid Color Sash with "Votes for Women" in black letters on yellow gold	\$11.00	
Name:		
Phone:		
Email:		
Total		

Note: Sashes may be picked up at LWVLC meetings at the Nametag table or at Anne Rogers home. They must be picked up before the week of the event. Payment due with order. Make check payable to Anne Rogers. Cash is acceptable. Orders will be placed as soon as the minimum order to eligible for free shipping is met. Once this happens the order usually arrives in a week.

If you have questions- call or text Anne at (615) 613-2172.

The weather was nasty for the January 18th Women's March in Traverse City. Several LWVLC attended and some showed solidarity in their own back yards.





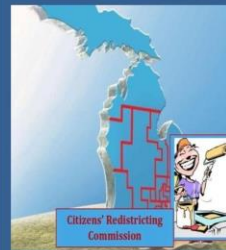
The RunWomanRun cohort has been underway for several months - supporting area women who are thinking about running for office. W2W is so excited about our upcoming panel discussion on "Family Issues for Women Candidates" on February 12 that we are inviting additional women to attend.

Seven area women candidates and/or officeholders have agreed to participate in our panel to talk about family issues they have faced -- from including your kids' photos on campaign literature to juggling family duties alongside so many meetings.

This session will feature straight talk from Carol Crawford, Michele Howard, Melissa Fruge, Katie Bertodatto, Beth Friend, Erica Moon Mohr, and Patricia Henkel. Co-moderators for the evening are Ashlea Walter and Christie Minervini. This panel discussion will occur from 5:30-7:00 PM on February 12 at the Great Lakes Children's Museum at 13240 S.W. Bayshore Drive. Light snacks provided.

Registration Necessary. Go to W2W: Woman to Woman TC on Facebook.

Come to the LWV Leelanau County's February 5 Forum to learn about Michigan's brand new Citizen Redistricting Commission. The public is invited. Many bring a sack lunch.



Michigan's 2020 Citizens' Redistricting Commission

Why is the Commission needed?
Who can be on the Commission?
What is its timeline?
How will it work after the 2020 Census?

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2020 at NOON
Leelanau County Government Center
Lower Level Community Room

All Welcome
Some bring a sack lunch

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS'
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DID YOU MISS A FORUM?
Videos of past LWVLC forums
can be found at
LWVLeelanau.org
under Video Links

CALL FOR LWVLC BOARD NOMINATIONS

LWVLC's Bylaws state: "Any voting member may send suggestions for nominations for Officers and Directors to this committee." (Article VIII, Section 1)

At the Annual Meeting in May, LWVLC members will be electing members to fill the following positions:

President

Vice-President

3 members of the Board of Directors

Nominating Committee Chair

Nominating Committee member

The officers and Directors will serve a two-year term beginning on July 1, 2020. Nominating Committee members serve a one year term.

Please submit your nominations for any or all of these positions to a member of the Nominating Committee as soon as possible:

Sharon Golm, Chairman, sharongolm@gmail.com, 231-386-5857

Jeremy Connolly, elected member, mnconnollyjt@gmail.com, 231-386-5520

Nancy Duck, appointed Director, n.duck@att.net, 386-7673

Remember you may suggest yourself as well as others.

Officers and Directors continuing in office are Secretary, Susan Price and Treasurer, Gary Bardenhagen and Directors: Rick Foster, Jan Frazee and Anne Rogers.

Directors whose terms expire are Beth Chiles – Membership Co-Chair, Jane Gale– chair Annual Campaign and Sue Miller – Early Childhood Chair. Board members who are serving one year appointment: Nancy Duck –Membership Co-chair, Jacquie Johnson – Voter Services Chair, Joan Hunault and Marian Kromkowski. Robin Jordan represents Charlevoix – Emmet Counties Geographical Unit.

Annual Fund Campaign

It's barely 2020, but not too early to start thinking about the League of Women Voters Leelanau County Annual Fund Campaign. Only \$5 of your dues remains with our local League. The remainder is used for our Per Member Payments sent to LWVMI and LWVUS. In the next few weeks you will receive a letter from President Tricia Denton recapping the achievements of 2019 and laying out some exciting plans for celebrating the League's 100th Anniversary this year. We will hold some special events and programs in addition to the advocacy and education we are known for. We count on your financial support and hope we can count on you this year. Watch your mail, email, and our website for details on how you can make a difference.

Let's Celebrate Women During March, Women's History Month

At our March 4, 2020 public forum, we will honor the singular women who have changed our lives. What story will you share? For some, the women who touched our lives are historical figures. For others, they are family members. And for yet others, they are women alive today whose examples enrich our lives and enhance our sense of purpose. This year we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution which prohibits states from denying women the right to vote. To honor the women who ensured our voting rights, each of us can elevate a singular woman who has further changed our life.

The Equal Rights Advocacy Committee invites you to tell your story. Further, consider "illustrating" your story. Make your story vivid and compelling by using any art, craft, or artifact that best conveys it. Photo Collage. Painting. Weaving. Quilt. Recipe. Heirloom Jewelry. Scrapbook. Old Binoculars. Back issues of magazines and newspapers. To participate, contact Jan Frazee, chair of the LWV Leelanau County Equal Rights Advocacy Committee at jfrazee@centurytel.net

Last March following the screening of "We Will Meet Again—The Fight for Women's Rights." Jan Frazee invited us to call-out the names of women who changed our lives. The names of 30 women were recorded: Lois Gibbs, Barbara Reinert, Elaine Maternowski, Marilyn Becker, Eileen Wolcott, Jo Rundao, Ruth Bader Ginsberg, Sally Neal, Claudette Byers, Julia Brabenec, Jean Rundquist Lauren, Louise Bremer, Kathy Frerich, Chris Hettenbach, Ann Mazurek, Erin Conolly, Margaret Simpkins, Mrs. Margaret Charles Smith, Jo Bullis, Bella Abzug, Eva Petoskey, Vina Mikesell, Corrine Donahue, Elsie Zimmerman, Betty Weaver, Ann McInnis, Sandy Marinelli, Katsi Cook, Ann Schmittling, Marian Kromkowski, and Helen Milliken. We honor these women again, during Women's History Month in 2020.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
Honoring the accomplishments of women.

We'll Meet Again: Singular Women in 2020

To commemorate in 2020 the 100th Anniversary of the
19th Amendment giving Women the Right to Vote
To elevate the Singular Women who have changed each of our lives
To celebrate our admiration and gratitude

The Leelanau League of Women Voters invites your Story

You are invited...

To reflect on the course of your own life

To celebrate a Singular Woman who (knowingly or otherwise) shaped your
thought; clarified your view; altered your life course; uplifted your spirit;
and/or inspired you to act

To share that story with your fellow Leaguers during Women's History Month
one year from now in March 2020 when We Will Meet Again

You are further invited...

To express your Story using any genre of word, music, image, or artifact,
rendered via any literary, visual, performing, applied, or decorative art or craft
that best conveys its meaning.

Expressions of your Story might include interviews, memoirs, testimonials,
poems, photos, videos, collages, songs, instrumental solos, sculpture, mobiles,
paintings, quilts, weaving, jewelry, floral arrangements, ceramics, needlework,
baking or any combination thereof.

Start the Creative Juices for March 2020

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF LEELANAU COUNTY

LWVLC Book Discussion 2020 April 16 at 3 pm at Martha Shaver's *The Education of an Idealist: A Memoir* by Samantha Power

The author is Samantha Power who served in the Cabinet of President Barack Obama and as US Ambassador to the United Nations.

RSVP mjshaver56@gmail.com

2020 marks our book discussion group's 8th year. Previously, we chose and discussed:

2013 *Gertrude Bell: Queen of the Desert, Shaper of Nations* by Georgina Howell

2014 *The Woman Behind the New Deal: The Life and Legacy of Frances Perkins* by Kristen Downey

2015 *A Fighting Chance* by Elizabeth Warren

Sisters in Law: How Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg Went to the Supreme Court and Changed the World by Linda Hirshman

2017 *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis* by J. D. Vance 2018 *Born on Third Base: A One Percenter Makes the Case for Tackling Inequality, Bringing Wealth Home, and Committing to the Common Good* by Chuck Collins

2019 *The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote* by Elaine Weiss

EXCITING NEWS!!

Last year's LWVLC Annual Meeting speaker Elaine Weiss is coming back!

On **June 11** the City Opera House will host Elaine Weiss as part of their National Writers Series. Last May Elaine was the guest speaker at our Annual Meeting. She has written "The Woman's Hour" the story of the great fight to win the vote 100 years ago. LWV Leelanau County has agreed to co-sponsor this NWS event.

OTHER WINTER EVENTS

The Traverse City Human Rights Commission is sponsoring the movie "**Just Mercy**" at **6:30 p.m. February 5.** at the State Theater. In addition, there will be special presentations by Families Against Narcotics, ACLU Smart Justice Campaign, and Before, During and After Incarceration.

**BLOOD
DRIVE**



HELP SAVE A LIFE!

LWVLC is sponsoring bimonthly blood drives at Government Center. Next opportunity to donate is February 13 1:30-5:30, no appointment necessary. For more info contact Tricia Denton 313-0359

National Writers Series is offering LWV members a discount to attend a presentation on **February 6 at 7 pm by Steve Luxenberg** who wrote, "**Separate but Equal: the Story of Plessy v. Ferguson, and America's Journey from Slavery to Segregation**". This book is about the landmark Supreme Court decision that affirmed the "separate but equal" doctrine which allowed whites to continue segregating hotels, schools, drinking fountains, bathrooms, everything. To get your tickets and \$5 discount, call 231-941-8082, Ext. 201 or stop by the City Opera House, 106 E Front St between 10 and 5 Monday-Friday. Just mention that you are a League member to get your discount.

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WANT TO SAY THANKS?
WANT TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION?
CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVE**

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Contacts for All Elected County Officials at

www.leelanau.cc/directory.asp

MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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Charlevoix/Emmet

Unit

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Lisa Blanchard

Marty Cheney

Shannon Cummings

Joanne DePrekel

Nancy Dwan

Katherine Grech

David Schneider

Helen Lambert

Karen Langs

Carole McKibbin

Marcia Meyer

Duane Nollf

Katie Parker

Elizabeth (Dibby)

Smith

Karen A. Wooster

DUES FOR 2019-2020

LWVLC Membership Form at

LWVLEELANAU.org/join_form.html

You may check with Membership Committee member, Nancy Duck, to verify your last dues payment contact n.duck@att.net.

Dues are to be paid by October 1 of each year.

\$60.00 for an Individual membership

\$90.00 for a Household membership-2 people in the same household

\$5.00 for a Student membership

If you are a new member and paid dues after February 1, 2019, you do not owe dues at this time.

Please send dues to LWVLC,

C/o Gary Bardenhagen, Treasurer

Box 36, Lake Leelanau, MI 49653

Dues assistance is available from

The Barbara Reinert Memorial Fund.

Contact Barb Marsh for an application blmarsh@hotmail.com

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