

Fall 2019

From the President.....

The LWVLC strongly encourages all members to vote YES and to help spread the word to other Leelanau voters.

For the past 4 and ½ years the Early Childhood Needs and Services Committee of the LWV Leelanau County has worked hard to educate our members and the public on the importance of the first 5 years of a child's like. We have learned about the impact of Adverse Childhood Experience (ACEs) and also how the 5 Protective Factors can minimize and overcome these challenges. These 5 Protective Factors of social connections, parental resilience, social-emotional competence of children, knowledge of child development and parenting, concrete supports in times of need promote healthy lives. They also form the foundation of the Early Childhood Development Services millage that passage on November 5 will sustainably fund.

The polls are open 7am through 8pm on November 5th. Any registered voter can secure an absentee ballot through 4pm on November 4th. Any eligible citizen of the county can register to vote at any time. On Election Day you can register in person with your Township Clerk, not at a precinct. Voters who register on Election Day get a ballot and can vote that day.

LWVLC October 2nd millage forum is at http://www.tacm.tv/watchcommunitytv.asp?sdbfid=12305 ECD Campaign Facebook page @ECDLeelanau







VOTE YES on Nov. 5 for the Early Childhood Development Millage Request!

Calendar

November 2019 **Nov 5 Election Day Nov 6 Michigan Septic Summit Committee Reports/Meeting Dates Pages 3-5** Other Fall Events, Page 7

The monthly editions of LWVMI's LEAGUE LINKS are at LWVMI.org under Member Resources.

Follow LWVLC on FB at League of Women **Voters Leelanau County.**

Our monthly forums are taped and can be found at LWVLeelanau.org under Video Links. 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.

In Memory and Honor of Jo Walker



Jo passed away on September 8, 2019. This was very sudden and was a shock to many in her Leelanau Community. Jo was known for her contagious smile and never complain attitude. Once she saw a job that needed to be done, she was on it. Jo was on the first Board of the League of Women Voters. She held the position of treasurer. She was also our very talented web master, always quick to add information, even last minute requests. She managed our local VOTE411 publication. Her strong organizational skills, determination and unending patience lead to a publication where all could learn about a candidate's

qualifications. Just prior to her death she was excited and looking forward to updating our webpage. Her passing is keenly felt by the League. She also was deeply involved in other community efforts: Board member of Fishtown Preservation Society; Leelanau Christian Neighbors where she was instrumental in the founding of Blessings in a Backpack; secretary/treasurer of Birchwood Shores Preservation Association; and worked closely with Leland Public Schools Bridge Connection. Our sympathies go out to her husband Jim.

Jo's "go at it spirit" lives on as we announce **OUR NEW WEBSITE**. Tricia Denton and Susan Price worked hard this past month on the conversion from one web platform to another. There is still some work to do, some tabs to add but the link is now live. Check out my.lwv.org/michigan/leelanau-county

The LWVLC in Action in September and October Either as Participant and/or Co-Sponsor

- Sleeping Bear Gateway Communities Conference- September 2
- LWVLC Member Meet and Greet-Sept 25
- Leelanau Uncaged-September 28- and interview on WNMC
- Leelanau County Family Coordinating Council- Oct Early Childhood Millage
- Indigenous People's Day-Oct 1
- Early Childhood Millage
- Forum- October 2
- Blood Drive- October 3
- Before During After Incarceration (BDAI) Event-Oct 3
- FLOW, Septic, Pipeline 5, groundwater water protection Oct 5
- Resilience Film at the Bay Oct 10
- Three Sisters Potluck- Oct 13
- Who is My Neighbor? Addiction Awareness event- Oct 17
- Oil and Water Don't Mix Update event- October 21
- Leelanau County Youth Substance Abuse Prevention week events- Oct 23-24
- Freshwater Summit-Oct 25- 9 members attended
- MI Association of Infant Mental State Meeting-Oct 25
- LWV Lake Michigan Region Annual Conference- Oct 25-26

COMMITTEES IN ACTION

VOTER SERVICE

Voter Service members have been busy this fall. We have registered 58 voters at NMC with LWVGT. We so appreciate Deputy Clerk Lyn Drzewiecki who accompanies us at our county schools. Tricia Denton and Lyn registered 4 at Leelanau School; Barb Krause, Jacquie Johnson, and Lyn registered 9 at Leland; BJ Christensen and Patty Barons handed out forms at Glen Lake and St. Mary's, respectively.

We are excited about collaborating with the LWV ERA committee and showing "Iron Jawed Angels" for all seniors and maybe juniors this spring, and then registering students. Those plans are just beginning.



More to come on voter training in conjunction with the 2020 Census



FARM LABOR IMMIGRATION TASK FORCE

Barb Krause, Sam Getsinger and Christi
Bardenhagen met with Doug and Ann McInnis of
the Energy Committee to discuss collaborating on
a forum on agriculture next April. Starting the
forum at 11:30 and adding lunch are a possibility.
It was then determined we need two forums since
each committee has so much material to cover,
FLITF will do ours on April 1 and the Energy
Committee to follow later in April or May The
next FLITF meeting is November 4, 2019 at
11:00 at the at the New Bohemian Café at 110
Waukazoo in Northport. Ginger Bardenhagen
has been invited to give an update on housing in
the area.

EARLY CHILDHOOD NEEDS AND SERVICES

Judy Kuntz, a volunteer videographer for the TC Community tv station, will be videoing future League Forums. The link to our Oct. 2 Early Childhood Forum video is http://www.tacm.tv/watchcommunitytv.as p?sdbfid=12305. This particular Link is available until Nov. 13; we are working on how to make these links available for longer periods of time.

LWVLC member Patricia Soutas-Little and Maggie Sprattmoran were guests on the Ron Jolly Show to discuss the early childhood development millage. The Northwest Michigan Infant Mental Health Association is planning a "Baby Gala" on Thursday, Nov. 7 at Kirkbride Hall in the Commons (see attached flyer on page 7). Four committee members plan to attend and support this good cause. If you are interested in attending please call Rosa at 231-632-1391. Call Sue Miller at 616-485-0361 regarding arranging a carpool. Meanwhile, keep talking with friends and neighbors about the early childhood millage. Thanks for helping to get this passed!

The next ECNS meeting 2:00 PM, Friday, Nov 15 at the Munnecke Room.



ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Our committee is making plans for an April 2020 or May 2020 forum with the Farm Worker Immigration Task Force program on the alternate month. **Next meeting will be Wed. Nov. 13** at 10 AM at the Govt Building in conference room #1. All subsequent meetings will be as they have historically been on the first Wed. of each month.

"Could the solution to the changing climate be under our feet?"

Our committee is currently planning our forum around the idea of the huge potential for farmlands, intact healthy forests, and home residential areas (mini-farms) to become carbon sinks, sequestering carbon OUT of the atmosphere while creating fertile, nutrient-rich, soils. There are many scientists who now insist that this practice would be HUGE, in conjunction with decreasing carbon emissions from fossil fuels and deforestation, in beginning to restore a healthy, habitable Earth for all living things.

Our first action is to interview some of the local growers and stake-holders to learn about current practices, issues related to current farming and any reforestation practices now occurring. We are concurrently doing research on regenerative farming, or/and carbon farming, or/and using nature to sequester carbon, or/and organic growers, or/and permaculture, and possibly reforestation, and more. Then we ought to be in a position to plan our forum having accumulated a list of potential presenters. We will then decide if we want one speaker or perhaps three and perhaps some displays along the side by local stake holders who now are engaged in this type of agriculture.

The Forum potentially has one speaker presenting or three speakers sharing their expertise

- 1. Intro about why we need to get carbon out of the atmosphere.
- 2. Fastest and least expensive way to do this would be thru regenerative agriculture (i.e., returning carbon to the soils) and how it works.
- 3. Presentation about local folks already doing this and the economic benefits to farmers, residential growers, businesses, wildlife, healthy, in this changing agricultural environment.

12TH ANNUAL FRESHWATER SUMMIT OCTOBER 25, 2019 Session #1: Climate Change Update with Peter Sinclair

Summary by Ann and Doug McInnis

"A 40% Increase in precipitation in our area is not your imagination". Due to the increasing climate temperatures, which are increasingly warming the water and land, there is more evaporation of water into the atmosphere with the potential to create havoc, especially in the Eastern and Midwestern and Great Lakes regions of the US. Add that to the increasing huge temperature differential between the rapidly warming Arctic and the Temperate regions and it is easy to see the results as the jet streams steer the weather systems into huge unpredictable, and slowing down, often stalling, loops. The results are unpredictable and often unseasonable weather conditions of either too hot or too cold, too rainy (think floods) or too droughty, extreme wind and storm events, and more. This is already creating a mismatch between pollinators and historical blooming seasons, birds and their insect food, animal migration patterns, increasing algal blooms (some of which are toxic) in the Great lakes, and much more. Some economic assumptions for regional agriculture are that growers may need to change their crops and farming strategies, flooding will need to be factored into infrastructure and building plans, and strategies to cut fossil fuels and sequester carbon will need to be implemented ASAP.

Nine LWVLC members attended the Freshwater Summit with registration provided from the Barbara Reinert Memorial Fund.

EQUAL RIGHTS ADVOCACY

The ERA committee has met the last two months and is **planning to meet again November 11th at 3:30pm at the Leland Library - Munnecke Room.** We have numerous events in the planning stages here are a few.

- 1. The TC Women's March will be held again in 2020 on January 18th with plans much as in the past. We will march. It is not too soon to make sure you have your old posters or plenty of time to make new ones.
- 2. March is Women's History month and our forum will be "We will meet again" with story telling as outlined in the past. The LWVLC bi-weekly member email will have a reminder. This could be a fun winter project for members to reflect on that special person to honor in March.
- 3. The committee is working on the possibility of showing the movie "Ironed Jawed Angels" to local high school seniors in the Spring of 2020 to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of women gaining the right to vote. Date times, and cost to be announced....
- 4. In 2020 we invite any and all LWVLC members and friends to join us in the 4th of July parade in Glen Arbor dressed as suffragists to commemorate the 100 years of women's right to vote.
- 5. The LWVLC Board will ask the Board of Commissioner for permission to plant a native tree at the Leelanau Govt Center to commemorate the 100 years of women's right to vote. This would be a gift from LWVLC.

6. There is interest in offering a re-enactment of the Seneca Falls Women's Conference from the 1800's. Patty O'Donnell has the script and has done this in the past. Date, time and place to be announced.





Anne Rogers made several Suffragist costumes for our LWVLC marchers in the 4th of July Parade. Left, Jan Frazee presented Ann with the parade's best costume award.



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 Leelanau County Charlevoix-Emmet County Unit Report

We had a roll out event 10/8/19 where the LWV was introduced to the community. Joan Hunault was the speaker along with Nancy Duck. Thirty eight people attended and feedback was very positive and enthusiasm was evident. The event was video recorded and will be posted once it is finalized by videographer. Eight more joined that evening. **Membership is now at 23.**

We have spent \$779.28 to date on professional banners, office supplies and the roll out event. We have given \$234.10 in in-kind donations. Actual funds spent = \$545.18

Our next meeting, scheduled for 11/13/19. Our meeting venue is a new EMS building on the south side of Petoskey, a modern and spacious setting with latest tech equipment. We're starting with 5:30 pm meeting and evaluating response to meeting time. Agenda still in process; thus far, presentation on what it means to be a LWV member (highlights of member packet info, where the dues go, current national and state activities, The Voter and LWV websites). Presentation on Voter Service work group (what it is, examples of specific activities of the work group from other leagues). Break out into smaller work groups to start planning specific actions. December meeting will be social.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: WINTER LUNCHEON DECEMBER 4 AT NOON

Please RSVP to Anne Rogers by November 26 amwrogers@gmail.com; call or text to (615) 613-2172

Liz Kirkwood received the 2018 LWVLC Outstanding Community Member Award



Join us for

League of Women Voters Leelanau County's

Annual Holiday Potluck Luncheon

For League Members and Special Guests, our County Officials

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

12 Noon in the Community Room

At the County Government Center (Lower Level)

Luncheon and musical entertainment

Bring a hot or cold dish to share. Service provided.

Program after lunch: Groundwater: The Sixth Great Lake Liz Kirkwood, Executive Director FLOW

Please RSVP to Anne Rogers by November 26

<u>amwrogers@gmail.com</u>

Or call or text to (615) 613-2172

UPCOMING EVENTS

Michigan **Septic Summit**

Traverse City | 11.06.19 10 am - 4 pm



Protecting Our Fresh Water from Septic System Pollution

Event Details

10 am - 4 pm Hagerty Conference Center 715 E Front St, Traverse City, MI 49686

Hosted By

For Love of Water (FLOW)

Questions?

Call FLOW at 231.944.1568

Registration

\$25 in advance, \$30 at the door (Cost of admission includes buffet lunch)

For more information and to register online, visit Eventbrite at:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/michiganseptic-summit-tickets-73296990271

Event Sponsors

















Tickets on Sale Now!!

Celebrate Babies Gala

Thursday, November 7th, 2019 6pm - 9pm at Kirkbride Hall



Please contact Rosa Breneman via phone or text at 231 632-1391 if you are interested in

attending or otherwise supporting this event.

"NURTURING EARLY RELATIONSHIPS."

MI-AIMH believes that infants, toddlers and young children should come first. We support all 0 - 6 professionals who work to ensure that all young children thrive in loving, nurturing, and secure relationships which matter for health, happiness, learning, and life. We speak up for









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MILLAGE ENDORSED BY:

League of Women Voters Leelanau County Leelanau Count Public School Superintendents Leelanau County Family Court

Leelanau Peninsula Economic Foundation

Cherry Republic, Bob Sutherland

Leelanau Early Childhood Development Commission ShareCare

Many more Leelanau residents

On Facebook

Early Childhood Development for Leelanau County Children for more

Also www.LeelanauEarlyChildhood.org

Vote Yes for our kids

on Tuesday, November 5th or before by absentee ballot. The polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Seniors needing a ride to the polls please call Share Care at 231-256-0221 ex.2

Anyone else needing a ride please call 231-218-8494

Blood Drives

Next Dec 12th 2-6pm Leelanau Govt Center **Every other month** 1st Thursday



LWVMI President's Message

The efforts local Leagues in Michigan put forth to educate the public on the merits of Ballot Proposal 2 and 3 last year helped bring the support by voters to a successful win. Now it is our duty to educate the public on just exactly what they won.

LWVMI is facilitating our local Leagues to educate the public on the 2020 Census, its impact on the Citizens' Redistricting Commission (CRC) including its successful implementation and the details of the new voting rights through a series of town hall meetings throughout the state. In addition, Betsy Cushman, VP Voter Services is working with partners to engage clerks to assist in the new voting laws and educating voters to be able to take advantage of the benefits. It seems that our work has only just begun.

When the Supreme Court declined to rein in partisan gerrymandering, the National League pledged to launch a nationwide redistricting reform initiative. All 50 states and the District of Columbia have signed on to the campaign titled People Powered Fair Maps ™ While each state is at a different juncture in the plan, the goal is to promote a transparent and accountable redistricting process and end partisan practices. LWVUS "believes the responsibility for fair redistricting should be vested in independent special commissions with membership that reflects the diversity of the unit of government." The first 100 years was based on the national movement to ratify the 19th amendment; the next 100 years is to have fair maps.

We have many things to be proud of in Michigan: the CRC, a brand-new League in Marquette, strong membership, a vibrant voter service and advocacy program, a development plan to sustain the work of our missions and a skilled board to carry that through - to name a few!

LWVMI President Christina Schlitt

Visit the LWVMI Website

Info you need: Just a click away on the LWVMI Website

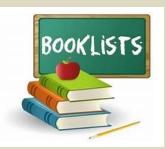
Where can I get the new VOTE411 logo? How do we order a 50-Year certificate for a lifetime member? Is there a New Member Handbook that's already developed? Is there a calendar of responsibilities for local League treasurers? Answers to these queries and other resources can all be found on our LWVMI website on the Member Resources pages.

On the "Current Projects" page, you can find the link to the Clerk Engagement Toolkit, multiple resources for VOTE411 (publicity, bookmarks, poster, etc) and a new section with ideas and materials to help your League celebrate our 100 year anniversary.

Take a spin around our website lwvmi.org to check out the topical information you may be looking for. You might be pleasantly surprised to find what you need as well as other support materials that will be helpful to your League.

LWVMI VP Program and Webmaster Paula Bowman

Book Discussion 2020: Time to Vote



Every year in April, the League of Women Voters of Leelanau County convenes a book discussion. We select our book at the December Holiday Luncheon. So, this year, we will vote on December 4.

We then hold a book discussion at a member's home in April.



Five books are on our ballot.

Each member casts a vote for just one.

Our choices are:

- 1. Evicted: Poverty & Profit in the American City by Matthew Desmond
- 2. Just Mercy: A Story of Justice & Redemption by Bryan Stevenson
- 3. *We Are All Greta: Be Inspired by Greta Thunberg to Save the World* by Valentina Giannella, illustrated by Manuela Marazzi
- 4. The Education of an Idealist: A Memoir by Samantha Power
- 5. How Democracies Die by Steven Levitsky & Daniel Ziblatt

2020 marks our book discussion group's 8th year.

Previously, we read

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 2016

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

HAVE A CONCERN?
WANT TO SAY THANKS?
WANT TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION?
CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVE

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MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Ethel Larsen

Martha Lancaster

LWVLC

Janice Hunyady Helen Sica

LWCLC, Charlevoix/Emmet

Unit

JoAnn Astolfi Kathy Biggs Anne Chaffee Diane Cookingham Rose Fitzgerald Phyllis Ledyard Kate Marshall Val Meyerson Eileen Mikus Jane Mooradian Beth and Frank Shepherd Nancy Simon Elaine Smiley Anne Sprigley Sally Shearer Smith Helen Wolfgang Carolyn Penniman

Charlevoix/Emmet
Unit is mentored
by LWVLC Board
members
Nancy Duck and
Joan Hunault

DUES FOR 2019-2020 NOW DUE 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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