



The Leelanau VOTER Summer 2019

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Calendar

August 2019

6 Early Childhood Committee Report to Board of Commissioners, 3 pm at Gov't Center
8 Volunteer to staff LWVLC table at Indivisible Picnic. Call Tricia at 313-0359. Details pg 10.

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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.

FROM PATRICIA SOUTAS LITTLE, Co-Chair of Early Childhood County Committee

August 6th, 3:00 pm ECCC Report Presentation

The BOC will take action August 6th on our ECCC recommendations, and will be asked to approve ballot language for a millage request to be included on the November 5th, 2019 election ballot supporting these recommendations. Given that this millage request is county-wide, it must be approved by the BOC to appear on the November ballot.

Of paramount importance is that the BOC, the press, and others present at the August 6th BOC meeting understand our ECCC recommendations were developed by a large, diverse group of individuals concerned with the challenges and issues surrounding provision of early childhood programs and services. The 42 members of the ECCC represent organizations that have worked to implement programs to improve services to families and have struggled with these issues for a very long time. Participating stakeholders also included schools, librarians, parents, grandparents, business owners, and advocates. In short, these recommendations were not developed in a silo by just one or two people; they represent suggested solutions to long-term problems coming from a united front of stakeholders.

I am asking you to consider attending the August 6th meeting, if at all possible, realizing that 3:00 in the afternoon on a Tuesday is not a convenient time for many of you. I would like to begin the presentation by introducing each ECCC member present to demonstrate the breadth and strength of the ECC Committee. The presentation itself will be delivered by several of your committee members. Please don't feel that you need to give public comment in order to attend. Your attendance will speak volumes, whether or not you actually give voice to your opinions.

Introductions and the presentation will take about 20 minutes. After that if you need to leave please feel free to do so. Thank you again for your work with our youngest residents and for your support and creative participation on the ECCC.

Calling All to Attend and
Support Early Childhood Services in Leelanau County
ECCC Presentation at a
Special Board of Commissioners Meeting
3pm on Tuesday August 6 at the Government Center

ERA COMMITTEE JULY 4, 2019

The ERA committee organized the LWVLC entry for the Leland 4th of July parade. Approximately 50 women, men and children of all ages participated. We even had the addition of a classic car, a Stanly Steamer, as part of our delegation. Thank you May family for the use of your car.

To commemorate the 100th year of LWVMI, we dressed as early suffragists. Anne Rogers graciously offered her expertise as a period costume designer to help retrofit clothing to make us all beautiful and as authentic as possible. A new LWVLC banner was made and carried which read, "LWV League of Women Voters Leelanau County- Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy." Even though the weather was very hot, our group smiled, waved, and passed out LWVLC literature to a cheering crowd of spectators.

All efforts to make this a most memorable day paid off, our entry won an award for "best costumes" in the parade. Again, big thanks to Anne for guiding us in "proper attire" from 100 years ago.

I think it is safe to say, we all came away with a renewed appreciation for our fore-mother suffragists who daily wore this type of heavy hot clothing while marching and who were often pelted with violent words, acts and rotten tomatoes. Contrast this to the mostly friendly crowd we walked past in Leland. Our LWVLC made an excellent showing and left us proud of our League and the work we do.

Let the suffragists continue to inspire us all as we conduct the mission of the LWV now and into the next 100 years. Thank you to all who helped to make this a day one to remember.

Jan Frazee ERA committee chair and LWVLC Board member



Early Childhood Needs and Services:

The ECN&S Comm. has been meeting this summer with some members getting together with our state representatives to encourage their support for early childhood legislation. Members have also been involved with Leelanau County's Early Childhood Study Group that is making recommendations to our commissioners on August 6. **Please plan to attend of August 6.**

The next Committee meeting is 2:00 pm August 16 in the Munnecke Rm of the Leland Twp

Energy and Natural Resources Committee:

We are hosting the September 4th forum: What is Leo Creek and how it fits into the E&NR goal of Living Lightly in Leelanau. The September LWVLC forum will feature the amazing Suttons Bay Kate Thornhill, a true visionary who with a multitude of fabulous caring volunteers has initiated a local Community Oasis creating hope for the future. A 13 acre jewel along the Tart trail is becoming a demonstration of beauty, permaculture, water stewardship, art and music, indigenous wisdom, and more... connecting all, young and old, to the joy of life on the only planet we will ever have.

Next Meeting September 4 at 10:00 AM Conference Room 1 Govt Bldg

The Voter Service Committee: No meeting this month, but if you are interested in helping with Voter Registration in the fall, contact Jacquie Johnson at jacquie380223@gmail.com

Equal Rights Advocacy (ERA) Committee:

I hope you all are enjoying this beautiful summer we are having. Thinking ahead to planning for our next activity of the ERA committee. **Next meeting Wednesday August 28th 5pm Leland Library in the Munnecke Room.** Bring your ideas and thinking cap for what we can plan for the remainder of 2019.

The Farm Labor Task Force is now the Farm Labor and Immigration Task Force

Last month, Michigan State Representatives led by State Representative Abdullah Hamoud introduced the Michigan Civil Rights Expansion bill package. The sponsors noted that the bills are designed to "extend necessary civil rights protections to all residents, regardless of birthplace." To learn more, go to the Michigan Immigrants Rights Center website, mirc@michiganimmigrant.org

H.R.6 – American Dream and Promise Act of 2019 passed the House of Representatives. This bill cancels and prohibits removal proceedings against certain aliens and provides such aliens with a path toward permanent resident status. To follow its progress, go to CONGRESS.GOV

The next meeting of FLITF is September 9 at the Law Library at the Government Center.

Barb Krause 256-7484 and Christi Bardenhagen 271-0072.

Talkin' Trash: Are You Doing the Best You Can Do?

Report from June 5th Forum

On June 5, 2019, more than 90 people attended the LWVLC public forum entitled "Talkin' Trash," sponsored by the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, co-chaired by Ann and Doug McInnis.

This forum, unlike others during 2018-2019, began at 11 o'clock, an hour earlier than usual, to allow visits with 12 exhibitors who set-up tables around the perimeter of the Government Center Community Room to describe their re-cycling efforts. Exhibitors included the following people and topics: Mary O'Neal, artist; Janee Rowe, artist; Kathy Powell, craftsperson; Barry Krull, compost tea; Tina Greene-Bevington, bookseller; Andy Gale, Bay Area Recycling for Charities; Ann & Doug McInnis, permaculture; Nancy Potter, Oryana Food Co-op & shopping with your own containers; Anne Rogers, give-away bread blankets & the 30-day no plastics challenge; Jane Packard, self-pledge & the 30-day no plastics challenge; and George Morena, recycling appliances.

At noon, Ann McInnis introduced two speakers. Both work each day to reverse our "society's over-consumption and abysmal disposal practices." First, Marcia Harris, Vice Chair of the Leelanau County Solid Waste Council, explained the Council, an advisory group to the Leelanau County Commission, manages the county's drop-off recycling sites, and household hazardous waste collections. The Council members also educate the public regarding the value of reducing our carbon footprint—focusing their attention on school children.

Marcia noted that Public Act 69 of 2005 funds our county residential recycling efforts. This state statute allows us to assess ourselves an annual \$29 fee to fund recycling. That fee expires next year, and must be renewed. The audience applauded loudly when Marcia announced the Solid Waste Council intends to recommend the recycling fee be increased upon renewal. That way Leelanau County can provide matching funds for available grants, and expand our recycling efforts.

Andy Gale, who founded Bay Area Recycling for Charities in 2008, spoke next. He works for sustainable change that will make recycling and composting a permanent part of our future. Andy was full of surprises—both new information and new ideas! Here are eight of them.

1. Plastics were introduced in the 1930s, and the first garbage truck began collecting garbage in the 1950's. At that point, "waste became more complicated."
2. We have four basic kinds of packaging: paper, plastic, glass, and metal. For thousands of years, humankind has recycled metals—melting them down for reuse. And, Andy said, there has been a strong market for recycled paper for many years. It is the remaining two packaging materials—plastic and glass—for which we yet struggle to find markets.
3. "Glass," Andy observed, "is a clear clay pot." Currently "glass is ground-up and used as road base inside landfills, in place of gravel." Glass can also be ground into very fine "glass flour" which can then be melted down, and reused to make new glass. However, we have no plant in Michigan to do this.
4. PETE (polyethylene, sometimes abbreviated PET) plastic jugs that contain milk and soap can be broken down and used over and over. However, "the #3 to #7 plastics making-up half of all recycled plastic—the plastics used to manufacture films, Styrofoam, and grocery bags—cannot be easily recycled, so we must ask, where do they go? How do we repurpose them?"

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5. Andy noted the trillions of micro-organisms that break down food waste in a compost pile are “constant recyclers.” When we compost, he explained, we are trying to achieve an aerated compost pile with a 3: 1 carbon-to-nitrogen ratio. The carbon is provided by leaves, and the nitrogen by the food waste. This ratio enables the micro-organisms to break the chemical bonds, and allow decomposition of the materials in the pile over several weeks. The result: useable humus, a healthy soil that can be used to enrich gardens and crops.

6. “Electronic waste,” Andy said, “is the fastest growing market in recycling.” He explained that the Kuuskoski Recycling Corporation (based in Finland) operates on five continents. “It’s Chicago operation is housed in a 300,000 square foot facility that grinds up thousands of computers every hour!” Andy showed slides and described the operation of a sophisticated process using “eddy currents” –electrical current induced within conductors by a changing magnetic field—designed to sort the components of electronic waste, separating paper, plastic, and metal.

7. Andy noted that we need more innovation. Governor Gretchen Whitmer has created a new state department called EGLE—the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy—and has appointed Traverse City local, Matt Flechter, to head an office whose sole purpose is to find new recycling ideas. We must, Andy said, increase the products on which we can stamp the words: “Made from recycled content.”

8. Andy noted that in Poland during World War II, trucks were fueled by firewood, due to a shortage of gasoline. The firewood was reduced to woodchips and then to charcoal which, when heated, produced methane fuel. The process—called pyrolysis—converted wood to methane. This process also works for plastics. Plastics are petroleum-based. When heated to 800 degrees, plastics become a form of charcoal. When heated to 1100 degrees it becomes methane. “This process,” said Andy, “is likely our best answer to plastics recycling—we just need some natural gas to trigger it.” We can, he said, “use this chemistry to change the world.” Andy is now working to design an efficient in-home system that “gets methane from food waste and plastics.” He envisions a future in which every home will have the capacity to recycle plastics and food waste, in order to produce synthetic fuel—which can then be used to heat or cool the home.

Forum moderator, Ann McInnis, concluded “Talkin’ Trash” by quoting folk activist Pete Seeger: “If it cannot be reduced, reused, repaired, rebuilt, refurbished, refinished, resold, recycled or composted....it should be restricted, redesigned or removed from production.” Ann encouraged each of us, every day, to Reduce ...Reuse...and Recycle.’ Absent our best efforts, our life-support system cannot be sustained.



Ann McInnis



Andy Gale

Worried? You Should Be!

Submitted by Ann McInnis Co-Chair E&NR

"It is worse, much worse, than you think" so begins the current best seller "The Uninhabitable Earth" by David Wallace-Wells. Evidence is stacking up that serious challenging times are rapidly approaching which means that everyone needs to dig in and get busy doing something...now. 13 ideas below:

- 1. VOTE** and be sure your family, friends, neighbors all vote. Volunteer to drive them to the polling place. Educate yourself and others on the important issues so you can talk articulately with others, especially about the climate emergency and its existential threat to survival for most living organisms. Our elected officials **MUST** get involved in potential solution. Connect with them, praise them, or hold their feet to the fire!
- 2. Drive LESS.** Organize a carpool in your neighborhood or use bikes. Combine your trips. Pay attention to the gas your car is using....how much excess carbon emissions are YOU adding to the problem?
- 3. FLY LESS.** Flying is one of the huge emitters of greenhouse gases which are partially responsible for the rapid warming of the Planet. Can you cut out some or all of your airplane trips?
- 4. BUY LESS.** How many items, which you buy, do you really need...or are they just wants? Discover and use items and packaging not made with plastics. Reuse items and recycle those things which you can't compost.
- 5. GO SOLAR.** Generating electricity using the sun (and wind) is the most cost effective way to do so. Battery storage of excess electricity is here.
- 6. CUT the AIR CONDITIONER.** Find out the many ways to remain comfortable in hot weather without air conditioners: keep shades drawn, windows closed, during hot days, open them at night, use your basement, etc.
- 7. PLANT TREES** (Native species especially) Scientists have suggested that this would sequester, naturally, a huge amount of carbon OUT of the atmosphere. Support organizations attempting to prevent deforestation. Support certified sustainable harvested lumber if wood is used.

8. CONSERVE & PROTECT WATER and support organizations whose goal it is to protect water from contaminants, diversions, invasive species. Check out FLOW and OIL AND WATER DON'T MIX.

9. EAT LESS MEAT (especially beef) A huge amount of carbon is emitted from livestock agriculture especially as it involves deforestation and destroying native grasslands in order to grow livestock food.

10. SUPPORT FARMERS using SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES like regenerative agriculture and carbon farming (which puts carbon BACK into the soil) thru no till, no chemicals, diversified cropping, and organic fertilizers. Purchase their products even it more expensive. The products will be healthier for you & Earth.

11. GET a HOME ENERGY AUDIT. Northport Energy offers them free. The cheapest energy is that which is NOT used.

12. CULTIVATE LOCAL CONNECTION to local community organizations for sharing and implementing sustainable strategies for living lightly in Leelanau.

13. Find JOY and PLEASURE each and every day.

Earth requires all hands on deck NOW!



"More than a Lovely Garden and Magical Creek, it's time to really get serious about our warming climate and other things I think about while weeding."

Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at NOON
Leelanau County Government Center
in Suttons Bay

Presentation by Kate Thornhill,
Caretaker of Leo Creek



LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS'
OF LEELANAU COUNTY

LWVMI State Study Aims at Lame Ducks

Delegates at the 2019 LWVMI Convention voted to undertake a state study concerning the "Structure and Process of the Michigan Legislature limited to exploring the ramifications on democracy, if any, posed by lame duck sessions and developing guidelines, if warranted, regarding the type of bills and how such bills should be handled in a lame duck session."

A statewide study committee is now being assembled which will determine the scope of the study, conduct research, and eventually, develop consensus questions that will be used for local League participation. The committee will meet at least once in Lansing, and then have other meetings electronically. The end goal is a new position by Spring 2021.



If you are interested in being part of the state study committee, please contact LWVMI Program VP, Paula Bowman ASAP. (734-277-2243) paulabowmangooo@gmail.com

Meet LWVMI Executive Director Shelly Hoffman

Thank you for welcoming me to LWVMI as your new Executive Director. The support members have offered to me has been overwhelming and my first three weeks have seen a whirlwind of activity.

I have had the pleasure of working with immediate past president Judy Karandjeff who is training me to carry out all of the office functions - processing memberships, PMPs, and gifts, responding to requests from members and the general public, creating reports, banking, reconciling accounts . . . the list goes on (and on)!

I am also working closely with new president Christina Schlitt in the development of my position, the strategic objectives, and a work plan. We also work together on the dissemination of information via social media and other outlets.

The peer financial review is an important annual endeavor of LWVMI and I was able to sit in on this year's and learn a great deal about the organization's finances and how well Judy has kept them in order. I have some significant shoes to fill there.

Local Leagues have also figured prominently in my activities. In addition to responding to various inquiries from local League representatives, I have had the pleasure to attend the annual meeting of LWV of Flint (where members celebrated the centenary of women's suffrage with cake and champagne and listened to sculptor Jane Trotter discuss an effort to recognize influential women in the community with a sculpture park). Flint is my local League and I'm delighted to align myself with this group of dynamic women and men, some of whom I have known most of my life. I also attended a luncheon for LWV Lansing Area. Members there gave a variety of presentations on local initiatives. It is clear this is a very busy and committed group and I enjoyed my time with them. I do hope to visit more local Leagues, meet more members, and learn about the great work you are doing in your communities.

I look forward to learning more about the issues and processes of the League of Women Voters of Michigan and, most of all I look forward to meeting all of you.

Yours in League,
Shelly

ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN REPORT

Jan Frazee, Tim Johnson, Tricia Denton, Abbott and Anita Porter and Mary Tonneberger's Gifts to the Education Fund for the Annual Campaign was not listed in the last Voter inadvertently. We apologize. We grateful for the support of our members and Friends for this year's Annual Campaign. The 2019 campaign is closed, but contributions are welcome throughout the year. Below are the final results for this year's campaign.

Grand Total	\$7,110.00
General Fund	
Members	\$1,850.00
Friends	\$ 650.00
Total	\$2,500.00
Education Fund less the Vina Mikesell Fund	
Members	\$2,985.00
Friends	\$ 325.00
Total	\$3,310.00
Vina Mikesell Fund within the Ed Fund	
Members	\$ 525.00
Friends	\$ 100.00
Total	\$ 625.00
Total Combined Education Fund	\$3,935.00
Barbara Reinert Memorial Fund	
Members	\$ 575.00
Friends	\$ 100.00
Total	\$ 675.00

It is never too late to give.

Send your contribution (payable to LWVLC or LWVLC Education Fund) to P. O. Box 36, Lake Leelanau, MI 49653. The Ed Fund will only accept checks made out to it. No longer can you write one check with gifts to the General fund and the Ed Fund on one check.

LWVLC has four funds to which gifts may be given. The General Fund and the Barbara Reinert Memorial Fund that supports memberships and leadership development. These funds are not tax-deductible. Tax-deductible gifts may be made to the LWVLC Education Fund and/or the Vina Mikesell Fund within the Ed Fund (put Vina Mikesell Fund in memo line of your check)

If you did not attend the Annual Meeting, it is likely that you have not renewed your dues.

You may check with Membership Committee member, Nancy Duck, to verify your last dues [payment - n.duck@att.net](mailto: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

Thank you

To each and every donor!

Nancy Duck and Jane Gale

Annual Fund Co-Chairs

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS



save THE DATE

GRAND TRAVERSE AREA INDIVISIBLES & FRIENDS PICNIC!

Thursday
August 8th
1 - 4 pm

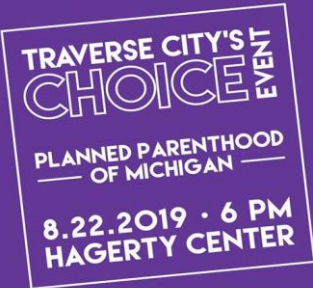
We invite you to join our group of progressive, forward looking friends at beautiful Peterson Park, 10001 E Peterson Park Rd, Northport, MI 49670 for a relaxing afternoon with dynamic speakers, camaraderie, food, and fun!



Indivisible Picnic with Governor Whitmer and Senator Peters!

Bring a picnic and BYOB and your best friends! Get to know progressive folks who want to make a difference and have fun on the way.

LWVLC will have at Indivisible.
Can you help staff? Call Tricia 313-0359



TRaverse CITY'S CHOICE EVENT

PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF MICHIGAN

8.22.2019 • 6 PM
HAGERTY CENTER

STROLLING DINNER & COCKTAILS

GUEST SPEAKER: Dana Nessel, Michigan Attorney General

HONOREE: Betsy Calcutt

Questions about this event? Contact us by email at ppevents@ppmi.org, or call 231.929.2054 x2531.



Saving Birds Thru Habitat
Special Event:

In Search of Bugs!

Do a bug walk with visiting entomologist

Doug Tallamy

Saturday, August 24, 10:30 a.m.
At Saving Birds Thru Habitat
5020 Putnam Road, Omena

This is a **rare opportunity** to learn what insects lurk in the fields and woods of Leelanau County from an expert. Doug, best-selling author and longtime friend of SBTH, will lead a relaxed hike through Charter Sanctuary for 60-90 minutes.

Kids 12 and under: free
Others: \$25 each

Space limited. Reserve online at savingbirds.org or call (231) 271-3738

Proceeds support amazing programs sponsored by Saving Birds Thru Habitat.



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

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Switchboard: 202-456-1414

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**VOTE
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**Contacts for All Elected County Officials at
www.leelanau.cc/directory.asp**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

**Midge and John Sweet
Harriet Graves
Diane Kraus
Susan vanDeventer
Patty O'Donnell
Diane and Steve Kraus
Jessica Shaw-Nolff**

**DUES FOR 2019-2020 NOW DUE
LWVLC Membership Form at
LWVLEELANAU.org/join_form.html**

Send checks to
LWVLC, Box 36,
Lake Leelanau, MI 49653
Single Membership is \$60.
Household Membership is \$90.
Student Membership \$5.
Make your check out to LWVLC.

**Dues assistance is available from
The Barbara Reinert Memorial Fund.
Contact Barb Marsh for an application
blmarsh@hotmail.com**

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