



— **League of Women Voters of Delta County Newsletter** —

P.O. Box 994, Escanaba, MI 49829-0994

October, 2016

Upcoming candidate forum...

The LWV, AAUW, and Chamber of Commerce of Delta County

invite you to our

November General Election Candidate Forum

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

Escanaba City Hall

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

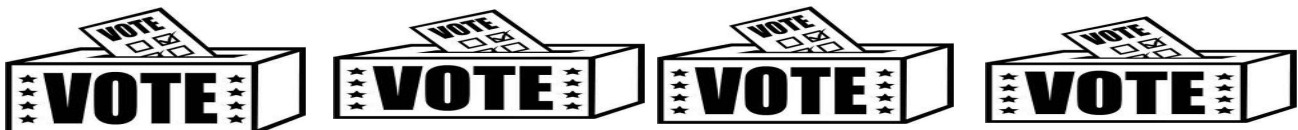
There will be three segments. The first segment will be the 1st Congressional District. The candidates for the U.S. 1st Congressional District are Jack Bergman (REP), Lon Johnson (DEM), Diane Bostow (Libertarian), and Ellis Boal (Green).

The second segment will be the 108th State House of Representatives District. The candidates for the 108th State House of Representatives District are Scott Celello (DEM) and Beau LaFave (REP).

The third segment will be the Delta County Commissioner contested races. The candidates for Delta County County Commissioner District 1 are John Malnar (DEM) and Gerard Tatrow (REP). The candidates for Delta County County Commissioner District 4 are David Moyle (DEM) and Mary Schram-Blasier (REP).

The moderator will be AAUW member Shannon Taylor. We will need workers for the evening. You may submit questions prior to the Forum to Ann by e-mail to bissella@baycollege.edu. Written audience questions will be collected during the forum. The forum will be broadcast live on Charter Communications channel 191 and it will be rebroadcast on Charter Communications channel 188. The dates and times for the rebroadcast will be announced at a later date.

The November General Election is Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



Mission Statement of the League of Women Voters...

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Any person of voting age, male or female, may become a League member.

The usual helpers are needed for the candidate forum that you read about on page 1, i.e. screeners, pages, timers, etc. Contact Ann Bissell if you are able to help out!!!

Young Voters Education Program

On Tuesday, October 18th, in partnership with the Escanaba Public Library, the LWV of Delta County will present “ Electing the President”. This program is for 5th and 6th graders and it will take place at 3:00 p.m. in the Story Room at the Escanaba Public Library. This program will explain the difference between caucus and primary (open and closed), discuss the party system, provide a sample ballot, and have a mock election day. DATA will provide transportation to the library. Children must register in advance by calling the Children’s Room at the library, 789-7328. The presenter for this program is League member Connie Osier. In addition to presenting this program, the LWV of Delta County is providing \$75 for voter education book(s) to the Escanaba and Gladstone Public libraries.

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Buy A Board

The LWV of Delta County is participating in the Buy-A-Board fundraiser for the Steam & Gas Village Chapel. Our board will read, “ The Delta County League of Women Voters, established 1951”.

Anyone interested in participating should contact League member, Ann Jousma Miller, email: annandralph@hotmail.com.

Dues Increase

At our last meeting, it was decided to increase our annual dues from \$50 to \$55. This increase will begin with the next League year.



Book Sale 2016

report submitted by our Treasurer Pat Rudden

The Annual Used Book Sale was held August 6th in conjunction with the Waterfront Arts Festival. Pat Rudden provided regular brief notices in the Daily Press and a drop-off site (Northern Michigan Bank) for the books. Both of these factors helped us to have a large inventory of books for sale. Since we are in the used book sale business, we have decided to purchase our own E-Z Up canopy. It will save us from borrowing one every year. If anyone has an idea for a banner for the canopy, let Sue Scheeneman know.

The Book Sale had its best year ever with **net income of \$1,073.20**. The success of the Book Sale is directly related to the quality and amount of inventory. The larger and better the inventory, the higher the profit. Therefore, the LWV of Delta County is now collecting **USED BOOKS, VIDEOS, CD'S, DVD'S, SHEET MUSIC, AND CASSETTES** for next year's sale. The CD's sell like hotcakes, so we especially encourage the donation of CD and DVD collections. Books with a copyright date less than 10 years, children's books of any copyright date, and all other above-mentioned items in good condition may be donated anytime during the year at Northern Michigan Bank c/o Pat Rudden. This year-round drop-off location works out great, thus we have a large inventory of books to sell in August. 2015 proceeds were \$750, 2014 proceeds were \$1,015.60, 2013 proceeds were \$720.00 (two CD collections donated), 2012 proceeds were \$529.60, 2011 proceeds were \$239.80 (low inventory), and 2010 proceeds were \$667.75 (another CD collection donated). Thank you to our LWV workers and their family members who volunteer during the setup, on the sale day, and for cleanup.

Please actively seek donations throughout the year. **Next year's Book Sale is on Saturday, August 5th.**

Please save that date on your calendar. Many hands make light work!!

Vote411

Around October 20th, Vote411.org will go live. This is our online Voter Guide. To access your personalized voter information:

Go to www.vOTE411.org

- Enter your address, click enter
- Click "Get Personalized information on candidates and issues"
- Just above the map, click on "Find my information"
- Choose my language - click on "Go to my races"
- Look above the Governor races to click "All my races"

Voter Guide

Our 2016 Voter Guide will be inserted in the Daily Press on Monday, October 17th. We are also providing a State Voter Guide in addition to our local Voter Guide. These two Guides will provide more complete information to our citizens. Make sure you pick up both. Our overrun copies of the State Guide are limited. We no longer receive a paper donation and we have lost one of our financial sponsors. If you have a suggestion for a replacement, let Sue Scheeneman know.

Constitution Day

The LWV of Delta County participated in the Bay College Political Campaign Fair and Voter Registration Drive held on 9/15 to celebrate Constitution Day. The Escanaba City Clerk and Delta County Clerk registered over 40 new voters, and local political parties and candidates were in attendance to meet with students, staff, and the public. The Delta County LWV provided voter information about our 411 website, the upcoming forum on 10/19, the Voter Guide and membership. This program was coordinated by League member, Molly Campbell.



Mission of the League of Women Voters

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Dues are \$50.00 per member or \$75.00 per household. Dues are not tax deductible.

Dues includes your subscription to: *National Voter* (electronic version)

Michigan Voter (4 issues per year)

LWV Delta County newsletter (4-8 issues per year)

Yes, I'll join. Enclosed is my check for \$50.00 for dues for one year. Please make your check payable to the League of Women Voters of Delta County (LWVDC) and mail to:

LWV of Delta County, P.O. Box 994, Escanaba, MI 49829-0994

Please send me more information.

I am not able to join now, but here is my contribution \$_____.

Contributions are tax deductible if they are directed to the LWV Education Fund.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone (home): _____ Phone (office) _____
Special interest(s): _____



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