



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

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

October, 2017

Upcoming candidate forum...

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

invite you to our

November General Election Candidate Forum

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Escanaba City Hall

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

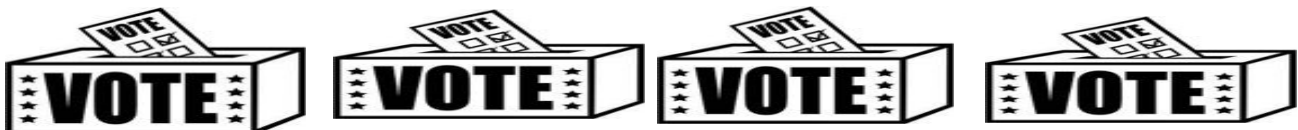
There will be two segments. The first segment will be the Gladstone City Commission. The candidates for the Gladstone City Commission 2-year term are Bradley Mantela (incumbent) and Mike O'Connor. The candidates for the Gladstone City Commission 4-year term are Joe Thompson and Steven Viau (incumbents), Joshua Godfrey, Darin Hunter, Ken LaVigne, and Dave Nemacheck.

The second segment will be the Escanaba City Council. The candidates for three 4-year terms are Patricia Baribeau, Ralph Blasier, and Marc Tall (incumbents), Katherine Hardt, and Peggy O'Connell Schumann.

The moderator will be announced before the forum. 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 streamed live at <https://www.dstech.net/live-streams/city-council-chambers/>

The November General Election is Tuesday, November 7, 2017. 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.

Upcoming candidate forum...

The LWV of Delta County, Marquette County Unit

invite you to our

November General Election Candidate Forum

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

Marquette City Offices, 300 Baraga Ave., Marquette, MI

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

The six candidates running for the three open seats on the Marquette City Commission have been invited. They are Tom Baldini, Justin Brugman, Peter Frazier, Tony Ghiringhelli, Jerney Ottaway, and Fred Stonehouse.

The forum will include opening statements, audience questions, and closing statements. The moderator for the evening will be a League member. The public is invited to attend the forum and written audience questions will be collected and asked by the moderator as time allows during the forum. The forum will be videotaped and posted on the local League Facebook page @ <https://www.facebook.com/LWVDeltaCountyMarquetteCountyUnit/>. For more information contact Darlene T. Allen at 906-225-9103 or d-and-d@chartermi.net.

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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!!!

Vote411

LWV of Delta County members will receive an E- mail notification when Vote411.org goes 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"

Book Sale 2017



Report submitted by Treasurer Pat Rudden

The Annual Used Book Sale was held August 5th 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. The Book Sale had a good year with **net income of \$**. 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.

2016 proceeds were \$1,073.20, 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. A special thank you to our Marquette LWV members who lent a hand on Saturday. Please actively seek donations throughout the year. **Next year's Book Sale is on Saturday, August 4th. Please save that date on your calendar. Many hands make light work!!**

Northern Michigan University Fall Fest

Six LWVDC, Marquette County Unit members attended the University Fall Fest that welcomes students to a new year and offers them the opportunity to learn about student groups, local businesses and non-profits. The volunteers shared information on the League, membership and voting rights. The students were interested in learning about Vote411.org and used the QR Codes on the bookmark handouts to check out the site. The volunteers reported many great conversations with students and managed to register eleven new voters!



At left: LWV Marquette Unit member Jeanne Sekely registers a new voter as member Diane Aquino-Perez looks on.

Below (from left to right): LWV Marquette Unit volunteers Karen Schmitt, Susan Wilson, and Mary Pelton-Cooper get ready for the students.



League Public Information Meeting Held in Marquette

The Marquette County LWV Unit held a Public Meeting at the Peter White Library on July 8th. Thirty-seven people were in attendance. Information was shared with the audience about the past history of the League in Marquette County. The LWV of Marquette County began as a provisional League in 1968 and provided voter services to the community for almost 40 years. Three of the former members have joined the new group currently forming. Delta County League mentors Sue Scheeneman, Ann Bissell, and Pat Rudden presented information on League basics and shared their experiences with the audience. Ten new members joined the Marquette Unit as a result of this public meeting. The Unit is now 33 members strong! See photos below.



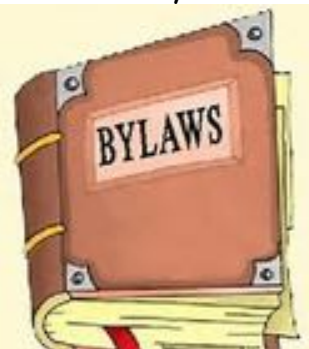
Coming Soon!



1 - The LWVDC and the LWVDC Marquette County Unit will create a joint website. The annual fee for the first year will be paid by the LWVDC. A member of the LWVDC Marquette County Unit will create and manage the site. We hope to launch our site very soon.



2 - Some of our members may remember the LWV Observer Corp. It has not been utilized in Delta County for many years. However, we have received new materials and we are hoping to find members/interested persons to act as observers at governmental meetings. There are several members interested in pursuing the Observer Corp in Marquette County.



3 - Our bylaws and local program positions have not been updated in many years. The programs will be reviewed at the Annual Meeting in May. Anyone willing to review the bylaws should let Sue Scheeneman know.

Mission of the League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters of Delta County, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Any citizen 18 years or older can be a voting member.

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)

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__ 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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