



LWV of Delta County, Marquette County Unit
Progress Report
April 2017 through January 2019

April

- 3 members
- Emails, phone calls and meetings to gather information about a LWV in Marquette County
- Formal meeting with LWVMI VP Membership & LWVDC Mentors (4/26) (6 attended)
- The League of Women Voters of Delta County, Marquette County Unit is "official"!

May

- 14 members
- Planning meetings and membership recruitment
- Informational Meeting at Border Grill (5/9) (17 attended)

June

- Organizing meetings, mentoring calls and membership meetings
- Connections made with Marquette County Clerk
- Voter Registration initial research, planning and development of training materials
- Facebook page established
- Press releases and letters to the editor about the LWV organizing in county

July

- 22 members
- Public Information Meeting held at PWL (7/8) (37 attended/9 new members)
- Voter registration projects receive mentor approval (7/20)
- Voter registration at Art on the Rocks/Outback (7/29)
- Start up donations received from UP neighbor LWV!
- Radio interview regarding Marquette organizing and mentoring process (Sue)
- Vote411.org set up and bookmarks designed
- LWVMI mentor assigned

August

- 28 members
- Mining Journal "New Marquette County League of Women Voters a Positive Step"
- Candidate Forum Committee established & mentor approved
- Connections made with the Marquette City Clerk
- Delta County Book Sale Fundraiser (8/5)
- Vote411.org on-line voter guide available for Primary Election (8/8)
- NMU Fall Fest LWV information table and voter registration (8/28)
- First community donation received

September

- 34 members
- Observer Corps research and planning
- LWV Positions Study research and planning
- Iron Jawed Angels Movie Night (9/28)

October

- Newsletter published (LWVDC with news from Marquette Unit)
- Radio Interview regarding candidate forum and future organizing plans (10/11)
- Marquette City Commission Candidate Forum (10/18) (over 50 in attendance)
- Delta County LWV Candidate Forums – observed and videoed (10/25)
- Website development completed and waiting for approval and launch

November

- Marquette City Poll Workers LWV presentation (11/1)
- Vote411.org on-line voter guide available for General Election (11/7)
- Observer Corps Project mentor approved (11/13)
- Leadership meetings and 2018 Goal Planning and Priorities

January

- **39 members**
- Observer Corps Launched (1/5) (7 volunteers and 5 boards/committees)
- Women's March ~ sign making, LWV info table & march (1/21)
- Meet & Greet PWL (1/31) (21 attended/8 new)
- Website Launched (lwdeltacounty.org)

February

- **46 members**
- Econo Foods Bagging Fundraiser (2/3)
- Participated in consensus/concurrence process on LWVMI position (2/14 & 2/20)
- Printed Voter Guide Development
- Redistricting Training (2/13) (6 Marquette & 3 Delta)

March

- **54 members**
- Promote the Vote Launch and Circulator Training
- Sunshine Week (3/11-3/17) Press Releases, Interviews and Movie Night
- Observer Corps Expansion (12 volunteers & 7 Boards/Committees)
- Zonta Club recognition (3/19)
- Women's History Presentation – Hiawatha National Forest Employees (3/21)
- March for Our Lives table and voter registration (3/24)

April

- **57 members**
- One-year anniversary celebration (4/4)
- Voter Registration Training (4/4)
- Planning for county wide precinct worker outreach
- Redistricting presentation to Messiah Lutheran Wednesday night forum
- Promote the Vote information table at the Science March (4/14)
- Printed Voter Guide meeting with Mining Journal
- First Observer Corps Newsletter Released (4/22)
- Promote the Vote at AAUW book sale (4/26-4/28)

May

- Redistricting presentation for LWV Unit membership (5/2)

- Member represented the Unit at the LWVMI Regional Spring Workshop, Grayling (5/5)
- Voter Registration at the Marquette Alternative High School (5/8)
- Precinct Inspector Trainings (11) in Marquette County-shared LWV information (5/21-6/20)
- Women's History Presentation made at LWV of Delta County Annual Meeting (5/22)
- 8 Unit members attended Annual Meeting in Escanaba (5/22)
- Promote the Vote at Marquette Farmer's Market (5/26)

June

- 59 members
- Leadership Committee "approved" by membership (6/6)
- First Leadership Committee Meeting (6/14)
- Voter Registration and Education (VRVE) gaining momentum!
- VRVE Volunteer trainings (6/11 & 6/25)
- VRVE at Farmers' Market, Art Week events, Wooden Boat Show
- Vote411.org Primary on-line voter guide live (6/23)
- 13 trained VRVE members!

July

- 60 members
- 4th of July Parade – City of Marquette (12 League Members)
- VRVE Ishpeming Festival of Treasurers, International Food Festival, Farmers' Market, Blueberry Festival, and Art on the Rocks (VR deadline 7/9)
- Educating voters about write-in candidates – fliers & letter to the editor
- Promote the Vote – 10 LWV Marquette Unit Members gathered 916 signatures
- Promote the Vote turned in over 430,000 signatures (LWVMI 19,996) (7/9)
- Members educated on Precinct Delegates (7/11)
- VRVE Volunteer training (7/19)
- Media interviews for Candidate Forum and current projects (7/15, 7/18 & 7/24)
- Marquette City Commission Candidate Forum (7/25)
- Observer Corps. Newsletter Published (7/31)

August

- 61 members
- Delta County Book Sale Fundraiser (8/4)
- VRVE Classics on 3rd, Harbor Fest, Blues Fest, and Farmer's Markets
- Primary Election (8/7)
- Observer Corps team meeting and movie night (8/14)
- Ballot Proposal Team Planning meeting – 13 volunteers (8/15)
- NMU Fall Fest (8/27)

September

- 63 members
- VRVE Beer Fest, Harvey Daze, Pride Fest, and Farmer's Markets
- Ballot Proposal Speaker's Bureau Trainings – 10 volunteers (9/6, 9/10, 9/11)
- VRVE Volunteer training and school planning session (21 members now trained) (9/13)
- LWV Women's History Presentation at Zonta Club (9/17)
- Vote411.org on-line voter guide available for General Election (9/22)
- Redistricting presentation – National Association of Social Workers MI Region 1 (9/24)
- National Voter Registration Day–13 volunteers, 5 schools, 292 students, 98 registrations (9/25)

October

- Statewide Ballot Proposal Presentation Bay College, Escanaba - 60 (10/1)
- Ranked Choice Voting experience at Membership Meeting (10/3)
- Media interviews and articles (radio, tv, paper) (10/3, 10/4, 10/19, 11/1, 11/4, 11/5)
- Statewide Ballot Proposal Presentation Chocolay Township Hall (10/4)
- VRVE Harvest Fest, Farmer's Market, Ore Dock Brewing Company (VR deadline 10/9)
- Statewide Ballot Proposal Presentation Humbolt Township Hall (10/10)
- AAUW briefing on newly re-established local League (Voting Matters Program) (10/11)
- Statewide Ballot Proposal Presentation Forsyth Township Clubhouse (10/17)
- Statewide Ballot Proposal Presentation Rotary Breakfast Club (10/18)
- Statewide Ballot Proposal Presentation Powell Township Hall (10/22)
- Statewide Ballot Proposal Presentation Marquette Citizens Forum, Lakeview Arena (10/24)
- Statewide Ballot Proposal Presentation Ishpeming City Hall (10/25)
- Printed Voter Guide Published (10/27)
- Statewide Ballot Proposal Presentation NMU (10/30)
- Observer Corps Newsletter Published (10/31)

November

- 65 members
- General Election (11/6)
- Membership celebration and pizza party at the Ore Dock (11/7)
- Writing and finalizing M-A-L packet
- Working on first time membership renewal process

December

- 66 members
- Taking a deep breath

January

- 50 members (tentative number)
- Website revamped
- First draft of M-A-L packet sent to mentors for review (1/4)
- First meeting of Education Committee ~ structure and goals established (1/8)
- Women's March LWV info tables at Commons and Ore Dock (1/19)

(Member growth: 3 in 4/17, 14 in 5/17, 22 in 7/17, 28 in 8/17, 34 in 9/17, 39 in 1/18, 46 in 2/18, 54 in 3/18, 57 in 4/18, 59 in 6/18, 60 in 7/18, 61 in 8/18, 63 in 9/18, 65 in 11/18, 66 in 12/18)