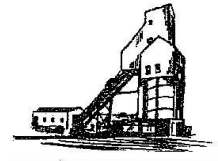


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LWVCC Calendar

- Aug. 7** Health Care Reform Impacts by Brett Williams.
Wednesday, 7:00pm MI Consumers for Healthcare
BHK
- Aug. 12** Summer Board Meeting
Tuesday, 7:00pm 1216 E. Lakeshore Dr, Houghton
- Aug. 26** Women's Equality Day
Monday
- Aug. 31** Info table for MTU students "Afternoon on the
Saturday, 9:00am Town", In front of TKE fraternity
- Sept. 10** Board Meeting
Tuesday, 7:00pm Country Inn & Suites, Houghton
- Sept. 16** Constitution Day talk by David Canon
Monday, 7:30pm "Can Congress Govern? Gridlock, Polarization,
and Budget Politics"
MUB Ballroom B, Houghton
- Sept. 17** Constitution Day talk by Mary Jane Hatton
Tuesday, noon Presentation including simulation of issues by
framers in 1787
Mannerheim Central, Finlandia, Hancock
- Sept. 24** National Voter Registration Day
Tuesday Department of Human Services (DHS), Baraga
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Tuesday Department of Human Services (DHS), Hancock
- Sept. 26** Informational Meeting on Local Homeschooling
Thursday, 7:00pm Portage Lake District Library, Houghton
- Oct. 1** Dinner Meeting with LWV Michigan President
Tuesday, 5:30pm Sue Smith
Country Inn & Suites, Houghton
- Oct. 1** Board Meeting
Tuesday, 7:00pm Country Inn & Suites, Houghton
- Oct. 17** Ruth Gibson Butler to be Honored
Thursday East Lansing, MI
- Nov. 5** ELECTION DAY
- Nov. 5** Board Meeting
Tuesday, 7:00pm Country Inn & Suites, Houghton

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Healthcare Reform Presentation

In August, the LWVCC and the Western UP Health Department cosponsored a well-attended and very informative presentation on how the Affordable Care Act (aka Obamacare) will impact families. Presenter Brett Williams of Michigan Consumers for Healthcare, a broad-based coalition of organizations sharing the mission “to attain affordable, accessible, quality healthcare for everyone in Michigan through education, outreach, advocacy and stakeholder engagement,” also made two employer-focused presentations, one for the Keweenaw Chamber of Commerce, the other in Baraga County. LWVCC members Judy Crotty and Lisa Dunnebacke had seen him present at the LWVMI State Convention and highly recommended his presenting locally.

The following materials related to the presentation are available online:

- “Health Care Reform Hits Main Street: The YouToons Explain the New Health Law,” a lively 9-minute animated film with Cokie Roberts of National Public Radio (2010, <http://consumersforhealthcare.org/aca>).
- “The YouToons Get Ready for Obamacare: Health Insurance Changes Coming Your Way Under the Affordable Care Act,” a follow-up 7-minute film with former ABC News anchor Charlie Gibson, on the Kaiser Family Foundation website since July (<http://kff.org/health-reform/video/youtoons-obamacare-video/>).
- ConsumerReports “Health Reform: Seven Things You Need to Know Now” (www.consumerreports.org/cro/2013/03/download-our-free-guides-to-health-care-reform-and-medicare/index.htm).
- Healthcare.gov, the federal website with updated information about healthcare reform changes and insurance options.

All providers who meet state criteria can compete in the new Health Insurance Marketplaces, which will have information on costs, options, and enrollment on October 1. Until then, the Kaiser Family Foundation website has a calculator to provide a rough estimate of insurance costs and tax credits for which individuals and families may be eligible: <http://kff.org/interactive/subsidy-calculator/>. The Kaiser Family Foundation is a nonprofit research organization with no connection to any health care provider. Bottom line is that the maximum amount a person or family without an employer health plan will have to pay for a non-smoking premium is 9.5% of household income. Tax credits will be provided to people with family income between 100% and 400% of the federal poverty level. The most that these families buying subsidized

coverage in an exchange will pay towards a health insurance premium will range from 2.0% of income at 100% of poverty to 9.5% of income at 400% of poverty. About 470,000 more people in Michigan will also qualify for Medicaid, with the federal government paying for most of the costs of expanding the program. All insurance plans will cover preventive care and preexisting conditions.

More information about Michigan Consumers for Healthcare and an opportunity to sign up for email updates is on their website, <http://consumersforhealthcare.org/>.

Former LWVCC Member to be Honored

Ruth G. Butler will be honored posthumously at the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame dinner in East Lansing on October 17. She was one of five League women on the Michigan Constitutional Convention Committee. Since the LWVMI President will be here October 1st, could you please let us know if you have any information or ties to our former member?

Ruth Gibson Butler, 1891-1981, daughter of pioneer residents of the UP, graduated from Houghton HS and Ferris Institute. She was one of the most politically active women in the history of the UP. She was the first woman elected to the Houghton Village Council in 1966 and the first woman in the Upper Peninsula to serve in such a capacity in local government. She was the only "out-state" woman elected to the MI Constitutional Convention. She was extremely active in the Republican party, serving on the state Central Committee as well as county committees and ran for the state legislature in 1962. She was appointed by Gov. George Romney to the Commission for the Equality of Women and by Gov. William Milliken as a delegate to the White House Conference on Problems of the Aging. She is well known for her work on the UP State Fair Board. The exhibition building on the UP State Fair Grounds in Escanaba is named in her honor. She received numerous other awards and recognition for her work in founding the County Historical Society and for the cancer society.

Meet LWVMI President, Sue Smith

Oct. 1st, LWVMI President, Sue Smith will once again visit Houghton. Join us for light refreshments and hear about the State League activities. Tuesday, Oct. 1st at 5:30pm at Country Inn & Suites. If you need a ride to the event, please contact Mary Marchaterre at 483-2291 or mmmarcha@mtu.edu.

Constitution Day September 17, 2013 Celebrated at MTU with guest speaker, David Canon

"Can Congress Govern? Gridlock, Polarization, and Budget Politics"

The campus is invited to celebrate Constitution Day on Monday, Sept. 16, at 7:30 p.m. in MUB Ballroom B at MTU. The guest speaker, David Canon, professor of political science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, will explore the context of gridlock and polarization in Congress, outline the stakes of the current budget battles and speculate about what can be done to improve the political climate in Congress.

David Canon has served as the Distinguished Fulbright Chair in Tubingen, Germany, and in Debrecen, Hungary. As the author of *Race, Redistricting and Representation* (Chicago, 1999), winner of the Fenno Award for the best book on the legislative politics, *The Dysfunctional Congress: The Individual Roots of an Institutional Dilemma* (with Mayer, Westview, 1999), *Actors, Athletes, and Astronauts: Political Amateurs in the US Congress* (Chicago, 1990), *American Politics Today* (with Bianco, WW Norton, 2013) and many other publications, his research and teaching interests include racial representation, partisan realignments, political careers and the history of Congress. David Canon recently completed a term as the congress editor of *Legislative Studies Quarterly*.

Constitution Day Celebrated at Finlandia

Finlandia University is celebrating "Constitution Day" with a presentation that includes a simulation of some of the issues the framers faced in 1787. It is being held in Mannerheim Central from 12:00 - 12:45 on Tuesday, September 17. Mary Jane Hatton, Assistant Professor of Management who holds a Master of Public Administration will be presenting.

Home Schooling in the Copper Country

Join us on Thursday, September 26th at 7p.m. at the Portage Lake District Library for an informational meeting on home schooling in Houghton and Keweenaw Counties. Topics to be covered are the requirements for teaching, registration, curriculum and testing in the State of Michigan. Some background on national and on-line schools will also be included plus some specific local information. Please come. The discussion should be lively.

National Voter Registration Day, Tuesday, September 24, 2013

LWV CC plans to register voters to cast ballots for nearly 1,500 nationwide elections and ballot initiatives to be decided on Election Day November 5, 2013.

From 9:00 am EST Tuesday, September 24, 2013 until 3:00 pm the local League of Women Voters of the Copper Country along with the Department of Human Services (DHS) of Houghton and Baraga County will host a National Voter Registration Day 2013 event at DHS offices 200 Quincy Street in Hancock and 108 Main Street in Baraga, as part of a massive 50 state effort to register voters before Election Day, November 5th. The theme for this year's National Voter Registration Day is, "Millions of people will vote this year, Will you?" is representative of the importance of off-year elections.

The goal for the 2013 National Voter Registration Day is to create awareness of off year elections by encouraging Americans to register to vote and come out to the polls on November 5th. The day is designed to create an annual moment when the entire nation focuses on registering Americans to exercise their most basic right – the right to vote.

Women's Equality Day was August 26, 2013

Women's Equality Day was commemorated on August 26th around the U.S. The historic day of August 26, 1920 is when votes to women officially became part of the US constitution. This day marks a turning point in the history of the struggle for equal treatment of women and women's rights. Women in the United States were given the right to vote on August 26, 1920 when the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution was signed. The amendment was first introduced many years earlier in 1878. Every president has published a proclamation for Women's Equality Day since 1971 when legislation was first introduced in Congress by Bella Abzug. This resolution was passed designating August 26 of each year as Women's Equality Day. Michigan ERAmerica hosted a Women's Equality Day Luncheon on Saturday, August 24 at the One-Under Restaurant in Livonia.

Welcome to New Members

Donna & Thomas Cole
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