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**February 2010  
League of Women Voters of  
Alpena County**



**What's the most important issue?**

Join us for a discussion of the most important issue on **Monday, February 8, 2010 at 12 noon in room 107D, Alpena Community College.**

Marie Gilmet-Dully will lead us in a discussion of the most important issue as we consider what we would like the national LWV to emphasize in the coming 2 year program.

We have attached a copy of the LWVUS Public Policy Positions to this newsletter.



The 5 general areas of International Relations, course we are free to add a study.



positions are Representative Government, Natural Resources and Social Policy. Of new topic to this list and ask for a new

Come for this discussion—get your lunch at the Lumber Jack Shack, if you would like, and be ready to join us at noon for a great discussion.



Join us on **Friday, February 19, at noon**, at the **Take 5 Deli** for lunch and conversation. No agendas, no minutes! Members talk about all the issues we never have time for at regular meetings.

On **March 19, Friday at noon**, the lunch discussion group will meet at **Hunan's Chinese Restaurant**. Join us for an informal and lively discussion.



**RE-Cap of the January Know Your Officials/  
Judges Program**

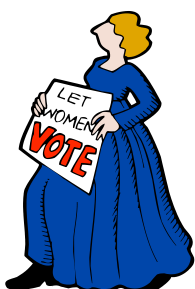
Probate Judge, Tom LaCross; Circuit Judge, Mike Mack; and District Judge, Ted Johnson were the presenters.



Jane Waldeck, moderator, had each judge describe their work and the jurisdiction of their court.. They spoke about the types of cases handled in their court and gave us some insight into how cases are scheduled. Each judge also gave general examples of their best and most difficult types of cases.

The audience of about 40, asked questions using the forum method of putting questions on a card and having the screeners sort them and pass them along to the moderator. While answering questions the judges informed us of increases and decreases of types of cases, of how mediators are used, of what time in court means, of the role of the jury. They all emphasized how important the other agencies in the area are in working with clients.

Each judge then summarized by adding any information which they thought would be of interest to the audience. The evening gave us a human face for each court and was well attended by the community.



**Interested in planning for Women’s  
History Month Activity?????**

We have several ideas for an activity for Women’s History Month, but need your help with putting these ideas into action. Ideas include several films, and some speakers. Bring your ideas and join us in this planning meeting at the Alpena Public Library, with Library Director, Eric Magness-Eubank, Friday, February 18 at 2 pm in the Library Director’s office. The event is planned for March 8, Monday.

**Delegate to LWV US Convention Needed**

Interested in being our delegate for LWV US convention? The National Convention is June 11 to June 15 in Atlanta, Georgia. Delegates have lots of fun, work hard at understanding issues and meet lots of wonderful league members from all over the US. Call Pauline or Sue if interested?



**LWV US President speaks out on recent  
Supreme Court decision on Campaign  
Finance**

The recent Court Decision on campaign finance is a tragic mistake says Mary Wilson, President of LWV US. Read more of the statement on line—[www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org) In the center column, click on LeagueE-Voice: the Court’s tragic mistake. The LWV US filed an amicus brief in this case.