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February 2011 League of Women Voters of Alpena County

State Program Planning the topic for February Meeting

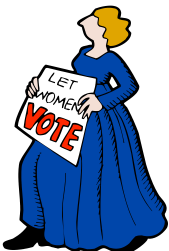
It is time for local leagues to think about State Program Planning. At the **February 14, General Membership Meeting at noon at ACC Rm 107D**, Marie Gilmet-Dully will lead us in a discussion of the following:



1. Discussion of opinions regarding current state positions. Do they need to be updated, restudied, retained or dropped? Look for the state positions on the state LWV web site and/or bring your LWV blue membership notebooks with the positions listed.

2. Information on a Proposed State Study on Redistricting being recommended by the LWVMI Board. It will be voted on by the delegates of the LWV State Convention in May, 2011. There is info on the internet about the last time Michigan was re-districted. We need to try to make our voices heard on this important subject that will be decided by the legislatures.

Please bring your lunch or you can purchase lunch in the cafeteria at ACC. Hope to see you there for some interesting discussion.



Voting Systems—topic for March

New member, Bev Bodem, will present material on Voting Systems for the **General Membership Meeting on Monday, March 14, at ACC, Rm 107D at 12 noon.**

"Alternative Voting Systems: Study and Consensus." is the topic for study. Included in the information are three voting systems: Plurality Voting System, Approval Voting System and Instant Runoff Voting System. We will be attempting to explain what each system entails and comparing the differences in each system.

Bring your lunch or purchase lunch in the cafeteria at ACC and join us at 12 noon.

thank you

A great big thank you to our cooks, Marcia Aten and Nancy Hammond, for a great meal for our post-phoned December dinner meeting. Peggy Krajinak filled us in on the Hope House facility. It is a treatment center for adolescent girls in their teens that have been sent there by the court system. The girls are schooled by a teacher that is hired by the Alpena School system. The future plans are to combine both the school and the living facility into one unit in the former East Campus of ACC.

The girls are active in the community and volunteer in the nursing homes and the Senior Center. Members of the community can volunteer at Hope House by offering to teach skills such as knitting, sewing, cooking, etc.

Members of LWV brought gifts of personal care items for the Hope House residents.

We Need Dollars

Leona Wisniewski

It will soon be time to build a budget for the 2011-2012 year fiscal year. Our dues alone do not cover the per member payments to state and national League and our services to members and the community. We need additional funds for voter forums and guides as well as community oriented informational programs.



Have an idea or two on how we can do this? Please share it with a board member or call me at 354-3934. As they say, "two heads are better than one." Thanks you for taking the time to share your ideas.

Congratulations!

To Florence Stibitz upon receiving the Lions Club International Melvin Jones Fellow Award. Hope you saw the article about Florence in the Alpena News, titled "Forty Years of Community Work."



League Lunch Bunch

Join us each month for lunch just to talk. We have such fun, just visiting with each other. This is an informal time to have lunch with each other and chat about current events and anything else that comes up.

Feb. 18, Friday, Old Town (N 2nd St.)

Mar. 18, Friday, Black Sheep, English Pub (2nd St. across from First Federal Bank)

April 15, Friday, Connie's in Ossineke

May 20, Friday, Burton's Last Resort on Long Lake Road

