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## December 2011 League of Women Voters of Alpena County

### Kellie Poli to talk about Kids Zone

Join us for dinner at the **Alpena Golf Course on Monday, December 12** and enjoy learning about Kids Zone from Kellie Poli. Kellie, a teacher at Lincoln Elementary School, and her co-workers have developed a program similar to Jr. Achievement that is used in the upper grades. Lincoln students use math, social studies and science to run businesses. Kelli will tell us about this project at our December meeting.

The social time begins at **5 PM** with the speaker at 5:30 PM and the dinner at 6 PM. Dinner choices are (1) Planked whitefish, tossed salad, rolls, potato, and vegetable for \$20.51 which includes tax and tip or (2) Raspberry Chicken with grilled onions and peppers sautéed in a raspberry vinaigrette and served over tender pasta, tossed salad, vegetable and garlic toast for \$13.29 which includes tax and tip. The dessert will be furnished by League members. **Please reserve your place by calling Pauline Buchner at 340-0391 or e-mail at [pbuchner@charter.net](mailto:pbuchner@charter.net) by December 5, Monday.** Spouses and friends are welcome.



If you would like to donate something to the Kids Zone, please bring the item with you to our December meeting. The Kids Zone could use any of these items—sports equipment, shirts, sweatshirts or notebooks that have college logos, water bottles, electronics, jewelry, anything good to eat for the snack shop. Cash donations are always welcome.

### 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. We meet at **12 noon.**

Friday, Dec. 16 - JJ's Steak and Pizza House

Friday, Jan. 20, 2012—Fresh Palate

Friday, Feb. 17, 2012—Courtyard

Friday, March 16, 2012—Cabin Creek



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### Harvest Non-Ball a Success

*By Leona Wisniewski*



A tremendous THANK YOU for your very generous support of the Harvest Non-Ball fundraiser. To date we have a total of \$875.00. We will put your dollars to work on League projects. Voter service will be a large undertaking in 2012.

If you haven't had an opportunity to contribute but would like to, we'll gladly accept your donation. Thank you for making this a tremendously successful activity.

### 2012 Youth Voter Registration Project Update

*We got the grant!*

Our League has been awarded a \$900.00 grant for the Youth Voter Registration Project! Thanks to Judi Stillion and Marie Gilmet-Dully who wrote the grant. Our League has plans to implement this project in Alpena, Alcona, and Presque Isle Counties.

The project's emphasis is to undertake voter registration activities in high schools, community colleges and alternative/vocational schools in underrepresented communities. Overall, Americans under the age of 30 remain severely underrepresented in the electorate, and the disparities in youth voting grow even wider when looking at African-Americans, Latinos, and those with no college experience.



If you would like to be involved with this project call or e-mail Marie or Judi.

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Judi—356-1634, [jstillion@live.com](mailto:jstillion@live.com)

### Re-Cap of the Redistricting Meeting

*By Judi Stillion*

Political Science Professor, Tim Kuehnlein, headed up our redistricting meeting held on November 17 at Alpena Community College. 21 people attended including 11 non-League members. In addition to the movie, there were numerous handouts as well as a slide presentation which clarified many of the issues involved.

Although the meeting was scheduled for an hour, it lasted almost an hour and 45 minutes with lively discussion and many questions. There were also updates on current redistricting issues taking place in Ohio, Pennsylvania and Arizona. Attendees left feeling enlightened and aware of the many complications involved. An additional bonus to the meeting is that the League packet, given to Kuehnlein, will be used in future classroom presentations.

## MISSION STATEMENT

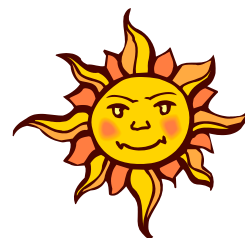
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### Observer Corps Added a Member

Help bring "Sunshine" to local government. "Sunshine" is the term used for transparency in government by the League. Our League is in the process of re-energizing its Observation Corp. There are many opportunities for members to help bring transparency to local government in Alpena.



Thanks to Leona Wisniewski for volunteering to observe the Alpena City Council from the comfort of her living room. The Council meetings are broadcast on TV. Leona reports that it is not quite as good as being there, but she is getting helpful information for our League on City business.

We still need observers for the following meetings.

A.C.C. board -3rd Thurs.

School board- 2nd Mon.

Township Boards - 3rd Mon.

Alpena Township-Pat Ahrens—observer

Michigan Township Assoc.- quarterly 3rd Monday

Please call or e-mail Nancy Hammond if you are able to volunteer. Nancy—356-8749 (hammond502@charter.net)

# Thank You

—To Anne Nave for her great job as Chair of our Voter Service

—To Sue Maxwell, moderator of the Candidates Forum

—To—Judi Stillion who reviewed the proposals,

—To Mary Weeks, Nancy Hammond, and Jane Waldeck who were runners

—To Leona Wisniewski, and Jane Speer who reviewed questions

—To Margot Dorn and Lisa Hilberg who were time keepers

—To Pauline Buchner who printed the candidates names and was a time keeper

—To-Premier Video for taping and a contribution

—To Thunder Bay Area Credit Union for their donation

### Our League noted in the Michigan Voter

Please read your Michigan Voter, November, 2011 issue. On page 5 under Local Leagues in Action, you will see the note about our League's action in Phragmites Clean up. If you didn't get this issue, go to the League of Women Voters of Michigan website, on the left side click on publications, then in the top center section, click on Voter November 2011

Also see articles on the Clean Air Promise, Voter Service Work on the VOTE411 in preparation for the 2012 election and Study Update with information on Redistricting, Alternative Forms of Voting, Role of the Federal Government in Public Education, and Privatization of Government Services.