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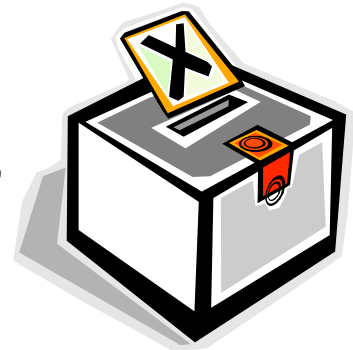
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## October 2011 League of Women Voters of Alpena County

### Candidate Forum

Sue Maxwell will moderate our Candidate Forum on **October 26, Wednesday from 7 to 9 PM at the Alpena County Public Library**. Judi Stillion will present material on the 10 City Charter Proposals. There is also a Dart (Dial a Ride) proposal on the ballot. Candidates for Alpena Mayor and Alpena City Council have been invited. Anne Nave, Voters Service Chair has prepared a Voters Guide. If you can help with the forum contact Anne at [annenave@aol.com](mailto:annenave@aol.com) Anne will present the Alpena City Charter Proposals at Luther Manor as part of our Voter Service program.



### Phragmites Clean-up on Tuesday, Oct. 18

League members and interested volunteers, with the help of experts from Huron Pines, will clear phragmites, an invasive species, from five Lake Huron properties on **Oct. 18, Tuesday, beginning at 10am**.

Everyone is welcome. Sue lives on Lake Huron at 10039 US 23, Ossineke. E-mail Sue at [lormaxwell@charter.net](mailto:lormaxwell@charter.net) if you can help. We would like to have at least 10 volunteers. This is not stoop labor, and the best part is that we plan to enjoy lunch at Connie's Restaurant in Ossineke when the labor is done.

### Gerrymandering the topic for November Meeting

Join us on **November 10, at 7 PM at ACC, room 114 in the Center Building** for a program on Gerrymandering. Tim Kuehnlein, Political Science Instructor at ACC will present a film on Gerrymandering and moderate a discussion on the subject. The public is invited to this presentation.

For more information go to [www.drawthelinemidwest.org](http://www.drawthelinemidwest.org)

Draw the Line Midwest is an alliance of nonprofit, nonpartisan civic engagement organizations working together to transform the way we draw electoral district lines—pulling the process out from behind closed doors into the public light.



### **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.

Friday, Oct. 21, 2011 - Rolin Lynx Bar & Grill

(located at the Alpena Golf Course on Golf Course Rd.)

Friday, Nov. 18 - Holiday Inn

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



### **National League Advocates for a Clean Air Promise**

The Clean Air Promise Campaign calls on citizens, elected officials and community leaders around the country to join in making this simple promise to protect the health of our children and families:

I Promise to protect America's children and families from dangerous air pollution.

Because toxics and pollutants such as mercury, smog, carbon, and soot, cause thousands of hospital visits, asthma attacks, and even deaths,

I will support clean air policies and other protections that scientists and public health experts have recommended to the EPA to safeguard our air quality.

Through the Clean Air Promise campaign, the League of Women Voters hopes to inform and engage Americans on the issue of clean air and to demonstrate what is at stake. Some public officials are trying to undermine the Clean Air Act and to strip the Environmental Protection Agency of its ability to limit air pollution and emission of toxics like mercury, arsenic and other dangerous substances which threaten public health. The League is asking its members to make the promise to protect clean air and actively work to engage the public and our leaders to make the promise as well. Other clean air advocacy groups are expected to join the campaign in the coming days and weeks.



### **Voting Methods Study Consensus Results**

In March Bev Bodem presented a program on Voting Methods and now the results of these studies all over the state are in. The study asked leagues to study and vote among plurality voting, approval voting and instant runoff voting. There was not enough support

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

**The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.**