

LWV Marquette County Progress Report  
May 2023 – May 2024

May 102 members

- County Board of Canvassers--members served as observers in Mqt. Co. (5/3) (2 members)
- Membership meeting program. Gun Violence panel discussion facilitated by Sandy Breitenbach (5/3) (40 members, 4 guests, 5 panelists)
- First LWVMC Garage Sale (5/12 & 5/13) (15 members or about 10 per day)
- LWVMI Convention (2 LWVMC delegates. 1 member as LWVMI State Board delegate) (5/19-5/21)
- At Convention, LWVMI Board recognizes David Allen's role as LWVMI's Observer Corps Coordinator as Observer Corps spring up in local leagues (5/20) (1 member)
- New Leaders Boot Camp at LWVMI State Convention, Darlene Allen, Co-presenter (5/20)
- Peter White Public Library Board meeting: LWVMC Spokesperson read LWVMI position on book banning during public comment. (5/23) (20 members)

June 113 members

- Security upgrade of website & implemented PayPal to enable financial transactions to join or donate to LWVMC online from the website.
- LWVMC Annual Meeting: First election of an LWVMC Board based on a new decentralized leadership structure. First "LWV Making Democracy Work Award" (6/7) (50 members, 26 guests)
- LWVMC table at Pride Fest 2023 (6/10) (5 members)
- Participated in Legislative Interview with Senator McBroom (6/12) (1 member)

July 114 members

- LWVMC decorates float and marches in July 4th Parade (17 members)
- LWVMC march in Skandia Community Days (7/15) (1 member + Minnie Mouse)
- Adopt-a-Highway (7/15) (12 members)

August 114 members

- New Member Orientation (8/2) (4 new members, 4 members leading)
- LWVMC & LWV Copper Country conduct Legislative Interview with State Rep. Jenn Hill (8/18) (3 LWVMC members)
- NMU Fall Fest LWVMC tabling for voter registration & education (8/28) (9 members + + Rosie the dog)
- LWVMC Tour of MBLP (8/29) (15 members)

September 115 members

- Hooked on Voting at Peter White Public Library (9/16 (4 members)) (40 children)
- LWVMI Environmental Network presentation about Paper Valley and its relevance to MI environmental issues (9/21) (David Allen presented & several members attended)
- Voter Services meeting review of NVRD slides and training?? (9/12) ( members)
- LWVMC begins receiving the newsletters of other local leagues in Michigan (9/20)
- Vote411 Goes Live with responses from local candidates in contested races (9/22)
- Hooked on Voting at the Children's Museum (9/23) (4 members)

- National Voter Registration Day table at Ishpeming High School (9/26) (3 members)
- Adopt-a-Highway roadside cleanup (9/28) (10 members)

#### October 117 members

- LWVMC Voter Guides printed & distributed for Nov. 7 election (? Members)
- Negaunee Public Library talk on LWV & coffee/chat with Assistant City Clerk (10/3) (5 members)
- Marquette Senior Center talk on LWV & coffee/chat with City Clerk (10/4) (4 members)
- LWV & election info table at Negaunee Senior Center (10/4) (4 members)
- Membership meeting program. Sheri Davie presentation: Challenges to Women Running for Michigan Office (10/4) (29 members, 10 guests)
- Rotary Club of Marquette presentation on MICRC/redistricting by David Allen (10/9) (1 member)
- Bus tour of Eagle Mine (10/11) (11 members)
- Candidate Forum for Marquette Board of Light and Power & Marquette City Commission candidates at Kaufman Auditorium with Moderator Jo Foley. Northern Votes students served pagers and handled campus publicity. (10/12) (20 members)
- Hooked on Voting at Negaunee Public Library (10/14) (5 members)
- LWVMC and Northern Votes partner to exhibit, register & discuss voting with students at NMU JXJ Hall (10/18) 5 members +Rosie the dog)
- National Voter Registration Day event at Westwood High School cafeteria (10/27) (5 members)

#### November 122 members

- First donor fundraising newsletter mailed to 200 community members
- NMU Swim Meet-LWVMC members serve as backup timers (11/4) (10 members)
- County Boards of Canvassers meetings (11/8) (2 members served as observers)
- Environmental Committee meeting. Presentation by Mqt. County Planner Emily Leach (11/13) (12 members)
- Hooked on Voting presentation to Marquette City Commission (11/27) (2 members)
- LWVMC decorates a tree honoring women suffrage and local clerks for PWPL's Winter Festival (11/28) (10 members)

#### December 122 members

- Membership meeting program. Jo Foley presents "Why the US has an Electoral Process No One on Earth Has Copied" (12/6) (33 members, 3 guests)
- Presentation on "10 Actions Local Governments Can Take to Reduce GHG Emissions" as part of NMU's Climate at Noon series (12/10) (5 Env. Comt. members: 4 presenters & 1 greeter + several member attended)
- Environmental Committee meeting. Presentation by Maura Davenport on the household battery recycling program (12/07) (12 members)
- Tour of Solid Waste Management Authority/Recycle 906 (mid-December) (7 members)

#### 2024 January 109 members

- Provided LWVMI State Coach with information on local experience creating a streamlined leadership structure (1 member)

- Local member David Allen serves as one of the LWVMI Observers to monitor all meetings of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC). Work ramped up in January as the MICRC remaps challenged districts in the Detroit metro area. (1 member)
- Battery sorting session (2/23) (5 members)
- Four members of the LWVMC Environmental Committee presented "10 Actions Local Governments Can Take to Reduce Green House Gas Emissions" via Zoom to the LWVMI Environmental Network (01/18) (4 members, 19 Network attendees)
- LWVMC Environmental Committee members managed registration and helped plan the Marquette County Climate Adaptation Task Force Learning Circles Series on Climate Change and Community (01/26) (2 members)
- Volunteer Brochure interest survey mailed to membership (01/29)

#### February 114 members

- New Member Orientation session (02/07) (2 members presenting + 3 new members)
- Membership meeting program. Josh Wales, Marquette County Waste Management Authority presentation on recycling (02/07) (36 members, 10 guests)
- Tour of Solid Waste Management Authority/Recycle 906 (2/15) (7 members, 2 guests)
- First meeting with NMU SLFP student community service intern with Voter Services (2/16)
- Media Meet hosts LWV panelists from LWVMC (Sandy B.+ Laura S.), 2 from LWV Copper Country & Marquette County Clerk (aired Feb. 10-12) (2 members)
- Battery sorting session (2/23) (4 members)
- County Boards of Canvassers meetings (Two LWVMC members served as observers) (2/28)
- "Media Misinformation Panel" of local media representatives discussing the prevalence of misinformation and its impact on their work. Moderated by Sandy Breitenbach. LWVMC partnered with PWPL on the series of 7 Community Conversations: Media Smart series (02/28) (3 news director panelists, 36 LWVMC members and 34 guests & other attendees)

#### March members

- LWVMC's The Voter is shared with all other local leagues in Michigan (Maybe)
- John Mallo speaks to the Env. Committee on sustainable battery recycling program (3/7)
- Presentation to the PRSSA (Public Relations Student Society of America) at NMU on the LWVMC Communication Network & the "Speak with One Voice" principle (3/13) (3 members)
- VRVE presentation at Marquette Alternative High School, Mqt. Twp. (3/14)
- Presentation on election law and voting update for Mqt. Breakfast Rotary (3/14)
- Meet & Greet with Deputy Secretary of State Aghogho Edevbie (3/27)

#### April members

- VRVE presentation at Superior Central Senior Seminar (4/10)
- VRVE presentation at Munising H.S. & Munising School Public Library (4/16)

- VRVE presentation at Westwood High School (4/25)

May members

- Adopt-a-Highway roadside cleanup (5/21)
- City Planner Dave Stensaas speaks at Env. Comt. Meeting about Marquette's Master Plan with a view to a future presentation to membership.

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End of This Year's Report