

Redistricting Video Series

As a follow up to the 2010 Census, a partnership was established between the St. Lawrence County AAUW Branch, the SLC League of Women Voters (LWV), and students taking Clarkson University's Comm. 310 and 427 with Dan Dullea to explore the issue of redistricting and reapportionment. A three-part video series was organized to outline the local, state and national issues in the spring of 2011 under the banner of North Country Matters, the video journal of life in the North Country, presented by the student-run WCKN's public access station at Clarkson University.

The first in the series, a Primer on Redistricting, aired on WCKN, Time Warner Cable Station 30, on Feb. 21 and 22. It featured LWV members Sue Cypert, Canton, and Miles Manchester, Potsdam, discussing the issues surrounding redistricting, using slides and information from the NYS League.

The second in the series will be taped on March 10 with Jon Montan of the SLC Planning Office, who described the process used in the county to draw county district lines following the 2000 census. This program sets the stage for looking at how the county could approach the process this time around.

Part three of the series, taped on March 24, will feature a discussion with St. Lawrence University emeritus faculty Robert Wells, a former mayor Canton, and the students in Clarkson University's Comm. 310 and 427, who will discuss the various redistricting reforms possible for 2011 in order to take the politics out of the process.

The purpose of the series is educating voters about their choices that are critical to getting a fair redistricting outcome in the public's best interest, rather than in the politician's. In addition to viewing the broadcasts on WCKN, each section will be available on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/user/danieledullea>. Using the video format means that every voter can access the material rather than limiting it to those who can attend a specific program.

An informed electorate that is represented fairly and equitably in the halls of power - no matter where they are located, is a critical component for AAUW to achieve its public policy goals. This series helps to inform voters and citizens of a fundamental building block in the public policy process- representation by elected officials is critical. Working with other community partners - and college students - is an effective way to make sure the message is heard by all and that the next generation is empowered.

Attached is some media; because this series is not yet complete, the clippings are unavailable until after the programs are shot, edited and run.



NORTH COUNTRY MATTERS - St. Lawrence County League of Women Voters members Miles Manchester, Potsdam, and Sue Cypert, Canton, are featured in the North Country Matters: Primer on Redistricting aired on WCKN, Time Warner Cable Station 30. The redistrict-

ing series is sponsored and produced in cooperation with the St. Lawrence County League of Women Voters (LWV) and the American Association of University Women (AAUW) in partnership the students in Clarkson University Comm. 310 and 427 with Dan Dullea.

Redistricting Discussion Airing On WCKN, Net

POTSDAM - The 2010 Census is complete and the results are coming in. One of the major tasks now facing governments at every level is redistricting and reapportionment.

A consortium of local civic organizations is exploring this important topic in a series of broadcasts this spring under the banner of North Country Matters, the video journal of life in the north country, presented by the student-run WCKN's public access station at Clarkson University.

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Reapportionment - deciding how many representatives to Congress each state will have - and redistricting - deciding which voters are represented by which legislative seats at the state and federal level - takes place every 10 years, following the federal census. We already know that New York state will lose two seats in the next Congress.

In addition to redrawing the lines for the Senate and Assembly seats in New York state, the county will also have to look at redrawing the legislative district lines in St. Lawrence County. How this is done and who makes these all-important decisions is the focus of this series of voter education broadcasts.

Parts two and three in this series will feature a discussion on the various ways to

redistrict and on how the process is likely to work at the county level. Educating voters about their choices will be critical to getting a fair outcome in the public's best interest, rather than in the politician's.

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'Primer on Redistricting' to air on WCKN Feb. 21



A Primer on Redistricting will air on the program North Country Matters at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 21 and 22 on Clarkson University public access station WCKN, on cable channel 30.

St. Lawrence County League of Women Voters members Miles Manchester, Potsdam, and Sue Cypert, Canton discuss the issues surrounding the remapping of House of Representatives and state Senate and Assembly districts, using slides and information from the NYS League.

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FYI on our second show on redistricting; it is viewable on-line at:

<http://vimeo.com/20931256>

<http://www.northnet.org/stlawrenceaaaw/CountyShow.pdf>

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This show features guest Jon Montan of the St. Lawrence County Planning Office discussing the history of and the methods used in creating the current county district map. He is joined by League members Sue Cypert, Canton, and Miles Manchester, Potsdam.

The half-hour show will run at 7:30 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday and repeat again on March 21 and 22 on WCKN, channel 30 in the Time Warner Cable district.

The good news is there is time to take all the factors - like how and if to count prisoners and college students -

into account, since the next county legislature election isn't until 2014.

The Planning Office expects to get the official NYS Census numbers in shortly and can begin drawing up various redistricting plans to meet the needs of the law and the citizens, subject to approval by the Board of Legislators.

Part three in this series will feature SLU retired Professor Robert Wells discussing various redistricting reform plans and idea with the students in Clarkson Communication 427 later in March.

His lecture and the student's questions will all be part of the final broadcast on this topic for the spring season of North Country Matters.