

LEAGUE LINE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back! The fall election season is almost upon us. The LWVLA is going to be very busy. In addition to our usual Candidates Night event organized by Linda Harris and the Voter Services Committee, we are hoping to hold a "meet and greet" with the candidates in Snyder County. This is part of our initiative to reach out to young professionals.

Janice Bigelow is organizing a workshop for individuals, especially women, who are interested in running for public office.

Under the leadership of Ruth Burnham, the Mauch Advisory Committee is considering several new initiatives.

Marilyn Brill's Membership Committee has planning for our fall Membership Social well underway.

Stacy Richards' Forum Committee has an exciting group of fall forums planned.

In other words, Uncle Sam may or may not need you, but the Lewisburg League does! Please consider volunteering to help with at least one of these activities.

Mary Zimmerman, President

"LEAGUE LINE" STARTS A NEW YEAR

The Lewisburg League works because of the efforts of a large number of people who quietly do a job and receive very little recognition. One of those people who has made my job as president infinitely easier is Betsy Noyce, who edits the *League Line*. We make last minute changes, Betsy copes; we go on vacation, Betsy copes. She has the invaluable assistance of Dawn Maneval and Jean Archie, but they work alone with no committee, no public presence, and very little thanks. Please try to remember when you receive the *League Line* that it is only due to the editorial work of Betsy that the *League Line* is possible. Thank you, Betsy!

Mary Zimmerman

SEPTEMBER FORUM

The September Forum will be held on Tuesday, September 18th from 11:30am to 1:00pm at La Primavera. The speaker will be Dr. Elizabeth Durden, Assistant Professor of Sociology at Bucknell University. Dr. Durden teaches immigration policy and is widely published in the field. She will present "Federal Immigration Policy and State Level Responses", to provide context for understanding current US immigration policies and actions. Lunch will be served at a cost of \$13. Those with gluten allergies may order a special meal by contacting me at 570-523-0089 or emailing me at

srichard@ptd.net

Doors open at 11:30am. Our speaker begins at noon.

Stacy Richards, Forum Committee chair

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Please place the following events on your personal calendar.

Monday, Sept. 10th, 4:00pm

BOARD MEETING

East Buffalo Township Building

Monday, Sept. 17th

CONSTITUTION DAY

Tuesday, Sept. 18th, 11:30am-1:00pm

LUNCH FORUM

Dr. Elizabeth Durden, Assistant Professor
Sociology, Bucknell

"Federal Immigration Policy and State
Level Responses"

La Primavera (Lunch served at 11:30; \$13)

Monday, Sept. 24th, 5:00pm-7:00pm

NEW AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS
SOCIAL

249 Forest House Lane, Lewisburg
Ruth Burnham's home

Wednesday, Sept. 26th

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

Tuesday, Oct. 9th

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE

Tuesday, Oct. 16th, 11:30am-1:00pm

LUNCH FORUM

Brenda Benner, SEDA COG President
and Chair of Perry County Board of
Commissioners

La Primavera (Lunch served at 11:30; \$13)

Friday, Nov. 30th

YEAR-END COCKTAIL PARTY

Buffalo Valley Common Room

MAUCH MILLENNIAL PROJECT UPDATE

The Mauch Advisory Committee is working on a new civics initiative with the Lewisburg Middle School 8th graders and teacher, Betsy Van Buskirk. A proposal will be submitted to our meeting on August 29th, and more details will follow.

The Committee is also working on a social meet and greet for young professionals, perhaps providing a chance to meet local candidates. Details have yet to be firmed up.

Nick Jacobson, a rising senior at Lewisburg Area High School, has been working with us to support and provide content for the League blog. He is a talented and committed young man who's been a pleasure for us to get to know.

Ruth Burnham, MMP Advisory Committee

VOTER SERVICES REPORT

The Voter Services Committee will be busy this year working on the following events:

Candidates Night

We will be hosting Candidates Night a few weeks before the November 2018 election. The contested races include the Governor, U.S. Senator, Lt. Governor, U.S. Representative, and PA State Representative.

The State League of Women Voters hosts Candidates Nights for the governor's race.

The Lewisburg League will invite candidates running for U.S. Representative in the 12th district and PA State Representatives in the 85th district to participate in the local event. No proxies for absent candidates are allowed, so if one candidate for the U.S. office cannot attend, then there will be no Candidates Night for that particular category. However, for PA state races, if a candidate does not attend, Candidates Night will move forward even if only one candidate chooses to participate. Unopposed candidates may appear alone.

"How to Run for Office" Workshop

We will hold "How to Run for Office", this year on November 17th, 2018. This is a daylong event that will include a session about making a decision to run for public office: Why me? Why this? Why now? Speakers will present information on legal procedures, preliminary steps, best practices, and coalition building to run a campaign. See Janice Bigelow's announcement on the next page, which outlines the specifics of this event. Thanks go to Janice and her committee including Carole Madle, Sue Travis, Mary Beth Clark, Diane Beers, Margaret Greaves, Martha Donahue, Pat Longley, Stacy Richards, Diane Meixell and Liz Clement.

Voters Guide

Work has already started on the *Voters Guide* under the very capable direction of its editor, Sheri Stayton, with the editorial assistance of Liz Clement, Carole Madle and Sue Travis. Dawn Maneval serves as designer.

Voters Guide Distribution List

Thanks go to Phyllis Dyer and the many members who commit thrice a year to deliver both the *Voters Guide* and *Facts for Voters*. We can always use additional volunteers to help distribute the fall *Guide* to a variety of locations in the region. If you can help with this distribution effort, please contact Linda at 267-337-5986 or at lsb413@hotmail.com.

Voter Registration

The 2018 Gubernatorial/Senatorial election is approaching soon. Here are a few crucial dates related to the November 6th, 2018 Municipal Election:

- **October 9th** - Last day to register, or to change your party, your address, or your name before the general election.
- **October 30th** - Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot.
- **November 2nd** - Last day for your County Board of Elections to receive voted civilian absentee ballots.
- **November 6th – Election Day!!**

Voters can use our website to learn about candidates running for office in this fall's election:
<http://lwvlewisburgarea.org/index.html>

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Facts for Voters

We welcome Jane Mitchell as she starts her new position as editor of *Facts for Voters*. Dawn Maneval will be the designer.

Message from the Chair

As I begin my third year as Voter Services Chair, I would like to extend a hearty thanks to the extraordinarily skilled and committed members of our League's Voter Services Committee. I am inspired by their long history of commitment and their creativity in developing new and innovative ways to educate and to engage with our fellow Lewisburg area residents.

Linda Harris, Voter Services chair

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

LWVLA Membership Renewal

2019 membership renewal letters were mailed at the end of August to all members. Many thanks to Carol Crichley and the Ridgecrest "Stuffragists" for getting the letters out in a timely fashion. If you have not responded or have misplaced your form, please fill out the form below. LWVLA is vibrant in our community due to our members' support, which enables us to provide non-partisan forums and *Voters Guides*, among other services, for the region. Your local membership makes you a part of

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the state and national organizations and adds strength to our voice. Please send in your membership dues TODAY.

New and Prospective Member Reception

A reception for current and prospective members will be held Monday, September 24th at Ruth Burnham's home (249 Forest House Lane, Lewisburg) from 5pm to 7pm. Nancy Neuman will be speaking about some of her experiences as LWVUS President.

Directions to 249 Forest House Lane

Take Stein Lane south from Lewisburg. Cross Furnace Road (stop sign). 1.1 miles beyond that intersection, Forest House Lane

is marked by brown sign on left. House is 1/4 mi. back in woods. Park in driveway, along lane. Balloons will be on the street sign.

Parking is limited so carpooling is encouraged. If you know anyone who may be interested in membership in the League, please invite them to attend. Not only is this a fun social event, it is an opportunity for potential members to learn more about our organization. If you give me their contact information I will send them an invitation to the event as well. Contact Marilyn Brill at 570-522-9254 or email mfb@dejazzd.com.

Important Dates

- **November 30th** - Mark your calendars for the Year-End Cocktail Party on Friday, November 30th at the Buffalo Valley Common Room. We are going to try a different format this year and have a cocktail reception giving people the opportunity to come and go (lots of events are scheduled around this time of year).
- **May 8th** - The Annual Meeting will be May 8th at the Lewisburg Hotel. More details about these meetings will be in future *League Lines*.

Thanks to all of you for what you do to keep our local League strong and active in our community.

Marilyn Brill, Membership chair



HOW TO RUN FOR OFFICE

A workshop for those who are thinking of running for public office now or in the future.

DATE: Saturday, Nov. 17, 2018
TIME: 8:00 AM- 3:00 PM
PLACE: Union County Government Center
155 N 15th St, Lewisburg, PA 17837

Additional information will be available on our League's website at:
<http://lwvlewisburgarea.org/>

**LWVLA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & RENEWAL FORM
2018-2019 (September 1, 2018 – August 31, 2019)**

Membership dues: Individual \$55; Additional Household \$30 each; Student \$25. Dues include membership to the local, state, and national League, as well as information and notifications from all three levels (*League Line*, *Pennsylvania Voter* and *National Voter Online*).

I/We wish to join or renew my/our membership the League of Women Voters of the Lewisburg Area.
Name/s _____

Address _____

Phone (cell, work or home) _____ Email _____

I am interested in participating in the following League activities:
 Voter Services Study Groups Community Forums Special Events

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (Please make your check payable to LWVLA)

Mail your check and form to: LWVLA Membership, P.O. Box 206, Lewisburg, PA 17837. For more information, phone 570-522-9254 or email mfb@dejazzd.com. Thank you!

Marilyn Brill, Membership chair