

LEAGUE LINE

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MAUCH MILLENNIAL PROJECT UPDATE

The Mauch Millennial Advisory Committee met in September to discuss fall 2017 activities and to begin planning for 2018. We are hopeful that plans for fall 2017 and spring 2018 for high school students will include another trip to Harrisburg as well as several new projects. Our high school representative, League member Liv Manner, and fellow committee members Linda Harris and Janice Bigelow will discuss options with high school advisor, Mr. Dakota Gessner. We also hope to start laying groundwork for a program of spring events for young adults living and working in Union County. The tentative kick-off event will be a presentation by Mauch Committee member Natalie Sowers at Leadership Susquehanna Valley's February 15th meeting.

Both Liv and Natalie have provided invaluable support to our Public Relations chair, Janice Bigelow, in creating an extremely effective and visible online presence for our League. Through the Facebook page and website, lwlewisburgarea.org, they have highlighted the activities and priorities of the League's Mauch Millennial project.

Finally, in September we happily welcomed our new representative from the Bucknell Political Science Department. In June we bid a fond farewell to Michael James, to whom we offer profound thanks for taking the lead in creating our partnership with Bucknell and, specifically, our exciting LWVLA-Bucknell Mauch Fellowship program. Michael and his family have left for a year's sabbatical in Spain. Though we will definitely miss Michael, we are very pleased to welcome longtime "friend of the League" Scott Meinke who, as the new chair of the BU Political Science Department, will take Michael's place as Bucknell's representative on our Committee.

As our Mauch Committee members continue to work on this project, they continue to achieve impressive results—the success of this project reflects brightly on our local League!

Susan Warner-Mills, MMP Advisory Comm.

OCTOBER LUNCH FORUM

The October Forum will be held on Tuesday, October 17th at 11:30am at La Primavera Restaurant. Our speaker for this Forum will be Colleen La Rose, CEO of the Northeast Regional Employment and Training Association (NERETA). Her talk is titled, "America's best defense and greatest offense: a national vision to grow local economies with an engaged, inclusive, inspired and capable workforce." She will discuss the need to marry economic development and workforce development at the local level to create and retain family-sustaining jobs and a

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Please place the following events on your personal calendar.

Monday, Oct. 2nd, 4:00pm

BOARD MEETING
IronFront, Chamberlain Building

Wednesday, Oct. 4th, 7:00pm

HALMARK OF DEMOCRACY
Part II: Union County /Municipal Government: What do I need to know?
St John's UCC Fellowship Hall, 1050 Buffalo Road, Lewisburg

Tuesday, Oct. 10th, 7:00pm

HALMARK OF DEMOCRACY
Part III: How State and Federal Governments Operate
East Buffalo Township Building, 589 Fairground Road, Lewisburg, PA

Tuesday, Oct. 10th

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE

Tuesday, Oct. 17th, 11:30am-1:00pm

LUNCH FORUM
Colleen La Rose, CEO Northeast Regional Employment and Training
"A national vision to grow local economies with an engaged, inclusive, inspired, capable workforce"
La Primavera (Lunch served at 11:30, \$13)

Tuesday, Nov. 7th

ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, Nov. 21st, 11:30am-1:00pm

LUNCH FORUM
Bruce Quigley, Executive Director of the Lewisburg Housing Authority
"Learning from Lewisburg"
La Primavera (Lunch \$13)

Sun. Dec. 3rd

HOLIDAY PARTY
Buffalo Valley Common Room

growing local economy. Lunch will be served at a cost of \$13. Those with gluten allergies may order a special meal by contacting me at 570-523-7961 or emailing me at peltier@bucknell.edu by Friday October 14th.

Cindy Peltier, Forum Committee chair

VOTER SERVICES REPORT

Candidates Night (Fall 2017)

We will be hosting Candidates Night on either October 30th or November 1st, 2017, depending on which date the candidates choose. The contested races for fall 2017 include: Township Supervisors, Borough Council, and School Board Directors. No proxies for absent candidates are allowed, so if one candidate cannot attend, then there will be no Candidates Nights for that particular category. Candidates Nights occur when there are Municipal elections. This activity will be held at the East Buffalo Township Building on Fairground Road.

We will not hold "How to Run for Office," as one was sponsored by the Community Zone last spring.

Voters Guide

Work has already started on the "Guide" under the very capable direction of our new editor, Sheri Stayton, with the editorial assistance of Liz Clement, Marge Duck, Keya Hathaway and Carole Madle, and with Bridgette Thompson serving as designer. Sue Travis remains "Editor Emerita." Phyllis Dyer and the suffragettes are amazing and will be getting out 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

Here are a few crucial dates related to the November 7th, 2017 Municipal Election:

- October 10 - Last day to register, or to change your party, your address, or your name before the general election.
- October 31 - Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot.
- November 3 - Last day for your County Board of Elections to receive voted civilian absentee ballots.
- November 7 - Election Day

Voters can use our Website:

lwlewisburgarea.org/index.html

to learn about candidates running for office and to make an informed choice in this fall's election.

Civics Education: Hallmark of Democracy -- NEW PROJECT!

The Daily Item has partnered with us and headed up the first of the four-part town hall series. Part I: Trust, "Transparency and the News" was held on September 19th. Teri MacBride represented LWVLA on the panel discussing voter responsibility. Linda Beck, a HACC communication adjunct, discussed the *Consumer's Guide to Media* and she was joined by the Editor of *The Daily Item*, Dennis Lyons

We will conduct three more seminars in the fall and winter 2017-2018:

- **Part II:** "Union County/Municipal Government, What Do I Need To Know?" on **Wednesday, October 4th**, at 7:00pm at the Fellowship Hall at St Johns United Church, 1050 Buffalo Rd. Lewisburg, with facilitator, Mary Margaret Rostan. Panelists are Lewisburg Mayor Judy Wagner, Union County Commissioner Preston Boop, Mifflinburg Borough Manager, Margaret Metzger, East Buffalo Township Hank Baylor, and White Deer Twp. Emergency Manager Larry Maynard.

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- **Part III:** “How the Legislative and Executive Branches of our State and Federal Governments Operate”, on **Tuesday, October 10th** at 7:00pm at the East Buffalo Township Building on Fairground Rd., Lewisburg, with facilitator, Stacy Richards. Panelists include Susquehanna University professors Dr. Michele DeMary and Dr. Rolf Peterson. Also participating will be Stacy Richard, Director SEDA-Cog and Amy Ershler, recently retired litigator PA DEP.
- **Part IV:** “Why Courts Matter”, is still to be scheduled and a location determined. The facilitator will be Mary Beth Clark.

Our goal is to hold these seminars in Union, Northumberland, and Snyder counties. This new project will need ushers and folks sitting at our LWV Table. Email me if interested, **LSB413@hotmail.com** or call 267 337-5986. By the time this article is published, Sue Travis and I will have been guests on WKOK, *On The Mark* Radio show on Sept. 15th to discuss this project and the League.

Linda Harris, Voters Services chair

LWVLA BOOK CLUB

Thanks to all the League members and friends who came out to the inaugural LWVLA Book Club meetings this summer. We had a great turn out and those who came shared valuable insights and engaged in stimulating and thought provoking discussions of some important issues of today. For those of you who missed it, the three books we read and discussed were: *Sisters in Law: How Sandra Day O’Conner and Ruth Bader Ginsburg Went to the Supreme Court and Changed the World*, *Hillbilly Elegy* and *Heat and Light: A Novel*.

Due to continuing interest, the LWVLA Book Club will meet twice this winter. One meeting will be held in early December and one will be held in late February. Check the League Line in coming months for dates, times and book titles. The topics proposed for future books are the drug crisis and voting rights. If you wish to suggest a book title for one of these topics, let me know at **moffa5@comcast.net**.

Mary Beth Clark, Book Club chair

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Membership Social

A reception for current and prospective members will be held **Monday, September 25th** at Marilyn Murphy’s home (389 Old Schoolhouse Rd, Lewisburg) from 5pm to 7pm. There is limited parking so carpooling is encouraged. If you know anyone who may be interested in membership in the League or in learning more about our organization, please invite them to attend. 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**.

New Members

We are very pleased to welcome the following new members since our last issue of League Line:

- Lamont Smith*
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- Nancy Boyer*
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- Karen Wolf*
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- Rosalyn Richards*
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It is with deep sadness that we report the passing in August of League member Tony Fornataro. We share our sympathies with his wife and League member Kathy.

LWVLA Membership Renewal

2018 membership renewal letters were mailed at the end of August to all members. 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 for the region. Your local membership makes you a part of the state and national organizations. According to the state League office we are the SECOND largest League in the state. Let’s keep that going! If we haven’t heard from you by the end of October you will receive another reminder letter.

New Membership Mentoring Program

The membership committee and the Board have adopted a new membership mentoring program. We have had an incredible increase in membership in recent years. The goal of this new program is to help all new members feel that they are welcomed, informed, and an integral part of the League community. The membership committee will be working to implement this program. We will need help from members who are interested in being part of this effort. Specifically we will have “League Welcomers” who will be asked to attend League meetings and identify possible newcomers and introduce them to others. We will also have “League Mentors” who will help new members become acquainted with the organization and explore possible opportunities for involvement. If you would be interested in assisting with this program please let me know and I can fill you in on the more specific tasks and job descriptions.

Important Dates

Mark your calendars for the Holiday Party, Sunday, December 3rd at the Buffalo Valley Common Room and the Annual Meeting May 9th, 2018 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

**LWVLA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & RENEWAL FORM
2018 (September 1, 2017 – August 31, 2018)**

Membership dues: Individual \$50; Additional Household \$25 each; Student \$25. Dues include membership to the local, state, and national League, and 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:
 Voters Service 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