

LEAGUE LINE

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,
There are lots of opportunities to learn, discuss and contribute. You will see a full fall schedule on the calendar and described in the Committee reports and articles. I encourage you to give a new activity a try and maybe bring an interested friend: try the new Union County voting machine at one of the many venues; attend a Town Hall for an update on League Strategic Planning; take a field trip with the Forum Committee to the Wayne Township landfill as a follow-up to Jay Alexander's talk on the changing marketplace for recycling and how this affects us all (carpooling will be offered); hear Kendra Aucker speak at the November Forum about what's happening at Evangelical Community Hospital; attend Candidates Night to hear from those running for many municipal offices; prepare a favorite dish to share at the Winter Social; attend the voting-booth exhibit ribbon cutting at the Lewisburg Children's Museum. If you attend any or all of these activities, I guarantee you'll learn something and maybe a lot. We'd love to see you there and hear what you think.

Teri MacBride, president

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

On October 21st, our Strategy Core Team workshop generated alternate visions of the future of LWVLA. This creative session produced some ideas and directions that deserve your feedback. Before long, we will make important decisions about our league's future, so now is the time to learn about the Team's proposed vision, to react, and to make it even better.

The Strategy Core Team will host two Town Halls – member opportunities to have your voice be heard. Please make it a priority to come to one or both! LWVLA Vision Town Hall times are:

- Tuesday, November 19th, 1:00pm, La Primavera restaurant
- Thursday, December 19th, 7:00pm, East Buffalo Township Building

Note that the first of these immediately follows November's Forum, so members are encouraged to stay for another hour or so. No R.S.V.P is needed. Questions? Contact Becky Perez: rm86089@gmail.com.

Becky Perez, Strategic Planning coordinator

OCTOBER FORUM

At the October 15th Forum, Jay B. Alexander, General Manager, Wayne Township Landfill, gave a brief history of the landfill and explained the economics of a declining market for recycled materials. He also discussed how recycling various materials effects the carbon footprint.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Please place the following events on your personal calendar.

Tuesday, Oct. 29th

Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot

Tuesday, Oct. 29th, 7:40am

WKOK 1040 AM Newsradio Sunrise Program
Mark Lawrence, League member, hosts Lewisburg Children's Museum Director, Marian Marchiori and Teri MacBride
Discussion: new voting exhibit and behind-the-scenes collaboration between our organizations

Wednesday, Oct. 30th, 6:30pm

CANDIDATES NIGHT
*East Buffalo Township Building,
589 Fairground Road, Lewisburg*

Friday, Nov. 1st

Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted civilian absentee ballots

Saturday, Nov. 2nd

*CHILDREN'S MUSEUM - VOTING EXHIBIT
9:00-10:00am: GRAND OPENING & RIBBON CUTTING (by invitation)
10:00am-12:30pm: Public Program & Demonstration.

*Lewisburg Children's Museum,
Corner of Market Street & Rt. 15,
Lewisburg*

**See Mauch Project Report below for details*

Monday, Nov. 4th, 3:00pm

BOARD MEETING
*Herr Memorial Library
500 Market St., Mifflinburg*

Tuesday, Nov. 5th

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Friday, Nov. 8th, 9:00am (depart Lewisburg)

*Excursion to Wayne Township Landfill
**See October Forum report for details*

Tuesday, Nov. 19th, 11:30am-1:00pm

LUNCH FORUM
Kendra Aucker, President/CEO Evangelical Hospital
"Community, Collaboration, & Connections: Fueling Growth at Evangelical"
La Primavera (Lunch served at 11:30; \$13)

Tuesday, Nov. 19th, 1:00pm

MEMBER TOWN HALL
Feedback on Strategic Planning's Proposed Vision
La Primavera

Monday, Dec. 2nd, 3:00pm

BOARD MEETING
*East Buffalo Township Building,
589 Fairground Road, Lewisburg*

Monday, Dec. 9th, 10:00am

BOOK CLUB
Pennsylvania Election Security
*Public Library of Union County,
255 Reitz Blvd., Lewisburg*

Friday, Dec. 13th, 5:30-7:30pm

WINTER SOCIAL
*The Village Common, Buffalo Valley
Lutheran Village*

Thursday, Dec. 19th, 7:00pm

MEMBER TOWN HALL
Feedback on Strategic Planning's Proposed Vision
*East Buffalo Township Building,
589 Fairground Road, Lewisburg*

You can view the entire presentation by going to lwvlewisburgarea.org and follow the link there to a video of the presentation.

The Committee has planned an excursion to visit the Wayne Township Landfill on Friday, November 8th. Carpooling is being arranged and we will depart Lewisburg at 9am. Anyone interested can reach out to Mary Zimmerman, 570-522-3603, nvzimm@gmail.com.

Mary Zimmerman, Forum Committee chair

NOVEMBER FORUM

On November 19th, Kendra Aucker, President and CEO of Evangelical Hospital, will speak on "Community, Collaboration and Connections: Fueling Growth at Evangelical."

A lunch buffet is served at 11:30am at a cost of \$13.00. The speaker will begin at noon.

BOOK CLUB

The LWVLA Book Group winter sessions will focus on Election Security. The December 9th, 2019 meeting at 10:00am at the Public Library of Union County on Reitz Blvd, will concentrate on Pennsylvania Election Security. A list of readings will be circulated to the Book Group List. The main reading will be the Blue Ribbon Report on PA Election Security, a publication found at: <https://www.cyber.pitt.edu/commission>

To be added to the Book Group List, contact Mary Beth Clark (moffa5@comcast.net). The February meeting (day/time TBA) will concentrate on federal matters, reading Volume I of the Mueller Report. Please join us.

MAUCH PROJECT REPORT

The Mauch Millennial Project Committee is very pleased to announce the November 2nd grand opening of the voting-booth exhibit at the Lewisburg Children's Museum (LCM). The committee would like to thank Vanessa Venios of the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce (GSVCC) for her assistance in organizing the event. League members are encouraged to attend the grand opening beginning at 9:00am., before the Museum opens, to see the children's voting booth as well as the rest of the museum. We are inviting elected officials, area business owners, and representatives of several local organizations to join us. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 9:30am. The public will be invited to enter the Museum at the regular opening time of 10:00am. A second ribbon cutting will be held at 10:30am for children. There is no admission fee for League members and their families during the event. The public will be charged regular admission from 10:00am - 12:30pm.

The schedule for the event is as follows:

- 9:00 - 10:00am: Invitation-Only Private Open House with a Ribbon Cutting at 9:30am with GSVCC
- 10:00am - 12:30pm: Public Grand Opening with admission including a "kid-run" ribbon cutting at 10:30am.

In addition to these festivities, one of the new Union County voting machines will be at the Museum from 9:00am - 12:30pm so that residents can learn how machines work just in time for the November 5th election.

We are also pleased to report that Marian Marchiori, the director of the LCM, has accepted our invitation to join the committee. We are excited about developing future programming related to the voting booth exhibit at the LCM. If this sounds interesting to you, tune into the WKOK 1040 AM Newsradio Sunrise radio program at 7:40am on Tuesday, October 29th to hear Marian Marchiori and Teri MacBride talk with League member and host, Mark Giesen (a.k.a. Mark Lawrence). The topic will be the new voting exhibit and the behind-the-scenes collaboration between our organizations.

Elaine Hopkins, for the Mauch Project

VOTER SERVICES REPORT

The Voter Services Committee (VS) continues to meet every fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Voters Guide

The *Voters Guide* is scheduled to be distributed in our community on or around October 25th. After October 23rd, you can also find the *Voters Guide* online at our LWVLA website:

lwvlewisburgarea.org

The national website for LWVUS, VOTE411.org, also allows voters to create a personalized ballot, which can be saved and then emailed or texted to the voter's cell phone for easy reference.

VS Transparency Committee

Kandy Duncan continues to facilitate the Transparency Committee within Voter Services. We are examining our policies and procedures for Candidates Night and how we communicate them.

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Training on New Voting Machines

Voter Services, along with the Union County Elections Office, trained 43 volunteers on the new voting machines on September 16th and 19th. Together, we have demonstrated the new Voting Machines at 28 locations around Union County within the past month.

The following volunteers have been trained on the new voting machines and have done demos: Imanni Burg, Clair Moyer, Phyllis Dyer, Anthony Ludovico, Martha Donahue, Lana Snyder, Cynthia Peltier, Nancy Morgan, Kandy Duncan, Betsy Noyce, Ruth MacAlister, Vance Waggoner, Nancy Miller-Boyer, Paul Mauger, Pam Mauger, Susan Waggoner, Susan Epley, Priscilla Waggoner, Ruth Haines, Ron Haines, Ann Grundstrom, Martha Holland, John Rickard, Jane Mitchell, Mary Lotspeich, Diane Gottlieb, Linda Harris, Gale Duque, Janice Bigelow, Carole Madle, Mary Beth Clark, Pat Longley, Mary Zimmerman, Hanna Aboueid, Olivia Manor, Hamzah Aboueid, Susan Travis, Sharon Jeffers, Mary Lahner, Bill Lahner, Diane Meixell, John Jeffers and Liz Clement.

Candidates Night

Candidates Night has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 30th, 2019, starting at 6:30pm at the East Buffalo Township Building. Also, the new voting machine will be there for folks to try out.

We have 3 panels scheduled for this Candidates night:

- Union County Commissioners
- Supervisors for East Buffalo, Union, and Lewisburg Borough Ward 4
- School Director for Lewisburg, Milton (region 3), and Mifflinburg (region 2)

LWVLA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & RENEWAL FORM September 1, 2019 – August 31, 2020

Yearly membership dues: Student \$10, Individual \$55, Household \$80; 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 the League of Women Voters of the Lewisburg Area.

Name/s _____

Address _____

Phone (cell, work or home) _____ Email _____

I/We have interest 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 570-523-8311 or email rburnham@bucknell.edu. Thank you!

Ruth Burnham, Membership Chair

If you are interested in being part of any of these initiatives, contact me at Lsharris323@gmail.com, or cell phone 267-337-5986.

Linda Harris, Voter Services chair

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Welcome!

We are happy to welcome several new members to the LWVLA this fall:

Dan Clement, Annie Conley, Marian Marchiori, Michelle Moffa, Tiffany and Benjamin Ranck

We're happy to have their interest and support, and look forward to their involvement.

New Member Social

Approximately 49 people attended the Fall Social, held at The Buggy Museum in Mifflinburg on September 24th. About 15 took a tour of the museum, and many members contributed delicious refreshments and wine. We've already received a new membership directly from the event, and look forward to more! Many thanks to Kathy Fornataro, Marilyn Murphy, and the rest of the Membership Committee for putting together an innovative and enjoyable event!

Membership Renewals

Most folks have renewed their membership for 2020; reminder letters went out in mid-October. It's not too late if this slipped off your to-do list. The membership roster will be updated in January. Individual membership is \$55, Household membership is \$80, and Student membership is \$10.

Winter Social

The annual Winter Social will be held on Friday, December 13th at the Village Common at Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village in Lewisburg from 5:30 - 7:30pm. Members are encouraged to bring an hors d'oeuvre OR a sweet to share and, if you wish, a bottle of wine. Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. There will be musical entertainment as in past years.

Due to space limitations, this year an "e-vite" will be sent out (paper invitation to non-email folks) with a response date of December 10th. It's become important for us to be able to plan for attendance numbers.

Ruth Burnham, Membership Committee chair