

LEAGUE LINE

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LWVLA BOARD NOTES: 6-11-18

Thanks to the efforts of the membership committee we had a very successful annual meeting. For those who were unable to attend, here is a quick summary of a few matters about which you should be informed. Additional details are provided in the Membership Report.

- Following the recommendation of the Membership committee, the members of the LWVLA voted to increase the dues for the upcoming year to \$55.00.
- Frank Leto and Bill Bowman from *The Daily Item* were the featured guests. During the discussion of the budget Frank very graciously agreed to assume half of the cost of printing the *Voters Guide* for the primary election.
- The recipient of the Nancy Neuman award, Denise Seebold from Mifflinburg, was able to attend the meeting with her mother, and impressed everyone who met her.
- Shari Jacobsen was the recipient of the Judy Anderson award for her work with Moms Demand Action.

There has been concern raised about the failure to spend the money in the fund created to honor Bea Spellman. At the June Board meeting it was agreed that money from the Bea Spellman Fund should be used to purchase a video camera so that the League will be able to video tape Forums and Candidates Nights. We have been borrowing a video camera, and now that we have our own YouTube channel we felt that we should own our own equipment.

Finally, Nick Jacobsen, a high school student who has joined the Mauch Committee, has started contributing to our blog. Please try to look at the blog and think about commenting on the Posts.

The Board would like to note the passing of Lee Mills who served as secretary of the League, and who is the mother of Susan Warner Mills. We appreciate Lee's service and dedication to the League. Our thoughts are with Susan and her family.

Mary Zimmerman, President

BOOK CLUB SUMMER MEETING DATES

Tuesday, June 19th, 2018 at 10:30 am

What: *Evicted: Poverty & Profit in the American City* by Matthew Desmond

Where: Public Library of Union County

Tuesday, July 17th, 2018 at 6:30 pm

What: *Give Us The Ballot: The Modern Struggle for Voting Rights in America* by Ari Berman

Where: Mary Zimmerman's house at 138 South Third Street, Lewisburg

Tuesday, August 21st, 2018 at 10:30 am

What: *Republican Like Me: How I Left the Liberal Bubble and Learned to Love the Right* by Ken Stern

Where: Public Library of Union County

Mary Beth Clark, Book Club chair

VOTER SERVICES REPORT

Our most significant recent event was Candidates Night, held on Monday, May 7th. Janice Bigelow sent out press releases, and other groups advertised the event on social media. As a result of the great publicity, we had 100 people from the community attend Candidates Night, where U.S. Democratic Congressional Candidates Marc Friedenberg and Judy Herschel responded to our League's questions and other questions submitted by the audience. Jennifer R. Rager-Kay, who is running for Representative in the 85th Legislative district against the incumbent Fred Keller, also attended the event and introduced herself to the attendees.

WKOK recorded audio from the event and broadcast excerpts afterwards, and Cindy Peltier recorded the full video. You can find a link to the video at the very bottom of our "Voter & Election Information" web page (on our LWVLA Web site). We also posted a link to the recording on our Facebook site. On May 8th, *The Daily Item* ran a front-page article about Candidates Night, and an article appeared in the *Standard Journal*. The Community Zone also shared the video of Candidates Night via their YouTube channel.

The volunteers who worked on the event to make it so successful included the following:

- Set-up crew: Susan Waggoner, Janice Bigelow, Liz Clement, Cindy Peltier, Susan Warner-Mills, Marilyn Brill, and Linda Harris
- Our incredibly capable moderator: Susan Warner Mills
- On-target question vetters: Pat Longley, Sheri Stayton, and Sue Travis
- Time keepers: Carole Madle and Liz Clement
- Ushers: Becky Perez and Georganna Krest
- Welcoming party (standing by our League's table): Marilyn Brill

Thanks to all!

Linda Harris, Voters Services chair

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following new members since our last *League Line*:

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Welcome to the League!!

Unfortunately, we have had one death, Lee Mills: Susan Warner-Mills' mother, a former board member and a 50-year member.

Annual Meeting

On May 9th, 78 members and guests enjoyed a wonderful dinner at the Lewisburg Hotel. Many thanks to the Membership Committee and the LWVLA board for organizing a very fun evening. The League was very pleased to honor Shari Jacobsen as the Judy Anderson Community Service Awardee for her work with Moms Demand Action. We also honored *The Daily Item* for its support of the League's civic education and election-related activities. Accepting a certificate of appreciation on behalf of *The Daily Item*, Editor Frank Leto noted how important the newspaper's relationship with the League is for the community. Linda Harris also recognized and thanked the members and guests who made the four Civic Education Forums such a success. The 2018 Nancy Neuman Awardee, Denise Seebold, attended the meeting and was introduced to the League as well as to Nancy herself. The members adopted a budget for 2018-19 and elected new members to the board and nominating committee.

Members are listed below, with new officers and board members elected at this meeting in bold.

Board of Directors: 2018-19

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| President | Mary Zimmerman | 2017-2019 |
| 1st VP | Mary Beth Clark | 2018-2019 |
| 2nd VP | Cindy Peltier | 2017-2019 |
| Secretary | Nancy Morgan | 2018-2020 |
| Treasurer | Susan Warner-Mills | 2018-2020 |

Directors for 2017-2019

Tony Ludovico
Carole Madle

Proposed Directors for 2018-2019

Elizabeth Clement
Linda Harris

Proposed Directors for 2018-2020

Janice Bigelow
Marilyn Brill
Ruth Burnham
Paul Mauger
Becky Perez
Stacy Richards

2018-2019 Nominating Committee

Pat Longley
Pam Mauger
Cindy Peltier

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LWVLA Dues

Dues Increase

As you may know our League pays per-member payment or PMP to the state and national League for each of our member. PMP is adopted at state and national conventions by the delegates. Our membership total is reported to LWVUS by January 31st each year. This year we will be paying PMP for 147 members.

Currently our PMP payment is \$32 per member to LWVUS and \$20 per member to LWVPA for a total of \$52. Yet many years our local membership dues have been only \$50. As a result, we pay an additional \$2 per member to make up the difference between our \$50 dues and the \$52 PMP we owe.

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Members at the Annual dinner approved a dues increase for 2018-19 budget. Members will see this change when membership renewal notices are mailed in August.

Dues for single membership: \$55, representing a \$5 increase

Reduced dues Feb 1-May 31: \$30, also an increase of \$5

Dues for each additional household member: remains the same at \$25 each

Dues for students: remain the same at \$25

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
2018-2019 (September 1, 2018 – August 31, 2019)

Membership dues: Individual \$55; Additional Household \$25 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:
____ 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