

LEAGUE LINE

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JUNE 2017 LWVPA CONVENTION

LWVLA sent five delegates to the 2017 Convention of the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania, held June 2-4 at the Inn at Pocono Manor. Attending were: Marilyn Brill (Membership), Mary Beth Clark (Civics Education, Mauch Project), Sharlie Schmidli (Mauch Project), Susan Warner-Mills (1st VP), and Mary Zimmerman (incoming President).

Workshops

Among us we attended several workshops: "Protecting Our Water: Watershed Issues in PA," "Know Your League: League 101," "Hear Yourself Think: The Role of Propaganda and Media in Public Discourse," "Growing Your Local League: Strategies to Increase Membership and Engagement," "Charter School Reform," and "Fair Districts."

LWVPA Business

LWVPA business was also transacted during the plenary sessions. Duly moved and passed were the 2017-19 state program (including the first portion of the Election Law Update Study results), the LWVPA and LWVPA/CEF budgets, and the nominated slate of officers and board directors.

Two action motions were passed:

- One action motion directed and authorized the LWVPA board and staff to share/distribute advocacy information related to the workshop on "Sleep and the Adolescent Brain" for local Leagues and their members to use when lobbying for education reform related to school hours.
- A second action motion directed the state board and staff to support legislation and other measures in keeping with our position on gambling.

Overall, League delegates to the LWVPA Convention felt it was a useful and informative experience that helped us all understand the vital role that local League members play in the larger organization. We are grateful to our League for providing the opportunity and resources for us to attend! *Find a more detailed LWVPA Convention Report on our website:*

Susan Warner-Mills, 1st Vice-President

MAUCH MILLENNIAL PROJECT UPDATE

Thanks to the many League members who attended and supported our July 23rd "Mauch Farewell Event" at the Lewisburg Hotel. We had a great crowd and the hotel provided excellent refreshments in their lovely surroundings. Our League presented the Mauchs with a lovely framed antique map of Lewisburg to remember us. We hope the celebration conveyed the depth of our appreciation for the varied and extensive ways Rebecca and Jim have supported our local League during their residence in Lewisburg.

The Mauch Millennial Advisory Committee met in June to evaluate the

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Please place the following events on your personal calendar.

Monday, Sept. 11th, 4:00pm

BOARD MEETING
East Buffalo Township Building

Sunday, Sept. 17th

CONSTITUTION DAY

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

LUNCH FORUM
Carol Kuniholm, Co-founder of Fair Districts PA
Update on Fair Districts
La Primavera (Lunch served at 11:30, \$13)

Tuesday, Sept. 19th, 7:00pm

CIVIC EDUCATION-Hallmark of Democracy
Part 1: Trust, Transparency and the News
Linda Beck, Communications Adjunct
Professor at HACC followed by panel discussion
Old Lewisburg High School Auditorium, Market St.
See Member Services Report for details

Monday, Sept. 25th, 5:00pm-7:00pm

NEW AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS SOCIAL
389 Old Schoolhouse Rd, Lewisburg
Marilyn Murphy's home

Tuesday, Sept. 26th

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

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)

Sun. Dec. 3rd

HOLIDAY PARTY
Buffalo Valley Common Room

successes of the past year and begin planning for next year. We submitted our regular six-month report to the Mauchs in early July (hopefully leaving them time to settle into their new home in Pittsburgh before having to review the report!). In September, we will begin fleshing out plans for the fall and will report on those plans in the next issue of *League Line*.

Susan Warner-Mills, MMP Advisory Comm.

SEPTEMBER LUNCH FORUM

The September Forum will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 19th at 11:30am – 1:00pm, at La Primavera restaurant. The speaker will be Carol Kuniholm, Co-founder and Chair of Fair Districts PA. Carol is also Vice President of Government and Social Policy on the state board of the LWVPA. She will give an update on Fair Districts PA. 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 email me at peltier@bucknell.edu.

Cindy Peltier, Forum Committee chair

FINANCE DRIVE

With the help of contributions received between our May dinner meeting and the end of June, a total of \$3780.00 was raised by Members and Friends of the LWVLA in our 2016-17 Finance Drive. Sincere thanks to all who support the work of LWVLA in this way! Donations received since July 1st will be counted as part of the 2017-18 drive.

Carole Madle, Friends Finance Drive chair

VOTER SERVICES REPORT

The Voter Services Committee met in June to plan this year's activities.

Candidates Night

We will be hosting Candidates Night on or just after October 26th, 2017, depending on when the *Voters Guide* is printed. The contested races for fall 2017 include Township Supervisors, Borough Council, School Board Directors, and Prothonotary/Clerk of Courts. 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.

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

Facts for Voters

Priscilla Stowe will again serve as Editor of the 2018 *Facts for Voters*, and Dawn Maneval will be the Designer.

Voters Guide

Work has already started on the Guide under the very capable direction of our new Editor, Sheri Stayton. She has editorial assistance of Liz Clement, Marge Duck, Keay Hathaway and Carole Madle. Bridgette Thompson serves as Designer and Sue Travis remains "Editor Emerita."

To commemorate Sue and Liz's retirement as Editors of the *Voters Guide*, I have asked Janice Bigelow to list their accomplishments. Due to space limitations, a short version follows; the full version can be read on our website at:

lwvlewisburgarea.org/News.html

Janice has worked diligently to keep our Web site current and to publicize our upcoming events.

Thanks to Sue... This year marks the retirement of Susan Travis as Editor of our League's much heralded and respected *Voters Guide*. Sue was the Editor or Co-editor of 19 editions of the *Voters Guide*. When asked what she liked about this work, Sue said the best part was getting to know League members. Many of these co-workers

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became her friends. Sue also enjoyed researching and writing the educational/informational pieces she used in the Guide. When talking with Sue, it doesn't take long to recognize that anything that has to do with voting is a passion for her.

...and Liz too. Liz Clement is also retiring from her duties as *Voters Guide* Editor. Liz has served as Editor and Co-editor of five *Voters Guides* and has been a compiler/proofer of five Guides as well. Liz continues the tradition of an Editor who "dots every i and crosses every t", when she is working on the Guide. This is how Liz described her work as *Voters Guide* Editor: "I joined the League as a way to give back for all the years I religiously read the *Voters Guide* and took it into the polls with me. It's so rewarding to work on it now and then see it at distribution points all over the county, and to hear people saying how helpful and informative it is."

And now...meet the new *Voters Guide* Editor in town: her name is Sheri. Sheri Stayton joined our League in 2016. Almost immediately she found the place she wanted to be, working on the *Voters Guide*. Sheri's first issue was the Spring 2017 edition. Welcome Sheri! A grateful League thanks you for taking on this project.

Voters Guide Distribution List

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 the distribution effort, please contact Linda at 267-337-5986 or at lsb413@hotmail.com.

Voter Registration

The 2017 Municipal/Judicial election is approaching soon, and the League of Women Voters urges would-be voters to register now and to make sure that they are successfully registered and ready to vote well before the upcoming registration deadline of October 10th. Here are some useful websites for voter registration:

- The new opportunity to register online: www.vote411.org
- For those who have a Pennsylvania driver's license or Pennsylvania Photo ID: www.register.votespa.com
- For those who have neither of these IDs, go online to the website directly above and fill out a voter registration form.
- People without access to the Internet may pick up a voter registration form at their county Elections Office or local post office.

To learn about candidates running for office and to make an informed choice in this fall's election, voters can use our LWVPA website: lwvlewisburgarea.org/index.html

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

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

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Civics Education Program

Teri MacBride will be representing LWVLA on the panel discussing voter responsibility. Linda Beck, an HACC communication adjunct, will discuss the Consumer's Guide to Media, and she'll be joined by the Editor of *The Daily Item*, Dennis Lyons. There will be more information on the LWV Website in the next few weeks as well as in *The Daily Item*. We will conduct three more seminars in the fall and winter of 2017-2018:

- Local government (facilitator: Mary Margaret Rosan)
- State and federal governmental offices (facilitator: Stacy Richards)
- The judicial system (facilitator: Mary Beth Clark)

Our goal is to hold these seminars in Union, Northumberland, and Snyder counties

As I begin my second year as Voter Services Chair, I would like to extend a hearty thanks to the extraordinarily skilled and committed members of our League's Voters Services Committee. I am inspired by their long history of commitment and their creativity in developing new and innovative ways to educate and engage with our fellow Lewisburg-area residents. In addition, we also extend our most sincere gratitude to the Union County Elections Office, whose enthusiastic support is essential to all of our Voters Service activities.

Linda Harris, Voters Services chair

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

LWVLA Membership Renewal

2018 membership renewal letters were mailed 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 the state and national organizations and adds strength to our voice. Please send in your membership dues TODAY.

New Members

Since our last League Line in April we are pleased to welcome the following new members:

- Diane Donato*, 523-6327
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- Char Gray*, 919-215-5174
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- Sheri Stayton*, 522-0961
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If you see them at meetings or around town, please welcome them to the League.

We are sorry to announce that long-time League member Pat Fisher died in early August. Her daughter Darinda is also a League member. In addition we mourn the loss of Dorothy Noyce, member and mother of League Line editor Betsy Noyce. Dorothy passed away in August as well. We will miss both of these faithful members. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families.

New and Prospective Member Reception:

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.

Important Dates

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