

LEAGUE LINE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear League Members,

I often use this space to thank members of the League who have helped further the work of the League. This month I would like to ask for help:

- The Mauch Committee has a proposed project in connection with the Children's Museum. If there are any elementary school teachers amongst the membership, the committee would like to have their input.
- Voter Services will have a Candidates' Night, but is there anyone who would be interested in organizing a "Meet and Greet" with the candidates prior to the up-coming primary election or general election?
- Also, Strategic Planning could use some research help.

Please contact me (570-522-3606 or nvzimm@gmail.com) if any of this falls within your skill set.

Mary Zimmerman, President

LWVLA STRATEGY PLANNING UPDATE

The various Strategic Planning committees have started their work. The first phase of the process is to gather information. Committees have been formed and have started that work. To give just a few examples: all committees had been asked to provide information about the volunteers and the number of hours which they had produced; various stakeholders in the community are being interviewed; Miranda Harris has been working on an internship to gather demographic information; Marilyn Brill is in the process of surveying the membership; and attempts are being made to form focus groups.

Mary Zimmerman, for the Strategic Planning

FORUM SCHEDULE CHANGES

A Forum speaker's schedule required us to change the Forum program by switching February and April. The speaker for the **February 19th** Forum will be Karen Murphy, Executive Vice President and Chief Innovation Officer, Geisinger Medical Center speaking on the regional impacts of the opioid crisis. The speaker for the **April 16th** Forum will be Adrienne Gemberling of the Chesapeake Conservancy discussing the health of the Chesapeake Bay. The March 19th Forum will be as scheduled, with the Union County Commissioners. As usual, lunch begins at 11:30am at a cost of \$13.00 and the speaker begins at noon.

It should also be noted that Stacy Richards has had to resign as Forum Chair for the LWVLA because she is running for public office. The LWVLA non-partisan

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Please place the following events on your personal calendar.

Monday, Feb. 4th, 4:00pm

BOARD MEETING
East Buffalo Township Building
589 Fairground Road, Lewisburg

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

**LUNCH FORUM
Karen Murphy, Executive Vice President and Chief Innovation Officer, Geisinger Medical Center, "Regional Impact of the Opioid Crisis"
La Primavera (Lunch served at 11:30; \$13)

Monday, Mar. 4th, 4:00pm

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Union County Commissioners, State of Union County
La Primavera (Lunch served at 11:30; \$13)

*** This is a change from original schedule; see the "Forum Schedule Changes" article for details.*

policy prohibits board members from running for, or holding, public office.

Mary Zimmerman for the Forum Committee

JANUARY FORUM

Fred Keller, PA 85th District Representative, shared information about the various constituent services provided by his office and his expectations of the new legislative session's priorities. The Q&A included his views on ways that the League's upcoming strategic plan can improve its services to our community.

View the presentation at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jSBQcOReeks>

Stacy Richards, Forum Committee

DO YOU NEED A RIDE TO LEAGUE EVENTS?

The League wants all members to be able to attend programs, meetings, and social functions. The Board has become aware of the problem some members are having in attendance because of no longer being able to drive. I have volunteered to co-ordinate a program to set up ride-sharing to get all members to the various events. First, I need to know which members need to be driven. Then I need to know which members will volunteer to do the driving. I hope to operate basically by email, but I will use the phone

also for those who don't email. Each person needing a ride to an event needs to notify me in an advance of three days of the need for a ride. I then try to match a driver who will be asked to notify the rider of details for pick-up. If no match, I will let the rider know. Prospective riders and drivers should send the relevant information as outlined below to: Martha Donahue, 570.522.9604 or mdonahue@windstream.net.

Prospective Riders Information:

Name(s), address, phone number(s), email address, and need for ride during day and evening or daylight hours only.

Prospective Drivers Information:

Name, address, phone number(s), email address, area will cover (i.e., only Lewisburg, only Lewisburg east of US15, up to x number of miles out of Lewisburg), and entire day and evening or daylight hours only.

Martha Donahue

MAUCH COMMITTEE REPORT

Ruth Burnham has become chair of the Membership Committee, so has relinquished chairing the Mauch Committee; Elaine Hopkins is the new chair. The Committee thanks Elaine for assuming the chair position. In other news, Linda Harris is working on the annual trip for Lewisburg High School freshmen to the state capital. The Bucknell Project has come to a successful conclusion. The Mauch Committee, under the leadership of Imanni Burg, is also working on a proposed project in partnership with the Lewisburg Children's Museum.

Mary Zimmerman for the Mauch Committee

VOTER SERVICES REPORT

Voter Services Committee

Our committee met on January 23rd. The agenda items included updates on *Facts for Voters, Voters Guide*, strategic planning, and Spring Candidates' Nights.

The Voter Services Committee meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday of the month at my home. If you would like to attend, we are always looking for new membership.

Voters Guide

The Voters Guide editorial staff will start meeting this month. Our *Voters Guide* will continue to partner with PAVOTE 411 which is the LWV PA website. There will be discussions with the editorial staff as to whether we use VOTE 411 to house our local candidates' information as it involves computer expertise and is time consuming. We will update you as discussions and resolutions evolve. Final decisions will need to be approved by the Board.

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Voters Guide Distribution

We can always use additional volunteers to help distribute the spring *Guide* in April 2019. If you can help, please contact Linda at lsharris323@gmail.com. or at 267-337-5986.

Facts for Voters

Our editor Jane Mitchell, and Dawn Maneval, our designer, and staff, Ruth McAlister and Imanni Burg have already been busy creating the 2019 *Facts for Voters*. The *Facts* is scheduled to be ready for distribution around February 19th.

Facts for Voters Distribution

Distributors -- Get ready for distribution of the "Facts" in February. We can always use additional volunteers to help distribute the *Facts for Voters*.

Candidates' Night

Voter Services is beginning to plan Candidates' Night. Typically this event precedes the Primary Election, May 21st, 2019, by about two weeks. It includes the announced local candidates who choose to participate. This year's special election to fill U.S. Representative Marino's seat will be held on the same day as the Primary.

Linda Harris, Voters Services chair

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LWVLA BOOK CLUB

The League of Women Voters Book Club will meet on Tuesday, February 26nd, at 11:00am at the Public Library of Union County. The books are in preparation for the environmental theme of the April Forum: *Fishing Lessons: Artisanal Fisheries and the Future of Our Oceans*, (2018) by Kevin Bailey and *Susquehanna, River of Dreams*, (1995) by Susan Stranahan. All are welcome. If you have any questions, contact Mary Beth Clark at moffa5@comcast.net.

Mary Beth Clark, Book Club chair

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

New Members

Since our last issue of League Line one member has joined:

Kate Schaeffer
kschaeffer1@verizon.net

We welcome Kate and our other new members and look forward to seeing them at upcoming meetings. I will have our total membership count for 2019 in the next issue of *League Line*, after I have entered all of the data into the LWVUS database.

Spring Dues Rate

Once again we will be offering a special rate this spring for new members to LWVLA. If you are new to LWV, you are eligible to join the League for the prorated dues of \$25.00 from February 1st, 2019 until May 31st, 2019! You will then be asked to pay full dues of \$55 dues in September with the rest of our members.

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
Mid-Term 2019 (February 1 – May 31, 2019)**

Mid-term membership dues: Individual \$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