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Annual Meeting Booklet June 6, 2023

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Agenda
ANNUAL MEETING June 6, 2023
Zoom

Call to order	Anne Mosakowski
Land Acknowledgement	
Confirmation of Quorum: 12% of 196 (23.5)	
Approval of 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes	Rosemary Kesling
Appointment of readers of 2023 Annual Meeting minutes	
Acceptance of Auditors Report 2021-2022	Olivia Thorne
Vote to Approve the Treasurer’s Report 2022-2023 for Audit	Denyse McCurdy
Presentation and adoption of 2023-2024 Budget	Denyse McCurdy
Presentation and adoption 2023-2024 CDC Local Program	Anne Mosakowski
Bylaw Changes	Joanna Nealon
Report of the Nominating Committee	Gloria Rabinowitz
Nominations from the floor	
Election of President (2022-2024)	
Election of VP (2023-2025)	
Election of the Treasurer (2023-2025)	
Election of the Secretary (2022-2024)	
Election of four Board Members (2022-2024)	
Election of four Board Members (2023-2025)	
Election of Nominating Committee (2023-2024)	
Appointments to the Board	
President’s Remarks	Anne Mosakowski
Committee Reports	See Annual Meeting Booklet
Directions to the Board	
• LWV CDC Event Planning Meeting - Thursday, June 8, 2023, 4:00 PM Virtual by Zoom	
• LWV CDC Board Reorganization Meeting – Friday, June 9, 2023 Noon, Virtual by Zoom	
Outstanding Community Service - Delaware County Library System, Remarks: Diane Arnold, Reference & Outreach Coordinator	
Adjournment	

2022 Annual Meeting Minutes

League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County

Saturday, June 4, 2022

Springhaven Country Club

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 pm by President Anne Mosakowski.

Confirmation of Quorum: Pat Cimino reported that, with 26 members present, there is a quorum.

Outstanding Community Service Award: Jodine Mayberry introduced Kathleen E. Carey, a reporter for the *Delaware County Times* and presented her with an outstanding Community Service Award. Ms. Carey spoke to us about Real News and Strategies to Deal with Mis and Dis Information. She presented strategies to help us recognize fake news stories, including resources for evaluating news and images.

Vote to Approve 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes

Nancy Hopko moved and Jane Brennan seconded a motion to approve the LWV CDC 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes contained in the Annual Meeting Booklet. The motion passed.

Jodine Mayberry, Lora Lavin, and Nancy Sharts-Hopko were appointed as readers of the 2022 minutes.

Auditor's Report 2020-2021

Olivia Thorne reported that she audited the financial records for 2020-2021. The Audit Report was accepted.

Financial Report for Fiscal Year July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022

Olivia Thorne reported that we have \$7,256.77 in checking, \$20,755.77 in savings, and \$5,087.55 in the Education Fund for total assets of \$33,100.09. Jane Brennan moved and Rose Marie Lord seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as contained in the Annual Meeting Booklet for audit. The motion passed.

Presentation and Adoption of 2022-2023 Budget

Olivia Thorne, Chair of the budget committee, clarified that what used to be called "fundraising" is now called "development". Kathleen Peterson moved and Victoria Williams seconded a motion to adopt the budget as contained in the LWV-CDC 2022 Annual Meeting Booklet. The motion passed. The Development Committee report is included in the Annual Meeting Booklet.

President's Message

Anne Mosakowski summarized her President's Message as included in the Annual Meeting Booklet.

Presentation of 2022-2023 CDC Local Program

Jane Brennan presented the proposed 2022-2023 local program as contained in pages 12 and 13 of the Annual Meeting Booklet. Jodine Mayberry moved and Barbara Amstutz seconded a motion to approve the local program. The motion was approved.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Gloria Rabinowitz gave the report of the nominating committee. The candidates for 2022-2023 are the following:

President (2022-2024): Anne Mosakowski

1st Vice President (2021-2023): Jane Brennan (Program/Events)

2nd Vice President (2022-2024): Cathy Yungmann (Communications/ITechnology)
Treasurer (2021-2023): Denyse McCurdy
Secretary (2022-2024): Rosemary Kesling

Elected Directors:

Marita Green (2022-2024)
Joe Lesniak (2022-2024)
Joanna Nealon (2022-2024)
Judy Wertheimer (2022-2024)
Rebecca Michael (2022-2023)

Cathy Yungmann moved and Olivia Thorne seconded a motion to accept the nominating committee's candidates. The motion passed.

Anne Mosakowski announced that in addition to the elected officers and directors, she is appointing Jennifer Breen and Peggy Wilson to the board.

The 2022-2023 Nominating Committee will be Joan Hazburn (Chair), Gloria Rabinowitz, and Viola Crawford. Nancy Hopko moved and Joanna Nealon seconded a motion to approve the nominating committee. The motion passed.

Bylaw Changes

Joanna Nealon went over several proposed bylaw changes as explained in the Annual Meeting Booklet on page 12. Victoria Williams moved and Mary Miller seconded a motion to accept the bylaw committee's recommendations. During the discussion, Lora Lavin submitted an amendment to Article VIII, section 2, whereby all proposed changes in section 2 (a), 2 (b) and 2 (d) be made at least **two** months ahead (instead of one.) Lara proposed the additional time so that the members would have enough time to consider the changes. Members discussed whether this time was necessary since proposals are made electronically now, and the proposals are always published in the **Voter** before the Annual Meeting. Jodine Mayberry moved and Kathleen Peterson seconded a motion to amend the original motion to change the timing necessary for proposed changes from at least one month to at least two months. The motion DID NOT PASS. Then the original motion to accept the bylaw committee's recommendations passed.

President's Remarks

Anne Mosakowski recognized two members who are leaving the board: Carol Smallwood and Pat Cimino. She asked attendees to read the committee reports contained in the Annual Meeting Booklet and to consider joining a committee.

The Reorganization Meeting will be held Wednesday, June 17, 2022, 12 noon, by ZOOM.

The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 12:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemary Kesling, Secretary

Attachment:

2022 Annual Meeting Booklet (<https://heyzine.com/flip-book/0844a23a65.html#page/1>)

Treasurer's and Audit Report

Treasurer & Budget Committee Contact: Denny McCurdy

Financial Report for Fiscal Year July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023

Income and expenses for the fiscal year through May 8, 2023 were within our budget limits. Funds in our **operating accounts** as of the date of this report (May 8, 2023) were approximately **\$27,666** and in the **Ed Fund \$3406**. Donations to our League are listed as part of the Development Committee Report.

We also were awarded two grants from the LWV United States [Youth Voter Registration](#) \$500 & [Former and Currently Incarcerated Voter Registration Grant](#) - \$750.

Respectfully, Denny McCurdy

Audit Report - An audit was performed of the financial records for 2021-2022. The audit verified that account balances recorded in QuickBooks match ending balances on bank statements. Receipts and invoice payments were properly recorded. The audit indicated that sound accounting principles are in place and all appropriate records have been maintained.

Respectfully, Olivia Thorne

Budget Committee Report

Budget - The Budget Committee reviews the budget requests from our committees and develops a financial plan for each fiscal year. The Committee meets at the beginning of the calendar year to develop the budget for the fiscal year starting in July. Our fiscal year is July - June. Thanks to the Budget Committee of Nancy Hopko, Rose Marie Lord, Gloria Rabinowitz, assisted by Anne Mosakowski and Cathy Yungman

Denny McCurdy, Treasurer and Ex Officio

Development Committee Report

Development Committee - The Development Committee works to raise funds for the LWV CDC operating budget beyond membership dues. The committee identifies potential donors, engages in outreach, and implements fundraising campaigns and events. Bequests and Memorial gifts made by League members and community supporters are appreciated and helps our League to enhance the communities we serve. **NOTE:** Contributions, bequests and memorial gifts made to the Voter Education Fund are tax deductible to the extent the law allows. Development Committee Contact(s): Co-Chairs Gloria Rabinowitz, Rose Marie Lord; Denny McCurdy, Treasurer

With COVID restrictions easing and the high level of vaccination rates in our region we were able to hold two in-person social fundraising events plus we participated in the [Bosco's Friends Helping Friends fundraiser](#). The two in-person events were our [Sip and Chat](#) held in Swarthmore and an [Afternoon Tea and Historic House Tour](#) held in Media.

Donations for 2022-2023 includes:

- Alice Allen Memorial Fund - This fund is used for member scholarships. \$ 0
- Jeanette Ross Memorial Fund - This fund is used for any expenses related to the annual Jeanette Ross program on environmental issues. \$ 100
- Legacy Fund - Gifts in memory of or honoring a particular League member or member's relative, to be used for any purpose. \$ 400
- In Kind \$ 103
- Unrestricted - Funds to be used for any purpose. \$ 1333
- Education Fund: Gifts to the Ed Fund are tax deductible and must be used for projects related to voter education. \$ 340

Thank you for your membership and your generous support of our League of Women Voters and thank you to the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania for awarding grants that support and acknowledge our League's commitment to the LWV DEI Policy and our mission to engage voters and defend democracy.

Proposed 2023-2024 Budget

Ordinary Income/Expense	YTD		
	Income/ Expense	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
		<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
	Jul 1, '22 - Apr 18, '23	Jul 1, '22- Jun 30, '23	Jul 1, '23- Jun 30, '24
Income			
2002 · Development			
2031 · Virtual Events	\$0.00	\$300.00	
2041 · In Person Events	\$653.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
2051 · Development Other	\$405.00	\$300.00	\$350.00
Total 2002 · Development	\$1,058.00	\$900.00	\$650.00
3300 · Meeting Income			
3310 - Annual Meeting			\$100.00
3320 · Program Meetings RENAME: Other Meetings			\$100.00
3321 · Virtual Program Meetings	\$0.00	\$300.00	
3322 · In Person Program Meetings	\$0.00	\$2,400.00	
Total 3320 · Program Meetings	\$0.00	\$2,700.00	
3330 · Holiday Brunch	\$1,470.00	\$1,225.00	\$1,450.00
Total 3300 · Meeting Income	\$1,470.00	\$3,925.00	\$1,650.00
3400 · Grants			
3403 · Incarcerated Persons 2023	\$562.50	\$0.00	
3404 · Youth Registration 2023	\$375.00	\$0.00	
3400 · Grants - Other	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Total 3400 · Grants	\$937.50	\$500.00	\$500.00
3500 · Contributions			
3501 · In kind	\$103.18	\$300.00	\$200.00
3505 · Legacy Fund	\$320.00	\$500.00	\$400.00
3510 · Ed Fund	\$340.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
3560 · Alice Allen Memorial Fund	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
3570 · Jeannette Ross Memorial Fund	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
3580 · Unrestricted	\$1,333.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,400.00
Total 3500 · Contributions	\$2,196.18	\$3,435.00	\$2,635.00
3600 · Asset Transfer			
3610 · From Ed Fund	\$2,021.20	\$2,153.00	\$1,500.00
3620 · From Savings			\$2,791.00
Total 3600 · Asset Transfer	\$2,021.20	\$2,153.00	\$4,291.00
4000 · Dues			
4010 · Primary Members Dues	\$8,690.00	\$9,600.00	\$9,332.00
4020 · Family Members Dues	\$990.00	\$960.00	\$1,020.00
Total 4000 · Dues	\$9,680.00	\$10,560.00	\$10,352.00
4800 · Interest	\$8.69	\$6.00	\$6.00
Total Income	\$17,967.57	\$21,479.00	\$20,084.00
Expense			
5000 · Administrative			
5002 · In kind	\$103.18	\$0.00	\$200.00
5005 · ILO Support	\$300.00	\$375.00	\$300.00
5010 · Board & President	\$426.42	\$100.00	\$400.00
5020 · Conventions & Workshops	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
5030 · Liability Insurance	\$1,389.58	\$1,225.00	\$1,400.00

5050 · PO Box	\$108.00	\$92.00	\$108.00
5075 · PayPal Fee	\$273.42	\$200.00	\$250.00
5080 · Alice Allen Fund Scholarship	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$120.00
5090 · Jeannette Ross Fund	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
5095 · Administrative Other	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$100.00
Total 5000 · Administrative	\$2,600.59	\$4,362.00	\$4,928.00
5100 · Grant Expense			
5110 · DEI Grant 2022 expense	\$812.86	\$0.00	
5120 · Local Demo Defender Grant 2022	\$530.00	\$0.00	
5130 · Incarcerated Persons Exp 2023	\$22.02	\$0.00	
Total 5100 · Grant Expense	\$1,364.88	\$0.00	\$500.00
5500 · Communications			
5505 · Domain Name	\$92.68	\$175.00	\$95.00
5510 · Website	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
5515 · CanvaPro	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$120.00
5520 · Constant Contact	\$0.00	\$380.00	\$380.00
5530 · Marketing	\$259.17	\$400.00	\$400.00
5540 · Zoom	\$143.17	\$191.00	\$203.00
Total 5500 · Communications	\$495.02	\$1,666.00	\$1,598.00
6001 · Development Expense			
6031 · Virtual Events	\$0.00	\$300.00	
6041 · In Person Events	\$402.40	\$300.00	\$250.00
6051 · Development Other	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Total 6001 · Development Expense	\$402.40	\$900.00	\$550.00
7000 · Membership			
7030 · Voter - Printing	\$130.18	\$300.00	\$310.00
7041 · Voter - Mailing	\$0.00	\$58.00	\$45.00
7050 · Renew/Recruit	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Total 7000 · Membership	\$130.18	\$458.00	\$555.00
7500 · Meetings			
7510 · Annual Meeting	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$300.00
7520 · Program Expense RENAME Other Meetings Expense			\$200.00
7521 · Virtual Program expense	\$0.00	\$300.00	
7525 · Videography	\$0.00	\$600.00	
7530 · Holiday Brunch	\$1,417.50	\$970.00	\$1,500.00
7541 · In Person Program expense	\$119.02	\$2,400.00	
Total 7500 · Meetings	\$1,536.52	\$4,370.00	\$2,000.00
8000 · PMP			
8010 · National	\$5,248.00	\$5,248.00	\$5,360.00
8020 · State	\$3,280.00	\$3,280.00	\$3,350.00
8040 · County	\$297.65	\$295.00	\$293.00
Total 8000 · PMP	\$8,825.65	\$8,823.00	\$9,003.00
9000 · Voter Service			
9070 · Candidate Forums	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$50.00
9090 · Vote 411	\$496.46	\$500.00	\$500.00
9099 · Voter Service - Other RENAME: Legacy Fund - Voter Service	\$361.15	\$300.00	\$400.00
Total 9000 · Voter Service	\$882.61	\$900.00	\$950.00
Total Expense	\$16,237.85	\$21,479.00	\$20,084.00
Net Ordinary Income	\$1,729.72	\$0.00	\$0.00

2023-2024 Proposed Local Program

The goal for the 2023-2024 Local Program is to develop [committees](#) to address and work on local program initiatives with the intent to become more active and involved in all the communities we serve.

I. **GOVERNMENT:** Engage members and community in all levels of government.

A. **Voting Rights and Participation through Education and Action:**

1. Protect the right to vote and security of the election process for every Delaware County citizen.
2. **Encourage everyone to participate in the electoral process by:**
 - a) Conducting voter registration drives.
 - b) Educating voters through candidate forums.
 - c) Promoting and expanding [Vote411.org](#)
 - d) Speaking to community groups.
 - e) Working with the schools to build student awareness of the importance of voting and how governments work.
 - f) Continuing voter education for in-person voting and/or mail-in voting and election security.
 - g) Monitoring ALL PA Legislation related to expanding voting rights and opposing legislation regarding voter suppression.
 - h) Continuing efforts to allow eligible prisoners to register to vote and use mail-in ballots to vote.
 - i) Working with our partners that are part of the LWV-CDC Voter Engagement Coalition.
 - j) Encouraging our members to be poll workers.

B. **Municipal Government and Services:** Enable members to understand the role of local government.

1. Continue to develop a “Know Your Community” model for each municipality our members represent. Click here for more information about your community [www.delcopa.gov/towns.html](#)
2. Continue to support the initiatives of the Delaware County Health Department.

C. **State and Federal Governments:** Engage members and community in the legislative process.

1. Conduct Legislator outreach.
2. Monitor government activities and take appropriate action.
3. Inform community members of government actions.
4. Advocate for legislation that meets our members’ and communities’ needs.
5. Support LWVPA and LWVUS proposals and positions.

II. **EDUCATION:** Support excellence and equity in our public school systems.

- A. Monitor the progress and outcome of the fair funding for schools ([Fund Our School PA](#)).
- B. Continue to develop Civic Education resource materials and presentations to be used in schools.
- C. Continue our leadership role with the [Regional Adolescent Sleep Needs Coalition](#) (RASNC)
- D. Continue our leadership role focusing on the impact of social media on the mental health of youth.

III. **NATURAL RESOURCES:** Support management and protection of natural resources in the public interest, including planning, land use, environmental quality and safety in our communities.

- A. Preservation and protection of open space for public use and monitor enforcement of land use ordinances.
- B. Advocate for renewable clean energy resources.
- C. Monitor legislation that impacts the environment within Delaware County.
- D. Join the LWV of Delaware County Environmental Committee efforts with that of the LWVPA and other environmental groups.

IV. **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PRISON REFORM:** Monitor and advocate for improving the criminal justice system in Delaware County working with the LWV of Delaware County, Delaware County officials and advocacy groups.

V. **DIVERSITY, EQUITY and INCLUSION:** Support the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) [policy](#), positions and programs of the [LWVUS](#) and [LWVPA](#).

A. Use the [LWV DEI Lens](#) with all program and event development.



Proposed By-Law Changes 2023-2024

Changes to the [bylaws](#) were suggested by the Bylaws Committee Joanna Nealon, Bylaws Chair; Anne Mosakowski, Joe Lesniak, LLC and Cathy Yungmann at the January Meeting of the LWVDC Board of Directors. The Board accepted the report and agreed to put them to a vote at the annual meeting.

NOTE: **Deleted words** are indicated by ~~Strikethrough~~ **Additions** Indicated by Underline.

ARTICLE VI

Meetings

~~Sec. 1. Membership Meetings. There shall be at least four meetings of the membership each year. The time and place shall be determined by the board.~~

Sec. 1. Informational Meetings. There shall be informational meetings for our membership and the public.

Rationale: Eliminates current Meetings Sec. 1. and replaces it with new wording which is in line with our current practice and meeting offerings.

ARTICLE VIII

Principles and Program

Sec. 4. Program Action. Members may act in the name of the LWVDC only when authorized to do so by the board. They may act only in conformity with, and not contrary to, a position taken by the LWVDC, League of Women Voters of Delaware County, ~~LWV of Southeastern Pennsylvania Region~~, the LWVPA and the LWVUS.

Rationale: Eliminates the words ~~LWV of Southeastern Pennsylvania Region~~ since this level of the League is no longer in operation and has not been for many years.

ARTICLE IX

Financial Administration

Sec. 2. Dues. Annual dues as are determined by a three-fifth vote of those attending the annual meeting. ~~shall be payable September 1. Any member who fails to pay dues within three months after they become payable may be dropped from the membership rolls.~~ **Local Leagues must submit to the LWVUS all members in good standing by January 31. If a current member has not renewed their annual membership to LWVDC they will be dropped from membership at all levels of LWV (national, state and local).**

Rationale: Changes would match the current League membership process and help to support changes from the LWVUS Transformational Roadmap Plan that will be implemented within the next two years.

Nominating Committee Report

The **Nominating Committee** works to identify potential candidates for current or upcoming vacancies and to work diligently to secure and attract top talent for leadership positions within the League. Report submitted by 2022-2023 Nominating Committee: Joan Hazbun(Chair), Gloria Rabinowitz, and Viola Crawford.

The candidates for **2022-2024** and **2023-2025** are:

Officers:

- President (2022-2024): Anne Mosakowski
- Vice President (2023-2025): Cathy Yungmann
- Treasurer (2023-2025): Denyse McCurdy
- Secretary (2022-2024): Rosemary Kesling

Elected Directors:

- Marita Green (2022-2024)
- Joe Lesniak (2022-2024)
- Joanna Nealon (2022-2024)
- Judy Wertheimer (2022-2024)
- Rosemarie Lord (2023-2025)
- Rebecca Michael (2023-2025)
- Gloria Rabinowitz (2023-2025)
- Marguerite Wilson (2023-2025)

The **2023-2024 Nominating Committee**: Joan Hazbun(Chair), Gloria Rabinowitz, and Viola Crawford

Full Board List Beginning June 6, 2023

Officers:

President (2022-2024): Anne Mosakowski – amosakowski@gmail.com - 610-721-4825
Vice President (2023-2025): Cathy Yungmann – [cyjungmann@gmail.com](mailto:cjungmann@gmail.com) – 610-331-7077
Treasurer (2023-2025): Denyse McCurdy – denysemccurdy@gmail.com - 610-529-6128
Secretary (2022-2024): Rosemary Kesling – kesling1@verizon.net – 610-789-2680

Elected Directors: (Alphabetical order by last name)

Marita Green (2022-2024) - maritagreen6@gmail.com – 610-724-1376
Joe Lesniak (2022-2024) - jpl@jpollaw.net - 484-444-2348
Rosemarie Lord (2023-2025) - rmlord1006@gmail.com - 610-544-7648
Rebecca Michael (2023-2025) - beckymichael333@gmail.com - 267-567-2432
Joanna Nealon (2022-2024) - joanna_nealon@yahoo.com – 610-543-6647
Gloria Rabinowitz (2023-2025) - gloria_rabinowitz@verizon.net – 610-565-0146
Judy Wertheimer (2022-2024) - judywertheimer@comcast.net - 484-574-4606
Marguerite (Peggy) Wilson (2023-2025) - kevsmom@aol.com - 610-659-3229

Appointed Directors: (Alphabetical order by last name)

Marilyn Berberich (2023-2025) - mjberb@aol.com - 610-353-5246
Carol Butler (2023-2025) - butlercarol@verizon.net - 610-353-3856
Linda Carpenter (2023-2025) - lin4j@aol.com - 610-635-6005
Olivia Thorne (2022-2024) - olivia.thorne@verizon.net – 610-566-5474

Members Leaving Our Board

We want to thank those members who are leaving our Board of Directors for **their service and dedication to our League**. They have generously given of **their time and expertise to move our League forward in fulfilling the League of Women Voters Mission to Empower Voters and Defend Democracy**. They are: Jane Brennan, Current Vice President; Nancy Hopko, Current Elected Board Member and Chair of the Health Committee; and Barbara Amstutz, Current Appointed Board Member, Member of the DEI Committee and Immediate-Past Board President.

Presidents' Message

The League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County 2022-2023 fiscal year has been very busy and I want to thank ALL our members, our League leaders, committee chairs, Board Members (past, present, and incoming) for your interest in being part of the League of Women Voters nonpartisan team to improve our government and engage our communities in promoting positive solutions through the democratic process.

As a group of volunteers, we have given freely of our talents and interests that has translated into **thousands of volunteer hours** that are reflected in this 2023 Annual Meeting booklet.

July 2022- June 2023 Highlights Included:

- Conducted Four Candidate Forums that received over 6,800 views on our LWV YouTube Channel
- Coordinated 27 Voter Registration Drives and/or Get-Out-The-Vote (GOTV)
- Received Two Grants from the League of Women Voters of the United States
- Received a Defenders of Democracy Grant from the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania
- Coordinated 22 Events/Presentations (17 Hot Topics and/or presentations via Zoom, and 5 in-person)
 - over 2,000 registrations and over 1,200 views on our LWV YouTube Channel as of June 1, 2023
- Shared LWV CDC information in The Voter, our Newsletter (8 editions); posted on our Facebook page; emailed members via our Constant Contact; and continually updated our website.
- Tracked legislation important to the work of the League and alerted members to take action.
- Conducted Legislative Outreach with our elected representatives.
- Collaborating with LWVPA Initiatives; such as, Fair Districts PA, Equity Initiative, Voter Services, Environmental Policy, Government Policy, Social Policy Initiative plus participation in LWVPA Convention.
- Continued the work of the LWV CDC Voter Engagement Coalition with community partners .
- Continued member participation in the LWV of Delaware County Committees: Regional Adolescent Sleep Needs Coalition (RASNC), Health Committee, Environment Committee, and Criminal Justice Committee.
- Continued outreach with community organizations such as; Making a Change Group, Chester Residents Concerned for Quality Living (CRCQL), New Pennsylvania Project Chester, Chester City Safe Corridors, Chester Community Improvement Project, CMPRadio (Cultivating Mature Positivity), Chester City Matters, NAACP Chester Branch, NAACP Media Branch, Fellowship of Urban Suburban Engagement (FUSE) of Delaware County, Media Fellowship House, Energy Justice Network, Delaware Riverkeeper Network, Rotary Club of Swarthmore, Swarthmore Senior Citizens Association, Delaware County Public Defender, Bucks County Women's Advocacy Network, Indivisible Groups, Haverford Area Community Action Network (H-CAN), Delaware County Government Departments and growing!

2023 Member Survey and 2023-2025 Strategic Planning Goals:

Our League conducted a member survey and we used the results to develop strategic planning goals. Thanks to all of you who filled out the survey. To view the membership survey slides - [CLICK HERE](#) (click on the page to advance).

The 2023-2025 LWV CDC Goals are: **Goal 1:** Increase the membership of LWV CDC by 10 percent, further membership diversity and develop a stable and diverse financial structure; **Goal 2:** Increase engagement within the membership; **Goal 3:** Present ourselves effectively as a provider of nonpartisan public-policy information (education / voter-service); and **Goal 4:** Build on the effectiveness of internal and external communications by increasing methods of outreach. To view the entire plan [CLICK HERE](#)

If you want to work to help us enact these goals, please sign up [CLICK HERE](#).

Get or stay involved in the work of the League - ***Empowering Voters & Defending Democracy***. Thank you!

Anne Mosakowski, President LWV Central Delaware County

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROGRAM EVENTS ANNUAL REPORT July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023

The programs/events for the year included a combination of **5 in-person events and 17 Zoom presentations**.

Programs reflect the 2022-2023 Local Program Objectives. **NOTE:** Titles linked to recording or to event posts.

Title	Presenter(s)	Local Program Initiative	Date/Time	Registered/Views
<u>Sip & Chat</u>	Social Gathering	Voter Information & Member Engagement	9/14/22 3 to 5PM In-person	21 Registered
<u>Hot Topic - Delaware County Elections: Are They Free, Fair, and Secure?</u>	Moderator: Jodine Mayberry LWVDC Panel: Delaware County Elections Director Jim Allen, Chief Registrations Clerk Crystal Winterbottom and Kevin Skoglund, Executive Director of Citizens for Better Elections.	Voter Information	9/16/22 Noon Zoom	58 Registered 93 YouTube Views
<u>Hot Topic - Polarization: Bridging Troubled Waters</u>	James Vike, Ph.D. professor Political Science, Widener University	Voter Information	9/30/22 Noon Zoom	63 Registered 85 YouTube Views
<u>Chester City Rocks: Voting Matters</u>	DEI Committee; Richard Womack, Delco Council; Dyneco Gibson, New PA Project; & Poll Workers Christina Iocona and Judge of Elections Shirlene Laws	Voter Information & Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI)	10/8/22 10 AM to 1 PM In-person	50 Attended
<u>Hot Topic - Buying Elections: What You Should Know About Campaign Finance</u>	Kelly Kauffman, Outreach and Social Media Manager, OpenSecrets, Taylor Giorno, Money-in-Politics Reporter, OpenSecrets, Angela Coulombis, Investigative Reporter, Money in Government and Politics, Spotlight PA	Voter Information & Advocacy	10/7/22 Noon Zoom	60 Registered 44 YouTube Views
<u>Hot Topic - The 2022 Midterm Election</u>	Dr. G. Terry Madonna, national political analyst and media commentator	Voter Information	10/14/22 Noon Zoom	59 Registered 48 YouTube Views
<u>Holiday Gathering: 2022 Celebration of Our League</u>	Member Sharing	Member Engagement	12/17/22 11:30 AM In-person	45 Registered
<u>Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) Export Terminals</u>	Tracy Carluccio, Delaware Riverkeeper Network, Mike Ewall, Energy Justice Network; Fred Millar, Safety Advocate	Environment Advocacy Update	1/12/23 7:00 PM Zoom	141 Registered
<u>Hot Topic - What the Heck is Going on in Harrisburg?</u>	Moderator: Jodine Mayberry, LWVDC Panel: State Rep. Mike Schlossberg, D-Lehigh County, Dr. Rachel Sorokin Goff, Fair Districts PA, Susan Gobreski League of Women Voters of PA	Advocacy Update & Voter Information	1/20/23 Noon Zoom	53 Registered 82 YouTube Views
<u>Toss Your Hat in the Ring</u>	LWV of Delaware County & Penn State	Municipal Government Services	1/24/23 Zoom 7 PM to 8:30 PM	38 Registered

<u>Hot Topic - Getting the Lead Out: Keeping Our Kids Safe</u>	Rosemarie Halt, MPH, Chair Delaware County Board of Health	Municipal Government and Services	2/10/23 Noon Zoom	27 Registered 25 YouTube Views
<u>Lunch with Delaware County Council</u>	Delco Council - Kevin Madden, Christine Reuther, Elaine Schaefer, Dr. Monica Taylor, Chair, Richard Womack	Municipal Government and Services LWV Delco Event	2/16/23 Noon In-person Springfield CC	45 Registered
<u>Hot Topic - Election Misinformation Can Sabotage Democracy: What Can We Do About It?</u>	Moderator: Cathy Yungmann, LWVCDC Panel: Brennan Center for Justice: Dr. Maya Kornberg, Researcher; Mekela Panditharatne, Counsel; Ruby Edlin, Advocacy Coordinator	Voter Information Civic Education	3/10/23 Noon Zoom	73 Registered 153 YouTube Views
<u>Environmental Health Priorities in Delaware County</u>	Ruth McDermott-Levy, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN, Environmental and Global Health Expert	Environment Jeannette Ross Lecture	3/23/23 7:30 PM Zoom	59 Registered 54 YouTube Views
<u>Hot Topic - Navigating Challenges of Civil Discourse: Strategies to Build Bridges</u>	Moderator: Marilyn Berberich, LWVCDC; Panel Heather Blakeslee, Braver Angels PA & Roots Quarterly; Angel Eduardo, Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression	Voter Information Civic Education	3/31/23 Noon Zoom	63 Registered 465 YouTube Views
<u>Hot Topic - Building the Public Health Infrastructure in Delaware County: One Year Later</u>	Dr Monica Taylor, Chair Delaware County Council	Municipal Government and Services	4/21/23 Noon Zoom	42 Registered 96 YouTube Views
<u>Afternoon Tea & Historic House Tour</u>	Social Gathering Fundraiser	Member Engagement	4/29/23 1:30 PM to 4 PM In-person	25 Registered
<u>School Board Workshops for Candidates</u>	Ron Cowell, Senior Fellow of Education Policy and Leadership Center (EPLC)	Education Multi League Event Fee Based	5/4 & 5/4/23 7:00 PM to 9 PM Zoom	26 Registered
<u>Hot Topic - Legal Aspects of Health Care for Seniors</u>	Jennifer Simons, an associate attorney, McAndrews, Mehalick, Connolly, Hulse and Ryan, P.C.	Education - Health	5/12/23 Noon Zoom	44 Registered 38 YouTube Views
<u>Hot Topic - The Court has Spoken on Pennsylvania School Funding: Now What?</u>	Moderator: Dr. Joan Duvall-Flynn, LWVCDC & TIEC - Panel: Stephen Herzenberg, Keystone Research Center; Susan Spicka, Education Voters PA; Michael Churchill, Public Interest Law Center; Heather Bickley, Basic Kindness.	Education Civic Education	5/19/23 Noon Zoom	40 Registered 37 YouTube Views
<u>Hot Topic - Health Care Fraud Costs Us All, and Not Just Money</u>	Jodine Mayberry, LWVCDC, Legislative Advocacy Committee Chair and journalist	Government Services Health	6/2/23 Noon Zoom	42 Registered
<u>Annual Meeting</u>	LWV-CDC Board & Members	Member Engagement	6/6/23 7:00 PM Zoom	36 Registered (as of 6/6)

Voter Services Report

Voter Services Committee - Voter Services is the core mission of the League of Women Voters. The major objective of the Voter Services Committee is to carry out the League's prime purpose to make democracy work. Committee members help organize voter registration events, conduct candidate forums, distribute voter information and resources. The Voter Services Committee keeps up-to-date the online voter guide Vote411.org and conducts Legislator Outreach. **Voter Services Committee Contacts:** [Marita Green](#) and [Joanna Nealon](#) Co-Chairs; Voter Registration Co-Chairs - [Marilyn Gilroy](#), [Kathy Knight](#) and [Kathleen Peterson](#); Legislator Outreach - [Peggy Wilson](#).

Candidates Forums: We held 4 virtual candidate forums: Two Fall 2022 (General Election) and Two Spring 2023 (Primary) (See below - Titles are linked to the recordings). The questions were submitted online before the forum.

Virtual Candidate Forums Fall 2022: (General Election)

[PA House District 169 \(Chester City\)](#) Sept. 28, 2022 at 7 pm Live Streamed via YouTube (Total of 507 Views on YouTube)

Candidates: Carol Kazeem (D) and Ruth Moton (R)

Moderator: Roberta Winters, LWV Radnor Township

Coordinator: Mary Miller, LWV Central Delaware County

[U.S. House PA 5 th District](#) Oct. 10, 2022 at 7 PM Live Streamed from Radnor TV Studio no in-person audience (Total of 2,500 Views on YouTube)

Candidates: Mary Gay Scanlon (D, Incumbent) and David Galluch (R)

Moderator: Jamie Mogil, President LWV Lower Merion/Narberth

Coordinators: Joanna Nealon, LWV Central Delaware County, Cathy Yungmann LWV Central Delaware County & Roberta Winters, LWV Radnor Twp

Virtual Candidate Forums Spring 2023: (Municipal Democratic Primary for Chester City no Republicans ran)

[Chester City Council](#) April 25, 2023 at 7 pm Live Streamed via YouTube (1,000 Views on YouTube)

Candidates: Elizabeth Warren (D, Incumbent), William Morgan (D, Incumbent), Tameka Gibson (D), and Fred Green(D)

Moderator: Jodine Mayberry, LWV Central Delaware County

Coordinators: Barbara Amstutz, Joanna Nealon, & Cathy Yungmann LWV Central Delaware County

[Chester City Mayor](#) April 26, 2023 at 7 pm Live Streamed via YouTube (2,800 Views on YouTube)

Candidates: Thaddeus Kirkland (D, Incumbent), Stefan Roots (D), and Pat Worrell (D)

Moderator: Joe Lesniak, LWV Central Delaware County

Coordinators: Barbara Amstutz, Joanna Nealon, & Cathy Yungmann LWV Central Delaware County

The Daily Times and the Inquirer published articles that referred to our forum.

VOTE411 SIGNS

We received a \$500 Local Democracy Defenders Grant from the State League and were able to buy 50 VOTE411 signs. Thank you Denny McCurdy for submitting the grant application and Cathy Yungmann for designing the sign. Diane Arnold, Reference and Outreach Coordinator of the Delaware County Library System, agreed to contact the 28 libraries to find out if any of them would like to display the signs in front of their libraries before the General Election. Thirteen libraries expressed interest asking for one-three signs each. We gave a total of 30 signs and Diane Arnold distributed the signs to the libraries. The remaining signs were offered to members who were not displaying partisan signs on their front lawns. After the election, the signs were picked up from the libraries and stored by LWV CDC members. Many thanks to Marita Green, Peggy Wilson, Denny McCurdy, Judy Wertheimer, Cathy Yungmann, and Cynthia Jetter for "adopting" the signs.

Legislative Outreach:

The LWV of Pennsylvania encourages local Leagues to reach out and Meet & Greet our elected officials to make them aware of the positions and policies of the League of Women Voters and to monitor where our elected officials stand on legislation that is important to the mission of the League of Women Voters at the national, state and local levels. This is an ongoing process and we thank our members who volunteer to participate and to our elected officials who agreed to meet and/or interact with our League.

In 2022-2023 we had interaction with all members of [Delaware County Council](#); [Mary Gay Scanlon, US House of Representative 5th District](#); PA Senators [John Kane 9th District](#) and [Tim Kearney 26th District](#); and PA House of Representatives [Carol Kazeem 159 District](#) and [Leanne Krueger, 161 District](#).

Voter Registration Efforts:

Summer/Fall 2022

July: Upper Darby High School meeting-materials/ideas shared

August: ChesPenn Center for Family Health event Upper Darby; Ridley High School meeting-materials/ideas shared; Womens Healthcare event Delaware County Intermediate Unit (DCIU); new members notebooks distributed.

September: Chester Charter Scholars Academy (CCSA) prep meeting for our volunteers; 3 In-class lessons; (LWV/CDC) Naturalization Ceremony; Voter Registration Events: Swarthmore Farmers Market; Swarthmore Rotary Fun Fair; Delaware County Community College (2 days); Senior Citizen Expo Drexelbrook; Senior Citizen Expo Brookhaven; Ridley Community Day; East Lansdowne Community Day; Upper Darby International Festival.

October: Chester Charter Scholars Academy (CCSA) final meeting; Voter Registration Events: Chester City Rocks Get Out the Vote; Concord Township Senior Citizen Expo; Swarthmore Farmers Market.

November: Penncrest High School-materials shared

December: (Radnor, w/ LWV/CDC support) Naturalization Ceremony

Winter/Spring 2023

February: Chester STEM High School-volunteer planning meeting; letter composed and sent to multiple high schools (public, private, parochial in Delco); Note: There were no responses from any high schools, so we called and emailed the principals; many said they already had plans, others did not respond; Delco Vocational School said the students need to register at their home school; Williamson Trade College would like us to contact them in summer.

March: Naturalization Ceremony; created high school powerpoints and lesson plans with goals to train teachers and staff; trained case workers at the George Hill Correctional Facility in the voter registration process and voter information to share with incarcerated individuals.

April: Chester STEM Academy planning meeting; In-class presentation w/ voter registration; Delaware County Community College (2 days); Chester Eastside Ministry (4 events).

May: Chester River Festival GOTV

June: Delaware County Sustainability Conference; Delaware County Pride Festival

Additional Efforts: Spanish voter registration (VR) forms and Vote411 postcards delivered to the Foundation for Delaware County office in Upper Darby due to many Spanish speaking clients; Distributed flyers, VR forms, poll worker information to multiple Libraries; contacted senior citizen housing communities to offer a VR drive and/or VR materials; informed Delco colleges/universities about the PA Campus Voting Challenge and Widener University officials responded.

Current Voter Registration Team: Barbara Amstutz, Marianne Armstrong, Marilyn Berberich, Debbie Bergen, Edna Bogert, Jennifer Breen, Carol Briselli, Linda Bucher, Linda Cohen, Viola Crawford, Carol & Bruno Fanconi, Marilyn Gilroy, Marita Green, Marion Hamermesh, Amber Josten, Kathy Knight, Karen Krogh, Renee Langmuir, Jodine Mayberry, Mary Miller, Anne Mosakowski, Alison Perch, Kathleen Peterson, Gloria Rabinowitz, Nancy Sharts-Hopko, Judy Wertheimer, Sue Westervelt, Peggy Wilson, Cathy Yungmann, James (Ziggy) Ziegelhoffer.

Membership Report

Membership Committee - Our Membership Committee works to attract new members and keep existing members engaged in League activities. Membership works with other League Committees to ensure members at all levels of interest can participate in the democratic process. The committee maintains the national database for use by LWVPA and LWVUS for billing CDC and notification of members about state and national issues. The Membership Committee presents "Get Involved" programs for new members to acquaint them with League opportunities." Membership Committee Contact(s): [Olivia Thorne](#), Chair; Denny McCurdy, CDC Treasurer and Carol Tierney, Database Maintenance.

Membership Report for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

- **As of January 31, 2023, we had 196 members.** NOTE: This is the "Official Count" shared with LWVUS.
- 4 Life members
- 171 Primary Members
- 38 Household Members
- 7 Student Members
- 28 new members joined in 2022
- 10 new members joined in 2023 February to May

Communication/Marketing Committee Report

The Communication/Marketing Committee spreads the word about the League news and events, both to members, partners and the public. Committee members assist with LWV branded social media posts, website updates, video, print media and email communications. This committee works with our League Board and committee chairs to compile the Annual Report. Communication/Marketing Committee Contact: [Cathy Yungmann](#), Chair and CDC Vice President, Anne Mosakowski, Jodine Mayberry, Barbara Amstutz and Nancy Sharts-Hopko.

The Communication Committee marketed and executed many virtual informational and candidate forum events during the past year. Specific events are also mentioned in the Program Committee, DEI Committee and Voter Services Committee reports. Direct access to event videos can be found on the YouTube channels of either the CDC or ILO. Our LWV-CDC YouTube Channel has 132 subscribers, up from 71 subscribers before this April's Chester City candidate forums.

- LWV-CDC YouTube Channel: <https://bit.ly/3MqwwXW>
- ILO YouTube Channel: <https://bit.ly/3wchUWC>

VIEWERSHIP OF TOP 5 LWV-CDC VIDEOS OF PAST YEAR

Video Title	Date Uploaded	Views	Watch Time (hours)	Subscribers Who Watched
Totals for Channel Lifetime Through 5/18/23 →		10,437.00	2,085.19	132.00
Candidate Forum for Chester City Mayor Primary Election 2023	4/27/2023	2808	729.0219	32
U.S. House of Representatives PA 5th Congressional District Candidate Forum	10/11/2022	2527	515.3264	26
Candidate Forum For Chester City Council Democratic Primary Election 2023	4/26/2023	1491	353.0461	17
LWV-CDC Candidate Forum for PA House 159th District	9/29/2022	504	118.1606	5
Hot Topic - Navigating Challenges of Civil Discourse: Strategies to Build Bridges	4/1/2023	458	62.0756	4

To create social media graphics and other marketing material, the Communication Committee continued to extensively use an annual membership to Canva.com. The annual membership fee is \$120, which is automatically charged to the LWV-CDC debit card. In addition to posting marketing materials on our LWC-CDC Facebook and Twitter accounts, social media graphics and suggested posts are emailed to all Board members for reposting on their own social media accounts.

Jodine Mayberry continued to generate press releases about our activities. She also wrote op-ed pieces about issues of interest to our LWV. She also created our monthly VOTER newsletter, which was printed and mailed to a few members but distributed digitally to most interested parties and linked on our website.

The committee continued to regularly update both the lwvcdc.org web site and the lwvdelcopa.org web site.

LWV-CDC uses Constant Contact to communicate with our members and other constituent groups. Barbara and Jodine have run an impressive number of different Constant Contact campaigns including to alert recipients about the Voter newsletter, event reminders, legislative advocacy, and action alerts. The metrics measure the rate at which recipients open the email and how they click through to the links or information. During the first 3 months of 2023, our 10-week open average (the rate that people who receive the email actually open it) is 50%, which is 9% better than our industry average. The click-through rate is 5%, which is 3% over the industry average. Click-through rate is the percentage of Constant Contact recipients who clicked on one or more links in our email. The report for 12 months of the LWV CDC Constant Contact campaigns is available as a Google Sheet - [CLICK HERE](#).

Anne continued to set up Google Forms as registration for our events and to coordinate the posting and distribution of event descriptions. She also sends Zoom links out to digital event registrants before (and sometimes during) events. Anne correlates questions submitted by registrants to help event moderators.

Becky joined the Communication Committee this year. She designs our flyers and other print materials.

The committee found that continuing to conduct virtual events whenever possible both increases audience reach and facilitates inviting experts to participate as presenters. Virtual events are also less costly since there are no venue rental costs, subcontracting expenses for video recording or live-streaming equipment required.

The Communication Committee continued to expand the use of digital storage and sharing of LWV CDC documents through the Google drive and photo apps. Links to virtual documents are now part of all meeting agendas and most email communications.

International Relations Study Group

International Relations Study Group - This group studies different countries and world issues and currently subscribes to an annual briefing book "Great Decisions" put out by the Foreign Policy Institute. Each of the short but very informative eight chapters deals with a world issue and how America should handle it. Each chapter has a short accompanying video lecture that is sent out beforehand. So far, we have learned about Energy Geopolitics, Iran, Economic Warfare, and Politics in Latin America. One of us leads the discussion and we answer some key questions provided in the book. Encouraged to supplement the topics with our own research or experience, our discussions are stimulating.

The present book covers: Energy Geopolitics; War Crimes; China and the U.S.; Economic Warfare; Politics in Latin America; Global Famine; Iran at a Crossroads; Climate Migration.

The group meets the second Tuesday of the month for a brown bag lunch at the home of the Group Leader: Joan Hazbun but also on Zoom for those who cannot attend in person. We welcome new members so just contact me for further information and join us! Chair: [Joan Hazbun](#) .

Civic Education Report

Civic Education Committee - The Civic Education Committee provides opportunities for League members and the public to gain practical knowledge about how government functions on a local, state and national level. The Civic Education Committee intersects with societal issues to enable citizens to practice civic and advocacy skills to be effective participants in the political processes of our democracy. Civic Education Contact: [Ralf Graves](#) Chair

In the past year the Civics Education committee, chaired by Ralf Graves, has been comprised of eleven members who meet approximately monthly via Zoom. All public events planned and executed by the Committee this year were conducted via Zoom. All events were recorded and links to recordings can be found on LWV CDC website www.lwvcdc.org under Get Involved - Videos of Past Events.

This year's program of Hot Topics included:

Buying Elections: What You Should Know About Campaign Finance on October 7, 2022 with a panel of expert speakers from Open Secrets and Spotlight PA. They provided insight into the ways in which money influences and corrupts our election process. There is general agreement among the committee members that Money in Politics is a big, multi-faceted topic that we would like to continue to pursue it in future programs.

Election Misinformation Can Sabotage Democracy: What Can We Do? on March 10, 2023. The discussion panel was comprised of a group from the Brennan Center and the program represented the first part of a two-part series intended to address the especially polarized and often siloed current political environment.

Navigating Challenges of Civil Discourse on March 31, 2023 was the second part of the two-part series. The speakers came from Braver Angels PA and The Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression. Both panels of this series were moderated by members of the Civics Education Committee.

The Court Has Spoken on Pennsylvania School Funding: Now What? on May 19, 2023 provides various perspectives on what the impact of the court mandate to reapportion school funding throughout the State might be. The panel of experts includes representatives from the Keystone Research Center, Education Voters of PA, the Public Interest Law Center, and Basic Kindness. The civics education programs provide education, information, expert analysis and opportunities for action on subjects identified by the committee as important to an understanding of current societal and legislative issues, elections, and government.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Report

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee - The purpose of the DEI Committee is to lead our League on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion transformational journey, to incorporate the commitment of LWVUS and LWVPA into our local League mission, and to attract and build diverse membership. The DEI Committee provides outreach to community organizations to embrace the diversity of our League. DEI Committee Contact(s): Co-Chairs [Barbara Amstutz](#), [Anne Mosakowski](#), and [Cathy Yungmann](#).

Committee members serve on the LWV PA Equity Team and the DEI Learning Module Team where we educate and interact with League members across Pennsylvania on the importance of diversity, equity and inclusion within the League and our communities.

The League of Women Voters (LWV) is an organization fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in principle and in practice. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are central to the organization's current and future success in engaging all individuals, households, communities, and policy makers in creating a more perfect democracy. Our DEI Issues Page - [CLICK HERE](#) & DEI Learning Modules - [CLICK HERE](#)

The LWV-CDC DEI Committee has implemented the following initiatives throughout 2022-2023.

Voter Engagement Coalition Event in Chester at Vittles October 8, 2022 - [Chester City Rocks](#)

- Daily Times Article by Kathleen E. Carey - [CLICK HERE](#)

Roundtable Discussion with Chester City - LWV Voting Engagement Coalition Partners:

Zoom on March 13, 2023, 3:30 PM

A followup Roundtable with Chester Voter Engagement Partners on March 13, 3:30 PM to build relationships, understand the concerns of our partners to improve better voter engagement and prepare for the May 16 primary. We had 26 registrations from members and coalition partners. Of note there were 10 LWV-CDC members who attended and 7 key thought leaders and activists from Chester City provided feedback. This is a followup from the October 8, 2022 Voter Engagement Coalition Event held at Vittles in Chester City.

Invitee List of Chester City Partners to participate in the Roundtable Voter Engagement - [CLICK HERE](#)

Registration for Roundtable Discussion for Chester City Voter Engagement Coalition - [CLICK HERE](#)

Top Priorities submitted on the Voting Engagement Registration Form for Roundtable Discussion with Chester City Partners: [CLICK HERE](#)

- Introduction to the Roundtable Discussion: - [CLICK HERE](#)
- Summary of Outcomes of Chester City Voter Engagement Roundtable: [CLICK HERE](#)

Candidate Forums:

Virtual Chester City Candidate Forums:

The League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County have coordinated on behalf of the Voters Services Team and the DEI Committees **three virtual candidate forums involving Chester City candidates running for State Representative District 159, Mayor and for City Council.** All three forums were live streamed via YouTube and questions submitted prior to the asked individuals use the registration form linked to each event. These forums were conducted upon request from our Chester City Voter Engagement Coalition Partners as an effort to educate the voter and drive greater election turnout.

Virtual Candidate Forum for State Representative District 159

Carol Kazeem and Ruth Moton on September 28, 2022 at 7:00 pm

LWV-CDC held a virtual candidate forum for the PA House 159th District on Wednesday, September 28 at 7 p.m.. Candidates Carol Kazeem (Democrat) and Ruth Moton (Republican) answered questions from the public, submitted prior to the Forum. LWV member Roberta Winters was the moderator.

Website Invitation and Posting - [CLICK HERE](#) - 159 PA House District Registrations - [CLICK HERE](#)

YouTube link for viewing the livestream of the forum: [CLICK HERE](#)

- 499 YouTube views as of 5/8/2023
- 54 Registrants
- Constant Contact, email marketing, Social Media (Twitter, Facebook and Instagram)
- LWV-CDC website, LWV Voter Newsletter
- Target Audience: Chester City Voter Engagement Partners, event registrants, candidate representatives, LWV Members and print media

VIRTUAL Candidate Forum for Chester City Council, Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

This Virtual Candidate Forum for Chester City Council Democratic Primary Election Candidates was streamed live on April 25, 2023 at 7pm. The Democratic candidates in this primary election forum are: Tameka Gibson, Fred Green, William Morgan (Incumbent D), Elizabeth Williams (Incumbent D). The moderator was Jodine Mayberry, LWV Member.

Website Invitation and Posting - [CLICK HERE](#)

Registration for the Chester City Council Candidate Forum - [CLICK HERE](#)

YouTube link for viewing the livestream of the forum - [CLICK HERE](#)

- 909 YouTube views as of 5/8/2023
- 47 Registrants
- Constant Contact, email marketing, Social Media (Twitter, Facebook and Instagram)
- LWV-CDC website and LWV Voter Newsletter
- Kathleen E. Carey covered the City Council forum in her Daily Times column - [CLICK HERE](#)

VIRTUAL Candidate Forum for Chester City Mayor, Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

This Virtual Candidate Forum for Chester City Mayor Democratic Primary Election was streamed live on April 26, 2023. The Democratic candidates in this primary election forum are Stefan Roots, Pat Worrell and Thaddeus Kirkland (Incumbent). The moderator was Joseph Lesniak, Esq, & LWV Member.

Website Invitation and Posting - [CLICK HERE](#) - Registration for Candidate Forum: - [CLICK HERE](#)

YouTube link for viewing the livestream of the forum - [CLICK HERE](#)

- 116 Registrants and 91 watched it live
- 2.8K YouTube views as of 5/27/2023
- Kathleen E. Carey covered the Mayor forum in her column in the Daily Times: - [CLICK HERE](#)
- Radio: Massive stakes, who is running for mayor in the bankrupt city of Chester? Two outsider Democrats, Stefan Roots and Pat Worrell, are running to unseat incumbent Mayor Thaddeus Kirkland in a race with unprecedented stakes by Kenny Cooper: [WHYY Podcast](#)
- Philadelphia Inquirer: The mayor & 2 rivals battle for the right to run bankrupt Chester: It's high drama - [Article](#)

Partnership with the Chester Cultural Arts & Technology Center (CAAT): Co-Sponsor of In Person Candidate Forums for Chester City Council and Mayor primary election. We provided the LWV-CDC logo for all communications by CAAT for both Forums. [CLICK HERE](#)

Media Fellowship House Workshop Series: We participated in 4 workshops with one of our DEI partners designed as a safe space to help participants learn skills to engage in constructive dialogue with people/groups that have "opposing" viewpoints. [CLICK HERE](#)

Get-Out-The- Vote & Voter Registration Events:

LWV-CDC participated in get-out-the-vote and voter registration events in Chester for the 2022 General Midterm Election, the 2023 Primary May 16 plus the General Election on November 7, 2023 in Chester.

- [Juneteenth Event - Chester Memorial Park](#)
- [Chester City Rocks: Voting Matters](#)
- [Chester Eastside](#) - [April 17](#), [April 19](#), [April 24](#), & [April 26](#)
- [Chester River Festival](#)
- Chester Charter Scholars Academy www.ccsascholars.org/
- Chester STEM Academy www.chesteruplandsd.org/Domain/13

Legislative Advocacy Report

The purpose of the Legislative Advocacy Committee is to work with individual lawmakers, lawmaking bodies and partners to gain support for a League position, initiative, issue or a specific legislation in Harrisburg. It involves speaking out on behalf of an issue, conducting various kinds of public events, getting coverage in the media, building public awareness and better understanding among the League and the public. This Committee works to establish personal relationships with legislators to gain credibility and serve as a resource with lawmakers and with the community at large. Legislative Advocacy Committee Contact: [Jodine Mayberry](#), Chair and LWV-CDC Board Liaison.

The 2022 election ushered in a new Democratic governor, a House that has a one-seat Democratic majority and a new legislative session (2023-2025). That means that all the bills that died in committee last year must be reintroduced, ushered through committee once again and brought up on the floor for a vote if they are to have a chance at passage.

There is a somewhat better chance of progressive bills getting a vote in the House because it currently has a one or two seat Democratic majority but the Senate remains 28-22 Republican so we can expect most progressive bills to die there while they push voter suppression bills now cloaked in the guise of “election security” measures. Three of the Democratic representatives are running for other offices so the House could lose its majority after the November election.

I am monitoring bills as they flow in. The highlight so far this year is that four gun safety bills have been brought to the House floor. More than 40 gun bills have been introduced. Most are “gun safety” bills tightening restrictions but a few would loosen restrictions on gun ownership.

The four gun safety bills awaiting floor action:

- [HB 338](#): Requires reporting of gun thefts within 72 hours, punishable by fines and misdemeanor convictions. State police would maintain a database. The reason this measure is so important is that straw purchasers always claim the guns they bought and passed on to criminals were “stolen” once they are recovered in the commission of a crime. This will help police track guns used in crimes and identify straw purchasers.
- [HB 714](#): repeals an exemption from background checks for handguns and short-barreled guns, closing a universal background check loophole for those firearms in Pennsylvania.
- [HB 731](#): Requires gun buyers to also purchase a locking device for the gun or keep them locked in a box or cabinet.
- [HB 1018](#): extreme protection from abuse order – the so-called red flag law that would require a person under a permanent protection from abuse order to turn his weapons over to police for the duration of the protection order. This is the most important of the four.

These bills may have already been approved in the House by LWVDC’s annual meeting. However, it is not certain that any will be enacted by the PA Senate where Republicans notoriously refuse to allow local municipalities or law enforcement to impose any restrictions on gun ownership.

I am also monitoring bills being introduced on proposed constitutional amendments, the environment, education, the courts, reproductive rights, health-related and miscellaneous bills. There has not been much to do in terms of rallying support or opposition to bills at this early stage. About 2,000 bills have been introduced so far, many of which are uncontroversial so not every bill is being monitored.

Some other bills that are being watched:

[SB 1](#) was enacted by the House as a “clean” two-year window for sexual assault victims to sue their assaulters and sent back to the Senate minus two Republican election provisions on voter ID and auditing of elections. If SB 1 is enacted by the Senate by September, it is likely to be on the November election ballot. No other amendments have been advanced from last year in a second session to be put on the ballot this year so far. One House bill strongly supported by PALWV, [HB 300](#), the Fairness Act, is a badly needed bill to ban discrimination against the LGBT community in employment and housing. It has passed the House by a vote of 102-98 on a party line vote and is now in the Senate. Our local senators are cosponsors.

[HB 968](#), allowing municipalities to dissolve themselves (apparently an issue in rural areas where towns have turned into ghost towns, but may also have implications for Chester), [SR 65](#), asking Congress to establish permanent daylight savings time (which has been voted out of a senate committee by a vote of 11-0-1). Enough other states would have to make a similar request for Congress to advance it. It has not been voted on by the Senate or taken up yet by the PA House. LWV opposes it.

[SB 643](#), in the Senate Judiciary Committee designates drag shows as adult entertainment. The bill would bar a wide range of “adult-oriented performance” from public places and bar minors from being admitted or from even loitering in the parking lot. Lots of problems with this bill. Probably won’t get past the House or Shapiro veto.

I am also monitoring bills having to do with state requirements on hospital closings, education funding, reproductive rights and censorship. [SB 7](#) requires schools to develop a policy granting parents the right to demand the removal of any sexually explicit books or materials. Will Pennsylvania be one of *those* states where we trust our teachers to shoot armed intruders but not to teach about real life?

Abortion bills run the gamut: [HB 428](#) repeals the entire Abortion Control Act – all those 1980s restrictions enacted by the state as a result of *Casey v. Planned Parenthood*, such as waiting periods to obtain an abortion. This would be a win for reproductive rights but doubtful it will get anywhere. [HB 753](#) requires clinics to provide pain medications for fetuses 15 weeks and older and [HB 320](#) bans abortions after a fetal heartbeat is detected. [HB 1118](#) repeals funding of “crisis pregnancy centers,” while [HB 232](#) prohibits state agencies and law enforcement from cooperating with other states in identifying out-of-state women who come to PA for abortions. All abortion bills remain languishing in committee.

The main environmental bills are couched in language that would reduce the governor’s and executive branch’s powers to implement regulations, an obvious attempt to defeat [the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, the 12-state cap and trade carbon emissions effort. Republicans and fossil fuel lobbyists really really hate RGGI and will do whatever they can to kill it. Here’s a [report](#) on its pros and cons.

While the Legislature plunges into budget work and over our summer hiatus, I hope to pull together a full committee to help me monitor the progress of these bills and to begin to plan to educate voters about these bills and muster support or opposition for the most important bills as they progress (or not) in line with the positions of LWVUS and LWVPA.



COUNTY WIDE COMMITTEES

These committees are Countywide and are part of the League of Women Voters of Delaware County and are made up of members from the League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County and the League of Women Voters of Radnor Township.

Criminal Justice Committee Report

The Criminal Justice Committee is Countywide which is currently learning about the various aspects of our criminal justice system within Delaware County and specifically our County prison. Information will be shared with all members, community partners and Delaware County Officials. Contact: Chair; [Kathleen Peterson](#), LWV CDC and LWV of Delaware County ILO.

The committee meets via Zoom and activities include: monitoring the Delaware County Jail Oversight Board meetings, interacting with other criminal justice community-based organizations, meeting with criminal justice officials to gather data, creating fact sheets about criminal justice systems and operations within Delaware County, and planning to develop a criminal justice issues page which will linked on League websites.

Health Committee Report

The Health Committee is Countywide and supports improvements in public health services and access to physical and mental health care for all residents in our area with particular attention to supporting the strategic plans, initiatives and programs of the Delaware County Health Department. Reviews national, state and local league studies and positions regarding healthcare delivery and recommends advocacy and education actions that advance these positions in support of basic healthcare for all residents. Health Committee members: Chair, [Nancy Hopko](#), LWV CDC; Jane Brennan, LWV CDC Vice President; Olivia Thorne, LWV Delco President and LWV CDC Membership Chair; Rosemarie Halt, Chair, Delaware County Board of Health, & LWV CDC; Diane Bricker, LWV CDC; Carolyn Dolan, LWV CDC; Anne Mosakowski, LWV CDC President; Samantha Twining, LWV CDC; Peggy Wilson, LWV CDC; and Kathy Wright, LWV of Radnor Township.

The committee established in 2021 has informed itself regarding progress in establishing the Delaware County Health Department and used our personal networks and social media to disseminate this information. Following Council President Monica Taylor's observation that the greatest threat to the health of Delaware County residents is the potential collapse of the City of Chester, we have recently communicated with state legislators about their need to support the city. We are following the evolution of Crozer Health. We recently urged the Health Department to encourage municipalities to establish cooling centers and a transportation and communication plan during heat emergencies.

Throughout the Winter/Spring 2023 we have offered a health series via Zoom on various health topics including: recent health-related legislative activity, lead and children's health, environmental health priorities in Delaware County, a one-year anniversary follow-up on the Health Department, health and legal planning for older adults, and the impact of Medicare fraud.

Environmental Committee Report

The Environmental Committee is Countywide and studies topics and advocates on the basis of the state and national Leagues' public policy positions on natural resources/environmental topics. Those positions speak about air, land, and water resources, dealing with such subjects as coal, hazardous waste management, land-use and growth management, solid waste management, transportation, pipelines and climate change. The Committee engages with a variety of environmental advocacy groups at the state and local level. Contact(s): [Carol Butler](#), LWV CDC and [Jodine Mayberry](#) - LWV CDC Liaison.

Committee leaders are in communication with the Delaware County Office of Sustainability and the Sustainability Commission. Committee members also interact with community leaders and environmental advocates. Currently projects include sharing of the LWV Climate Emergency Resolution, environmental justice, environmental health data, recycling, plastic bag bans within Delaware County leading to a larger project concerning zero waste initiatives.

Regional Adolescent Sleep Needs Coalition (RASNC)

The Regional Adolescent Sleep Needs Coalition (RASNC) is Countywide and dedicated to raising awareness of the nationally identified public health concern of chronic adolescent sleep deprivation and advocating for the accompanying nationally universally recommended medical solutions, including the establishment of healthy school hours. Our Coalition is part of the National Start School Later movement and the Coalition website is startschoollater.net/pa---southeastern.html. RASNC Contact(s): Co-Chairs [Anne Mosakowski](#) LWV CDC Board President and LWV CDC Board Liaison; and [Roberta Winters](#) LWV Radnor Township Liaison.

Our Coalition currently has representation from 39 School Districts across 10 Pennsylvania counties, multiple League of Women Voters, Intermediate Units, and other PA Start School Later (SSL) Chapters. Participants include: School Board Members, School Administrators, Teachers, Students, Health Professionals, Parents, and other concerned citizens.

The Coalition keeps expanding to other states and includes members from Delaware representing the Appoquinimink School District, Middletown DE and the New Jersey Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics (NJAAP) and most recently members in Ohio.

Our League Committees are where the work gets done so join a Committee for personal growth, networking, making a difference in the community and helping advance the League mission to Empower Voters and Defend Democracy. Committee descriptions and contact emails can be found on our website www.lwvcdc.org under the Get Involved section on the Our Committees page. **NOTE:** Committee Chair(s) contact emails are linked on their names within committee reports.

Thank you for being a League of Women Voters member.

