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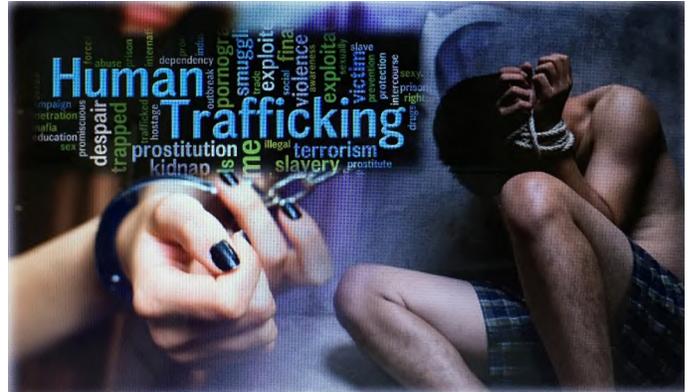
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The Mission of the League of Women Voters is to empower citizens to shape better communities.

You are invited to
A Hot Topic Event
Monday, June 27
6:00 p.m. Refreshments
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Program



Human Trafficking (Exploitation)

First Presbyterian Church

Education Building • 292 West Main Street • Newark, DE 19711

Featuring Commissioner Mary McDonough of the Delaware Court of Common Pleas' Human Trafficking Court - You'll learn about this real Delaware social justice problem, which involves young girls and boys, migrant workers, and seasonal international laborers. The event will conclude with a panel discussion.

This event is free and open to the public; however, pre-registration is requested.

Email lwvcc@comcast.net by June 23, using the subject line "Attending June 27 Event" and providing your name.

Partner organizations supporting this event:



League of Women Voters New Castle County • 2400 W. 17th Street, Clash Wing, Rm. 1, Lower Level • Wilmington, DE 19806

Commissioner Mary M. McDonough received her J.D. degree, 1978, at New York University School of Law, New York, NY, and her B.A., Political Science, Summa Cum Laude, 1975 from the University of Delaware, Newark, DE.

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McDonough is a Court Commissioner of the State of Delaware, Court of Common Pleas, 2004 — Present. As a judicial officer, she handles primarily criminal calendars including preliminary hearings in felony cases along with misdemeanor calendars including: Violations of Probation, arraignments, pleas/bail reviews, capias returns, and DUI case reviews. She also handles civil pretrial conferences and civil motor vehicle habitual offender cases.

McDonough started the Human Trafficking Court program in 2012. It is a treatment court designed primarily for women in prostitution/human trafficking, one of 12 such post-adjudication courts in the country at that time. She serves on the Delaware Human Trafficking Coordinating Council - Court of Common Pleas's designated representative on this statutorily-created Council, 2015 - present.

McDonough is an Adjunct Instructor at Wilmington University, 2015 — Present. She worked in the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, 1998-2004 in the Division of Long Term Care Residents Protection, and in the Delaware Attorney General's Office, Consumer Protection Unit, 1993-1998.

McDonough worked in the United States Attorney's Office, District of Delaware, 1991-1993 as Assistant United States Attorney. She prosecuted federal criminal cases as well as handled civil defense work. She has worked at Community Legal Aid Society, Inc., 1980-1989; Executive Director (1982-89); Office of the Public Defender, 1979-1980.

ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

League of Women Voters of New Castle County held its ANNUAL MEETING, Monday, May 23, 2016, at Michaels Restaurant, 1000 Churchman's Rd, Newark, DE 19713.

The meeting was held in conjunction with our HOT TOPIC LUNCH where members of our League Advocacy Corps discussed legislation before the Delaware General Assembly. By now you should have received by email the LWV of Delaware Spring *Voter* which lists the bills the LWV is supporting, opposing or monitoring.

The business of the annual meeting included a treasurers report, direction to the board, and the following slate of officers and directors was elected: **Officers:** 2nd Vice President, Judy Butler, treasurer position is vacant. **Directors:** Kloppey Klopfenstein, Bea Webb, Fay Whittle. **Nominating Committee:** Linda Barnett, Letty Diswood, Peggy Schultz, Bea Webb. **Continuing on board:** President, Emily White; 1st Vice President, Marjorie Johnson; Secretary, Joann Hasse; **Directors:** Patti Christopher, Joyce Johnson, Meta Little,

Welcome to the new board. Biographies are listed for the newly elected positions and the Nominating Committee.

LINDA BARNETT: Nominating Committee

Linda joined the LWVNCC in the summer of 2015. She has become an active member of the Advocacy Corps, focusing primarily on legislative proposals dealing with health care and education. Linda has lived in Delaware since 1978, working for the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services as a planner for over 35 years. She and her husband made a variety of locales home prior to settling in Delaware – including Gainesville, Florida; Los Angeles; Flagstaff, Arizona; and Omaha, Nebraska (moves prompted by her husband's career as a Sociologist and then Professor of Law)

JUDITH BUTLER (JUDY): 2nd Vice President

Judy graduated from Middlebury College with a degree in biology and then received a BSN (Nursing) from Boston University and a Ph.D. in pharmacology from Georgetown University. She was the Head of the Clinical Pharmacology Core Facility at the Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children for many years and also taught pharmacology to nursing students at the University of Delaware and at Delaware Technical and Community College. She has served on several Boards, including Wilmington Friends School, the Female Benevolent Society (a 200-year old Quaker charity), and Pacem in Terris, which she chaired for several years.

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MOONYEEN KLOPFENSTEIN (KLOPPY) MS, RN: Director

Kloppy been 2nd Vice-President 2014-2016 and has co-chaired Membership, Leadership, and Development committee plus LWNCC Hot Lunch Educational program. She recently again started assisting with Voter Registration. Moonyeen started assisting with Voter Registration when she was in college in Connecticut. She has been the recipient of numerous awards: She received the LWNCC Carrie Chapman Catt Award in April. She was inducted into the Hall of Fame of Delaware Women; Top Nurse of DE Today Magazine, 2013-15; Past President of DE Nurses' Association, as well as Organizations of Nurse Executives and DE End-of-Life Coalition; founder of the "Loving Arms support group" (for parents grieving the loss of a child); Vice-Chair for DE Stroke Initiative. She has been a registered nurse at Christiana Care Health System since 1966, childbirth educator for over 40 years, teaching parents, nurses and doctors and Director of Maternal Child Patient Care Services; Psychiatric Care and Infectious Diseases from 1985-1995. She has recently joined the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. "Kloppy", as most people know her, is highly respected in her field.

PEGGY SCHULTZ: Nominating Committee

Peggy Schultz was born in the territory of Alaska in 1934, and then moved to the lower 48 in 1940, when she was six. Her dad, Westport, Washington's only socialist, was a commercial fisherman who spent his free time writing letters to the editor. Peggy graduated from Cal, Berkeley, in the days before that school charged tuition, with a major in English literature. She and a female cousin the same age were the first of any of their families to attend college. She taught elementary school for 15 years, joining the Newark League in about 1970. She was that League's first Land Use Committee chairperson. Peggy served as convener for the LWNCC for two years, and then as Co-President for one year. She has a husband, Jerry (also a League member), four grown-up kids, three regular grandkids, three step grandkids, and one little step great-grandson. She loves photography and shows her work now and again. She likes serving as Co-Chair of the Land Use/Transportation Committee with Jane Dilley. When she's not doing Land Use or Environment or church or photography, you'll probably find her weeding her flower beds.

BEATRICE (BEA) WEBB: Director and Nominating Committee

Bea Webb was born in Washington, D.C. and raised in Bethesda, MD. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Music from Greensboro College, NC. She was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Costa Rica where she played violin in the National Symphony and taught students. When she returned to the States, she moved to Delaware where she played violin in the Delaware Symphony for several years. She has spent most of her adult life teaching violin, viola, and cello privately and in the public schools. She also taught Spanish in high schools for two years. She married and raised three children. The two oldest children have become teachers. Presently, she teaches privately and at Music and Arts Center. She plays her violin in Serenata Strings and cello in a cello choir. Bea has served as a director on our board and is a volunteer in the office.

FAY WHITTLE: DIRECTOR

Fay is our Justice Chair and has been involved with prison ministries since 1979 when she became active with Chuck Colson's Prison Fellowship Ministries. She was the Volunteer State Coordinator for Delaware and Maryland, mobilizing volunteers for the mission of helping offenders, ex-offenders, youthful offenders, victims, and their respective families. She now serves as consultant to the group and resource guide for new programs.

Starting in 1990-1991 she lobbied for Chapel/Worship Center for the ladies at Baylor Women's Correctional Institution in New Castle. In 2001 she established a non-profit, tax-exempt (501 c 3) company, Prison Ministries of Delaware, Inc., to secure funds for the Chapel. Funds became available and the Chapel/Worship Center was dedicated in December 2008. PMD has an Emergency Fund, supported by donations, which helps incarcerated individuals, formerly incarcerated individuals and their respective families. Fay has served as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) at Family Court. She has served on the Board of the Delaware Center for Justice from whom she received the Exemplar of Justice Award and now serves on the Advisory Board. She was the recipient of Carrie Chapman Catt Award in 2008. She has been active in the United Methodist Church on the local, district, and conference level. She received the Denman Evangelist Award, the highest award given to a lay person by the United Methodist Church. She is a member of Peniel United Methodist Church in Newport, Wilmington. She has two sons, Dr. Christopher H. Whittle and Jeffrey W. Whittle and six grandchildren. Her beloved husband of 60 years went home to be with the Lord on Christmas Day 2006.



TO OUR VOLUNTEERS who did the following work during May: To Patti Christopher for coordinating a number of upcoming voter registration events for May and June. Registrars included Judy Taggart, Alice Davis, Marj Johnson, Pattie Christopher, Emily White, Moonyeen Klopfenstein and Nancy Lopez. Thanks to Bea Webb for volunteering in our office. To Bob Hasse who collated welcome packets for 250 new citizens for the naturalization ceremony held in May and June. Thanks to helpers at the new citizen ceremonies Sheila Cassels, Emily White, and all those whose names I don't have. Thanks also to Connie Georgov who coordinates the new citizen ceremonies. To Vicky Kleinman for organizing the Great Decisions group that meets at the Newark Library nearly every month. Thank you to Fay Whittle and her team who planned the Human Trafficking programs for Hot Topic in April and June. Thanks to Peggy Schultz, Coralie Pryde, Letty Diswood, John Flaherty, Joann Hasse, and Linda Barnett (moderator as well) who gave updates about legislation at the Hot Topic/Annual Meeting in May.

*And a huge thanks to Emily White for serving as president this year and has one more year to go!
Your Membership Committee*

VOTER OUTREACH

SAVE DATE FOR CANDIDATE FORUM

The LWNCC and Triangle Neighborhood Association, Wilmington, will cosponsor a candidates' night for the Wilmington mayoral primary election. Mark your calendars for Thursday, September 8, 2016 at Salesianum School, 1800 N. Broom St. Wilmington, 19802. Carole Walsh, LWNCC, will serve as moderator. Watch for details in future Voters.

Voter Registration drives are being planned at the Bear Library, Newark Community Day, Padua Academy, and PHD Ministries Block Party. Patti Christopher sends out notices about dates, time and place to individuals who have signed up to do voter registration. Send her an email if you are interested in helping out and are not on her list. wjcr4@verizon.net. You do not have to be trained as a registrar to help out at these events.

Seniors' Rite of Passage: Voter Registration (Taken from the student newsletter.)



"I love coming to register the Padua ladies!" remarked Patti Christopher of the League of Women voters. Padua once again hosted Christopher, Judy Taggart and Alice Davis, members of the LWV who have made repeated visits to welcome our seniors into the voting process. The event caps the senior course of Modern U.S. History and Government where students subscribe to The Week magazine as part of their current events and civics curriculum. Seniors **Debbie Guerrero** and **Shelby Mitchell** pose with "gift bags" of information including absentee voting for students who will be away on November 8. Shelby noted, "I have to say it was actually a little bit surreal for me to be signing up to vote! My Government class has been following the presidential election this year and it makes me feel proud and important that I can actually help decide who can be the leader of our country. If Mrs. Markham has taught me anything, it's that my voice and vote count no matter what anyone says or what my beliefs are. I am excited to be part of the constituency!"

League Volunteers, Grammy Winners Reach Tens of Thousands of Voters

By: Maggie Bush 06/02/2016



The League team is taking a moment to reflect on this spring's "Use Your Voice" tour, carried out by Grammy award-winning artists [Patty Griffin](#) and [Sara Watkins](#), rising star [Anais Mitchell](#), and nearly 40 local League volunteer teams nationwide. The idea for the tour sprung from the artists' desire to use their megaphone to encourage and equip every one of their fans to vote in the 2016 elections.

From February through April, hundreds of League volunteers attended the artists' unique "in-the-round" performances in 39 cities nationwide. Each evening, League leaders took to the stage to talk up the importance of voting this year, staffed

tables stocked with helpful voting information, and interacted with attendees before, during and after the performances.

As one of our North Carolina League leaders said, *"The opportunity to talk about the importance of the upcoming election - particularly in light of the recent and significant changes to our voter laws - was outstanding...standing at the front of the stage with hundreds of attendees...was unparalleled. The concert itself - just wonderful - was poetry set to music. What an absolute pleasure."*

Overall, League representatives spoke directly to tens of thousands of voters through the tour and personally assisted thousands of individuals by helping them register to vote, update their voter registration, or find answers to other voting-related questions. Participating Leagues strived to provide sought-after localized information about upcoming elections and worked to demystify oft-misunderstood rules for [participating in presidential and other primary elections](#). On a nightly basis, each of the artists also spoke eloquently about their personal connection to democracy and urged fans to participate in this year's elections.

The message of the tour was not just heard by concert attendees; [Patty Griffin](#), [Sara Watkins](#), [Anais Mitchell](#) and League volunteers used their far-reaching social platforms and reached out to local and national media to encourage followers to cast a vote this year. In the end, more than 30 news stories [highlighted the tour](#), offered up the [artists' thoughts](#) about the [importance of voting](#), and directed readers to helpful League resources.

The long-term effects of this partnership will continue to be felt for a long time to come. Leagues have shared a wide range of plans for how they intend to utilize the support from the artists to engage voters this year, including visiting [high schools and community colleges](#) to conduct voter registration, printing thousands of nonpartisan voter education materials to be distributed in low-voter turnout neighborhoods, and sponsoring events such as candidate debates and forums.

As one League leader said, *"This was a great opportunity for our League. Many thanks to [Patty Griffin](#), [Sara Watkins](#) and [Anais Mitchell](#) for their efforts to call attention to the importance of each and every vote."*

We agree! Our sincere thanks to the hundreds of people who worked together on this inspiring partnership. Want to encourage the people in your life to vote this year? Follow, like and share our resources on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)!

Persons: [Maggie Duncan](#)

Pictured at Right: L-R Patti Christopher, Carole Walsh and Letty Diswood at the Grand Opera House in Wilmington at the "Use Your Voice" tour.



IN MEMORIAM

Jerry Trabant, a long time League member, died May 2, 2016. She was a huge supporter of the University of Delaware Women’s Club and the League of Women Voters, a significant force in many aspects of the community, and took every opportunity to promote of the rights and well-being of women, when her husband Art Trabant was the President of the University.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

The Environmental Committee will meet to discuss current topics of statewide interest. Included on the agenda will be a report from the Delaware Price on Carbon group. Current state legislation will also be discussed.

Meeting on Monday, June 13, 2016, 10:30 am-12 pm at the home of Pat Todd. Please email her at ptoddwilm@aol.com for directions to her home.

Coralie Pryde, Environmental Committee Co-Chair

LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The Committee will meet to discuss an update on the Port of Wilmington expansion, follow-up on the Complete Communities Enterprise Districts bill recently passed by the State Legislature, HB 396 (a bill to expedite the review process for large commercial projects), HB 262 (a bill to re-authorize the Land Protection Act), and the budget bill (we support full funding for Agricultural Lands Preservation [\$10 million] and Open Space Preservation [\$9 million]).

Meeting on Monday, June 13, 2016, 1:30-3:00 pm at the home of Jane Dilley. Please email jadilley@udel.edu for directions to her home

Peggy Schultz, Land Use/Transportation Committee Co-Chair

GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION GROUP -

What: Great Decisions: Korean Choices
When: June 20, 3rd Monday; 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Where: KIRKWOOD Library, 6000 Kirkwood Highway
Who: Polly Carter will lead the discussion
What else: Lunch for those who wish it
When: 11:45 am
Where: KOREAN BBQ, 3 Liberty Plaza, Newark
How: Contact Vicky Kleinman to arrange for seating
Call Vicky Kleinman [302-731-4950] to arrange seating

LWVUS BLOG ROUND-UP.

What’s Happening in the States? A Voters’ Rights Legislative Round-up

By: Cynthia Sebian-Lander 05/12/2016

With most state legislative sessions coming to a close at the end of April, the action on voting rights in 2016 is shaping up to be [very similar to last year](#). Following nearly a decade of consistent and growing attacks on voting rights, we’re continuing to see some bright spots. On the whole, states are passing less restrictive election laws, and even better, more and more states are reforming their election process in order to help voters.

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Leagues across the country continue to be a driving force in advocating for stronger voter reforms as well as fighting back against the remaining attacks.

Online Voter Registration Momentum Continues

Online voter registration continues to have the strongest support. Rhode Island, Tennessee and Wisconsin have joined the list of [31 states](#) that have, or will soon have, online systems. Similar to most online registration bills, [all of the new bills introduced in 2016 require voters to already have state IDs or a driver's license to register online - leaving out many citizens who do not have a license or the ability to obtain one.](#) While there is not currently online registration in



Ohio, [the League of Women Voters in Ohio has worked with coalition members](#), including Secretary of State Jon Husted, to garner broad support of a bill to create an online system and are hopeful it will pass soon.

Automatic voter registration was another popular reform introduced in legislatures across the country. Despite a strong movement out of the 28 states that introduced legislation in 2016, only a handful passed the reform. [West Virginia became the third state in the country to pass automatic voter registration](#) and [Vermont legislators passed a bill in late April](#) to become the fourth state. Alaskans will have the opportunity to [vote on a ballot measure](#) in November to create an automatic voter registration system. While West Virginia and Vermont's new laws tie automatic registration to the Department of Motor Vehicles (similar to Oregon and California), Alaska's proposal would create a system based on the state's Permanent Dividend Fund. Nearly every Alaskan resident is enrolled in the Permanent Dividend Fund, a state resource from oil profits that provides annual checks to every resident, and therefore is a more complete database than the Department of Motor Vehicles or other government programs.

The Fight Against Anti-Voter Laws Continues

Since 2015, the number of restrictive voting laws passing state legislatures has been on the decline. But that doesn't mean we've stopped seeing attack on voters' rights. In March, [West Virginia became the first state in over a year to pass a new voter ID law](#) as a part of their acceptance of automatic voter registration. While this law is more flexible than other states' laws, the League is opposed to any restrictions on voters' rights. Missouri has also once again introduced legislation that would create a [strict voter photo ID law](#), and the [League of Women Voter of Missouri](#) is actively working with coalition partners to oppose the bill.

At the beginning of 2016, the [League of Women Voters of Wisconsin](#) vigorously opposed the online voter registration legislation that was introduced because the bill will also [eliminate the state's Special Registration Deputies \(SRD\)](#) starting in 2017. The deputies, who are often League members, [register thousands of people across the state each year](#), and without the SRD program it is much harder for citizens from the most marginalized communities to join the political process. The legislation also made the documentary proof of residence requirement, where citizens must provide specific documentation that proves they live at their current address in order to register, more difficult to meet. Despite widespread criticism of the bill, the governor signed it into law, and the League will have until the end of the year to continue registration campaigns under the SRD program.

Seeing the Impact of New Restrictions in Place for 2016 Elections

In many states, [new restrictive laws are in place for the 2016 primaries, and we have already seen the negative impacts at the polls](#): from [long lines in New Hampshire](#) and Arizona to issues with student voting in Wisconsin to a voter purge in Brooklyn. Without any action to reverse harmful laws by elected officials or the courts, we anticipate that these issues will continue during the general election where these issues will disenfranchise many more voters. In November, [voters in Ohio will no longer have the "golden week" available](#) – a week where voter registration and early voting overlapped allowing new voters to register when they turned up to vote. Leagues in each of these states have been working hard to educate voters on the new restrictions, while [pushing their states to do more education and outreach](#).

Do you think these attacks on voting rights are unacceptable? Tell Congress to Restore the Voting Rights Act!

Persons: [Cynthia Sebian-Lander](#)

CALENDAR

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| Monday, June 13, 2016, 6:30 pm-8:30 pm | League office, 2400 W 17th Street, Clash Wing, Room 1, Lower Level, Wilmington, DE 19806 | LWV of NCC Board Meeting. Monthly meeting of the NCC board of directors. New board will meet on June 13, 2016. |
| Wednesday, June 15, 2016 | CenDel Building, 101 W. Loockerman Street, and Bradford Streets -- parking lot at end of the block of Bradford. | LWVDE Council and LWVDE board meeting combined. All welcome, but need to call 302-571-8948. |
| June 20, 2016, 1:30-3:30 pm | KIRKWOOD Library, 6000 Kirkwood Highway | Monday Great Decisions Group. Note change of location. Held from 1:30 to 3:30. As usual, many of the attendees will meet for lunch at noon KOREAN BBQ, 3 Liberty Plaza, Newark beforehand. Please contact Vicky Kleinman for more details. |
| Monday, June 27, 2016 6 pm | First Presbyterian Church 292 W. Main St. Newark, DE 19711 | LWVNCC HOT TOPICS EVENT. This meeting is a continuation of the April Hot Topics presentation. Commissioner Mary McDonough will discuss the role of the Human Trafficking Court in our community |
| Wednesday, July 6, 2016, 9:30 am-12:00 pm | CenDel Building at the corner of 101 Loockerman and Bradford Streets -- parking lot at end of the block of Bradford. | LWVDE Advocacy Corps meeting. LWVDE Advocacy Corps meeting. Contact Committee Chair Sandy Spence for details. (302-841-2882) |

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