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

HOT TOPIC LUNCH MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017, 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

HEALTH INNOVATIONS INITIATIVE

Speaker: Julane Miller-Armbrister, Executive Director of the Delaware Center for Health Innovation

Michael's Restaurant, 1000 Churchman's Rd, Newark, DE 19713

Buffet lunch is \$15.00 paid at time of the luncheon. Please pay in cash if at all possible

Join us at Michael's for a buffet luncheon and discussion. Great food choices and the price of \$15.00 per person covers lunch, beverages and gratuity.

Delaware is in the midst of significant change with regard to healthcare and is seeking to transform the State's system of care so that it may better address patient needs and improve population health while achieving greater value by reducing per capita costs of healthcare. A key facet of this transformational work is an increasing emphasis on person-centered care, which involves engaging consumers in defining goals for their health and healthcare so that they may access care accordingly.



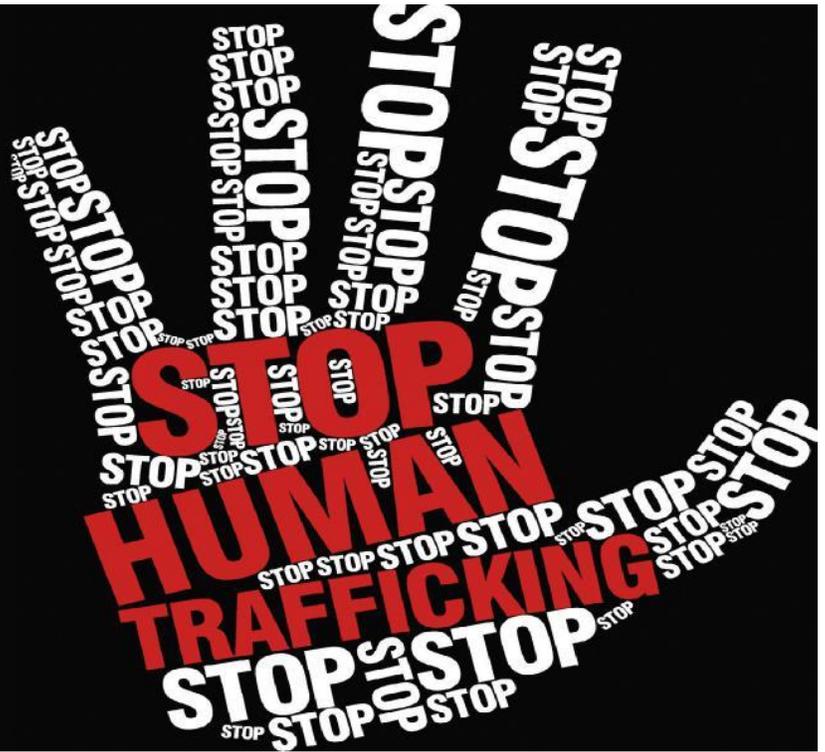
Julane Miller-Armbrister is the Executive Director of the Delaware Center for Health Innovation (DCHI), a non-profit organization supported by stakeholder funding. Working in collaboration with the Delaware Health Care Commission and the Delaware Health Information Network, DCHI's primary purpose is to guide implementation of the State Health Care Innovation Plan and to ensure an inclusive and participatory approach to achieving health care transformation in the State. DCHI's support's Delaware's goal of becoming one of the five healthiest state's in the nation.

The public is invited to all Hot Topic meetings to become informed on a wide variety of topics. It is also a time to check in with members of LWV, make new friends, invite your neighbors, and colleagues to experience the League in an informal setting.

Please RSVP at lwvde@comcast.net or 302-571-8948 by Saturday, March 25, so we can let the restaurant know how many to expect. If you need a ride, leave a message on the League Office phone or e-mail when you RSVP. **There will be carpooling from Wilmington area. Call 302-571-8948 and leave a message. If you have not made a reservation please come anyway; meal is buffet style.**

Directions: Michael's is located at 1000 Churchman's Road, Newark. See <http://michaelsde.com/directions/>

Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, can be “the recruitment, transportation, or harboring of people by means of force, deception, or coercion. Victims, often mentally and physically abused, can be forced into prostitution, unfair working conditions, or other exploitative situations.”



LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS®

Wednesday, May 10
at 6:30 p.m.

A **HOT TOPIC** Event

Human Trafficking (Exploitation)

Masci Hall • St. Helena Parish

602 Philadelphia Pike • Wilmington, DE 19809

FEATURING: A/V presentation by **Yolanda Schlabach**, founder and Executive Director of Zoë Ministries;
PANEL: **Commissioner Mary McDonough**, Delaware Court of Common Pleas, Human Trafficking Court;
Commissioner Loretta Young, Delaware Family Court; **Nancy McGee**, Coordinator, Sexual Assault Network of Delaware, ContactLifeline Inc.; **Johanna Bishop**, Director, Behavioral Sciences Program, Wilmington University

This event is free and open to the public; however, pre-registration is requested. Email lwncco@comcast.net by May 5, using the subject line “Attending May 10 Event” and providing your name.

Partners/Sponsors supporting this event:

St. Helena Parish Social Ministries, St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, St. Mary Magdalene RC Church, Newark Friends
Pacem in Terris



GREAT DECISIONS GROUP DISCUSSION - open to all

The next Great Decisions: meetings are: Where: Newark Free Library

What else: Lunch, for those who wish it. When: Before discussion, noon - 1:15 pm. Where: Bamboo House. How: Call Vicky Kleinman, 302-731-4950, to arrange seating. **May 15: Saudi Arabia. June 19: Geopolitics of energy. Sept: Latin America. Oct: Afghanistan/Pakistan. Nov: Nuclear Security**

THEY REPRESENT YOU 2017-18: A listing of elected officials is now available.

If you would like a printed copy send an email to lwvncc@comcast.net and the list will be post-mailed to you. The listing will also be emailed to all shortly.



THANK YOU TO BOB HASSE Who helped collate the 164 folders for League Day in Dover event along with Linda Barnett and two AAUW members. Thank you to Lorraine Botticelli who participated in handing out the New Citizen Welcome folders along with Connie Georgov for the months of March and April. Thanks to Emily White who found the Hot Topic Speaker for March.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It has been my honor to serve on the Board of the LWNCC for the past 4 ½ years. I began my service as a Board member midway through 2012-2013, moving to the office of Board Secretary for 2013-2014. For the years 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, I have served as President of the Board. My League membership has opened my eyes to all the legislation that supports the rights of the Citizens of Delaware. Learning about the energy required to address important reform in statutes has been an education, as well. I worked with Advocacy Corp for a couple of years, where I readily realized the dedication of this area of the League Organization.

It was a tremendous benefit to attend and assist at the Citizenship Ceremonies, during a time I was coaching an immigrant in her preparation for Citizenship Exam, that lead to that very Ceremony. Voter registration was such an interesting process for Voter Services. My participation in the non-partisan, democratic Candidate Forums was very enlightening.

Workshops, seminars, weekend retreats and League Day in Dover were just a few of the opportunities for personal growth and networking. The League, along with the AAUW sponsored Legal events at Widener University. My very favorite activity, I must admit, was Hot Topic Lunches (and the occasional evening Hop Topic!)

There is such a myriad of values in membership to the League of Women Voters. As I have completed my service on the NCC Board, I have more time to devote to my passions, Immigration/refugee issues and Social Justice. As I leave my position as Board President of LWNCC, I will begin teaching English to an immigrant from Morocco, who at 50+ years old, has never learned to read or write-ANY language. As a Christian refugee family, newly located from Pakistan, settles into Newark, I will act as part of a team, helping them adjust to their new lives in the United States.

So long, but not goodbye! See you at the next Hot Topic Lunch at Michael's Restaurant and the Annual Meeting in May.

Emily White

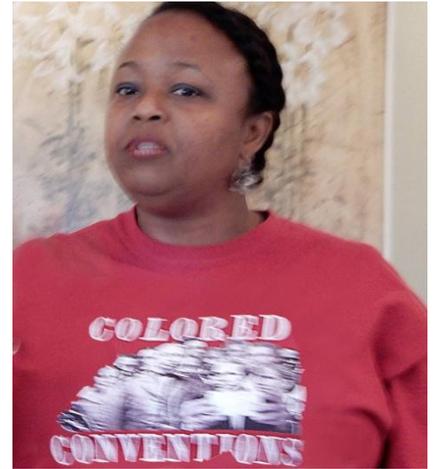
President LWNCC

HIGHLIGHTS of HOT TOPIC LUNCH held Monday, March 27, 2017, at Michaels's Restaurant.

Colored Conventions, Speaker: Denise Burger, PhD candidate at UD

Good afternoon League of Women Voters! My name is Denise Burgher. I am a member of the colored conventions project housed at the University of Delaware. Samantha DeVera is a team member and the co-chair of the exhibits team. Thank you so much for the invitation to share with you this afternoon.

The National League of Women Voters was founded by Carrie Chapman Catt in 1920, during the first convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association. The 1920s were a time of swift and dramatic both social and political change. Also, known as the Roaring 20s, this was an era defined by Movement--- more Americans lived in cities versus on farms. Between 1920 and 1929, economic growth ushered many Americans into an affluent but unfamiliar “consumer society.” Thus, America, was fraught with anxiety about social and cultural change. It was at this moment, after being an organizer for quite some time that educator and activist Chapman Catt founded the LWW.



Chapman Catt was utterly convinced that organizing and empowering women would and could to lead to the fundamental changes needed in society to realize world peace. What this literally means is that Chapman Catt believed that women, organized and active could change the world in the midst of rapid changes. Chapman Catt envisioned a world and roles for women completely different from the one they had occupied.

It is important to think deeply about our history. Embedded in the choices, decision and lives of our leaders are the strands of organizational DNA which influence and guide the groups in which we participate. Therefore, it is in history that we can find clarity and inspiration as well as cautions and warnings. Many of the issues Chapman Catt was concerned about: elimination of child labor laws, broad access to quality education, fair and impartial juries, she believed could be realized when women secured the vote. Unsurprisingly, the National American Women Suffrage Association was held just six months before the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, giving women the right to vote after a 72-year struggle.

Not unlike the LWW, the Colored Convention Movement began when a group of men and women in 1830 decided that organized, they could be more effective than working as individuals. Pastors, preachers, newspaper editors, lawyers and business people gathered with men and women from all walks of life and created the first colored convention held in Philadelphia at the Bethel AME church under the direction of Bishop Richard Allen. As the LWW, the colored conventions were called to support and direct a concerned response to a set of contemporary issues: the instigating incident: official and clandestine enforcement of Black Codes in Ohio.

In many ways, Ohio became a proving ground for a pattern of legal and extra abuses of African Americans in America during the nineteenth century. Ohio, a free state by state constitutional decree, passed a series of laws called the Black Codes in 1804. The laws, passed the year the state became free in 1804, targeted Free Blacks in the state and potential free Blacks migrants from coming into Ohio—a free state surrounded by slave states in a country where slavery was legal. Among other provisions, these laws required Black people to prove that they were not slaves and to find at least two white people, of good repute who would guarantee a surety of five hundred dollars for African Americans' good behavior. The laws limited African Americans' rights to gun-ownership, juries, the voting booth, as well as to several other freedoms that all whites held and that African Americans in Ohio practiced before the passage and enforcement of the laws.

As the national debates about slavery became more contentious, free states like Ohio were under greater scrutiny and politicians responded by enforcing these laws in ways heretofore unseen. **(Continued on page 5)** .

(Continued from page 4 Colored Conventions) Unsurprisingly, these laws impacted the unleashed a litany of violent and destructive actions by whites against black outside of the legal and judicial systems. In our time, we might be able to make a connection between the ways that violence of speech make more acceptable violent actions. Historian Leon Litwack explains,

No extensive effort was made to enforce the bond requirement until 1829, when the rapid increase of the Negro population alarmed Cincinnati. The city authorities announced that the Black Laws would be enforced and ordered Negroes to comply or leave within thirty days." Citizens of the city's "Little Africa" -- largely a ghetto of wooden shacks owned by whites -- appealed for a delay, and sent a delegation to Canada to try to find a place to settle there. But if the authorities were willing to offer more time, the Ohio mob was not, and whites in packs roamed through the black neighborhoods, burning and beating. The delegation came back from Upper Canada with the offer of a safe home from the governor. "Tell the Republicans on your side of the line that we royalists do not know men by their color. Should you come to us you will be entitled to all the privileges of the rest of His Majesty's subjects." About half of the city's 2,200 blacks left, most of going to Canada.

The proponents of strict enforcement of the Black Laws then discovered that they had driven off "the sober, honest, industrious, and useful portion of the colored population,".[3]

Though this historical account of the persecution departure of African Americans from Ohio does not mention the colored convention movement, it was actually the organized group of concerned and committed citizens in Philadelphia I mentioned who responded to the plight of their fellow citizens. In that first colored convention meeting, African Americans met, discussed, planned, raised money, mediated between the government and the African American residents of Ohio and established a community in Chatham and Buxton Canada for the Black residents to migrate. And they did.

After this successful feat of organization, the colored conventions did not stop. Having responded to that crisis, organizers decided to continue meeting and responding to the multiple crises facing African Americans: slavery, lack of access to public educations, lack of access to the jury box, lack of access to the voting booth, lack of access to public education despite being required to pay taxes, lack of protection from police brutality, fair labors indeed the list seems unending. And in many ways, it was.

The determination to organize, educate and encourage citizens to shape the democracy they wish to experience, the country they hope to leave as a legacy for their children and grandchildren did not abate. The colored convention movement continued from 1830 to the early 1900s. Hundreds of thousands of African American delegates met, organized and responded to issues, crises and events that reverberated across the nation and the world. The meetings were public—held in churches, Freemason lodges and lyceums. Meetings followed strict parliamentary rules of order and significant work was accomplished: the creation of Talladega College, the establishment of Black newspapers, the charter to found Howard Law School in Washington DC among others. Meticulous minutes were kept and published for sale. The meetings were widely covered in both the Black and white press.

The question that you might have in mind, why have I not heard anything about this? The popular historical record of America features the usual suspects when it refers to periods that as a nation, we probably would prefer to forget. Who comes to mind when you think of Abolition? William Lloyd Garrison, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Quakers? Maybe Frederick Douglass. The list of abolitionists, the people we credit with bringing slavery to its knees tends to be largely white. The truth is, African Americans were actively involved in abolition among a host of other political and social organizing. But the image of African Americans organizing petitions, appealing to the Supreme Court, negotiation with foreign governments for relief does not align with images of Black inferiority, ignorance, immoral characters or profligacy. In fact, it would almost seem that if the history of the United States was one where African Americans were intelligently and actively and passionately and strategically involved in shaping our democracy, creating the lives we wished to lead then, American history would need to change. Instead of changing, there was a process of historical unmaking. The history of the colored convention movement was unremembered from the pages of dominant histories.

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Continued from page 5 Colored Conventions) The Colored Conventions Project seeks to resurrect these histories. We look for, find and digitize and make fully accessible the minutes, proceedings and memorials produced by the colored convention movement. To date, we have a bit over three hundred convention uploaded to our site. We currently have over 95 conventions and memorials in the pipeline and continue to find look for more. We find colored conventions in 19th century newspapers, in historical societies, basements, and personal collections. The most interesting find we have made to date was a historian in the Kew Museum in London, who after learning about us on Twitter, found and photographed the proceedings from an Indiana convention and sent them to us. These were minutes of a colored convention which up until that date we did not know existed. The process continues. The opportunity to speak with you ladies this afternoon is a part of insuring that the existence of the colored conventions and the importance of the work of our 19th century forbears continues to influence the ways we choose to love in the world.

Instead of accepting an intolerable, unjust and or unacceptable set of social and civic conditions, the organizers of the colored conventions movement seized every chance they could get to organize, stand together and insist that the world they knew, the world they had inherited, the roles society had ascribed would and did change. And ladies, I would suggest that this is a charge that the LWV's incredible work around voting demonstrates is a shared conviction. In such a time as this, not unlike those faced by the members of the colored conventions movement during the 19th century, I believe the work of the LWV is more critical than ever.

Thank you for inviting us to share about the Colored Conventions with you!

Denise Burgher co-chair Historic Churches Outreach Committee
Samantha DeVera co-chair Exhibits Committee.

THE LEAGUE IN ACTION

LWVUS Advocacy Update - Note more details at lww.org

League Opposes "Ozone Standards Implementation Act"

The League joined a letter to the U.S House and Senate opposing the misleading titled "Ozone Implementation Act". The legislation would actually systematically weaken the Clean Air Act without a single improvement, undermine Americans' 46-year right to healthy air based on medical science, and delay life-saving health standards already years overdue.

League Calls for Protection of Medicare Under AHCA

Before the House's failed attempt to repeal the Affordable Care Act, the League joined other organizations on a letter to Speaker Ryan and Leader Pelosi opposing policies in the American Health Care Act (AHCA) that undermined the Medicare program's finances and threatened access to needed services for people with Medicare.

League Urges Preservation of Johnson Amendment

The League joined letters sent to President Trump and Congress that supports the preservation of the Johnson Amendment which is a ban on political campaign intervention by 501(c)3 organizations. The League opposes recent proposals that would politicize the charitable nonprofit and philanthropic community by repealing or weakening current federal tax law protections that prohibit 501(c)(3) organizations from endorsing, opposing, or contributing to political candidates.

Co-Sign Letter from FEC Commissioner Weintraub to President Trump ★

The League has joined allied organizations and [FEC Commissioner Weintraub](#) in calling for the President to produce evidence to support his unlawful voting claims—or put the claims to rest. Please add your name as a co-signer of Commissioner Weintraub's letter now. [Tell President Trump it's time to stop spreading misinformation and undermining voters' faith in our elections.](#)

Proper Disposal of Prescription and Over-the-Counter Drugs for Households

Safety tips for handling of medications:

- Take prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications exactly as prescribed.
- Do not share your prescription medications with anyone. It is illegal and unsafe.
- Lock all medications up or put them out of the way of anyone, including children or pets, who might try to consume them by accident or on purpose.
- Safely dispose of any unused medications at one of the Delaware prescription medication drop boxes. (Turn over for locations.)



Why dispose of medications at drop box locations?

Protect the environment:

Proper disposal of unwanted medication is important. Unused medicine flushed or rinsed down the sink can hurt you and the environment by becoming part of groundwater which may end up in your water glass.

Protects your loved ones from the addiction epidemic:

- Drugs can also be stolen or used by friends or family. Abuse of prescription pain killers has increased over 400 percent since the year 2000.
- Almost two-thirds who abuse painkillers get their drugs for free from friends or relatives.
- Over half of teens say that they can easily obtain prescription drugs from their parents' medicine cabinets.

You can prevent accidental poisonings:

- Children and pets can find medicine in your home or trash.
- Medications may be taken by accident, on purpose, or illegally sold.

Take steps now to properly dispose of your medications for our community and environment.

For more information on preventing, recognizing and treating addiction, visit

HelpishereDE.com



DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
Division of Public Health

HELP
is here.
PREVENT • TREAT • RECOVER

Permanent Collection Site Locations

New Castle County

Newark Police Dept.
220 S. Main St.
Newark, DE 19711
302-366-7111

New Castle County Police
Dept. 3601 N. DuPont Hwy.
New Castle, DE 19720 302-
573-2800

Wilmington Police Dept.
300 N. Walnut St.
Wilmington, DE 19801
302-576-3670

Walgreens
1120 Pulaski Hwy.
Bear, DE 19701
302-832-2300

Walgreens
6317 Limestone Road
Hockessin, DE 19707
302-234-5440

Walgreens
2119 Concord Pike
Wilmington, DE 19803
302-656-4333

Kent County

Dover Police Dept. 400 S.
Queen St. Dover, DE 19904
302-736-7111

Smyrna Police Dept. 325 W.
Glenwood Ave. Smyrna, DE
19977 302-653-9217

Felton Police Dept. 24 E.
Sewell St. Felton, DE 19943
302-284-8441

Camden Police Dept. 1783
Friends Way Camden, DE
19934 302-698-9232

Harrington Police Dept. 20
Mechanic St. Harrington, DE
19952 302-398-4493

Milford Police Dept. 400 NE
Front St. Milford, DE 19963
302-422-8081

Walgreens
1001 Forrest Ave. Dover, DE
19904
302-678-9820

Sussex County

Selbyville Police Dept. 68 W.
Church St. Selbyville, DE
19975 302-436-5085

Greenwood Police Dept. 100
W. Market St. Greenwood, DE
19950 302-349-4822

Ocean View Police Dept. 201
Central Ave.
Ocean View, DE 19970
302-539-1111

Georgetown Police Dept. 335
N. Race St. Georgetown, DE
19947 302-856-6613

Laurel Police Dept. 205
Mechanic St. Laurel, DE
19956 302-875-2244

Delmar Police Dept. 400 S.
Pennsylvania Ave. Delmar, MD
21875 302-846-2320

Walgreens
17239 Five Points Square
Lewes, DE 19958
302-644-7840

Walgreens
22898 Sussex Hwy. Seaford,
DE 19973
302-628-6100



DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Division of Public Health

CALENDAR

Monday, April 10, 2017 2-4 pm	Home of Peggy Schultz. Call or email for directions: 302-235-7182, schultz_peggy@yahoo.com	LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE meeting.. The meeting's agenda will include an update on Coastal Zone issues and state funding for open space and farmland preservation
Wednesday, April 12, 2017 9:30 am - 12 pm	Legislative Hall, Dover	LWVDE ADVOCACY CORPS MEETING. Contact Committee Chair Sandy Spence for details (302-841-2882). Agenda items include reviewing the Governor's new budget, deciding whether to support, oppose or monitor recently introduced bills, testifying at hearings and critiquing League Day in Dover 2017.
Monday, April 10th 1:30 - 3:30	Newark Free Library 750 Library Ave Newark, DE 19711	GREAT DECISIONS GROUP from 1:30 to 3:30. Topic: Conflict in the South China Sea. As usual, many of the attendees will meet for lunch at noon Bamboo House, Newark beforehand. Contact Vicky Kleinman 302-731-4950 for more details. pm [NOTE: 2nd Monday because library use of room)
Wednesday, April 19, 5:30-7:45 pm	Kent County Public Library, 497 South Red Haven Lane, Dover, DE 19901 (302) 744-1919	LWVDE & Education Fund board meetings.
Monday, April 24 2017 11:30 am- 1 pm	Michael's Restaurant <u>1000 Churchman's Rd</u> <u>Newark, DE 19713</u>	HOT TOPIC: HEALTH INNOVATION INITIATIVE-speaker: Julane Miller-Armbrister, Executive Director of the Delaware Center for Health Innovation. http://michaelsde.com/directions/
Monday, April 24, 2017 1:30 - 3:30 pm	Pat Todd's Home 302-545-5196	ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, May 4, 2017 all day	The Green in front of Legislative Hall Legislative Avenue Dover, DE 19901	BIKE SUMMIT--2017. The League of Women Voters of Delaware is partnering with Bike Delaware and others in support of the 2017 Bike Summit. The theme of this year's summit is an outgrowth of the passage of SB 130 of last year: "Healthy and Transit-Friendly Development." Admission is free, but you'll need to pre-register: http://www.bikede.org/summit/
Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 6:30 pm	Masci Hall • St. Helena Parish, 602 Philadelphia Pike • Wilmington, DE 19809	HUMAN TRAFFICKING (EXPLOITATION) A/V presentation by Yolanda Schlabach, founder and Executive Director of Zoë Ministries PANEL: Commissioner Mary McDonough, Delaware Court of Common Pleas, Human Trafficking Court; Commissioner Loretta Young, Delaware Family Court; Nancy McGee, Coordinator, Sexual Assault Network of Delaware, ContactLifeline, Inc.; Johanna Bishop, Director, Behavioral Sciences Program, Wilmington University.
Monday, May 22, 2017.	Kirkwood Library, Kirkwood Highway, Newark	LWVNCC ANNUAL MEETING POT LUCK and thanking all those who worked in any capacity on the elections and voter registration and giving rides to the polls.
Saturday, June 10, 2017	Dover Downs Hotel	LWV OF DELAWARE STATE BIENNIAL CONVENTION. Hear exciting speakers and influence the work of the state League for the next two years. Details soon to follow.

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