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League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County

April-May 2020

Annual Meeting May 27, 2020 — Join Us from Your Couch

We can't serve you a potluck dinner like last year, but the CDC-LWV needs you to attend the 2020 annual meeting so we can have a quorum to elect new officers, adopt a budget and begin planning for when we come out of the coronavirus crisis. We plan to be ready to register new voters for the presidential election in the fall.

The meeting is at 7 p.m., May 27, via Zoom from a sofa or desk convenient to you. The board knows some of you are not especially technologically proficient, but it will be easy to participate. Here's how.

First, [click here to register](#) and fill in your name, email and telephone number and click on submit. Shortly, all registrants will receive an email with a link to join the meeting. Choose the device that you wish to use — laptop or desktop, tablet or phone and do the following:

1. Before the meeting, go to your app store for the device



you plan to use and download the Zoom app. You can do this at any time. You may also download it when you join the meeting but that will add additional time and steps before you get into the meeting.

2. At the start time, click on the link in your email and follow the instructions to join.
3. You may join by telephone (audio only). To do that, dial the telephone number included in the invitation and input the meeting ID number in the invitation.
4. It is recommended that you print out the PDF of the annual meeting booklet beforehand so you can follow along with the meeting agenda. You will receive the booklet as a PDF ahead of time in a Constant Contact email and will get a hard copy in the fall.

If you have a problem downloading the app or joining the meeting, call Anne Mosakowski at 610-558-4924 for help or email her at amosakowski@gmail.com.

Virtual Hot Topic Meeting May 15 — Public Health Department

LWV-CDC has advocated for decades that Delaware County operate its own health department in order to address the unmet needs in maternal and child health, infectious disease, smoking cessation and addiction treatment. This issue is now ever more urgent and compelling in light of the coronavirus pandemic.

Join us at noon, May 15, to hear our longtime member, Rosemarie Halt, an MPH and pharmacist, and currently the county's Covid-19 coordinator. Rosemarie has been on the forefront of the League's work to advo-

cate for a professionally staffed county health department for many years. Rosemarie will discuss what the county is doing to address current and future public health emergencies. Participate in the Zoom conference to learn about the current status of this project.

This too will be a virtual meeting on Zoom. To register [click here](#). You will receive an email invitation and join the meeting in the same way described above. Visit [this page](#) on our website for information about the need for a health department.

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Gloria Rabinowitz

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Cathy Yungmann



President’s Message

Since the outbreak of the coronavirus in Delaware County, we have seen our local government respond to this crisis by prioritizing public health. This crisis has been a test of our local leadership and has highlighted the fact that we depend on their sound decision making, guidance and messaging to keep us safe. It also has shown that a pandemic is essentially a local issue and that County government better understands our community vs. state and national government hundreds of miles away.

With a population of more than 560,000 in the County, we live in one of the largest counties in the country without its own public health department. LWV-CDC has advocated for decades that Delaware County operate its own health department because of population density and unmet healthcare needs. This issue took on momentum, when in the fall 2019, County Council began working closely with community stakeholders and LWV-CDC to form a modern, locally based and nimble health department.

When the coronavirus hit in March, it became critical to respond to health emergency, communication and investigative needs. Chester and Delaware Counties have now entered into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement. This partnership has demonstrated remarkable leadership and impressive coordination with community groups, health care networks and hospitals.

Important new Pennsylvania election law improvements provide voter safety and greater efficiency with no excuse mail-in ballots. LWV-CDC highly supports voting by mail in ballot to provide voter convenience, easier access, and potentially shorter lines at the polls. It may also minimize the problems that may be caused by a shortage of poll workers and fewer polling place locations due to the pandemic. The primary has been rescheduled from April 28 to June 2. The deadline for your mail-in ballot application is 5 p.m. on May 26. For your vote to count, the election board must receive your ballot by 8 p.m. on June 2.

Our Annual Meeting, on Wednesday, May 27, at 7 p.m., will be held virtually via a Zoom Video Conference. We will be electing a president, 1st. vice-president, secretary, and four directors to the Board for the next two years. We will also adopt our 2020-2021 Budget and local program for the upcoming year. Upon registration, a link to the Zoom conference and a PDF of the annual meeting booklet will be sent to you. We look forward to your participation so we may have a quorum to conduct business.

I hope you are all staying safe and healthy and it won’t be long until we can convene together again.

Barbara Amstutz

Visit Our Fabulous New Website

www.LWV-CDC.org

And add

LWV-CDC@gmail.com

to your email address book

Send us email addresses of people who’d like to learn about our meetings

Nominations for 2020-2022 CDC-LWV Board

The LWV-CDC Nominating Committee is pleased to present a slate to elect several new officers and board members for 2020-2022 LWV-CDC term.

Barbara Amstutz will run for 2020-2021 term for president. Anne Mosakowski will run as a "president elect" and serve as a 1st vice president during 2020-2021 term and later serve as the President in 2021-2022. Anne can consider running for a second two-year presidential term 2022-2024. The rationale for this slate is that Anne needs to fulfill prior leadership commitments with another non-profit and would like to assume the role of president for LWV-CDC in 2021. Therefore, the Nominating Committee is splitting Barbara's second term until Anne assumes the President's role. Typically, a President has a two-year term.

Denyse McCurdy will run for a full term as secretary. Denyse completed the last year of a two-year term

for secretary in order to fill a vacancy and will now run for a new two-year term.

Officers

Barbara Amstutz (2020-2021) President
Anne Mosakowski (2020-2021) 1st Vice President
Anne Mosakowski (2021-2022) President
Denyse McCurdy (2020-2022) Secretary

Board Members:

Joe Lesniak (2020-2022)
Rosemary Kesling (2020-2022)
Pat Cimino (2022-2022)
Joanna Nealon (2020-2022)
The 2021 Nominating Committee: Rose Grelis (Chair), Gloria Rabinowitz and Joan Hazbun

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Vote by Mail (and Tell Your Friends)

The Pennsylvania Primary Election has been pushed back to June 2, but you may be reluctant to go to the polls or work at the polls even then.

The good news is, you and everyone else can vote by mail, no excuses needed. Go to votespa.com and navigate to the page on mail-in and absentee ballots.

Have your driver's license or PA ID card handy and you can complete the application right there on line. If you have neither, you can print out the form, fill it out and mail it in. You will have to add the last four digits of your Social Security number and photocopy another form of ID to include.

Be sure and answer "no" to the three questions you will be asked on the form. If you answer "yes" to any of them, you must apply for an absentee ballot instead, but the two

processes are the same in all other respects.

You can also get the forms on the [Delaware County Election Bureau](https://www.delawarecountyelectionbureau.com) site.

The deadline for applying for mail-in and absentee ballots is May 26, but DON'T WAIT. Do it now! If you apply online, you will receive an email telling you when your application has been processed. Once that happens, you can track your ballot on votespa.com.

The deadline for submitting your ballot is 8 p.m. election night, but again, don't wait to send your ballot back. Fill it out and send it in the pre-postmarked envelope as soon as you get it.

Election Bureau employees are swamped and are working day and night to make this election go as smoothly as possible.

May Events Calendar

May 15 (Friday) — Hot Topics Event: Rosemarie Halt will address how the county is handling the COVID-19 crisis and preparing for the establishment of a health department. 12 Noon. By Zoom. See Page 1 to register.

May 27 (Wednesday) — Central Delaware County League of Women Voters Annual Meeting, 7 p.m. By Zoom. See Page 1 to register.

CDC-LWV 2020-2021 Proposed Budget

	2020-2021 Proposed Budget		
	Jul 1, 2019 - March 1, 2020	Budget 2019-20	Proposed Budget 2020-21
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
2000 · Fundraising Events			
2030 · Spring Fundraiser	840.00	750.00	840.00
2040 · Fall Fundraiser	370.00	2,450.00	750.00
2000 · Fundraising Events - Other	21.00	0.00	400.00
Total 2000 · Fundraising Events	1,231.00	3,200.00	1,990.00
3300 · Meeting Income			
3320 · Program Meetings	0.00	500.00	0.00
3330 · Holiday Brunch	900.00	1,125.00	900.00
3340 · Luncheons	3,327.00	3,780.00	4800.00
3350 · Movie Nights	0.00	25.00	100.00
Total 3300 · Meeting Income	4,227.00	5,430.00	5,800.00
3500 · Contributions			
3501 · In kind	70.00	500.00	300.00
3505 · Legacy Fund			
3506 · Memory of Katherine Miller	125.00	0.00	
3505 · Legacy Fund - Other	900.00	200.00	200.00
Total 3505 · Legacy Fund	1,025.00	200.00	200.00
3510 · Ed Fund	50.00	500.00	100.00
3560 · Alice Allen Memorial Fund	30.00	120.00	750.00
3570 · Jeanette Ross Memorial Fund	90.00	135.00	750.00
3580 · Unrestricted	466.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total 3500 · Contributions	1,731.00	2,455.00	3,100.00
3600 · Asset Transfer			
3610 · From Ed Fund	0.00	2,353.00	123.87
Total 3600 · Asset Transfer	0.00	2,353.00	123.87
4000 · Dues			
4010 · Primary Members Dues	6,000.00	8,640.00	9000
4020 · Family Members Dues	720.00	840.00	750
Total 4000 · Dues	6,720.00	9,480.00	9,750.00
Total Income	13,909.00	22,918.00	20,763.87
Expense			
5000 · Administrative			
5010 · Board & President	0.00	250.00	250.00
5020 · Conventions & Workshops	1,800.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
5030 · Liability Insurance	810.00	750.00	810.00
5050 · PO Box	90.00	90.00	90.00
5070 · Bank Charge	-12.96	50.00	75.00
5080 · Alice Allen Fund Scholarship	0.00	120.00	120.00
5090 · Jeannette Ross Fund	0.00	50.00	50.00
5101 · In kind	0.00	500.00	300.00
5000 · Administrative - Other	380.08	0.00	
Total 5000 · Administrative	3,067.12	3,810.00	3,695.00

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5500 · Communications			
5505 · Domain Name	0.00	75.00	75.00
5510 · Website	45.00	400.00	400.00
5520 · Constant Contact	0.00	378.00	378.00
5530 · Marketing	0.00	400.00	400.00
Total 5500 · Communications	45.00	1,253.00	1,253.00
6000 · Fund Raising Expense			
6030 · Spring Fundraiser	82.00	390.00	390.00
6040 · Fall Fundraiser	0.00	1,650.00	450.00
Total 6000 · Fund Raising Expense	82.00	2,040.00	840.00
7000 · Membership			
7030 · Voter - Printing	0.00	36.75	34.30
7041 · Voter - Mailing	43.65	57.75	53.90
7050 · Renew/Recruit	0.00	100.00	100.00
Total 7000 · Membership	43.65	194.50	188.20
7500 · Meetings			
7510 · Annual Meeting	0.00	75.00	75.00
7520 · Program expense	0.00	300.00	300.00
7525 · Equipment	0.00	300.00	700.00
7530 · Holiday Brunch	736.00	1,000.00	736.00
7540 · Luncheons	2,595.99	3,150.00	4320.00
7545 · Movie Nights	0.00	100.00	100.00
Total 7500 · Meetings	3,331.99	4,925.00	6,231.00
8000 · PMP			
8010 · National	4,176.00	4,592.00	4,464.00
8020 · State	2,950.00	2,890.00	2,544.00
8030 · SEPR	0.00	50.00	0
8040 · County	261.76	363.50	248.67
Total 8000 · PMP	7,387.76	7,895.50	7,256.67
9000 · Voter Service			
9040 · Legislative Directory	0.00	1,000.00	250.00
9070 · Candidates Debate	0.00	1,000.00	250.00
9090 · Vote 411	0.00	150.00	200.00
9099 · Voter Service - Other	606.00	650.00	600
Total 9000 · Voter Service	606.00	2,800.00	1,300.00
Total Expense	14,563.52	22,918.00	20,763.87
Net Income	-654.52	0.00	0.00



Local Program to be Adopted at 2020 Annual Meeting

The goal for the 2020-2021 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.
- II. EDUCATION: Support excellence and equity in our public school systems.
- III. NATURAL RESOURCES: Support management and protection of natural resources in the public interest.
- IV. CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PRISON REFORM: Monitor and advocate for improving the criminal justice system in Delaware County.

To see the entire 2020-2021 Local Program in detail, [click here](#). It will be available in full in the annual meeting booklet that you will receive as a PDF before the annual meeting.

Proposed Changes to Bylaws to be approved at Meeting

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CENTRAL DELAWARE COUNTY BYLAWS MADE BY LORA LAVIN AND JOANNA NEALON

Deletions are in [brackets]. Additions are in bold italics.

ARTICLE V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sec. 2. [POWERS] ***Powers***. The board shall manage and supervise the business affairs and activities of the LWV of Central Delaware County subject to the instructions of the annual meeting. It shall select delegates to state convention and council, [and] ***to national convention, and to conventions or councils of interleague organizations and any other organizations to which the league sends representatives***. It shall accept responsibility for such other matters as the national or state board may from time to time delegate to it. It shall have the power to create such special committees as it deems necessary and shall perform such other duties as are specified in these bylaws.

EXPLANATION: THE PROPOSED CHANGE RECOGNIZES THAT THE CDC MAY SEND DELEGATES TO COVENTIONS OR COUNCILS OF INTERLEAGUE ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE LWV OF DELAWARE COUNTY ILO OR HAVE REPRESENTATIONS ON OTHER LEAGUE OR NON-LEAGUE ORGANZAATIONS.

Sec. 3. **Executive Committee**. The board [may] ***shall*** appoint an executive committee consisting of no fewer than five members of the board ***including the officers and any additional members the board appoints***. The executive committee shall exercise such power and authority as may be delegated to it by the board and shall report to the board on all actions taken by it between regular meetings of the board.

EXPLANATION: THERE SHOULD BE AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS SHOULD BE ON IT.

ARTICLE VIII. PRINCIPLES AND PROGRAM

Sec. 3. **Changes in Program**. [Changes in Program, in the case of altered conditions, may be made] ***In the event that altered conditions require immediate action, program changes may be made at a general membership meeting provided*** that (1) information concerning the proposed changes has been sent to all members at least two weeks prior to a general membership meeting at which the changes are discussed, (2) final action by the membership resident within the jurisdiction(s) of the local government(s) concerned is taken at a succeeding meeting, with a ***subsequent*** majority vote by all the members present.

EXPLANATION: PROGRAM CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE ONLY IF THE PROPOSED CHANGE IS DEEMED NECESSARY PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL MEETING. THE ADDITION TO THE LAST SENTENCE SIMPLY CLARIFIES THAT, WHERE THE CHANGE ONLY AFFECTS A LIMITED PORTIONS OF THE CDC COVERAGE AREA, TWO VOTES ARE REQUIRED, THE FIRST BY A MAJORITY OF MEMBERS IN THE AREA CONCERNED WHO ARE PRESENT AND THE SECOND BY A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.