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The League of Women Voters of New Castle County, Delaware

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

The League of Women Voters invites all to its **FUN LUNCH** Monday, February 18, 2013 11:30 - 1:00 PM

New Place: **Michael's Restaurant**
1000 Churchmans Rd, Newark, DE 19713
(302) 368-4230

This month's HOT TOPIC: CONNECTIONS

Cathy McKay is the founder, president, and CEO of Connections. She will discuss the organization's mission and programs.

Connections is one of Delaware's largest and most comprehensive nonprofit organizations providing housing, outpatient mental health and substance abuse treatment, DUI services, homeless outreach, primary medical care, community-based case management, home health care, and employment assistance for people who have barriers to employment.

Connections' programs are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). CARF accreditation guarantees that the programs have passed an in-depth review every three years, ensuring continued standards compliance and exceptional treatment for the individuals served.

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You are invited to attend Delaware's Sea Level Rise Adaptation Public Engagement Sessions

Join Delaware's Sea Level Rise Advisory Committee to share your thoughts about options that can help Delaware respond to the challenges of sea level rise.

After completing its work last year assessing Delaware's vulnerability to sea level rise, the Sea Level Rise Advisory Committee has developed a list of potential options that could improve our state's ability to prepare for and respond to sea level rise. These ideas, called Adaptation Capacity Building Options, will be available for public discussion and comment at public engagement sessions this month in each of the three counties.

The Advisory Committee invites you to stop by the New Castle County session to review and comment on the potential options for preparing and responding to sea level rise. Each public engagement session will feature informative presentations, displays staffed by subject matter experts and committee members, and opportunities for you to provide your comments and feedback.



The potential options focus on improving regulatory flexibility, streamlining communications and coordination between affected groups, providing
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consistent policies and improving data and technical assistance. The options include suggestions for changes to existing programs to allow them to be more responsive to the challenges of sea level rise and suggestions for the creation of several new programs and partnerships.

Your feedback and comments will help guide the Advisory Committee as it finalizes a set of capacity building options for inclusion in the Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan for Delaware. Potential capacity building options as well as session presentations and displays may be reviewed online at <http://de.gov/adaptationengagement>.

The New Castle County session will run from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm, with a brief presentation at 4:30, to be repeated at 6:00. Prior registration is not required.

**Tuesday, February 19
New Castle Middle School Lobby and Auditorium
903 Delaware Street, New Castle, DE 19720**

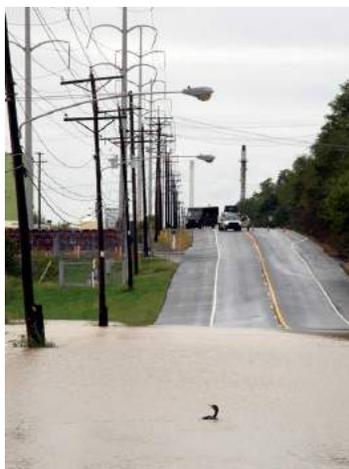
Comments may be submitted at each engagement session or until March 14, 2013 on the website below, or by email to

DNREC_DCP_PublicComment@state.de.us

CAN'T ATTEND IN PERSON? Visit the Sea Level Rise Adaptation Public Engagement Session online at: <http://de.gov/adaptationengagement>

All of the presentations, displays, and handouts will be available online by February 13.

An online survey for providing comments will also be available. Comments will be accepted online until March 14.



The Sea Level Rise Advisory Committee is composed of representatives from Delaware governments, business organizations, non-profit groups, and citizen organizations. Each representative to the SLR Advisory Committee consults with their respective agencies and constituent groups regarding sea level rise issues and brings their concerns and needs to the table for discussion and action. The League's representative, as you will read in the Convener's Comments in this issue of the *Voter*, is Chad Tolman.

LEAGUE JOINS COALITION PARTNERS IN OPPOSITION TO KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE

The League of Women Voters of the United States has joined 36 coalition partners in vehement opposition to the Keystone XL pipeline. The coalition includes the Sierra Club, the National Resources Defense Council, 350.org, Greenpeace, and many others. They write in part: "The environmental and safety dangers from the pipeline are clear. First, tar sands oil is the most carbon-intensive source of oil on the planet... Developing tar sands is also destroying important forest lands that act as a carbon reservoir, further contributing to climate change. ...the pipeline would do little for our energy security. Its main purpose is to make this oil available for export... By redirecting oil that is currently being shipped to the Midwest, Keystone XL would also serve to increase the price of fuel in the Midwest by \$4-6 billion dollars in the first year of operation alone... Finally, the pipeline itself poses grave dangers to America's vital water resources... We urge all members [of Congress] to oppose any and all attempts to pass legislation that would short circuit the laws our nation has relied on to balance development with protecting our country for future generations."

JOIN THE LARGEST CLIMATE RALLY EVER IN D.C. ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2013

Because of the strong stand which the LWVUS has taken in opposition to the Keystone XL Pipeline, **our members are invited to join with several Delaware environmental groups hiring one or more buses to travel to Washington, D.C., on February 17th. The goal is to encourage President Obama to take strong action on climate change, beginning with the rejection of the Keystone XL tar sands pipeline.** Tar sands have local implications for Delawareans concerned with the especially dirty fossil fuel being transported by rail to be processed at the PBF Refinery in Delaware City, in addition to the larger implications for climate change worldwide.

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Join us for buffet luncheon and discussion. Great food choices and prices; only \$8.99... Not including drinks and gratuity.

The purpose of this FUN LUNCH is to check in with current and longtime friends, make new friends, invite potential new members (your friends, neighbors, colleagues) to experience the League in an informal setting, and **become informed on a wide variety of topics.**

Please RSVP at lwvde@voicenet.com or 302-571-8948 by Sunday, February 17, so we have an idea of how many to expect, but if you can come at the last minute – then just come. If you need a ride leave a message on the League Office phone or e-mail when you RSVP.



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Local groups, including the Delaware Chapter of the Sierra Club, UD Students for the Environment, the Green Party of Delaware, Occupy Delaware, Wilmington in Transition, Delaware Interfaith Power and Light and many more will be attending the *Forward on Climate Rally*. **The Rally is to be held on February 17, 2013, from 12:00- 4:00 p.m. near the National Mall in Washington, D.C, and will include a march to the White House. There is a chartered bus leaving Christiana Mall at 8:30am on February 17th for those who want to reduce hassle and their carbon footprint by traveling to the rally by bus.** The cost is \$25 per person and seats are limited, so anyone wanting to secure a seat is urged to contact Stephanie Herron Stephanie.Herron@sierraclub.org or (302) 468-4550. If you would like to meet the group in DC or get information on Kent/Sussex carpools, also please contact Stephanie.

In addition to the march to the White House, the *Forward on Climate Rally* will feature inspiring speakers such as Michael Brune, Sierra Club Executive



Syncrude oil operations in Alberta Tar Sands

Director; Bill McKibben, Co-founder of 350.org; and Van Jones, environmental/civil rights activist and author, founder of Rebuilding the Dream. The rally is being organized by the Sierra Club, 350.org and Hip Hop Caucus and around 100 other endorsing groups from all around the country.



League of Women Voters of New Castle County
NEIGHBORS OFFERING RIDES TO NEIGHBORS
FEBRUARY 19, 2013, 3:30-7 pm



The Sea Level Rise Advisory Committee will hold a public engagement session at New Castle Middle School to give citizens an opportunity to review options for adapting to sea level rise.

- **Two presentations** will be given during the session.
- **Information tables** will be available between presentations so attendees can learn about and respond to the various options.
- **Some of the people** who will be most affected by sea level rise live in Southbridge in Wilmington, where the water rises uncomfortably during most storms.
- **Please call** the League office (302-571-8948) or email Peggy Schultz (schultz_peggy@yahoo.com) **if you are able to offer a ride to a person from the Southbridge neighborhood.** The community center there has invited people to sign up for rides to this meeting which our League volunteers will provide.
- **We will have two shifts of shuttles, one** at 3:30 pm and another at 5 pm, each picking up riders at the Southbridge Neighborhood House.
- **Please note:** Volunteers are asked to make sure that their liability insurance is up-to-date because the League can't be responsible in case of misadventures.

Dear League Members,

The League of Women Voters of Delaware is fortunate to be represented on **DNREC's Sea Level Rise Advisory Committee (SLRAC) by Chad Tolman, a member of our New Castle County League.**



Chad has advocated throughout the almost two-year duration of the SLRAC for a strong commitment to preparedness in the face of the possible inundation of more than 10% of our state's land area by 2100.

Not only does Delaware have the lowest average elevation (60 ft.) of any state, but land across the whole Atlantic seaboard is sinking. Add to that sea level rise of 1 1/2 to 5 feet by the end of the century and an increase in storm intensity because of climate change and you have something approaching a perfect storm, so to speak. We already have untenable situations in low-lying Southbridge (a Wilmington neighborhood), along most of Highway 9, and all along our bay and ocean shorelines whenever a storm hits.

The Vulnerability Assessment phase of the committee's work was completed last year, and now the final stage on adaptation options is at the public comment stage. New Castle County's session will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 19th (see pp 1 and 2 in this *Voter*). This Adaptation phase is a crucial part of the project because there is a real dichotomy of opinion on the committee itself. Business owners and agricultural interests appear to be reluctant to publicly recognize the possible devastation of sea level rise, and are opposed to measures which might alarm potential buyers considering the purchase of property along the shoreline.

A recent LWVDE consensus on climate change includes the provision to "plan for extensive adaptation measures at all levels of government for climate change impacts that cannot be avoided--especially sea level rise." How will that position translate into action for Delaware?

When we attend the public engagement session in New Castle County we'll want to comment on options proposed by the Committee: **Should we "armor" our shoreline and risk ruining our marshes or do we think it is worth it to protect property? Should home**

sellers be legally obliged to disclose if the property being sold is in an area which is subject to sea level rise, or should we be mum on this in order to keep property prices stable? Should we be allowed to build in areas subject to frequent flooding? Are our municipal and county flood plain ordinances strict enough? Do we support buyouts for the homes and farms of people whose land is in harm's way? How will we pay for adaptation to sea level rise?

We hope that all our members will take the opportunity to come to the New Castle session, to review the display materials, to speak with staff people and committee members, and to register their opinions on the best course to follow in order to adapt to sea level rise.

Look forward to seeing you at the Middle School! Please check out our invitation on p.1, and consider bringing a Southbridge resident to the meeting (p.3).



Peggy Schultz, Convener

Thank you to all who renewed their memberships in the LWV of New Castle County, thereby also remaining members of the LWV of Delaware and the LWV of the United States for FY 7/1/2012- 6/30/2013.

Your membership counts when we lobby at all levels of government and also provides the financial support ensuring we remain a viable organization.

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www.lwvdelaware-newcastlecounty.org

PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES IN AND AROUND NEWARK

Newark Shopping Center

Atlantic Realty Company has plans to demolish the Blue Hen Lanes bowling alley and replace it with a 250 unit apartment building and parking garage. The City Planner, Mareen Feeney Roser, and the Mayor, Vance Funk, appear to hold opposing views on the project, with Ms. Feeney Roser for the project and Mayor Funk against, the latter holding that there is no need for that many new apartments. Upgrades are planned for the remainder of the Newark Shopping Center, including a walkway through a building to the Pomeroy Trail.

→The project will be first publicly discussed at the Newark Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, March 5, 2013, in City Hall. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the City Council, which will then decide on a course of action. If you live within the City limits, review the plans and make your voice heard at the Planning Commission meeting.

Stopyra Tract

A final vote on the controversial Stopyra Tract just outside the City of Newark (near Holy Angels Church) will take place at the New Castle County Council meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 7 pm according to State Representative Joe Miro. The agenda has not been publicly announced; if you go to <http://www2.nccde.org/council/Schedule/default.aspx> less than seven days before the meeting you can check the agenda. Environmental and traffic concerns have plagued proposals for this area for many years. The County Council will convene in its regular meeting place in the City/County Building at 800 French St., in Wilmington.

Whiteman's Garage

The Pike Creek Civic League and the Greater Hockessin Area Development Association (GHADA) are joining forces to discuss a proposal to replace Whiteman's Garage with a CVS and a medical building at a meeting on Monday, February 18th, 7 pm, at the Hockessin Fire Hall. The changeover is controversial because the property is deed-restricted to use as an automotive service center. Although it appears to be in a Level II

area (a growth zone area somewhat less developed than the most dense Level I), the property is quite rural in character, with no other commercial property in the neighborhood.

GREAT DECISIONS 2013

2nd Thursday Discussion Group,

February 14, 10 am-noon, Parlor of Immanuel Church, Highlands, 2400 W 17th Street, Wilmington. Lunch follows for those interested.

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ATTENTION:

Nominations are being accepted for the following officers:

- ☺ Secretary
- ☺ Vice president
- ☺ Directors
- ☺ Next year's nominating committee.

If you would like to be part of the action on the Board, or if you have in mind someone you would like to recommend, please call or email Jane Dilley (jadilley@udel.edu 610-869-8848) or Carole Walsh (cnwwhw@verizon.net 302-731-5487).

Save the date:

LEAGUE DAY IN DOVER – Our annual legislative day in Dover
Wednesday, March 27, 2013
The Outlook at the Duncan Center, Dover

Public Education Trends and Issues
Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Delaware

8:30 – 9 am Registration and refreshments

PROGRAM

Keynote Speaker: Delaware Senator, The Honorable David Sokola

Workshop A: Delaware education trends, including innovations, charters and privatization

Workshop B: Public education funding and equalization issues

Workshop C: Accountability and transparency at school, district and state levels

Feedback from Workshops

12:15 – 1:30 pm: BUFFET LUNCHEON with legislators invited

VISIT WITH LEGISLATORS AFTER LUNCH

All participants are encouraged to attend legislative committee hearings in Legislative Hall in the afternoon and to meet with their own legislators about high priority issues.

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2013

- **February 6: LWVDE Advocacy Corps Meeting**, 9:30 am Legislative Hall. Information, 571 8948
- **February 11: Great Decisions Monday Discussion Group**, begin at noon with lunch at the Bamboo House for those interested. 1:30 pm discussion, Newark Free Library. Topic: Future of the Euro. Vicky Kleinman, 731-4950
- **February 11: Carrie Chapman Catt Awards Planning Committee**, 9 am, League Office, 2400 W. 17th Street, Wilmington. Information 571-8948
- **February 14: Great Decisions Thursday Discussion Group**, 10 am-12 noon, Immanuel Church, Highlands; Information, Jackie Harris, 234-4439. Topic: Future of the Euro. Lunch follows for those interested.
- **February 15: Land Use/Transportation Committee**, 3-5 pm, Peggy Schultz's home. The meeting will be Skyped, so join us that way if you can't make it in person. Subject will be TDRs. Email Jane Dilley (jadilley@udel.edu) or 610-869-8848 if you plan to attend. All are welcome!
- **February 18: Fun Lunch, Michael's Restaurant, 11:30 am Hot Topic: Connections-** Details in this *Voter*
- **February 19: LWVNCC Leadership Team Meeting**, 6:30-8:30 pm, League Office. Information, 571-8948.
- **February 21: LWVDE Board Meeting**, 6-8:30 pm, Roma Restaurant, Dover. Information, 571-8948.
- **February 22: Energy/Climate Change/NR Committee**, 1:30-3:30 pm, Pat Todd's home; Information 762-5995.

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April's HOT TOPIC:
PREVENTION OF GUN VIOLENCE and CURRENT LEGISLATION

Brenda Mayrack, representing the Delaware Coalition Against Gun Violence (DCAGV), will discuss the organization's mission and proposed legislation being considered this term in the Delaware legislature. LWV Delaware is a member of DCAGV.

The goal of DCAGV is the prevention of gun violence in Delaware by promotion of sensible gun laws and by addressing the root causes of gun violence.

DCAGV is a statewide Coalition of parents, teachers, clergy, grandparents, nurses, friends, gun owners, and like-minded groups and institutions united to achieve this mission.

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They Represent You 2012-2014: A listing of elected officials in Delaware. Includes contact information for the 147th General Assembly, City of Wilmington and Newark, County Government, all state-wide offices, US President, and the Delaware Congressional delegation. <http://www.lwvdelaware-newcastlecounty.org/Publications.html>

CANDIDATE FORUM: STANDING ROOM ONLY



Over eighty of Newark Council District 4's 1,300 voters turned out for a standing-room-only candidates' forum on Tuesday, April 2nd. The League of Women Voters of New Castle County sponsored this 2-hour event in the Council Chambers of the Newark Municipal Building. Each candidate made a two-minute opening statement, followed by responses from each candidate to questions crafted by attendees and read to them by the moderator. Helen Hoffman chaired the committee which did the ground work for the event, supported by Judy Villamarin (publicity), Carole Walsh (moderator and mentor), and Peggy Schultz. The night of the event Bill Walsh did timekeeping and photography, and Judy Taggart and Judy Villamarin sorted out the written questions. The four candidates participating included Robyn Harland, Margrit (Marge) Haddon, Sherry Hoffman, and Ron Walker.



Carole Walsh, Moderator

A question regarding increasing Newark's walkability and bikability elicited responses that ranged from things are good the way they are to setting up a Park n' Ride. Responses related to student housing ranged from tightening restrictions to enforcing current restrictions to warnings against discrimination.

Sherry Hoffman felt the city's Student Homes Ordinance was discriminatory because it only limits housing for unrelated occupants if they are students. She would like to repeal the Student Homes Ordinance so that everyone is treated equally in their housing and instead have city code enforcement be used to ensure problems do not arise. The other three candidates all went on record as being against repealing the Student Homes Ordinance. Marge Hadden added that she felt the city should re-establish its Town-Gown Committee to help with community issues that arise with being part of a college town.

Dear League friends:

The lady Blue Hens have played their final game of the season. It's the last college game for the 7 seniors, including our treasured Elena Delle Donne. Elena and her colleagues have given us lots of wonderful examples of how to play and how to live: play your hardest even when you're losing and if you make a mistake, just continue and try not to make that same mistake again. Don't complain about the officiating, even in an after-game interview. After the Delaware-North Carolina game Kelsey Buchanan (a lady Blue Hen) said that Elena had yelled at her when she, Kelsey, had missed a rebound. Wait a minute...how sporting is that?! But what Elena yelled was, "We need you!" What an amazing response to a goof: "We need you!"



Day in and day out the League does lots of good stuff for lots of noble causes, and I think that on the whole there's a sizable net gain...and maybe not necessarily because of the causes but because of the way we support them, the way we express the League version of good sportsmanship. Above and beyond the kind of good sportsmanship we find on the basketball court is our basic belief that we stand for principles and not people. We don't get personal when we make public statements, so people know that they may not always agree with us but that they can count on us to be respectful.

Along the way sometimes we misstep, but don't we love it when our fellow Leaguers respond with, "We need you!"?

And we do need you! And speaking of needing you, do you have experience and/or interest in fund raising? Can we have lunch??

Sincerely,

Peggy Schultz, Convener



L-R: Sherese Brewington-Carr, Moonyeen Klopfenstein and our speaker, Romona Fullman, Esq.,

discuss Pay Equity at the March Fun Lunch at Michael's Restaurant. Seventeen people attended and Romona provided information about working women in Delaware and how unequal pay has a lifelong effect on families and impoverishes women in their retirement years.

Thank you and Welcome

Thank you to renewing members for continuing your membership in the LWV of New Castle County. Welcome to our new members.

The updated membership book will be sent to you via email as a PDF file. Those who requested and paid for a paper copy will receive your membership book by US mail before the end of April.

Check out the latest news, calendar and action opportunities at www.lwv.org www.lwvdelaware.org and www.lwvdelaware-newcastlecounty.org

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Right, at end of table: Judy Taggart addressing League members and friends at the March Fun Lunch discussion of Pay Equity.

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THERE WILL BE A CAR POOL FROM NORTH WILMINGTON - CALL 302-571-8948 AND LEAVE A MESSAGE.

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

- Within 1/3 mile of The Christiana Care Hospital, The Hilton Hotel , (Wilmington/Christiana/Newark), The Country Inn and Suites, The Marriott Hotel, The Home Depot and Best Buy in the Centre Point Shopping Center
- Minutes from Delaware Park

FROM WILMINGTON AND NORTH: 1) Take I-95 South to the SR-58 N Exit – (Exit 4B) toward SR-7 N/Stanton/Churchman's Crossing. Merge onto Churchmans Road / DE-58 W. **OR 2)** from Kirkwood Highway turn South onto Route 7, turn right on to Churchmans Road, restaurant is on your right.

WEST AND SOUTH: Take I – 95 North. Merge onto Stanton Christiana Road/DE 7 N via (Exit 4B) toward Metroform. Merge onto Churchman's Road/DE-58 W via Exit 166. End at 1000 Churchman's Road.

FROM NEWARK AND UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE CAMPUS AND BLUE HEN STADIUM:

Take Ogletown-Stanton Road/DE-4E past its intersection with Rt. 273. Turn RIGHT onto Churchman's Road at the entrance to Delaware Park just past the Christiana Hospital. End at 1000 Churchman's Road, just south of The Home Depot and the Centre Point Shopping Center.

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MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK

On our blog, [Voices of the League](#), we cover a variety of topics ranging from our work at all levels of the League, including emphasizing work accomplished in local communities across the country on our priority issues, marking important national developments, highlighting the work being done to grow and strengthen the League, and so much more. We hope you'll take the time to see what we've been up to each month through this roundup. Thanks for making democracy work.

Check out the LWVUS ACTION - WWW.LWV.ORG

[TAKE ACTION: TELL YOUR SENATORS TO PASS SENSIBLE GUN LAWS](#)

By: Elisabeth MacNamara (3/08/2013) It's time to stop the violence. Legislation with common sense solutions to gun violence will protect our children, our citizens and help restore our public confidence. Tell the Senate to move forward with common sense gun legislation.

[OUR VOTER REGISTRATION WORK IS HEADED TO THE SUPREME COURT](#)

By: Elisabeth MacNamara (3/18/2013) A decision against the NVRA, which streamlined the many state laws that hindered citizen-led registration drives, would leave the mission of the League of Women Voters in jeopardy and make the voter registration process vulnerable to new forms of political manipulation.

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TAKING VOTING RIGHTS TO TWITTER! WHY WE MUST PROTECT THE #NVRA By: Renee Davidson (3/19/2013) The League partnered with fellow voting and civil rights partner/groups to host a tweetchat on the critical voting rights case, Arizona v. Inter Tribal Council, Inc., and the nation's urgent need to protect the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) of 1993.

ACTION ALERT: KEEP THE BUDGET CLEAN By: Lloyd Leonard (3/21/2013) For the first time in 4 years the U.S. Senate is expected to pass a federal budget. Tell your Senators to keep the budget clean of bad environmental amendments that could destroy our climate and harm public health.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY By: Renee Davidson (3/08/2013) The League is pleased today to celebrate International Women's Day (IWD), an annual occasion that honors the economic, political and social achievements of women past, present and future.

CALENDAR			
Monday, April 1, 2013	7-9 pm	Council Chambers Newark Municipal Building 220 S. Main St. Newark, DE 19711	Candidates' Forum, District 4, Newark. The public is invited to attend a Candidates' Night forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters of New Castle County. Candidates for the office of Councilman for Newark's Council District 4 have agreed to participate. Members of the audience will be given index cards at the entry door and throughout the program, on which to pose questions to the candidates. For further details, see the "What's New?" page.
Monday, April 8, 2013	1:30-3:30 pm	Newark Free Library 750 Library Avenue Newark, DE 19711	Great Decisions Monday Discussion Group, Newark. Topic: NATO: Crisis? What crisis? Discussion begins at 1:30 at the Newark Free Library. Participants are invited to join the group for lunch at noon, at the Bamboo House in the College Square Shopping Center across the street from the library. Email group leader Vicky Kleinman or call 731-4590 and a lunch reservation will be made for you. Or feel free to just drop in without notice and listen to the discussion.
Thursday, April 11, 2013	10am-noon	Immanuel Church, Highlands 2400 W 17th St Wilmington, DE 19806 Immanuel Church is the location of the LWVDE Office. Meeting will be in the parlor.	Great Decisions Thursday Discussion Group, Wilmington. Topic: NATO: Crisis? What crisis? Email group leader Jackie Harris or call 234-4439 for further information. Participants are invited to join group for lunch at a nearby restaurant following meeting.
Monday, April 15, 2013	11:30 am-1pm	Michael's Restaurant 1000 Churchman's Rd Newark, DE 19713	Fun Lunch. Hot topic: Prevention of Gun Violence and current legislation. Presenter: Brenda Mayrack of the Delaware Coalition Against Gun Violence
Tuesday, April 16, 2013	6:30-8:30pm	League Office 2400 W. 17th St. Wilmington, DE 19806	LWVNCC Leadership Team Meeting. Call 571-8948 for information.
Thursday, April 18, 2013	6-8:30pm	Roma Restaurant 3 Presidents Drive Dover, DE 19901	LWVDE Board Meeting. RSVP to the League office if attending. Letty will give you information and directions.
Saturday, May 18, 2013		To be announced. Please check back for details.	LWVDE Convention. SAVE THE DATE! Time, location and program details to be announced.
Monday, June 3, 2013		Peggy Schultz's home	LWCNCC Annual Meeting. SAVE THE DATE! Time, location and program details to be announced.
Friday, June 14, 2013-Monday, June 17, 2013		The National Conference Center (near Dulles Airport) 18980 Upper Belmont Place Leesburg, VA 20176	LWVUS Council 2013. The National Council of Leaders meeting offers the League a great opportunity to come together as state and national leaders, to discuss the issues facing our democracy and how together we can address those issues. It also provides you the opportunity to access training and leadership development sessions to support you as state League leader. For more information see http://www.lwv.org/content/first-call-lwvus-council-2013

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The League of Women Voters of New Castle County, Delaware

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

**You are cordially invited to the
LWV of New Castle County**

ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, June 3, 2013

Social 5:30 - 6:00 pm

Pot Luck Dinner 6:00 – 6:45 pm

Business Meeting 6:45 – 7:30 pm

Planning Session 7:30 – 8:30 pm

We need your ideas and commitment to plan for the coming year. The LWVUS Convention in 2012 voted to support a study on agriculture for this coming year. Besides agriculture, where do we want our League to grow; what do we want to learn more about; how can we be a stronger voice for voter rights in 2013 - 2014?

**Jerry & Peggy Schultz's home
113 Cardiff Ct. W., Newark 19711
In Meadowdale, across from
Independence School on Paper Mill Road**

Bring any dish to share!

**RSVP to office 302-571-8948 or
lwvde@voicenet.com**

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The NCC League of Women Voters
Invites all to the **MAY FUN LUNCH**
Monday, May 20, 2013 11:30am - 1:00 pm

Michael's Restaurant
1000 Churchmans Rd, Newark, DE 19713
(302) 368-4230

**MAY'S HOT TOPIC:
UPDATE ON LEGISLATION IN THE
CURRENT DELAWARE LEGISLATURE:
WHAT IS HOT AND WHAT'S NOT!**

Our speakers will be John Flaherty and Joann Hasse, both lobbyists and League members.

John is the current president of the Delaware Coalition of Open Government, (DelCOG), and a lobbyist for DelCOG and several environmental organizations, including the Sierra Club. He also was the Common Cause of Delaware lobbyist for many years.

Joann Hasse serves on the LWV of Delaware Board and the Advocacy Corps. She follows Health Care and Reproductive Rights issues.



Join us for a buffet luncheon and discussion. Great food choices and the price of \$14.00 per person covers lunch, beverages and gratuity.

Please RSVP at lwvde@voicenet.com or 302-571-8948 by Saturday, May 18, so the restaurant knows how many to expect. If you need a ride leave a message on the League Office phone or e-mail when you RSVP.

Directions and RSVP *FUN LUNCH* on next page →→

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The purpose of this FUN LUNCH is to check in with current and longtime friends, make new friends, invite potential new members (your friends, neighbors, colleagues) to experience the League in an informal setting, and **become informed on a wide variety of topics.**

Need a ride or carpool? Contact 302-571-8948.

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

- Within 1/3 mile of The Christiana Care Hospital, The Hilton Hotel, (Wilmington/Christiana/Newark), The Country Inn and Suites, The Marriott Hotel, The Home Depot and Best Buy in the Centre Point Shopping Center
- Minutes from Delaware Park

NOMINATIONS FOR LWVNCC BOARD

Officers	Term
Co – Presidents	
Peggy Schultz	2013-15
Joyce Johnson	2013-14
1 st Vice President	
Susan Bryson	2013-15
2 nd Vice President	
Helen Hoffmann	2013-14
Secretary	
Emily White	2013-15
Treasurer	
Fiona Mulligan	2013-14
Directors	
Vicky Kleinman	2013-15
Emily Knearl	2013-15
Joanne Hasse	2013-15
Sue Radecki	2013-14
_____	not filled

Mooneyen Klopfenstein (continuing Director 2014)

Nominating Committee

Chair	Rashmi Rangan
	Letty Diswood
	Florence Waibel

Submitted by the 2013 Nominating Committee: Jane Dilley, Chair; Rashmi Rangan, Carole Walsh

COALITION AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE SPEAKER AT APRIL FUN LUNCH

Brenda Mayrack, Esq., representing the Delaware Coalition Against Gun Violence (DeCAGV), told a captivated group of about 15 Leaguers about gun control issues and current legislation in Delaware. She opened with figures from a Delaware poll done by a professional poll-taker from outside the state. The poll revealed that an overwhelming majority (in the 80-90% range) of Delawareans support gun control measures. She emphasized that the Coalition has no interest in attempts to overturn the 2nd Amendment right to bear arms and is supportive of responsible gun ownership, but wants to prevent/lessen gun violence in Delaware by promoting sensible gun laws. What she referred to as a "never ending cascade of massacres" resulted in the formation of this coalition.

It was a surprise to her listeners that Delaware is an "open carry" state, which means that any gun owner is allowed to openly carry a gun in the state, except in certain limited circumstances.



L-R: Brenda Mayrack, Audrey Katz, Vicky Kleinman and Carole Walsh

The following briefly summarizes current bills and provides some new updates:

HB 35, which requires background checks for private sales of firearms has passed both the House and Senate. Gun shop owners have supported this bill because it levels the playing field by requiring background checks for private sales as well as their own store sales. Previously, of course, it's been easier to buy a gun privately because a background check was not required for private sales.

A proposal currently before the Legislature, HB 67, would create safe school zones while HB 58 would ban high capacity magazines. House votes on both bills are expected soon.

SB 16 requires the reporting of lost and stolen firearms within a limited amount of time. "It was stolen several months ago," is a common refrain among gun owners whose guns have been involved in illegal activities. SB 16 has passed the Senate and will be heard in the House on May 8.

Brenda encouraged LWV members to visit the DeCAGV website, <http://decagv.org/about.html> and sign up for email updates on the legislative progress.

LWV Delaware is a member of DeCAGV.

BIOGRAPHIES

OFFICERS

JOYCE P JOHNSON: CO-PRESIDENT

Joyce joined the League of Women Voters in 1959 (that date is not a typo)! She has participated in a number of activities almost from Day 1, Voters Service (remember the Voters Guide?), Local LWV president with Becky Panichelli, LWVDE president with Sue Soltys, Carrie Chapman Catt committee, to name a few. Now, she is being recycled to the Leadership Team!

Joyce continues to enjoy concerts, plays, singing in her church choir, keeping track of her children (Portland, ME and Portland, OR) and scattered granddaughters.

PEGGY SCHULTZ: CO-PRESIDENT

Peggy Schultz was born in Alaska in 1934, and then moved to the lower 48 in 1940. Her dad, Westport, Washington's only socialist, was a commercial fisherman who spent his free time writing letters to the editor. Peggy graduated from University of California, 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 is has served as convener for the LWNCC Leadership Team the past two years. She has her own darkroom and website, and enjoys photography whenever she has time off from League activities.

SUSAN K. BRYSON: 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Susan has been a member of LWV since 2011 and is currently the Webmaster of the LWNCC website. She received a Bachelor of Science degree from Metropolitan State College in Denver, Colorado, with a major in Business Information Systems and soon after relocated to the Exton, Pennsylvania area as a local area network administrator. She subsequently worked as a Cobol programmer and systems tester at Vanguard. She is now retired and is focusing her volunteer efforts with the LWV and the Delaware Art Museum where she volunteers in the Library.

Sue's other interests include listening to various types of music, including classical, Celtic, and big band

sound; reading; art (especially architecture, classic sculpture and 17th c. paintings); classic movies; and spending time with two cats and a dog. Sue and her daughter Elizabeth share a home, and the two are busy attending concerts, the Hudson Valley Shakespeare festival and many other events of mutual interest. She has a special interest in civil rights issues and also looks forward to helping with voter registration efforts.

HELEN HOFFMANN: 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Helen served as an associate professor on the piano faculty of the School of Music of West Chester University for seventeen years. She retired to raise two children. For several years Helen lived in the dormitories of the Maryland School for the Blind while teaching piano, music history, and music Braille. Helen also taught piano at the Peabody Conservatory Prep Department in Baltimore and later taught in the Suzuki Piano Program at the Settlement School in Philadelphia.

Helen is presently a member of the Boards of both the Northern Delaware Music Teachers and the Delaware State Music Teachers Associations, serving as chairman of Student Recitals and of the Music Theory Festival program.

With the League, Helen has been active in registering voters, working on the LWV 2012 Vote411 Project and helping with the League's recent Candidate Forum for Newark City Council.

EMILY WHITE: SECRETARY

Emily White is returning to LWV membership after an absence of 40-some years. She spent those intervening years in music education and performance plus 11 years as a school administrator till her retirement in 2007. In 1993 she was honored as Teacher of the Year in Cincinnati and in the Cincinnati Appalachian Community. She performed the National Anthem for the Cincinnati Reds game in 1987.

In her retirement she's been a Court Appointed Special Advocate volunteer and tutor of English as a Second Language for a Yemini woman preparing for the citizenship exam. She and her husband relocated from Rhode Island to Newark in 2010. She participates in the Great Decisions program in Newark.

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FIONA MULLIGAN: TREASURER

Fiona has a degree in Government and Public policy from Wilmington University, an associate in Accounting from Del Tech and she is currently a grad student in management for public administration. She works for LUSH cosmetics part-time and full-time work with an emergency shelter for women and children in the city. Fiona has previous work experience in accounting and finance with the US Bankruptcy Court and as a manager with H&R Block.

Fiona is an avid camper and hiker. She is very active in the Delaware death penalty repeal movement, woman's reproductive rights, and immigration issues. She is a board member with the Wilmington Jaycees as their individual development director.

She lives in the city, has a dog and a cat. Fiona has lived in Ireland while she was a teenager.

DIRECTORS:

KAY WILDE GALLOGLY

Kay Wilde Gallogly is the founder of The 42 Group, LLC, a performance improvement consulting firm. The focus of the firm is organizational troubleshooting in the nuclear power generation industry. Kay has been actively involved in the Delaware community in several capacities. She was a primary candidate for Delaware State Representative for the 24th District in the 2010 election with the purpose of serving the community. Kay has joined the League of Women Voters as a function of giving back to the community through informed decision making in public policy. Areas of interest are energy and the environment and health care.

JOANN HASSE

Joann Hasse joined the League in WV in 1961 and, in addition to her four times as a member in Delaware, has been an active member of Leagues in Texas (twice), Maryland and Massachusetts. She served as state Action chair '82-'86 and as LWVDE president 5/86-1/87 and '88-'93. She has served on the State Board as chair for health care policy since 1993 (she's a long retired RN) and is one of the League's volunteer lobbyists. She served on the Delaware Health

Resources Board and the Delaware Health Information Network Board for many years and is currently a public member of the Healthcare Acquired Infections Advisory Committee. She was a member of the LWVUS nominating committee '90-'92. She and her husband Ron have four sons, two grandsons and two granddaughters.

VICKY KLEINMAN

Vicky first joined the League in Ann Arbor, Michigan in early 1961, shortly after her daughter was born. The family moved to Delaware when her husband Ralph joined the math department at the University of Delaware in 1968. The Newark League became her main distraction from the joys and challenges of parenting, serving on the boards of the Newark and Delaware Leagues for many years while her children were growing up. Vicky was most active in the 1970s, when Ann Jarrett and she shared the State Action chair for some years. During that period, among many other state issues, the LWV was instrumental in helping to pass the First State's first freedom of information law. When the nest was empty, she became a state magistrate, serving in that capacity until 1993, when she retired to accompany Ralph for a sabbatical semester in Paris. (When was there to be another such opportunity?) Most recently, Vicky has been active with the LWV's Monday Great Decisions group. Other interests include travel, especially with Earthwatch, assorted volunteer stuff and tennis.

EMILY KNEARL

Emily Knearl has worked in public policy in Delaware for almost twenty years. She has worked for the State Senate, then-Governor Carper, United Way, and Planned Parenthood of Delaware. She currently directs communications for the State Division of Public Health. She is also active in electoral politics, volunteering for several candidates. Emily worked closely with the League in a 2088 GOTV campaign as a staffer for the Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League. She has a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Delaware.

SUSAN RADECKI

Susan Radecki has been a member of the LWV since 2009 and has served on the LWVNC Board and Leadership Team since 2010. She also chairs the Urban Health and Social Justice Committee. Sue has a
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Master's Degree in Social Service from Bryn Mawr College and has worked as an Administrator for the Delaware Children's Department for many years. She is Vice President of her neighborhood Civic Association and a member of the Pike Creek Civic League. Sue also volunteers time with the Delaware Council on Gambling Problems. Sue is a supporter of Faithful Friends, an animal rescue organization and a member of "The Friends of Lake Avalon" which provides college scholarships to deserving students in Hillman, Michigan where her family has a lake house. Sue loves reading, camping, and yoga.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

RASHMI RANGAN, CHAIR

Rashmi Rangan is the Executive Director of the Delaware Community Reinvestment Action Council, a position she has held since 1994. Rashmi graduated from the University of Delaware with a Master of Arts in Urban Affairs & Public Policy in 1993 and from Widener University, School of Law with a Juris Doctorate in 2002. She is a devoted grandmother, mother and wife who enjoy gatherings with friends and family. She is also a passionate animal lover. One of her favorite mottos is "the art is not in making money, but in keeping it."

LETTY DISWOOD

Letty has served as president of the LWV of New Castle County and state co-president with Christine Stillson and another term with Nadyne Rosin. She held positions on the state and local board as administrative assistant, and served on numerous committees, including the LWVDE Advocacy Corps. Her interests are in election systems, urban health and justice system. She is the current part-time office manager for the LWV of DE and NCC. Letty was secretary to the Coalition for Open Government for the last four years and continues to serve as a director. She also was a director on the board of Pro-choice Medical Fund and served as its president a few years ago.

Letty graduated with a BS in Fine Arts and enjoys walking, gardening and listening to music. She enjoys camping and the local beaches with her husband Larry who frequently is the volunteer photographer at League events.

FLORENCE WAIBLE

Florence has been an active volunteer since moving to Newark in 1974. When her three children were in the local schools, she was an active supporter of school activities, PTA, and school booster groups. She was a founding member of the Newark United Church of Christ.

Since retirement from the University of Delaware as administrative assistant to the president, she has increased her community involvement serving on a number of boards including the Friends of the Newark Free Library, the Friends of the Newark Symphony Orchestra, and the University of Delaware Women's Club, most recently serving as Membership Chair.

In addition to participating in the Newark "Great Decisions" group of the League of Women's Voters, she is a member of the International Women's Club, Friends of White Clay Creek, the Newark Historical Society, and some book groups. "In her spare time she writes more cards and letters than the Apostle Paul ever attempted." (quoted from Richard Waibel)

Judy Taggart named UDWC 2013 Woman of the Year



The University of Delaware Women's Club has just announced that League member Judy Taggart has been elected as the 2013 Woman of the Year. Judy has a long and distinguished history of working with non-profits and volunteering to help others in the community. She is truly an inspiration to those around her!

Starting in the 1960s, Judy was an elementary school reading teacher and principal. Later, she worked in the UD Adult and Community Education Program. She also served as the CEO of the Arundel YMCA, Director of the Delaware Ronald McDonald House and with the Girl Scouts in Maryland and as Director of the Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Council. Her retirement in 2008 saw Judy active continuing to help others. She is currently President of the Friends of the Newark Free Library, and **recently served as President of the New Castle County League of Women Voters**. She is also on the Delaware State Commission for Women and the AARP of Delaware Executive Council. Judy is also a weekly reading volunteer at Maclary Elementary School in the Reading ASSIST Program.

Judy was honored at the Woman of the Year annual luncheon, May 1, at the Newark Country Club.

Dear New Castle County Leaguers:

The League here in New Castle County has plenty to be proud of this past year!



Most notable, of course, was our herculean effort in terms of registering voters. Including our annual visit to Padua Academy last week where **Sue Bryson, Helen Hoffman, and Carole Walsh** registered close to 60 voters, our League has registered a total of nearly 900 voters. Besides these three members, our other “heavy hitters” in registering voters are **Pat Brill, Claudia Concors, Letty Diswood, Jeanne Dunn, Mary Ann Edwards, Janet Golinkoff, Marjorie Johnson, Moonyeen (Kloppy) Klopfenstein, Janet Kramer, Lois Myoda, Roberta Ray, and Judy Taggart**, and our amazing voter registration coordinator, **Patti Christopher**, with organizational support from **Letty Diswood**.

For many years Connie Georgov has worked with the organizers of newly naturalized citizens’ ceremonies to represent the League in supplying voter information. Folks come from all over the state to pledge their new allegiance to the U.S., and we love it that one of their first contacts alerts them to the opportunity of voting.

Vote411.org was our helpful online voter information service which provided unbiased voter information in the general election. This project was headed by **Helen Hoffman**, and ably supported by **Janet Golinkoff, Diane Maxwell, Lois Myoda, and Carole Walsh**.

Our new website (www.lwvdelaware-newcastlecounty.org) is out of its infancy now. It provides day-to-day news of League activities. Our amazing webmistress is **Sue Bryson**. **Sue** not only does most of the writing but also posts the news, complete with photos and complicated links. **Roberta Ray** posts events on our web calendar.

Our Carrie Chapman Catt dinner in September was a smashing success. This almost-annual event is a combination of fund raiser and occasion for honoring people in New Castle County who have gone well beyond job descriptions or normal expectations to make a lasting impact on our community. Celebrated this year were three outstanding people who have contributed enormously to make many lives easier and/or more beautiful: **Michael Kalmbach**, honored for his work with community arts and urban projects in Wilmington; **June MacArtor**, honored for her legal work with environmental organizations; **Rashmi**

Rangan, honored for her work with Delaware Community Reinvestment Council. And thanks to those important people who attended and netted the League over \$2,500!

Fun Lunches have been a driving force in helping with our efforts to bring to our members insightful speakers on League-oriented topics and to introduce new folks to the League. We hope that you will join us and bring your friends to the May Fun Lunch featuring our annual legislative run-down, presented by veteran lobbyists and League members, **Joann Hasse** and **John Flaherty**. Other presentations this past year have included topics such as gun violence prevention (**Brenda Mayrack**), pay equity (**Romona Fullman**), urban help center, Connections (**Kathy McKay**), impact of healthcare reform on women (**Jacqueline Christman**), attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and its impact on the justice system (**Janet Kramer**).

Fun Lunches have been organized and coordinated by our Membership team, **Letty Diswood** and **"Kloppy" Klopfenstein**. Finding venues, arranging speakers, preparing publicity, schlepping new-member information to the lunches, and graciously hosting each event are all in a day's work to these hard-working folks.

We are enormously grateful to our amazing Nominating Committee (**Jane Dille**, chair, **Rashmi Rangan** and **Carole Walsh**), for their thoughtful and inspired choices this year. A nominating committee is the incubator of any organization and we are fortunate to have had such a splendid one.

Janet Kramer has agreed to chair our Finance Committee, and she is joined by **Joyce Johnson** and **Pat Todd**. This is an absolutely blue-ribbon group of folks who have made great strides already in organizing our financial affairs and setting in place important policies that will guide our financial life.

A real coup was a Candidates’ Forum for a Council district in Newark this past month. **Carole Walsh** came out of retirement to mentor this committee and moderate a standing room only forum. **Helen Hoffman** chaired the committee, with **Judy Villamarin** and **Peggy Schultz** aiding the work. **Judy Taggart** and **Bill Walsh** helped out the night of the event. We hope to seek out more opportunities to provide this important community service.

Great Decisions groups, led by **Jackie Harris** and **Vicky Kleinman** have had excellent responses on
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second Thursdays and second Mondays in both the northern and middle sections of our county.

A fond farewell to two important members of our Leadership Team (LT): **Jacqueline Christman** and **Roberta Ray**, our Secretary. Jacqueline has been especially helpful in financial matters and women's issues. She made us proud when she was chosen to be an LWVUS observer at a 2013 United Nations meeting on women's rights. Roberta is a master at recording the main issues at our LT meetings. She has also worked hard to get us set up with our new website. We wish them both well as they move on to new challenges!

Thanks to **Pat Todd** and **Chad Tolman** for their important work with the Energy/Climate Change/Natural Resources Committee, and to **Chad** for representing the League on the crucial DNREC Sea-Level Rise Committee.

Thanks also to **Jane Dilley** for her contributions to good planning and getting from Point A to Point B by co-chairing the Land Use/Transportation Committee.

Do you like being informed regularly about League news via email? If so, thank **Letty Diswood**. She is not only our *Voter* editor but also our chief informer. She writes some of the *Voter* articles and all of the publicity blurbs, and puts them together in meaningful formats....not easy...but so appreciated

It's been a good year. But we have countless more opportunities to serve our community and earnestly hope that you will be a part of this activity. We hope that you can attend our Annual Meeting and let us know how you would like to participate!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENERGY/CLIMATE CHANGE/NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Our committee met nine times during the year. In the fall, the Committee plus members of the Natural History of Delaware and the American Chemical Society, Delaware Section, visited two recycling companies, the composting site near the Port of Wilmington and an asphalt and concrete company in New Castle. Chad Tolman, League representative and Peggy Schultz, alternate attended the Sea Level Rise Committee monthly meetings. Coralie Pryde attended the Recycling Council meetings as the League representative and Pat Todd attended the Environmental Working Group Coalition meetings. The Committee as a whole spent considerable time on Sea Level Adaptation Options. Again this year, we worked with the NY, NJ and PA leagues on fracking issues concerning the area of the Delaware River Basin. Our committee also discussed whether we needed a study on natural gas pipelines in Delaware or an update on our Transmission and Distribution position. It was determined by the group that there were enough national league positions so that a further study was not needed. Members of the Committee are Jim Black, Lorraine Fleming, Lisa Pertzoff, Coralie Pryde, Peggy Schultz, Chad Tolman and Pat Todd.

LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The Land Use/Transportation Committee met almost monthly this past year to explore ramifications of using Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) as a tool to avoid sprawl and to encourage the preservation of open space. Transfer of development rights, you may know, is the sale of the right to develop on a land designated to remain agricultural, to a landowner who owns property in an area where denser development is desirable. A TDR buyer is allowed to build at a greater density than the law would normally allow.

Our Skyped meetings connected us with League members in Sussex County, as well as with a representative from the Inland Bays, also in Sussex County, and planners from Kent County. David Edgell from the Office of State Planning Coordination met with us to speak about proposed statewide TDR legislation that didn't get passed, and we've talked with planners from Kent County which has a reasonably viable TDR program up and running. A major roadblock to TDR usage in this county is that a transfer must take place within one planning district. That is, the landowner is permitted to sell his development rights only to a landowner within the same planning district.

In March we heard Mike McGrath, former Planner with the Department of Agriculture, who promoted the idea of
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League of Women Voters of New Castle County, 2013-2014, 2014-2015 Proposed Budget #3				
INCOME	2011-2 Actual	2013-14 Budget	2014-15 Budget	
Membership Dues	6,118	6,120		Memb. Dues \$50, \$75 couple, \$25 Student 2013-2014
The Voter/Directory			6,180	Memb. Dues \$50.50, \$75.75, \$25. 25 for 2014-2015
Members	100	100	100	Est. 25 members pay \$4.00 for mailed info.
Advertising				
Public Support				
Member Contrib.		1,800	1,800	
Public Contrib. :	2,200			2011-2012 Contrib. =members and other individuals
Individuals		500	500	
Corporate		800	800	No Corporate in 2011-2012
Carrie Catt Event	2,000	2,000	2,000	Includes meal charge + contributions for event
Contribution from Ed. Fund		4310	4310	1/2 US PMP+ Bd. Tools, Mtg. Places, Insur., Audits
Total NCC Income	\$10,418	\$15,630	\$15,690	
EXPENSES				
Board/Admin.				
Board Tools ***	100	100	100	
Membership	100	100	100	
Meeting Places ***		150	150	
Non-EF Meetings	200	200	200	For example-debates & lobbying training
Communications				
*Web Hosting		600	600	Comcast shared contract starting 2013 Estimate
*Internet Access		60	60	Part of shared contract for Comcast
*Telephone	230	200	200	Part of shared contract for Comcast
Bulk Mail@ Post Office	100	100	100	For major fundraising/ Carrie Chapman Catt
LWVDE PMP	1265	1200		DE PMP=\$10 for 2013-2014
			1260	DE PMP=\$10.50 for 2014-2015
LWVUS PMP***	3161	3720	3720	\$31 LWVUS PMP; 1/2 to be pd. From LWVEd. Fnd.
Facilities/Equipment				
Equipment Maintenance	132	135	135	
Rent	825	1100	1100	
Board and Directors Insurance ***		1000	1000	Estimate & Priority new expense
Bonding		500	500	Estimate & Priority new expense
Supplies	250	250	250	
Miscellaneous Expenses		100	100	
Office Manager Services	2184	2400	2400	
Acc't and Audit Services ***		1200	1200	
Bank Fees	450	450	450	Note-Plan to explore Pay Pal costs as alternative
Postage/ Mailing Services	140	170	170	
The Voter	300	50	50	
National Convention	1500	1500	1500	Support delegates
State Convention		100	100	Support delegates
National Council		100	100	Support attendees
Delaware Retreat		100	100	
NCC Annual Meeting		25	25	Cost of beverages
Total Expenses	\$10,937	\$15,610	15,670	
Net Ordinary Income	(\$519)	\$20	\$20	
*** May use Ed. Fund to reimburse * New Contract for Comcast includes all three areas and shared with LWVDE, LWVED Fund				

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designating the City of Wilmington as a receiving area, where the infrastructure already exists for much greater density, and where a better tax base is needed to support the City.

Co-Chair Peggy Schultz represents the League of Women Voters on the State Air Quality Workgroup which is examining Low Emission Vehicle regulations.

Members of the Committee are Co-Chairs Jane Dilley and Peggy Schultz, and committee members Robert Bennett, and Margo Perkins.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Welcome to our new members: Emily M. White, Kay W. Gallogly, Melissa Hopkins, and Nancy Lopez

The updated **Membership Roster** will be ready shortly. It has information about the League, its advocacy positions and programs at the local, state and national level. It also lists the state, county and some cities voting election district for each member. This has changed since the last census and we are checking each address at this time. It lists all members who are current for the 2012-13 fiscal year. Alas, it takes us a while to renew members, but this roster will take you through March of 2014 so you can contact members, make new friends and plan rides to events. Please remember the list is for your personal use only. Thanks go to Moonyeen Klopfenstein, Connie Beattie, Letty Diswood, and Lois Myoda for their efforts.

To increase our numbers and allow our League to grow please send us any names and contact information of persons who may be interested in our programs and mission, for example: friends, coworkers, new retirees or students, and family members. You can also give a gift membership!

This committee, with the help of our Leadership team, also plans the Fun Lunches and can always use help in coordinating and finding speakers on topics that are timely. Leave a message at 302-571-8948 or lwvncc@voicenet.com.

A special thank you goes to Bob Hasse who collates the welcome folders for new citizens that are presented at the naturalization ceremonies eight times a year on the first Thursday of the month. And a huge **thank you** to Connie Georgov, who helps out at nearly all ceremonies and coordinates the volunteers who attend and distribute these folders.

Note date and location change for June: This coming June 13 (Thursday) at 11:30 am there will be a special Naturalization Ceremony at University of Delaware's Clayton Hall where an expected 300 new citizens will take the oath. If you are interested in helping out and also being inspired by a moving ceremony, please call Connie at 302-834-3026 or leave a message at office at 302-571-8948. No prior experience required.

**League of Women Voters of Delaware invites all members to its biennial
CONVENTION, SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2013
Sheraton Dover Hotel, 1570 N. DuPont Highway
Dover, DE 19901**

**No experience required to become a delegate! Join us for an informative and productive day.
Convention and Registration at 8:30 – 9 am with coffee/teas/decaf/water
Business meeting 9:00 am • Workshop 10:45 – 12:00 am • Luncheon at noon • Speaker at 12:40 pm
• Workshop at 1:30 pm • Business meeting 2:30 • Adjourn 4 pm**

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

\$30.00 Registration is paid at the registration Table. Express Deli Luncheon included.

Contact your local League Convenor/President (listed below) and let her know that you will be a delegate. Send your name, contact information and the League you are representing to the [office lwvde@voicenet.com](mailto:lwvde@voicenet.com) or call the office at 302- 571-8948. Payment for registration is taken day of event at registration table. (Note LWVNCC delegates pay \$20.00) If you are a nominee not currently serving on a board, you are encouraged to represent your local League as a delegate/or visitor.

LWVNCC – Peggy Schultz – schultz_peggy@yahoo.com

**Workshops: Leadership/Membership Development – presenter: Deborah McMillan, LWVUS board member;
Understand a Financial Report – presenter : Cheryl Carncross of Brandywine Accounting.**

GREAT DECISIONS 2013

2nd Thursday Discussion Group, Wilmington 10 am-noon
Parlor of Immanuel Church, Highlands, 2400 W 17th Street,
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Saturday, May 18, 2013	8:30am-4pm	Sheraton Dover Hotel 1570 N. DuPont Highway Dover, DE 19901	LWVDE Convention. Registration at 8:30am. Program begins at 9am and adjourns at 4pm. See article on the Convention in the LWV of Delaware Spring VOTER.
Monday, May 20, 2013	11:30 am-1 pm	Michael's Restaurant 1000 Churchman's Rd, Newark, DE 19713	Fun Lunch. Hot topic: Update on Legislation in the Current Delaware Legislature: What's Hot and What is Not? Speakers: John Flaherty and Joann Hasse, lobbyists.
Monday, June 3, 2013	5:30 pm Social, 6 pm Pot Luck Dinner 6:45 pm Business 7:30 pm Planning	Jerry & Peggy Schultz's home, 113 Cardiff Ct. W., Newark 19711	LWCNCC Annual Meeting. Bring any dish to share! Please RSVP 302-571-8948 or lwvde@voicenet.com There will be time for socializing, taking care of business and a planning session for our activities for the coming year. This is the time for all members to help formulate and give direction to where your local League should spend time and its resources. We need and want your ideas to make this coming year meaningful and productive.

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

The NCC League of Women Voters invites all to the JUNE FUN LUNCH

Monday, June 17, 2013 11:30am - 1:00 pm
New Place: Michael's Restaurant
1000 Churchmans Rd, Newark, DE 19713
(302) 368-4230

JUNE'S HOT TOPIC:

FRACKING: WHAT'S HAPPENING – OR NOT HAPPENING – IN THE DELAWARE RIVER BASIN AND ELSEWHERE

Is there still a moratorium on fracking in the Delaware River Basin? Are any new regulations forthcoming? Why are Pennsylvanians concerned about gas pipelines? Could 'fracked' gas be shipped out of Delaware ports?

Our speaker will be Coralie Pryde, who has been following fracking issues for about eight years and will discuss the current situation. Biographical information on page 2

Join us for a buffet luncheon and discussion. Great food choices and the price of \$14.00 per person covers lunch, beverages and gratuity.

The purpose of this FUN LUNCH is to check in with current and longtime friends, make new friends, invite potential new members (your friends, neighbors, colleagues) to experience the League in

an informal setting, and **become informed on a wide variety of topics.**

Please RSVP at lwvde@comcast.net or 302-571-8948 by Saturday, June 15, so the restaurant knows how many to expect. If you need a ride leave a message on the League Office phone or e-mail when you RSVP. Directions: See page 5

CALL 302-571-8948 AND LEAVE A MESSAGE.

LWVNCC ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

This year's Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of New Castle County said a grateful farewell to two members who have served the League well over the past two years as members of the former Leadership Team: Jacqueline Christman and Roberta Ray. Jacqueline represented the League of Women Voters of the United States at an international conference on women's rights. She has also been an active watchdog Team member in the area of finances. Roberta helped set up the League's new website, she has ably served as secretary, she has proofread all our Voters, all the while supporting activity with needle exchange and prostitution workers. We will greatly miss both women, and wish them well in their continuing adventures!



Pictured L-R: Danielle Emerling Newark City Council observer, Jane Dilley, Nominating Committee Chair, Letty Diswood, office manager, Roberta Ray, outgoing secretary.

A year-round Finance Committee was recently added to our structure, as opposed to the previous method of working with a short-term budget committee that went (Continued on page 2 **Annual Meeting**)

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into action only shortly before each Annual Meeting. The committee is chaired by Janet Kramer; committee members include Joyce Johnson and Pat Todd. Members voted approval of a by-law change which describes the work of the new committee. Also approved were dues of \$50 and \$15, respectively, for individual members and for students. Dues for additional members of a household are \$25.

Pictured below is a breakout session to discuss calendar and program priorities.



L-R Moonyeen Klopfenstein, Membership Co-chair, Fay Whittle, Carole Walsh, state board secretary Danielle Emerling, Peggy Schultz and Joyce Johnson Co-presidents.

The Secretary was directed to cast a unanimous vote of assent to the slate of nominees, brought forward by the Nominating Committee chaired by Jane Dilley and aided by Carole Walsh and Rashmi Rangan. Co-Presidents Joyce Johnson and Peggy Schultz, 2nd Vice-President Helen Hoffman, Treasurer Fiona Mulligan and Director Sue Radecki will all serve one-year terms. Elected to two-year terms were 1st Vice-President Susan Bryson, Secretary Emily White and directors Vicky Kleinman, Emily Knearl, Joann Hasse and Kay Gallogly. Moonyeen Klopfenstein (“Kloppy”) is continuing her term of office until it ends in 2014.

Attendees agreed to carry on with the traditional governance for the League’s governing body, following a trial period with the Leadership Team format.

Directions to the new Board included: devote efforts to building membership among younger people; offer rides to meetings; develop a video on membership experiences, place on website; hold meetings in evenings so that working people can attend.

A specially-welcomed guest was Lucretia Young, representing AARP.

Before the meeting about 30 members and guests enjoyed conversation and delicious shared food offerings.

Peggy Schultz – co-president

Annual Meeting pot luck dinner



L-R Fay Whittle, Jackie Harris, Jane Dilley, Chad Tolman, Helen Hoffman, Janet Kramer, Moonyeen Klopfenstein

The Annual Meeting of the LWVNCC was held on Monday, June 3rd at the home of Peggy and Jerry Schultz. And we thank you for your hospitality! The Noah-like rain earlier in the afternoon had disappeared and we did not need boats to get to their home.

It was a fun and fact packed evening with opportunities to share wonderful food and ideas. Officers for the coming year were elected; a by-law outlining the duties of the Finance Committee was passed; budget discussed and approved; program accepted! Directions to the new board included a reminder that we are ALL members of the Membership Committee and that we should consider holding more meetings in the evening.

At the close of the business meeting, portfolio chairs discussed what their individual committees have done and what they hope to do. Special plug – LWVUS has requested an Agricultural update study – “will focus narrowly on 1) current technology issues in agriculture including genetically modified organisms (GMOs), herbicides, pesticides, agriculture water pollution, aquifer depletion, antibiotics in livestock, and accurate food labeling; and 2) current agriculture finance issues including consolidation in agriculture industries, crop subsidies and the federal agricultural regulatory process”. Care to don a straw hat and join me?

Joyce P. Johnson – co-president

Get to know our June FUN LUNCH speaker who will talk about FRACKING: WHAT’S HAPPENING – OR NOT HAPPENING

Coralie Pryde grew up in Southwestern Wyoming. She has a B.S. in chemistry from the University of Wyoming and an M.S. in organometallic chemistry from the University of Massachusetts. She carried out research in organic and polymer chemistry and materials science at Bell Laboratories and in the Electronic materials division at DuPont. She has had a long-term interest in environmental issues and is an active member in several environmental organizations. She started to follow developments in hydraulic fracturing after reading about contamination of water at fracking sites in Pavillion, Wyoming. Along with her environmental work, she is currently vice-president of the Delaware Coalition for Open Government and is a co-instructor for a course, “Current Issues”, at Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in Wilmington.

OBSERVER CORPS CORNER

Hope you all noticed a new addition Webmaster Sue Bryson has added to our website. http://www.lwvdelaware-newcastlecounty.org/County_City_and_School_Board_Meetings.html. Sue developed special calendars for New Castle County Council, New Castle County Land Use Committee, New Castle County Planning Board, Newark City Council, Newark Planning Commission, Wilmington City Council, Wilmington City Planning Commission, as well as calendars for each of the five school boards in New Castle County. Currently we have observers for Newark City Council and New Castle County Land Use Committee and New Castle County Council meetings. Observers for all the other public bodies are heartily encouraged. If you'd like to join our observers please email or phone the Land Use/Transportation Committee: jadilley@udel.edu or 610-869-8848. We plan to have a monthly column here that will share highlights of some of the meetings our members have observed.

Newark City Council Meeting, May 28, 2013

The Newark City Council is considering an ordinance that would allow the City to deny permits or certificates of occupancy to applicants who are not in good standing with the city, either with respect to the property in question or with delinquent fees owed to the City. Council supported the measure; however, the ordinance was tabled for the next meeting to allow Council to establish a clear appeals process. Council also approved the transfer of \$142,400 of capital funds for a municipal building security and safety project that would include Alderman's Court security upgrades and a lockdown of the building at night. Although they approved the transfer, the project will not move forward until staff presents Council with more specific information about updates to the building. Finally, Council approved the transfer of \$17,000 in capital funds to the Main Street tree pit removal project.

In addition to the \$8,000 remaining from the previous year's tree pit removal project, these funds will be used to complete the final tree pits on Main Street.

Danielle Emerling

ATTENTION!! The LWV of Delaware and New Castle County have a new email: lwvde@comcast.net lwvncc@comcast.net Please delete the lwvde@voicenet.com and lwvncc@voicenet.com emails from your address books

New Castle County Land Use Committee June 4, 2013

County Council is looking at a new ordinance that would establish a Farmland Preservation Trust. If such a trust were up and running its governing board would be authorized to purchase the development rights from the owners of farmland and/or open space so that those lands would remain undeveloped in perpetuity. Those development rights would go into a kind of bank, and would be available for purchase from someone in an area suitable for growth, so that this second developer could build at a greater density. At the Committee meeting sponsors Councilmen Powers, Weiner and Bell answered questions on the ordinance. Three farmers in the public seats at the meeting shared how important it is to them to be able to rent or buy property which is not developable, that is, whose development rights have been sold. If land is developable, of course, it is much more expensive and beyond the reach of most farmers. The state currently has a Farmland Preservation Trust, but never buys development rights in this county because these rights are much cheaper in Kent and Sussex Counties, yet New Castle County pays into the trust.

Peggy Schultz

GREAT DECISIONS 2013

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Danielle Emerling, Elizabeth Fite, Emily Knearl
The updated MEMBERSHIP ROSTER 2013 will be emailed to all members shortly. Members who paid for it during the last membership renewal period will receive it by mail.

Highlights of May FUN LUNCH

The focus was on legislation currently making its way through the Delaware legislature and bills that had passed in this session. Eighteen League members and guests attended. Our speakers were John Flaherty and Joann Hasse, both lobbyists and League members.



Joann Hasse and John Flaherty (pictured at right)

Legislation discussed included gun safety, marriage equality, redistricting reform, health care bills, same day registration, FOIA issues and a host of other bills. See page 4 -5 of some of the bills the League is following and supporting/opposing.

Listed below are SOME of the bills the LWV Advocacy Corps is following.

BILL TYPE	BILL #	Amnd	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT STATUS	LWV POSITION
HB	13	HA 2	Prohibits a former member of the General Assembly from acting as a lobbyist for a period of one year after such person's term of office ends. Uncompensated lobbying activities are exempt from the one-year waiting period.	passed House 5/7/13; in Senate Executive Committee 5/8/13	Monitor
SB	48		Create 11 member Re-districting Commission	passed Senate 6/6/13	Support as better than existing law
HB	23		Public meetings of Bds. of Ed of Pub./Charter/etc be digitally recorded and be available in 7 business days	House Appropriations Committee 6/4/13	Support
HB	65		Extends Manuf. Housing Relocation Authority 5 years	Out of Manuf. Housing Comm. 5/1/13	Support
			Homeless persons bill of rights would prohibit discrimination against people based on "housing status" in housing, accommodations, and employment.		Support
SB	33	SA1	Rent Justification	passed Senate 6/6/13	Support
			New rent justification bill that is weaker than SB 33 and would require homeowners to hire expensive counsel to enforce their rights		Oppose
HB	89	Ha 1	Creates GIANT exception to procedures of Health Resources Board	passed House 5/16/13 in Senate Health & Social Service Comm. 6/4/13	Oppose
HB	10		2nd leg of constitution amendment to eliminate 5 year wait for felons to vote	passed both Houses; does not require Gov's signature	Supported
HB	75		Marriage Equality	signed day it passed Senate 5/7/13	Supported
SB	9		Title 11- eliminate mandatory life sentence for juveniles and add judicial option for modification	Passed Senate 3/20; passed House May16; signed 3/18/2013	Supported

SB	19	SA 1	Eliminates death penalty. Amendment applies it only to those convicted after passage of this bill.	Senate passed 3/26; in House Judiciary 3/28 Tabled in Committee	Support
HB	32		Updates Oil Pollution Act, eliminates cap for liability, requires COFR	Passed House 4/16; passed Senate 5/15/2013	Supported
HB	5		Requires GA approval of California LEV program instead of just DNREC's adoption of regulations (may be amended)	House Natural Resources Committee tabled 1/15/13	Oppose
HB	109		Prohibits use of bisphenol-A in plastic containers	House Natural Resources Comm. 5/01/13 tabled	Support
HCR	17	SA1	Sea Level Rise Awareness Week	Passed House & Senate	Supported
SB	34		Recent change in RGGI allowance must be approved by a DE joint resolution	Senate Energy and Transit Comm. 3/28/13	Oppose
SB	65		Adds Drinking Water Revolving F. and Water Pollution to Drinking Water Funds to Water Advisory Council	Senate Natural Resources; out of Com. 6/5//13	Support
SB	78		Non-tidal wetlands--set up Advisory Committee to develop recommendation for conserving & restoring	passed Senate 6/6/13	Support
HB	160		Will allow for limited aquaculture in Delaware's Inland Bays	Out of Natural Resources Comm. 6/5/13	Support
HB	35		Would close the gun sale "loophole" by requiring background checks on many more private sales.	passed House and Senate w/ amendments & signed	Supported
HB	58		Would ban manufacture, sale, transfer, etc of magazines with capacity over 10 rounds	Out of Committee 5/1/13	Support
HB	20		This is the first leg of a constitutional amendment that would eliminate from the Delaware Constitution the requirements as to when a person may vote by absentee ballot. This amendment to the Delaware Constitution provides that the General Assembly shall enact general laws providing the circumstances, rules and procedures for absentee voting.	Defeated on 04/16/2013	Support
HB	105		Provides for election day registration for presidential primary, primary, special, and general elections. Moreover, same day registration at polling places will be permitted with submission of valid government issued identification or other generally accepted proof of identification.	Out of House Administration Committee 5/8/13	Support

JUNE FUN LUNCH (Continued)

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

- Within 1/3 mile of The Christiana Care Hospital, The Hilton Hotel , (Wilmington/Christiana/Newark), The Country Inn and Suites, The Marriott Hotel, The Home Depot and Best Buy in the Centre Point Shopping Center
- Minutes from Delaware Park

FROM WILMINGTON AND NORTH: 1) Take I-95 South to the SR-58 N Exit – (Exit 4B) toward SR-7 N/Stanton/Churchman's Crossing. Merge onto Churchmans Road / DE-58 W. **OR 2)** from Kirkwood Highway turn South onto Route 7, turn right on to Churchmans Road, restaurant is on your right.

WEST AND SOUTH: Take I – 95 North. Merge onto Stanton Christiana Road/DE 7 N via (Exit 4B) toward Metroform. Merge onto Churchman's Road/DE-58 W via Exit 166. End at 1000 Churchman's Road.

FROM NEWARK AND UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE CAMPUS AND BLUE HEN STADIUM:

Take Ogletown-Stanton Road/DE-4E past its intersection with Rt. 273. Turn RIGHT onto Churchman's Road at the entrance to Delaware Park just past the Christiana Hospital. End at 1000 Churchman's Road, just south of The Home Depot and the Centre Point Shopping Center.

CALENDAR

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Friday, June 14, 2013- Monday, June 17, 2013		The National Conference Center (near Dulles Airport) 18980 Upper Belmont Place Leesburg, VA 20176	LWVUS Council 2013. The National Council of Leaders meeting offers the League a great opportunity to come together as state and national leaders, to discuss the issues facing our democracy and how together we can address those issues. It also provides you the opportunity to access training and leadership development sessions to support you as state League leader. For more information see http://www.lwv.org/content/first-call-lwvus-council-2013
Monday, June 17, 2013	11:30 am-1 pm	Michael's Restaurant 1000 Churchman's Rd Newark, DE 19713	Fun Lunch. Hot topic: Update on Fracking. Speaker: Coralie Pryde. See details on page 1 in this VOTER.
Tuesday, June 18, 2013	6:30-8:30pm	League Office 2400 W. 17th St. Wilmington, DE 19806	LWVNCC Board Meeting. Call 571-8948 for information.
Thursday, June 20, 2013	6-8:30pm	Roma Restaurant 3 Presidents Drive Dover, DE 19901	LWVDE Board Meeting. RSVP to the League office if attending. Letty will give you information and directions.
Friday, June 21	1:30-3:30 pm	Pat Todd's home	Energy Committee Meeting. Call 302-762-5995

LWV OF THE UNITED STATES URGES YOU TO TAKE ACTION: IMMIGRATION REFORM MOVES FORWARD

This week the Senate will move legislation on immigration reform forward. **S. 744, the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act**, isn't a perfect bill. However, it will begin the process of fixing America's broken immigration system.

The League of Women Voters was founded upon the belief that our democracy is enhanced by a diversity of voices. Immigrants have helped weave the fabric and identity of our nation. It's time to help those living in the shadows to become a part of our great nation; we believe that comprehensive immigration reform will strengthen our nation and society.

Tell your Senators that comprehensive immigration reform must:

- Provide a path to citizenship for undocumented persons;
- Promote reunification of families;
- Meet economic business and employment needs of the U.S.;
- Improve safeguards against illegal immigration;
- Provide due process for all persons including the right to a fair hearing.

Thank your Senators for addressing the crucial issue of immigration reform and urge them to allow immigrants to contribute to the U.S. economy and society by providing them with a clear pathway to citizenship.

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Augusts' Hot Topic
HEALTH CARE REGULATION-IS ANYONE WATCHING?

Mary Peterson, our guest speaker, is the former Director of the Office of Health Facilities Licensing and Certification (OHFL) and currently is the Director of the Division of Long Term Care Residents Protection, both within the Dept. of Health and Social Services.

Mary will explain the process of developing regulations and their enforcement by the OHFL in which she was heavily involved in her previous job. This is a timely issue since the recent passage of legislation on new regulations for facilities which do invasive procedures.

Examples of health care facilities under the supervision of the OHFL are Adult Day Care Facilities, Free Standing Emergency Centers, Free Standing Surgical Centers, Hospitals, And Personal Assistance Services Agencies

(Continued on page 2 Fun Lunch)

VOTER REGISTRATION TRAINING

When: Wednesday, August 28th at
4:30 – 6:30 PM
Pizza and soft drinks provided

Where: Emmanuel Church, Highlands
Where LWV Office is located
2400 W 17th Street, Wilmington

The room is wheelchair accessible – follow signs to second door on right.

Call to register 302-571-8948 or email: lwvde@comcast.net

Who should attend: Anyone interested in registering the public to vote and also current registrars who need a refresher about the process and rules etc.

The certification lasts for two years and you can use the Delaware forms.

Learn about latest updates to the rules regarding voter registration in Delaware.



L-R Judy Taggart and Sue Bryson at LWV's information table registering voters at PDH Ministries Inc. Wilmington, Saturday, August 3, 2013

(Continued from page 1 Fun Lunch)

Mary is a native Delawarean. She has been the Director of the Division of Long Term Care Residents Protection since January 1, 2013. Prior to this position, Mary spent 14 years as the Director of the Office of Health Facilities Licensing and Certification, overseeing the regulation of acute and outpatient health care agencies and facilities. Mary is a registered nurse and graduate of the University of Delaware. In addition to her regulatory experience, Mary has been a nursing administrator in long term care, a quality improvement administrator, a staff development instructor and a staff nurse. Mary has experience in: policy development and implementation; regulation development, promulgation and implementation; and drafting legislation.

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FOR CAR POOL-CALL 302-571-8948 LEAVE A MESSAGE. Directions to Michael are on page 7.

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

The League will have a voter registration drive at DelTech Community College, both Wilmington and Stanton campuses September 24 from 11 am–1:30 pm and 4:30–6 pm at each location.

Be ready and take the voter registration training on Wednesday, August 28 at 4:30 pm. Details page 1

Co-President's Comments.....

Dear Members,



Back in the day we'd leave our kids with the League babysitter and hurry on to crowded afternoon League Unit meetings. That was when all Leaguers were women, and those women constituted only 38% of the workforce. In 2010 the percentage of women in the workforce was 59%, a jump of about 50%. (We'll disregard for the present the fact that the women of 1963 earned only 63% of what a man did in a similar job.)

When we think about recruiting and then holding onto new members, we need to think of where they are. They won't be leaving their 1.0 kid per family with the League babysitter like we did because they're out working. (In 1960 we had 1.5 kids per family.) Since we now welcome men into membership we need to note that persons of this classification ordinarily work during the day as well.

Not only is the League struggling with a shift in the workforce, but the Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that the adult volunteering rate increased by more than 32 percent between 1989 and 2005. We have competition.

It's a given that we ought to hold most of our meetings at night. In terms of the competition issue, we need to maintain the same high quality in our work for which we have been known over the years. And now that we include men in our ranks, we can expect double the prospective workers than we had back "in the day!"

Numbers in our New Castle County League have, not surprisingly, diminished somewhat over the last several years. This should not be a source of dismay but of opportunity. Shifting to a nighttime paradigm isn't such a stretch. Then add to that that each League member should consider himself/herself a part of our recruiting effort. It's important to remember that we have a strong internet presence. Referring potential members to our website is a good way to start: www.lwvdelaware-newcastlecounty.org. There are all kinds of places on the website to click and get access to a membership form. We can also give these Leaguers-in-the-making our League office's phone number: 571-8948. Letty can take credit card information over the phone and they're in! Membership in the League is also a great way to commemorate a retirement or special birthday for a dear friend.

We can all be part of the League's new lease on life!

See you soon at a Fun Lunch, or Sea Level Rise activity on Sept. 18th or 24th!

Peggy Schultz

HELP WANTED!!! No salary No benefits

However

→You will receive the thanks of all the members of the LWNCC!!!

→Development Committee or, to be honest, this does involve Fund Raising. Part of the task will be to define goals and what is needed to attain them.

→PR Committee – The LWNCC deserves to be better known in the community. How to spread the word? Newspapers, radio, TV, personal contact

→And I'm sure there are other ideas! LWVDE has appointed a PR team and we hope to work with them.

→Would you like to discuss any of these opportunities? Not only are we looking for people, we also welcome your thoughts and ideas.

Contact either:

Peggy (235-7182) schultz_peggy@yahoo.com
or Joyce (655-411) drjohntc@verizon.net

Save the date – April 24, 2014!

Carrie Chapman Catt Awards Dinner

And a committee (small but determined) has started to meet to plan this event! Stay tuned for location. In the meantime, we welcome your suggestions for possible honorees.

The criteria for an honoree require someone:

- ◇ who has made significant contributions to the community;
- ◇ has an awareness of community issues or problems and the ability to respond to them in innovative ways;
- ◇ is open to others;
- ◇ carries on the principles of the League (see page 6 of the Membership roster).

Send your thoughts to me – Joyce Johnson (655-3411) or drjohntc@verizon.net. Thanks!!!

**The League of Women Voters of Delaware
invites you to a
BOARD ORIENTATION**

WHO SHOULD ATTEND? All state and local board members as well as committee members at all levels of the League, and members interested in learning more about the LWV.

- **When: Saturday, August 24, 12 noon to 4 pm**
- **Where: Barclay Farms Clubhouse, 1 Paynter's Way, Camden, DE 19934. Directions at <http://barclay-farms.com/location.html>**
- **Bring a bag lunch. Drinks/snacks will be provided**
- **Please RSVP at lwwde@comcast.net or call the office at 302-571-8948 by Wednesday, August 14.**

The Board Orientation is a great opportunity for local and state board members to meet together and **share their respective and common interests**. For those who are new to the Board it will offer the essential information that we all need to be effective board members/leaders. We will review the roles and responsibilities of board participants.

We will be able to review and discuss those elements that bind all Leagues together working towards a shared Mission. Some of the elements to be reviewed are the League's Diversity statement, "League Basics", suggested "Best Practices", nonpartisanship requirements for specific board officers and directors, Membership and Leadership strategies, Parliamentary Procedures and League Policy and Procedures. It promises to be comprehensive and worthwhile. **We hope to make it both stimulating and relaxing.**

Please register as soon as possible, so that we can produce materials for those of you who will be attending.

This event is free and all are welcome.

**PUBLIC MEETINGS
ON
SEA LEVEL RISE IN YOUR AREA**

The League Plans Four Programs for Sea Level Rise Awareness Week

The League of Women Voters of Delaware in conjunction with other environmental organizations in the state plans to co-sponsor four educational programs about sea level rise with the Delaware Interfaith Power and Light (DeIPL) during the week of September 14 through 22. The Delaware Legislature has designated that week with a House Concurrent Resolution as Sea Level Rise Awareness Week. Chad Tolman, Chairman of the Climate Change Committee, members Peggy Schultz, John Sykes representing DeIPL and Bill Swiatek of WILMAPCO announce the following schedule.:

- ▶ All meetings will begin at 7:00 pm.
- ▶ Monday, September 16, Christ Episcopal Church, Dover
- ▶ Wednesday, September 18, Limestone Presbyterian Church, Limestone Road, Wilmington
- ▶ Friday, September 20, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Lewes
- ▶ Tuesday, September 24, Southbridge, Elbert Palmer Elementary School, Wilmington

MORE INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW IN SEPTEMBER VOTERS

The Committee will need help at all four meetings. Please call Pat Todd at 302-545-5196 if you can offer your services either helping at the meeting closest to you or baking cookies.

Pat Todd

ATTENTION!! The LWVs of Delaware and New Castle County have a new email: lwvde@comcast.net and lwvncc@comcast.net Please delete the lwvde@voicenet.com and lwvncc@voicenet.com emails from your address books

GREAT DECISIONS 2013

2nd Thursday Discussion Group, Wilmington 10 am-noon Parlor of Immanuel Church, Highlands, 2400 W 17th Street, Wilmington. Lunch follows for those interested.

TOPICS

- Sept. 12 Iran
- Oct. 10 China in Africa
- Nov. 14 Threat Assessment

2nd Monday Discussion Group, Newark

Beginning at noon with lunch at the Bamboo House for those interested, followed by a 1:30-3:30pm discussion at the Newark Free Library.

TOPICS

- Sept. 9 Iran
- Oct. China in Africa - date not determined
- Nov. Threat Assessment – date not

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

It is time to renew your membership to the LWV of NCC. Anyone who's membership was up for renewal for 7/1/2013-6/30/2014 was sent a bulk mail letter in July. Don't let the letter get lost in your pile of mail!

If you have any questions please call 302-571-8948 or send a message to lwvde@comcast.net.

THANK YOU to the following members who made a contribution to the LWVNCC above the renewal rate:

Harriett Ainbinder, Connie and David Beattie, Susan K. Bryson, Susan Brynteson, Mary Ann Champion, Sheila Cassells, Barbara Crowell, Paulette De La Veaux, Jane and Frank Dilley, Katherine Esterly, Blanche Fleming, Bob & Jane Frelick, Jackie and Jack Harris, Joyce Johnson, Kit Kalall, Vicky Kleinman, Brain and Janet Kramer, Ruth B. Siegel, Judith & Robert Taggart, Jeraldine (Jerry) Trabant, Florence Waibel, Franne Wetmore.

In loving memory of June MacArtor contributions: Barbara Crowell, Joyce Johnson, Janet and Brian Kramer

Newark City Council Meeting, June 10, 2013

At the June 10, 2013 Newark City Council meeting, a city resident raised concerns about the University of Delaware Star Campus and plans to build a substation there that will generate 248 megawatts of electricity using natural gas turbines. This resident said that the substation requires a Title V permit, which means it could generate a significant amount of pollution, and that Newark residents should be made aware of any adverse effects this station may have on quality of life and property values. City Manager Carol S. Houck agreed and said that once plans for the Star Campus are complete, public hearings will be held. State Representative John Kowalko was present at the meeting and supported public hearings on the matter.

Council unanimously passed an ordinance that allows the city to measure residents' water usage in gallons and to increase the billing frequency from quarterly to monthly using the new Smart Meters. While the ordinance allows the city to enact this measure as soon as July 1, 2013, Councilman Luke Chapman asked that they give residents at least three months notice so that residents, especially those on fixed incomes, have time to plan for the change. Additionally, only 71 Smart Meters have been installed and more than 9,000 remain to be put in place. The switch most likely will occur in January 2014. Council also voted unanimously to support the Payment in Lieu of Taxes Program (PILOT), a measure in the Delaware House of Representatives that could potentially provide Newark with more than \$300,000 to \$500,000 per year in state funds to make up for losses in property tax revenue. The resolution states that nearly 46 percent of Newark's property is tax-exempt.

At the June 24 meeting, the Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO) gave a presentation on its progress with the Newark Regional Transportation Center. The NRTC will be located on a part of the old Chrysler plant site, just south of the current Newark train station. They expect that the NRTC will serve commuters on AMTRAK and SEPTA and also accommodate the rail company Norfolk Southern. The site will include two raised platforms, restroom facilities, and a ticket office. Last June, WILMAPCO received a \$10 million TIGER IV grant from the federal government, and \$23.2 million in matching funds were contributed by the State of Delaware, the City of Newark, New Castle County, the University of Delaware, and WILMAPCO. Construction is scheduled to begin in September 2014, and the station's projected opening date is January 2017.

Danielle Emerling, Observer

New Castle County Land Use Committee, Executive Committee and Council observed

An ordinance which would establish a farmland/open space trust was a concern of the Council over the last several weeks. The topic was initially broached at an Executive Committee Meeting on May 28, 2013. The vehicle for establishing the trust would be an amendment to the County Code. That same evening a contentious discussion ultimately resulted in authorization of a \$3 million bond bill for the coming fiscal year's budget which would largely provide funding for the trust. The League made a Board-approved statement in support of the bond bill ordinance, emphasizing the need to acquire farmland and open space while it is still undeveloped. Ordinances adopting both the Capital Budget and the Annual Operating Budget for the coming fiscal year also passed at the May 28 meeting.

Ordinance 13-040, the ordinance which would have established a farmland trust, was tabled at a Council meeting on June 11, 2013, and then again on June 25. Also at the June 11th meeting a development called French Park, to be built partially on a wetland, was narrowly approved. This development was code compliant at the time it was submitted. In the meantime the County greatly limited building on wetlands. Enough Council members felt obliged to approve the unpopular plan, that the resolution supporting it passed.

At the Council Meeting on July 9, 2013, Councilman Cartier proposed an amendment which would have exempted nonprofit organizations such as the Friends of Rockwood from County law which requires adherence to the County's prevailing wage law. The Friends had in mind a restoration of part of the Rockwood mansion, using private funds. The money they had raised was not sufficient to permit payment of the legally required wages. The motion was inexplicably tabled.

A hiatus during most of August will be broken by the occurrence of both a Land Use Committee meeting and a Council meeting on August 27, 2013.

Peggy Schultz

JUNE MACARTOR REMEMBERED

On June 13, 2013, the Delaware League of Women Voters lost a highly distinguished member, June D. MacArtor. On September 6, 2012 June received the League's prestigious Carrie Chapman Catt Award. She was President of the Wilmington and Delaware Leagues during the 1960s. Prior to that she was Water Resources Chair and helped to form the InterLeague Council for the Delaware River Basin in 1960.

June received a BA degree in sociology from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where she met husband Frank. It was Frank's job with Atlas Powder Company that brought them to Wilmington and later through a transfer to California. After four children June was ready to try the workplace but was rebuffed because of her gender when seeking a pollution control job at the University of Southern California. A determined and committed environmentalist--and a pioneer--this led directly to an interest in attending law school. She began in California; but a transfer back to Delaware for Frank resulted in June's transfer to Villanova University Law School, where she completed a JD degree. She was admitted to the Delaware Bar in 1974—one of its first 25 women members.

In her first job as Delaware Deputy Attorney General assigned to DNREC, June created and headed until 1983 an Environmental Unit housed in DNREC's Dover headquarters. She had a long and successful history of developing regulations and providing legal support for the new environmental laws of the 1970s. She drafted the first set of wetlands regulations and worked with administration of the Coastal Zone Act (CZA); many years later she was very helpful in crafting its regulations. Regarded as an authority on the CZA she published articles in "The Delaware Lawyer" and other publications that are referenced and quoted by scholars. June taught law courses at both the University of Delaware (UD) and Widener School of Law.

Feeling the need for a change June worked for the Division of Consumer Affairs from 1984-1987 as Chief of Investigations and Counseling, and then back to DNREC from 1987-1990 as Deputy Director of the Division of Air and Waste Management—from which she retired. Her papers from 1966-2005 are housed at UD Library's Special Collections, Politics and Government, where they occupy ~ 25 linear feet. A Library exhibit, "In Memoriam: June D. MacArtor, Esquire, Delaware's Environmental Guardian," concluded on July 30.



June MacArtor, Esq. (left), receiving Carrie Chapman Catt Award in 2012 presented by the LWV of New Castle County, with fellow awardees Michael Kalmbach (center) and Rashmi Rangan, Esq. (right).

June didn't slow down a bit in retirement. She became a Delaware Nature Society board member and Chair of its Advocacy Committee. She established a litigation fund to enable the Society to take legal action on issues when appropriate. She continued as an Advocacy Committee member through 2012. Dedicated to public service June served on many boards, including the New Castle County Planning Board for more than 20 years. Also, she was on a number of DNREC advisory bodies, including the Brownfields Committee, Citizen's Advisory Committee, Title 5 Air

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Regulations Committee, and Coastal Zone Regulatory Advisory Committee. She was a member of the DeIDOT Advisory Council and the Green Watch Institute and did a variety of pro bono legal projects. She continued to this year on the New Castle County League's Natural Resources, Climate Change, and Energy and Land Use Committees and Great Decisions group.

Additional well-earned recognitions for June's accomplishments included the Society of Women Environmental Professionals of Greater Philadelphia Touchstone Award in 2009; the Delaware Bar Association "Women's Leadership Award" in 2011;" and in 2012 she was one of The News Journal's "50 Who Matter."

While we won't see that quiet spoken, sweet person who took copious notes at League meetings any more her enormous legacy will endure.

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

- Within 1/3 mile of The Christiana Care Hospital, The Hilton Hotel , (Wilmington/Christiana/Newark), The Country Inn and Suites, The Marriott Hotel, The Home Depot and Best Buy in the Centre Point Shopping Center
- Minutes from Delaware Park

FROM WILMINGTON AND NORTH: 1) Take I-95 South to the SR-58 N Exit – (Exit 4B) toward SR-7 N/Stanton/Churchman's crossing. Merge onto Churchmans Road / DE-58 W. **OR 2)** from Kirkwood Highway turn South onto Route 7, turn right on to Churchmans Road, restaurant is on your right.

WEST AND SOUTH: Take I – 95 North. Merge onto Stanton Christiana Road/DE 7 N via (Exit 4B) toward Metroform. Merge onto Churchman's Road/DE-58 W via Exit 166. End at 1000 Churchman's Road.

FROM NEWARK AND UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE CAMPUS AND BLUE HEN STADIUM:

Take Ogletown-Stanton Road/DE-4E past its intersection with Rt. 273. Turn RIGHT onto Churchman's Road at the entrance to

Delaware Park just past the Christiana Hospital. End at 1000 Churchman's Road, just south of The Home Depot and the Centre Point Shopping Center.

TAKE ACTION: Tell Congress to Fix the Voting Rights Act

By: Elisabeth MacNamara 08/06/2013

Forty-eight years ago today, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the historic Voting Rights Act (VRA) into law. Unfortunately, earlier this summer the U.S. Supreme Court erased fundamental protections against racial discrimination in voting that have been critical in protecting our democracy.

The damage to the VRA can and must be fixed – Congress has the power to act swiftly to restore the effectiveness of the Voting Rights Act. [Tell your members of Congress to work quickly to repair and restore the VRA.](#)

Before adjourning for the August recess, both the Senate and the House of Representatives held hearings to begin discussing solutions to discrimination at the polls and the path forward for the VRA. We were encouraged by what we witnessed – members from both sides of the aisle expressing a need to address the Supreme Court's mistake and vowing to ensure our elections are free, fair and accessible to all citizens.

CALENDAR

Date	Time	Place	Description
Monday, August 19, 2013	11:30 am-1 pm	Michael's Restaurant 1000 Churchman's Rd Newark, DE 19713	Fun Lunch. Hot topic: Health Care Regulation, Is Anyone Watching? See page 1 and 2 of this newsletter for more details.
Saturday, August 24, 2013	Noon - 4 pm	Barclay Farms Clubhouse 1 Paynter's Way Camden, DE 19934	Board Orientation for all state and local board members as well as committee members at all levels of the League, and members interested in learning more about the League of Women Voters. Please bring a sack lunch; drinks will be provided. Details on page 3.
Wednesday, August 28, 2013	4:30-6:30 pm	League Office 2400 W. 17th St. Wilmington, DE 19806	Voter Registration Training. Pizza and soft drinks provided. Call 571-8948 for information and to register. Room is wheelchair accessible.
Friday, August 30, 2013	9:30-11:30 am	League Office 2400 W. 17th St. Wilmington, DE 19806	Carrie Chapman Catt Committee Meeting.
Monday, September 9, 2013	1:30-3:30 pm	Newark Free Library 750 Library Avenue Newark, DE 19711	Great Decisions Monday Discussion Group, Newark. Topic: Iran and the U.S.: three decades of futility. Discussion begins at 1:30 at the Newark Free Library. Participants are invited to join the group for lunch at noon, at the Bamboo House in the College Square Shopping Center across the street from the library. Email group leader Vicky Kleinman or call 731-4950 by September 6 and a lunch reservation will be made for you. Or feel free to just drop in without notice and listen to the discussion.
Tuesday, September 10, 2013	6:30-8:30 pm	League Office 2400 W. 17th St. Wilmington, DE 19806	LWVNCC Board Meeting. Call 571-8948 for information.
Thursday, September 12, 2013	10am-noon	Immanuel Church, Highlands 2400 W 17th St Wilmington, DE 19806	Great Decisions Thursday Discussion Group, Wilmington. Topic: Iran and the U.S.: three decades of futility. Immanuel Church is the location of the LWVDE Office. Meeting will be in the parlor.
Wednesday, September 18, 2013	7-8:30 pm	Limestone Presbyterian Church 3201 Limestone Rd Wilmington, DE 19808	Sea Level Rise Awareness Week Event. This event is for New Castle County, co-sponsored with Delaware Interfaith Power and Light. See page 4 for details.
Thursday, September 19, 2013	6-9 pm	Roma Restaurant 3 Presidents Drive Dover, DE 19901	LWVDE Board Meeting. RSVP to the League office if attending. Letty will give you information and directions.
Tuesday, September 24, 2013	11 am–1:30 pm 4:30 – 6: pm	Both campuses	National Voter Registration Day. National Voter Registration Day will be celebrated in New Castle County. Voter registration drive at Delaware Tech Wilmington and Stanton Campuses.
Tuesday, September 24, 2013	7-8:30 pm	Elbert Palmer Elementary School 1210 Lobdell St Wilmington, DE 19801	Sea Level Rise Awareness Week Event. This event is for the Southbridge neighborhood, co-sponsored with Delaware Interfaith Power and Light.
Tuesday, October 1, 2013	6:30 pm	League Office 2400 W. 17th St. Wilmington, DE 19806	LWVNCC Finance Committee Meeting. Call 571-8948 for information.

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The League of Women Voters of NCC invites all to the November FUN LUNCH

Monday, November 18, 2013 11:30 am-1:00 pm
Michael's Restaurant
1000 Churchmans Rd, Newark, DE 19713
(302) 368-4230

November's Hot Topic - Nuclear Energy

This fun lunch will include a basic overview of the technology that results in electricity generated through the use of nuclear energy. The presentation will provide fundamental answers to popular frequently asked questions about the use of this source of energy. Question areas will include, plant security, new construction, subsidies, what is behind the term 'shutdown', and others.

Kay Wilde Gallogly is the founder of The 42 Group, LLC, a performance improvement consulting firm. The focus of the firm is organizational troubleshooting in the nuclear power generation industry. Kay has been actively involved in the Delaware community in several capacities. She was a primary candidate for Delaware State Representative for the 24th District in the 2010 election with the purpose of serving the community. Kay has joined the League of Women Voters as a function of giving back to the community through informed decision making in public policy. Areas of interest are energy and the environment and health care.



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The League of Women Voters of New Castle County and the New Castle County League of Women Voters Education Fund present

A CANDIDATES' FORUM *for* MAYOR of NEWARK

At the NEWARK SENIOR CENTER
200 WHITE CHAPEL DRIVE, NEWARK

Thursday, November 14, 2013, 7:00 PM

CANDIDATES: Donald DelCollo, Jr., Robyn Harland, Mark Morehead, Rebecca Powers, Amy Roe, Polly Sierer, Matthew Vento

MODERATOR: Carole Walsh

HOLIDAY FUN BUFFET LUNCH DECEMBER 13, 2013 INVITATION

The Kent County League is hosting a fun lunch for all Delaware League Members as well as friends and family and potential League members.

Looking Glass Restaurant
located within Poly Tech in Woodside
823 Walnut Shade Rd, Woodside, DE 19980

Meet League members from all three Leagues and learn about projects that each League is involved with as well as our state Leadership

Choices of Broiled salmon with cucumber dill sauce; Roasted Rosemary Chicken, Italian style baked ziti (Vegetarian) Entrees include Chef's choice for salad or soup, 2 vegetables, roll, dessert and beverage

\$25.00 PER PERSON

Send checks to Kent County Treasurer Crystal Hamilton, 450 Peachbasket Rd., Felton, DE 19943

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS November 29th . Questions contact Jill Fuchs (302) 697-8277 jillandkenny@verizon.net. For LWVNCC carpooling call 302-571-8948

CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Dear Leaguers:

Thanks to all of you who have already re-upped. Letty just sent out post cards to catch the stragglers so if you're one of them, please help us by sending in your dues and filled-out interest sheets right away. Our fiscal year ends on June 30th, so we're well into our new year already. Your dues will help us continue the amazing work that keeps citizens informed.

We can't say enough thanks to the wonderful people who worked so tirelessly to organize the four statewide sea level rise meetings in September. Very particular thanks to Pat Todd and Chad Tolman who choreographed it all. Thanks also to our partners at DNREC, Delaware Interfaith Power and Light, Delaware Nature Society, and WILMAPCO for their enthusiastic, thoughtful help.

If you haven't had a chance already, please take a look at the amazing new video posted on our website's "JOIN LWV" page. You'll find it here: <http://www.lwvdelaware-newcastlecounty.org/JointheLeague.html>

Below pictured Nancy Breslin



You'll see Kloppey Klopfenstein, Co-President Joyce Johnson, Joann Hasse, Chad Tolman, Letty Diswood, Judy Taggart and Vicky Kleinman tell their own stories about why they love the League. Kloppey and Letty had the idea of the video, which they then asked former LWNCC President Nancy Breslin to work out for them. And did Nancy ever work it out!

Nancy did a superb job with the video, really getting at the heart and soul of why we do what we do. Thanks to all those involved in this innovative new way to let people know about the League!

We know you'll all want to come to November's Fun Lunch on November 18th to hear brand new League Board member Kay Kallogly talk about nuclear power generation. The Energy Committee, chaired by Jim Black, has worked out a number of questions to which Kay, a nuclear power consultant, will respond.

Thanks to Helen Hoffman, Coordinator of Voter Services, who is ably managing the Newark mayoral candidates' forum on November 14th. And thanks to *The Newark Post* for acknowledging the League's role in the forum.

If you have an idea about how you might serve the community and the League, please let either of us Co-Presidents know, either by phone or by email: Joyce Johnson (drjohntc@verizon.net, 655-3411) or me (schultz_peggy@yahoo.com, 235-7182).

See you at November's Fun Lunch!

Peggy J. Schultz

WARDEN WENDI CAPLE TALKS ABOUT THE WOMEN'S PRISON

Warden Wendi Caple told 21 people at the League's October Fun Lunch that today about 450 women are resident in the prison, with only 89 staff members. Because some prisoners have unusual needs, occasionally as many as three staff members are required to make sure they do not harm themselves or others. In these cases then, even fewer staff are available for the major part of the prison population. Rooms built for one person often house three, with one person sleeping on the floor. Organized sports and group physical activities are out of the question because the gym floor is now used as a dormitory. Though the prison was opened in 1991 with space for 200 offenders, on opening day 280 women moved in.



Baylor is the sole women's correctional facility in Delaware, handling all the state's demand to restrict the activities of ladies in some kind of legal trouble. Roughly 3,000 women come through the doors in a year, including those who can't make a simple \$50 to \$100 bail, and all those awaiting sentencing. Ironically, the State will often pay a total of \$18,000 to incarcerate women who cannot make their \$50 to \$100 bail.

Budget is a huge problem, according to Caple. With each year's budget based on that of the preceding year, innovation is difficult. Vocational training is scant not only because of very limited spending, but also because the prison is so overcrowded there is little place to house any activity not directly involved with what is vital for daily living. With only 8% of the state's prison population female and the remainder male, the resources go mainly to the men's prisons.

Five hundred eight people in the state are doing life, with just five of those women. So most of the prisoners leave Baylor and go out into real life; this fact suggests that personal problems should be solved in prison, but with such limited resources this usually doesn't happen. The children of an incarcerated adult, Caple pointed out, are eight times more likely to be incarcerated themselves one day than are children from homes in which one parent is not in prison.

At least one of the elements of the "trifecta" is responsible for most of the Baylor incarcerations: traumatic experiences, substance abuse, or mental illness. Returning to lives on the street following their prison terms does not encourage acceptable behavior, and recidivism is high.

In the face of incredibly daunting odds, Ms. Caple and her deputy director are not without hope, nor are they without signs of progress. They are able to offer GED education for women who have not completed high school, for example.

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(Continued from page 2 **Women's Prison**) Therapy is available in groups but not one-on-one. The warden spoke encouragingly of an enrichment program called Six-to-One available to detainees only. Therapy groups in Six-to-One focus on recidivism, drug addiction, criminally addictive thinking, and behavioral issues and trauma. Initially there was a reluctance on the part of detainees to sign up for the program, and now there's a waiting list.

A Saturday academy for the children of incarcerated ladies would be helpful, not only for the children but also for the prison moms. Transportation to the prison is difficult to arrange, particularly for children who live in Sussex County, since Baylor is in New Castle County. Ms. Caple would like to establish a nursery so that pregnant women who deliver in prison can bond with their babies.

During the question and answer period one League member asked if, even though a sizable majority of the inmates are mothers, a significant number of whom deliver in lockup, is there any mention of birth control in their training? The response from Caple was no.

A member of the audience, County Councilman Penrose Hollins, spoke warmly of the Hope Commission, which in the early spring of 2014 will offer individualized support to people coming out of prison, including job training, job placement, and help in getting housing. This organization, a remarkable coalition of community and church groups, has its own building and what Councilman Hollins described as a "blue ribbon" Board of Directors.

Another member of the audience asked the Deputy Warden what the average person on the street could do to help with the work of the women's prison. Mr. Robert May responded that mentoring children and volunteering in projects that encourage young people in wholesome activities, i.e., prevention, would be the best help anyone could give.

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Join us for a buffet luncheon and discussion. Great food choices and the price of \$14.00 per person covers lunch, beverages and gratuity. Please bring cash to pay for the lunch.

The purpose of this FUN LUNCH is to **become informed on a wide variety of topics** and check in with current and longtime friends, make new friends, and invite (your friends, neighbors, colleagues) to experience the League in an informal setting.

Please RSVP at lwvde@comcast.net or 302-571-8948 by Saturday, November 17, so the restaurant knows how many to expect. If you need a ride, leave a message on the League Office phone or e-mail when you RSVP.

FOR CAR POOL- CALL 302-571-8948 AND LEAVE A MESSAGE

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

NEWARK CITY COUNCIL MEETING OBSERVATIONS by Danielle Emerling

Newark City Council, October 14, 2013

The October 14th Newark City Council meeting was frustrating to try to observe. It was so packed with people for and against the power plant that many of us had to stand outside the chamber in the hallway. In the hallway, there is a single speaker in the ceiling, and it was quite difficult to hear what was going on. Perhaps City Council needs to think about having an overflow room where people are better able to see and hear in situations like this.

Public comment went on for at least two hours with not much new being said. Amy Roe said she believes Newark will end up losing \$2 million in revenue if UD stops purchasing its power from the city (City Manager Houck insists the university will continue to buy power from the city). Union leaders and members showed up in support of jobs; a number of them standing in the hallway were not being entirely respectful of those speaking out against the power plant. One of the Newark police officers had to ask them to keep quiet.

Newark City Council, September 9, 2013

The September 9, 2013 Newark City Council meeting was packed with members of the public wishing to comment on the proposed power plant at the UD STAR campus that would be built by The Data Centers LLC. During the public comment period, several residents spoke in opposition to the power plant. One resident obtained a DNREC permit for the 309 MW plant in Dover. According to the resident, DNREC said that the emissions of the Dover plant will be proportional to the proposed Newark plant. The resident said he worked with a chemist and calculated that the actual amount of CO2 emissions for the plant will be 2211 tons per day.

Another resident spoke about how he believes the power plant will not be a good addition to the city, citing that the closest residence is actually 1/10 mile - 1/4 mile away from the plant, not 1/2 mile as TDC stated, and sound may be more of a problem than TDC discussed at the meeting. Another group has begun a petition against the plant and has collected 200 signatures in district 3.

Amy Roe asked if the City vouches for the factual accuracy of the information provided from TDC, and City Manager Carol Houck said the City is assuming that the information provided by TDC is factual. Roe also mentioned that the TDC indicated that they had met with members of the City Council. Council members Markham, Hadden, and Morehead all said they had met with TDC either before or after the Sept. 3 meeting. Roe pointed out that these private meetings may violate Delaware open meeting laws. Then Roe asked if TDC will complete an environmental impact assessment because it will not be included in the air permitting process, as TDC indicated at the meeting. Finally, Roe explained that when DNREC receives a permit

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(Continued from page 3 *Observations-Emerling*) application, the department must only issue a public notice; the public must then request a meritorious public hearing. Roe asked City Council to examine the permit application and request a hearing on behalf of the public.

The Delaware Chapter of the Sierra Club is also opposing the power plant for issues of health and safety.

The only other issue that came up again is that the three minute speaking time per person during the public comment section of the meeting is inadequate. Several people gave their time to other speakers to enable them to finish statements. Council used to allow five minutes per person.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OBSERVATIONS by Peggy Schultz

New Castle County Council, October 8, 2013

Two items of note were covered at this meeting. One was approval of a plan for an elementary school to be built in the Red Clay School District in the suburbs. Councilman Street vigorously objected to the plan because he said that it would enhance segregation and ensure that the achievement gap between city children and suburban children would continue. He said that Wilmington children don't really have a choice in terms of charter school enrollment because of transportation difficulty. The plan was approved.

At the end of the Council meeting, in the time allotted for public comment on miscellaneous topics, the President of the NAACP read a letter from the Wilmington branch, denouncing Councilwoman Lisa Diller for what the writer said was racially motivated hostility toward County Attorney Pepukayi at a September 13th meeting. This meeting included a discussion on current litigation on the Pike Creek Golf Course property. Listening to the audio record of the September 13th meeting one does not hear the racial bias mentioned in the letter.

New Castle County Land Use Committee September 17, 2013

A slide presentation on the flooding of Welsh Hill Preserve consumed the greater part of the meeting. This unfinished development is in Councilwoman Diller's district. Several garbage cans were shown floating down the middle of a street in one slide. Councilman Cartier said that this community is so new that the drains are still closed. Consequently, deluges more and more common because of climate change are overtaxing our drainage systems. Councilwoman Diller asked why our regulations do not deal with the "new normal." George Haggerty, Land Use Department, said that when they know a big storm is coming they get DeIDOT's permission to remove the drain covers put in place to prevent development silt from filling up the drains. A woman from Rutherford said that her development suffers from drainage from commercial development on higher ground near them. Councilman Cartier and Councilwoman Diller agreed that a Storm Water Utility study prepared in 2005-2006 should be reviewed.

GREAT DECISIONS 2013

2nd Thursday Discussion Group, Wilmington 10 am-noon Parlor of Immanuel Church, Highlands, 2400 W 17th Street, Wilmington, to be followed by lunch at nearby Kid Shelleens. Be prepared to discuss **Topic 8: Assessing threats to the U.S.** Please let Jackie Harris know if you plan to continue with GD 2014 and if you want a copy ordered for you (no money at this time). All are welcome to join this group. Questions?? Call the LWVNCC office at 302.571.8948. This session will be the last for the year.

2nd Monday Discussion Group, Newark has a changed day for October and November – see details below.

Monday Great Decisions will be on the FOURTH Monday in November, November 25th. [Columbus Day and Veterans Day close the Newark Free Library on our usual second Monday; the LWV Fun Lunches are on the third Monday.] As always, discussion is at 1:30-3:30 pm at the library. This will be the last meeting of 2013.

For those who ordered the 2014 books, they should arrive by January and Vicky will get them to you during that month, before our first meeting of the new year on February 10th. Happy holidays to all.

(For those who wish it, begin at noon with lunch at the Bamboo House followed by the discussion at the Newark Free Library. Please let [Vicky Kleinman](#) know or call 731-4590; a lunch reservation will be made for you. Or feel free to just drop in without notice and listen to the discussion.

CONTRIBUTORS AND VOLUNTEER

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Save the date – April 24, 2014!
Carrie Chapman Catt Awards Dinner

DELAWARE AND THE STATUS OF FRACKING FOR GAS IN THE MARCELLUS SHALE

HIGHLIGHTS of June 2013 Fun Lunch program. Speaker and write up by Coralie Pryde.

Hydraulic fracturing, or “fracking”, involves pumping a liquid at high pressure into a drilled hole in order to shatter tightly packed layers of shale or sandstone and thus release material -- gas, water or oil -- trapped inside. Fracking to increase the yield from oil wells was introduced just after the Civil War and fracking for natural gas was underway by 1949.

Despite this long history, there are currently many questions about the effects of fracking on the environment and our water supply. The approach to fracking changed markedly in 1997-98, due to the development of a technique called horizontal drilling. Current methods involve drilling vertical holes, often 5000 to 8000 feet deep and then drilling horizontal holes as much as a mile long in various directions and at various depths. Fracturing the rock surrounding these wells requires massive amounts of aqueous solutions (typically 2-6 million gallons) pumped in at very high pressure.

In order to deliver the water to the end of the pipe at appropriate pressures, it needs to be made “slick” by adding chemicals (most often a polyacrylamide) that reduce the friction between water and pipe. Other chemicals are added to prevent corrosion, help break the shale and keep all the ingredients in solution. Commercial fracking solutions may contain dozens of different chemicals and their compositions are not disclosed. Among the commonly used chemicals are hydrochloric acid, methanol, ethylene glycol, aromatic hydrocarbons related to benzene and the surfactant 2-BE (2-butoxyethanol).

Flowback water comprises the estimated 20-80 percent of the fracking mixture that comes back up the well after the injection. Along with the chemicals used in fracking, the flowback may contain dissolved or suspended materials including arsenic, selenium, strontium, radium and uranium. In addition to the flowback, the fluids coming out of the well may contain *produced water*, the extremely salty brine (chlorides, bromides, and salts of toxic metals and radioactive elements) often present with the shale. The liquid wastes from fracking are often stored on site in open, plastic-lined ponds.

Animals living in close proximity to the ponds have been reported to exhibit a variety of symptoms such as loss of hair or fur, loss of tails, wide-spread infertility, spontaneous abortions, and births of seriously deformed offspring. Families living near the ponds have reported high levels of headaches, nausea, rashes and have been diagnosed with central nervous system damage, anemia and unusual cancers.

Disposal of fracking wastes is problematic. Some areas have allowed them to be used to settle the dust on gravel roads, while in other areas there are reports that haulers are

illegally releasing them into streams. Treatment of the wastes at sewage plants does not remove materials dissolved in the waste water and even plants designed to treat chemical wastes generally do not remove the radioactive elements. The wastes have been injected into deep wells (approx. 10,000 feet), but a growing body of evidence has linked this practice with increased earthquake activity. There are also concerns that the layers of rock separating the disposal layer and the aquifers lying thousands of feet above them are not as impermeable as once believed.

Fracking fluids not returned to the surface could contaminate aquifers used for drinking and farming. Studies in peer-reviewed technical journals showed that fossil methane, solvents used in fracking (ethanol and methanol), and toxic chemicals including arsenic are found at high levels close to gas wells (within 1-3 km), but the levels drop with distance from the wells.

The problems with water contamination and the destruction of habitat accompanying fracking have the greatest effect within a few miles of fracking sites, but Delaware could suffer some deleterious effects. Currently, there is no fracking in the Brandywine Creek watershed, which supplies Wilmington’s water. There is some concern that installation of a larger pipeline crossing the East Brandywine will cause increased sediment to enter the supply. Current and proposed fracking sites could affect White Clay Creek, which contributes to Newark’s water supply.

Radioactive elements in the Marcellus shale present challenges of potential importance to Delaware. The uranium and radium compounds dissolved in the water present no dangers from exposure through swimming or other water-related activities. Their concentrations may also be low enough that they don’t exceed limits for drinking water. The concern is that they will be taken up by microorganisms and enter the food chain, leading to high concentrations in fish at the top of the feeding chain such as those caught in sport fishing in the Delaware Bay.

There is also concern that high levels of radium in Marcellus wells could mean unacceptably high levels of radon in its gas. One consultant calculated that radon levels in the gas could be hundreds of times higher than in that of previous supplies. A number of different groups have vigorously disputed his results. Radon measurements are planned for the major gas lines entering New York City to determine actual levels.

Since the national EPA dropped its examination of polluted water in Dimock, Penn. and Pavillion, Wyo. there is almost no oversight of fracking on the federal level. This will likely remain the case until the “Halliburton Loophole” (exempting fracking from certain clauses in the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts) is reversed. A moratorium on new wells in the Delaware watershed has been in effect since 2010. Draft regulations were sent out in late 2010 by the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC). After they were revised in
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(Continued from page 5 **Fracking**) November 2011, Gov. Markell sent a letter to other members saying that he could not support them. Since then, the DRBC has been waiting for New York State to issue regulations. These have been delayed many times, but are expected in 2013.

It is clear that appropriate regulations, if they are strongly enforced, could do a great deal to lessen water contamination. A 2011 study in Pennsylvania indicated that some companies received as many as 100 times more violations (on a per well basis) than others did. A large percentage of serious violations could be attributed to failure to follow recommended practices on issues including handling wastes and sealing wells. In many cases, problems do not result in violations and violations do not lead to fines.

Although proper enforcement should lead to far fewer problems with active well sites, there remain strong concerns about abandoned wells. By current estimates, approximately 8 percent of wells begin leaking methane as soon as they begin operation. Repairing the cement sealant can improve the immediate problem, but tests show that the sealant is bound to fail within one century, sometimes within just a few years. Leaks in abandoned wells represent possibilities for future water contamination. They are also a cause for concern on global warming. Over a twenty-year period, methane is calculated to be about 75 times more powerful

than carbon-dioxide as a global warming agent. Methane leaks in the range 5-9 percent (consistent with measurements to date) could mean that global warming would be speeded up even as we convert to a more efficient, lower-carbon economy.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Welcome new members and those who have rejoined:
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Date & Time	Place	CALENDAR
Monday, November 4, 2013 7-8:30pm	home of Jane and Frank Dilley; phone for instructions: 610-869-8848 610-869-8848 FREE .	LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION Committee meeting. The committee will continue to review Delaware's Coastal Zone Act. Here is a link to an article which we will discuss: "It is Still Not a Shore Thing..." by James R. May and Wendy L. Myers from the Delaware Lawyer: http://www.delawarebarfoundation.org/delawyer/Volume17_Number1_Spring1999.pdf You will find here a link to the paper summarizing the work of the Environmental Indicators Technical Advisory Committee.
Wednesday, November 6, 2013 9:30am-12pm	Legislative Hall, House Minority Caucus room	ADVOCACY COMMITTEE MEETING. Meeting of LWVDE lobbyists and others who support our work. Agenda includes review of legislative priorities, update on OMB budget hearings, plans for March 2013 League Day in Dover on issues being addressed by LWVUS study updating Agriculture policies. Information: contact Sandy Spence, Advocacy Chair.
Thursday, November 14, 2013, 7-9pm	Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Newark, DE 19713	NEWARK MAYORAL Candidates' Forum. All the candidates who have filed for the office of Mayor of Newark will have an opportunity to answer questions posed by members of the audience. Click on this link for information on voter registration and eligibility for voting in the City of Newark.
Monday, November 18, 2013 11:30am - 1:30pm	Michael's Restaurant 1000 Churchman's Rd. Newark, DE 19713	FUN LUNCH: Kay Gallogly, atomic plant consultant, will speak. Ms. Gallogly's talk will include a basic overview of the technology that results in electricity generated through the use of nuclear energy. The presentation will provide fundamental answers to popular frequently asked questions about the use of this source of energy. RSVP 571-8948.
Tuesday, November 19, 6:30 pm	League Office, 2400 W 17 th St., Wilm. 19806	LWVNCC Board Meeting/
Friday, November 22, 9 am-12:30	Cendel Building, 101 West Loockerman Street, Dover	The LWV of DELAWARE TASK FORCE ON EDUCATION will have its first meeting. Please contact Bill O'Connor, Co-Chair, Education Task Force at 302 644-1143) wfoconnor@verizon.net for agenda.
Tuesday, November 26, 2013, 7am- 8 pm	Polling places throughout Newark. Click here for polling site locations.	Newark Mayoral Election.

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1000 Churchmans Rd, Newark, DE 19713
(302) 368-4230

October's Hot Topic
NEW WARDEN WENDI CAPLE OF DELAWARE'S ONLY WOMEN'S PRISON - The Baylor Women's Correctional Institution (BWCI) will talk about her plans and concerns for incarcerated women in Delaware.



Warden Wendi Caple has been a Department of Correction (DOC) employee since 1991, most recently serving as deputy warden for Kent County Community Corrections, a position she

attained in August 2009. She began her 20-year career as a probation and parole officer, working her way up the ranks to operations administrator at the Northern New Castle County Adult Probation & Parole Office (Cherry Lane) before advancing to KCCC.

Caple holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Delaware, as well as an MBA in finance management and an MBA in human resource management from Goldey-Beacom College. She also completed the DOC's Management Development for the Future program, which provides specific training, education and insight beneficial to qualified employees striving for upper level positions within the department.

The Baylor Women's Correctional Institution (BWCI) – the only women's prison in the state – opened December 29, 1991. The facility houses around 400 pre-trial and sentenced adult females at minimum, medium, and maximum security levels.

BWCI provides programming at all security levels. Programming provides offenders with opportunities to gain knowledge, acquire skills and learn an alternative life-style. BWCI provides treatment services, religious services, drug therapy, educational/vocational programs, counseling, and recreation.



(Pictured at right: The Baylor Women's Correctional Institution (BWCI) 660 Baylor Boulevard, New Castle, DE 19720

(Further details on page 2 Fun Lunch)

Meet the League!

Monday, October 14th, 6 pm
fellowship hall in the church that houses our office, Immanuel Highland Church
2400 W. 17th St., Wilmington
(We'll post directional signs at the church.)

Join us to hear what our different committees are doing and how you can maximize your League connection. Committee chairs will briefly describe their goals and proposed activities for the League.

Great time to join if you're not already a member!

We'll eat delicious Pizza !!
Make new friends!!!
RSVP by October 13th to
lwvncc@comcast.net or 302-571-8948



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Join us for a buffet luncheon and discussion. Great food choices and the price of \$14.00 per person covers lunch, beverages and gratuity.

The purpose of this FUN LUNCH is to check in with current and longtime friends, make new friends, invite potential new members (your friends, neighbors, colleagues) to experience the League in an informal setting, and **become informed on a wide variety of topics.**

Please RSVP at lwvde@comcast.net or 302-571-8948 by Saturday, October 19, so the restaurant knows how many to expect. If you need a ride, leave a message on the League Office phone or e-mail when you RSVP.

FOR CAR POOL- CALL 302-571-8948 AND LEAVE A MESSAGE.

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

- Within 1/3 mile of The Christiana Care Hospital, The Hilton Hotel , (Wilmington/Christiana/Newark), The Country Inn and Suites, The Marriott Hotel, The Home Depot and Best Buy in the Centre Point Shopping Center
- Minutes from Delaware Park

FROM WILMINGTON AND NORTH: 1) Take I-95 South to the SR-58 N Exit – (Exit 4B) toward SR7Stanton/Churchman’s crossing. Merge onto Churchmans Road / DE-58 W. **OR 2)** from Kirkwood Highway turn South onto Route 7, turn right on to Churchmans Road. Restaurant is on your right.

WEST AND SOUTH: Take I – 95 North. Merge onto Stanton Christiana Road/DE 7 N via (Exit 4B) toward Metroform. Merge onto Churchman’s Road/DE-58 W via Exit 166. End at 1000 Churchman’s Road.

FROM NEWARK AND UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE CAMPUS AND BLUE HEN STADIUM:

Take Ogletown-Stanton Road/DE-4E past its intersection with Rt. 273. Turn RIGHT onto Churchman’s Road at the entrance to Delaware Park just past the Christiana Hospital. End at 1000 Churchman’s Road, just south of The Home Depot and the Centre Point Shopping Center.

Co-President’s Message

I am a fan of the TV program – “Antiques Roadshow”. But I always cringe when I hear some of the people who are presenting objects for evaluation say “WOW” when they hear the estimated auction value. Having said that, I am about to say “WOW”! No, I have not discovered a long lost Monet in my garage (I should be so lucky). Instead, I have been reviewing the many activities that LWNCC members have been and will be involved in within the past and coming weeks. Newark Community Day, National Voter Registration Day, voter registration training, ongoing preparation for the Carrie Chapman Catt event in 2014, Sea Level Rise Awareness Week meetings (well organized and well attended), observing Newark City Council meetings, planning a Newark mayoral candidates meeting, continued Fun Lunch programs. And this I know is not a complete list. We are also still exploring PR and Fund Raising efforts.

So – thanks to all who have participated in any of these events. For a relatively small volunteer organization, we make a difference. WOW!!

Joyce P. Johnson, co-president

LWNCC to Host Newark Mayoral Forum

Newark’s Mayor, Vance A. Funk III, announced his retirement as of Monday, September 30, 2013. LWNCC has been invited to hold a forum for the candidates running for his office on Thursday, November 14, 2013, at 7:30 pm. Renee Bensley, Newark City Secretary, has been very helpful in making arrangements for the League to use the George Wilson Center, 303 New London Road, Newark, at no cost to us.

Carole Walsh will be the moderator for the Forum, and Judy Villamarin will handle all publicity for the event. We will supply programs that state our League rules and list the names of the qualified candidates. We are now looking for volunteers to help set up at 7 pm prior to the forum and to distribute, collect and organize cards with questions from the audience that the moderator will pose to the candidates. To volunteer, please email Helen Hoffman at hoffma2@verizon.net, or Joyce Johnson at drjohntc@verizon.net.

GREAT DECISIONS 2013

2nd Thursday Discussion Group, Wilmington 10 am-noon Parlor of Immanuel Church, Highlands, 2400 W 17th Street, Wilmington. Lunch follows for those interested. Discussion will center on Topic 7 – **China in Africa: Savior or self-interest?** Author David Shinn served for 37 years in the U.S. Foreign Service, as ambassador to Burkina Faso and Ethiopia, and is currently an adjunct professor in the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University. Did you know that . . .” China is establishing Confucius Institutes in some 350 campuses around the world”? Find out more October 10th, and afterward join us for lunch at nearby Kid Shelleens!
Questions?? Call the LWNCC office at 302.571.8948

2rd Monday Discussion Group, Newark has a changed day for October and November – see details below.

Monday Great Decisions will be on the FOURTH Monday in October and November, that is October 28th and November 25th. [Columbus Day and Veterans Day close the Newark Free Library on our usual second Monday; the LWV Fun Lunches are on the third Monday.] As always, discussion is at 1:30-3:30 pm at the library. The October will be Topic 7 – **China in Africa: Savior or self-interest?**

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WELCOME

New member: Dubravka Ujes Morgan
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HOLIDAY FUN LUNCH DECEMBER 13, 2013 INVITATION

The Kent County League is hosting a fun lunch for all Delaware League Members as well as friends and family and potential League members. This will take place at the Looking Glass Restaurant located within Poly Tech in Woodside. Our planning committee is in the process of finalizing the details. Any one interested in joining the planning of this event is most welcome. We wish to have this event to be inclusive to all three leagues. Contact Jill Fuchs (302) 697-8277 or jillandkenny@verizon.net. For LWNCC carpooling call 302-571-8948

HELP WANTED!!! No salary No benefits **However**

→You will receive the thanks of all the members of the LWNCC!!!

→Development Committee or, to be honest, this does involve Fund Raising. Part of the task will be to define goals and what is needed to attain them.

→PR Committee – The LWNCC deserves to be better known in the community. How to spread the word? Newspapers, radio, TV, personal contact

→And I'm sure there are other ideas! LWVDE has appointed a PR team and we hope to work with them.

→Would you like to discuss any of these opportunities? Not only are we looking for people, we also welcome your thoughts and ideas.

Contact either:

Peggy (235-7182) schultz_peggy@yahoo.com
or Joyce (655-411) drjohnctc@verizon.net

Save the date – April 24, 2014!
Carrie Chapman Catt Awards Dinner

SEA LEVEL RISE AWARENESS WEEK CELEBRATED BY THE LEAGUE

Sea Level Rise Awareness Week was rousingly supported by four well-attended League meetings, co-sponsored by League and Delaware Interfaith Power and Light and other organizations, throughout the state: one each in Lewes and Dover, one at the Limestone Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, and one in the Southbridge Neighborhood of Wilmington. The Natural Resources/Energy/Climate and Environment Committee, chaired by Pat Todd and assisted by Chad Tolman and others, planned and carried out the four meetings. The numbers of people attending were 30 in Dover, about 50 at the Limestone meeting, about 60 in Lewes, and over 80 in Southbridge.



(Pictured at left) Chad Tolman presenting at Limestone Presbyterian Church

All four meetings followed roughly the same agenda. First a stunning short film by Michael Oates on Delaware sea level rise

and flooding was shown, followed by a presentation by Chad on the scientific basis for climate change and sea level rise, in language that all could understand. Then came a review of options for addressing adaptation issues, presented by Brenna Goggin (DNS) or a leader of the Coastal Programs Division of Delaware Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC). DNREC has conducted meetings of the Sea Level Rise Advisory Committee – with Chad representing the League - for about three years now, culminating in a report with over 55 recommendations for adaptation to sea level rise and flooding. The final segment of the events (except for Southbridge) was a short talk on the moral issues related to sea level rise, given by a local pastor. Paying for adaptation is, of course, a major ethical and political issue. Are public funds justifiably spent on sparing million dollar homes along the ocean when residents whose homes cost less than \$50,000 are submerged? Southbridge residents were treated to a short talk by Michael Oates and a pointed set of comments on residents' concerns by Wilmington City Councilwoman Hanifa Shabazz. Brian Lennon, Wilmington Public Works Dept., spoke of the dilemmas facing city public works people. The sewers were built in the early 19th century, and designed to accommodate both sewage and storm water. When a deluge comes to Wilmington, particularly when the



tide is high, the sewers overflow. Furthermore, at least (Pictured at left) Southbridge Forum: Tony Wilson from the audience making some points.

two of the tide gates connecting the treated sewage drains with Christiana River, have already been under water for decades because of sea level rise. Compounding the flooding in Southbridge is its unusually low elevation and poor drainage. Mr. Lennon said that correcting the sewage system and the tide gates is planned for the next few years, as is improving drainage.



(Pictured left) Southbridge Forum

The audience comments and questions at Southbridge were movingly presented.

Resident Jackson Grimes spoke of the importance of helping people learn what they can do to reduce global climate change. Tony Wilson spoke of the importance of educating young people. One resident spoke of the importance of having water available on second floors of homes in case of flooding. Another resident said that adapting to sea level rise was like putting a band-aid on a broken head.



(Pictured at left) Panelists at Southbridge forum)

League members Letty Diswood, Joann Hasse, Roberta Ray, Peggy Schultz, Pat Todd and Emily White provided delicious cookies for the attendees at the two New Castle County meetings.

Peggy Schultz

League Participates in National Voter Registration Day

LWVNCC participated in National Voter Registration Day activities, on September 24, by registering voters on three college campuses: University of Delaware, Delaware Technical College at Stanton, and the Delaware Technical College in Wilmington. Volunteers from the Wilmington (DE) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Get Out To Vote Committee also helped at each location. Thanks to Sue Bryson, Helen Hoffman, Roberta Ray, Jeanne Dunn, Letty Diswood, Joann Hasse, Emily White and Sheila Cassels. Volunteers worked from 11am – 2 pm and 4-6 pm.



Peggy Schultz, (Emeritus) Professor Jerry Schultz, and two University of Delaware students registered 10 new voters in front of the old Perkins Student Center on September 24, making this the first time that the University of Delaware has participated in a League voter registration activity. The registering team worked from 11am to 2pm. Out of state students were registered on the Universal Form that was used by the UD students after they received instruction from the Schultzes. Several student campus groups were contacted to make this voter registration possible. Many thanks for the help of the Episcopal Campus Ministry Group and the Democratic Student Group in positioning the League table at a busy campus spot.

Celebrating National Voter Registration Day in New York City By: Elisabeth MacNamara 09/26/2013



Tuesday was the second annual [National Voter Registration Day](#). Across the country 800 organizations came together sponsoring registration events. The League came out in force

with 300+ events aimed at the one in four eligible Americans who are not registered to vote—likely making us once again the single largest on-the-ground participant in this day. The [New York City League](#) partnered with city government and various groups representing a range of age and ethnic populations to sponsor [an impressive event at Bryant Park](#) in midtown Manhattan.

The lunch crowd in the park on a picture perfect fall day was treated to music and speakers and volunteers with information on registration and the issues coming up in the city elections this fall. Television star America Ferrara, representing [Voto Latino](#), spoke about her experience of being asked in school about her [citizenship](#). Her mother, hearing about the challenge, reassured her that she was an American and to never forget what that means and how important it is to always exercise that most important right of citizenship: voting.

Voters go to the polls every year to stand up for what matters to them. This year, New Yorkers will not only elect a new mayor, but will also decide numerous ballot issues. They are not alone. In 2013, millions of voters will decide the outcome of over 5,000 local and state races and ballot initiatives. If the New York City mayoral primary is any example, these key races and issues will be decided by a dismally small number of voters. **But we can do something about that** and National Voter Registration Day was a reminder that registration deadlines are approaching. My sincere thanks to all the League volunteers who took part in this important day for our country and for our organization.

Now is the time to remind our communities that every election is important; and every chance that Americans have to vote, is a chance to make a difference.

CLIMATE CHANGE - WE ARE HERE What Can You Do?

Thursday, October 17, 2013 7-9 pm

First Unitarian Universalist Church
730 Halstead Road, Sharpley, Brandywine
Hundred

- Featuring short “turbo talks” on:
- Climate Change - where are we now?
- Weatherization - small changes make big improvements
- Solar - which companies, how much does it cost?
- Wind - what’s new?
- Investments - how to divest of fossil fuel investments
- Lifestyle changes - simple earth-friendly actions each of us can take
- Climate and the food system - How the food system and dietary patterns affect climate change and what you can do about it

Sponsored by the Green Sanctuary, First Unitarian Universalist Church and the New Castle County Congregations of Delaware Interfaith Power & Light (www.deipl.org) For more information, contact Elizabeth Siftar at liznjim1027@gmail.com

CALENDAR

Tuesday, October 1, 2013	6:30 pm	League Office 2400 W. 17th St. Wilmington, DE 19806	LWVNCC Finance Committee Meeting. Call 571-8948 for information
Tuesday, October 9	8:00 pm	Conference Call	LWVDE Finance Committee Meeting. Call 571-8948 for information
Thursday, October 10, 2013	10 am - 12	Immanuel Church Highland, Parlor 2400 W. 17th St., Wilmington	2 nd Thursday Great Decisions Discussion Group. Lunch follows for those interested. Discussion will center on Topic 7 – China in Africa: Savior or self-interest?
Monday, October 14, 2013	6 – 8 pm	Immanuel Church Highland, Fellowship Hall 2400 W. 17th St., Wilmington	Join us to hear what our different committees are doing and how you can maximize your League connection. Meet the League! Pizza will be served. RSVP: 302-571-8948
Tuesday, October 15, 2013	6:30-8:30 pm	League Office 2400 W. 17th St. Wilmington, DE 19806	LWVNCC Board Meeting. Call 571-8948 for information.
Thursday, October 17, 2013	6-8:30 pm	Roma Italian Restaurant 3 President Drive Dover, DE 19901	State Board Meeting. Monthly meeting of the LWVDE board of directors
Friday, October 18, 2013	1:30-3:30 pm	1401 Pennsylvania Ave., #1204, Wilmington	Energy/Natural Resources and Climate Change Committee Meeting
Monday, October 21	11:30 am – 1:30 pm	Michael's Restaurant 1000 Churchman's Rd. Newark, DE 19713	Fun Lunch. Hot topic: NEW WARDEN WENDI CAPLE OF DELAWARE'S ONLY WOMEN'S PRISON – The Baylor Women's Correctional Institution (BWCI) will talk about her plans and concerns for incarcerated women in Delaware. See page 1 and 2 of this newsletter for more details. RSVP: 302-571-8948
Monday, October 28, 2013	1:30-3:30 pm	Newark Free Library 750 Library Avenue Newark, DE 19711	Great Decisions Monday Discussion Group, Newark. Topic: 7 – China in Africa: Savior or self-interest? Discussion begins at 1:30 at the Newark Free Library. Participants are invited to join the group for lunch at noon, at the Bamboo House in the College Square Shopping Center across the street from the library. Email group leader Vicky Kleinman or call 731-4590 for lunch reservation.
Wednesday, November 6, 2013	9:30 am - noon	To be announced	Advocacy Committee Meeting. Meeting of LWVDE lobbyists and others who support our work. Agenda includes review of legislative priorities, update on OMB budget hearings, plans for March 2013 League Day in Dover on issues being addressed by LWVUS study updating Agriculture policies. Information: contact Sandy Spence, Advocacy Chair.

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