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# **PROGRAM** by Cris Beuger



Happy 100th Birthday League of Women Voters! To celebrate and honor this monumental occasion, we have partnered with the Heinz History Center to share with you and the city the history of our beginning through an educational and empowering afternoon celebrating the stories and successes of women who fought for the right to vote. "Women Forging the Way: The Life of Susan B. Anthony & The Story of Pittsburgh Suffragists," will be held on February 15, 1-3pm, at the Heinz History Center. "Susan B. Anthony," on her birthday, will come to life in a dramatization "IS IT A CRIME TO VOTE?."

After the program, the History Center will launch their new Women's History Gallery Guide, an interactive digital experience filled with challenges and puzzles. You can use this app to explore the museum galleries and make connections with important women's stories in Pittsburgh history. Along with the Gallery Guide, attendees will get the chance to explore the League's 100 years of history in our archives. Let these stories of civic action inspire your own button making or poster screen printing.

This event was organized to bring LWV Greater Pittsburgh members and their family, kids, grandkids, and friends together to learn about our history, to empower our youth to engage in our democracy, and to celebrate our birthday together. We hope to ignite a passion for active civic engagement and to foster a desire to become the leaders of tomorrow in our local youth.

In order to make this event a success, we need all League members to participate. **This event will take the place of February Unit meetings!** We are asking members to donate cookies for our cookie table. Due to health regulations, the cookies must be store/bakery bought. The League looks forward to celebrating with you all. Come "dressed" for the occasion in suffragists colors and costumes! You can register for the event here: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/LWVpghbday">http://tinyurl.com/LWVpghbday</a>. See you February 15th!

### **EDUCATION ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT** by Phyllis Dreyfuss, Co-chair Education Committee

The Education Advocacy Committee continues to meet monthly. We have followed closely, as part of the Education Voters of Pa. coalition, the proposed reform of the Charter School Law proposed by Governor Wolf. The proposed reforms are moving, but very slowly. We have encouraged all members to write, call, contact their state representatives in support of the proposed reforms. These reforms are not meant to close charter schools but to raise the issues of fiscal responsibility and transparency, local control, competent and ethical governance, academic performance (especially in cyber schools), equitable access with the ability to serve all children.

The other issue with which we have been concerned, followed and would like to share with all League members is a subject that has little public discussion. The present Secretary of Education, Betsy Devos is a strong, very active supporter of "school choice." School choice comes in many well-known forms from magnet schools, to public charter schools, to cyber schools. However, there are two programs that are

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### LOTS TO DO IN THE COMING MONTHS!



We are looking forward to many activities and events in the upcoming months. Can you attend or assist with one or more? See the articles by League members in the Voter and the weekly blast and meet other folks who know how important our votes are. We are

registering high school students – and they are just as passionate about voting as my high school class was as first time 18-year-old voters back in the last millennium (the 1970s!). We are registering new citizens at naturalization ceremonies. Impressive that the first action many take after gaining their citizenship is to register to vote. We partner with other community organizations and colleges to do voter registration and to run voter forums, At the forums, voters have the opportunity to ask the candidates questions, and we live stream them to our Facebook page, so that those who cannot attend due to other obligations or health or transportation issues can still hear from those who want their vote. We also compile a Voter's Guide which is distributed for free through our public library system, and is also available online, again at no charge. We get more views on our online Guide than anywhere else in Pennsylvania. All of these efforts (and more!) are staffed and run by our members and community volunteers.

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Be a part of our year-long celebration! I have a copy of a 3-page family history written in the 1960s by my mother's cousin, who was a young girl in the 1920s but remembered their grandmother going to vote after women got the vote in 1920. It was definitely important to her — it was the only recollection about something happening in the world outside her family.

We are part of a year of celebrations of 100 years of women voting. The Heinz History Center will have a program on February 15th in which we are included. The Women's Hall of Achievement will be honoring the League of Women Voters on March 21st at a luncheon. We are also celebrating by using new voting machines this year!

Maureen Mamula

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currently available in Pennsylvania. These programs -EITC --- EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT TAX CREDIT PROGRAM and OSTC: OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP TAX CREDIT PROGRAM provide tax credits for contributions to Scholarship Organizations which, in turn, give scholarships available to children who meet the criterion to attend private and or parochial schools. A donor gives money to a scholarship organization. That donor can then receive from 75% to 90% tax credit. These programs divert tax dollars from the general fund budget and into private organizations. There are restrictions on who is eligible, but the schools are not required to admit all students. The scholarship may also be used for students who are already attending private and religious schools. Currently scholarships can be awarded to children from families that make up to \$116, 890 for a family of four.

The law does not require reporting on how the money is spent or the socio-economic description of the children who have received the money. Schools that are receiving scholarship children do not need to report – the who, what, how. It means there is simply no transparency as to who gets the money, how many children in any institution are receiving money or how the money is used. There seem to be no requirements for reporting anything. We will continue to dig to find more details.

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"Resistance" fabric artist, Penny Mateer, left, discusses using art to promote social justice with LWVGP member Maria Magone at Duquesne University on January 23.

# **Non-Fiction Book Club**

The book club is going to spend another month on the subject of Criminal Justice.

If you like, here are a few of the books we are reading:

Just Mercy, by Bryan Stevenson Charged, by Emily Basselon Devil in the Grove, by Gilbert King A City Divided, by David Harris Locking Up Your Own, by James Foreman, Jr.

# Standing Meetings

### **Board Meetings**

✓ **Second** Monday of the month. Lunch at 11:30 a.m., at Einstein Bagels in the Koppers Building. Meeting: 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the LWVGP CIC (office) conference room at 436 Seventh Ave., Suite 350

### **Local Area Unit Meetings**

- ✓ Pittsburgh Central: 2nd Friday, 1:30 p.m. at the Squirrel Hill Public Library, 5801 Forbes Ave., Pgh. PA 15217. Contact Martha Raak at 412-802-7266 or marbiker1@gmail.com
- ✓ North Hills: 3rd Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. at St Paul's Methodist Church at 1965 Ferguson Road in Hampton. Contact Shirley McIlvried at 412-364-7329 or howardmciii@comcast.net
- ✓ South Hills: 1st Thursday. 12:30 p.m. at the Mt. Lebanon Public Library, 16 Castle Shannon Blvd., Pgh, PA 15228 (unless otherwise announced). Contact Maureen Mamula at 412-760-9642 or mamula159@hotmail.com

## **Other Ongoing Meetings**

- √ Education Committee 4th Wednesday, 1 pm. Contact Evelyn Murrin at 412-661-3306 or evelynmurrin@aol.com.
- √ Voter Service Committee 1st Tuesday, 12:30 pm. Contact Judy Clack at 512-731-0280 or jbclack@yahoo.com.
- √ Gun Safety Committee Dates TBD. Contact Nancy Naragon at 412-366-2446 or nancynaragon@msn.com
- ✓ Non-fiction Book Club 3rd Friday, 10:15 am. Contact Judy Donohue at 412-373-8697 or jrdono71@gmail.com

### FEBRUARY- MARCH CALENDAR

Voter registration events in high schools and housing for aged-out foster

| youth that are part of the Civic Education Project chaired by Amy Kleissas are not listed here. Please see Amy's article on page 6 for these dates. |  |  |
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| February – No Unit Meetings in February   |  |  |
| 04 Tue  | Voter registration at Student Black History Month Summit,<br>David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Exhibit Hall D, 8:45 am –<br>11:15 am and/or 11:15 am – 2:15 pm. |  |
| 10 Mon  | Board Meeting  |  |
| 11 Tue &<br>12 Wed  | Voter Registration at Robert Morris University Cafeteria,<br>11:15 am - 1:45 pm  |  |
| 14 Fri  | LWV Birthday – 100!  |  |
| 15 Sat  | Birthday Celebration at Heinz History Center including voter registration  |  |
| 17 Mon  | President's Day Voter Registration at CCAC South Campus, 1750 Clairton Road (Route 885), West Mifflin, PA 15122.   |  |
| 21 Fri  | Naturalization & voter registration, Federal Courthouse, 9:00 am   |  |
| 21 Fri  | Non-Fiction Book Club, Squirrel Hill Library, 10:15 am   |  |
| 26 Wed  | Naturalization & Voter Reg., U.S.C.I.S. Penn Center, 12:30, 2:15 pm  |  |
| 26 Wed  | Education Advocacy Com. Meeting, Squirrel Hill Library, 1:00 pm  |  |
| March   |  |  |
| 03 Tue  | Voter Service Committee, 12:30 pm, CIC office  |  |
| 05 Thur   | South Hills Unit Meeting   |  |
| 09 Mon  | Board Meeting  |  |
| 13 Fri  | Naturalization & voter registration, Federal Courthouse, 9:00 am   |  |
| 13 Fri  | Pittsburgh Central Meeting   |  |
| 17 Tue  | North Hills Unit Meeting   |  |
| 21 Sat  | Women's Hall of Achievement to honor the 100th Anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment  |  |
| 25 Wed  | Naturalization & Voter Reg., U.S.C.I.S. Penn Center, 12:30, 2:15 pm  |  |
| 25 Wed  | Education Advocacy Com. Meeting, Squirrel Hill Library, 1:00 pm  |  |

# VOTER SERVICE by Judy Clack, Voter Service Chair



### **Election Code Changes**

In November 2019, Governor Wolf signed Act 77 into law. The League of Women Voters had lobbied for many of these ways to expand ballot access. Here are some of the modifications:

- (1) Deadline for voter registration is 15 days prior to the election, rather than 30 days.
- (2) Creation of No-Excuse Mail-in Voting
- (3) Extension of time for return of absentee or mail-in ballots from the Friday before the election to 8 pm on Election Day.
- (4) Implementation of online absentee or mail-in ballot application
- (5) Creation of permanent absentee voting for those with a permanent disability
- (6) Elimination of straight party voting. [Voters will have to make a choice for each race.]
- (7) Circulators of nomination petitions no longer need to be residents of the election district where they circulate petitions.

For details on all of these and others, go to VotesPA.com at this link: <a href="https://www.votespa.com/About-Elections/Pages/Voting-Reforms.aspx">https://www.votespa.com/About-Elections/Pages/Voting-Reforms.aspx</a>

### **Multiple Volunteer Opportunities**

The Voter Service Committee has a variety of opportunities for members to volunteer. Please contact the person indicated if you're interested, and detailed information will be sent to you.

High Schools: The LWVGP is in the midst of a flurry of high school events combining civic education lessons and voter registration in February and March. Chair, Amy Kleissas, has trained LWV presenters to conduct the lessons. Other League members assist with the voter registration portion of the program. Some dates with needs are February 4 at Black History Month Summit for High School Students at David L Lawrence Convention Center (contact Judy Clack <a href="mailto:jbclack@yahoo.com">jbclack@yahoo.com</a> to volunteer), February 12 at McKeesport High School, and March 25 at Penn Hills High School. Contact Amy Kleissas (<a href="mailto:amy.kleissas@gmail.com">amy.kleissas@gmail.com</a>) if you enjoy interacting with high school seniors. For more dates, see Amy's article on the next page.

Colleges: The LWVGP is reaching out to all colleges and universities in the county to conduct voter registration prior to the April primary and again in August/September when the new semester begins. If you'd like to be on the list of those members notified of college registration opportunities, notify Judy Clack (<a href="mailto:jbclack@yahoo.com">jbclack@yahoo.com</a>). Currently we are registering voters at Robert Morris University on February 11 and 12. Contact Judy Clack <a href="mailto:jbclack@yahoo.com">jbclack@yahoo.com</a> to volunteer.

**Voting Machines:** The LWVGP is collaborating with the County of Allegheny to provide voter education regarding the new voting system that will be implemented for the April 28, 2020 primary election. Volunteers are needed to show the new ballots and machines to citizens, and demonstrate how to mark a ballot properly and feed it to the scanner for tabulation. Please contact Ron Bandes (rbandes@c9n.com) if you are interested in helping.

Kathy Scheuble assists Tangie Bunch to register to vote at one of our two events at Abiding Missions in December. (Photo credit: Christine Rotella,

**Poll Workers**: Allegheny County needs many more poll workers. Heather Wechter says, "This is one of the most educational things you can do as a citizen. It's fun and you get to see all your friends and neighbors." Poll workers provide a service to our community. Requirements are that you are a registered voter in PA, you agree to attend mandatory training, and you'll work the whole day, 7 am – 8 pm on Election Day. These are paid positions. For more information, go to <a href="https://www.votespa.com/Resources/Pages/Be-a-Poll-Worker.aspx">https://www.votespa.com/Resources/Pages/Be-a-Poll-Worker.aspx</a>

# LWV Civic Education by Amy Kleissas, Chair High School Project Update for January- February 2020

Plans are being finalized for high school visits beginning February 2020. Volunteers are being recruited from the "Key Volunteers" list first and then from the Voter Service list. A few more high schools may be added, but otherwise we will pause in reaching out to more high schools. An \$800 grant from the League of Women Voters Education Fund (LWVEF) was awarded in November 2019 and will be applied to copying costs. Resources for staff and students and other materials for each visit are being gathered by presenters. Two more presenters were trained on January 15th. Members are continuing to be added to the "Key Volunteers" list. We will be reaching approximately 1000+ students in February and March. Presenters and volunteers are getting excited about getting this program underway.



Action Housing reached out to us to meet with their 80 young adults who are aged-out foster youth or other youth who have been part of the Child Welfare system. These young adults are aided by case managers who help with life skills. Amy Kleissas attended a meeting with a young adult who lives in the Uptown Lofts and the representative from Action Housing. There are 24 young adults living in the Lofts who will be encouraged to attend the first of three events focusing on civic education and voter registration, called "Dinner and Democracy". Other young adults living in different locations, but also part of this group will also be encouraged to attend. The enthusiasm for this effort from these two individuals was truly inspiring!

- 1. February 5: South Allegheny HS (100 seniors), 11:20 am 2:00 pm
- 2. February 7: Brentwood HS (100 seniors), 7:10 am 1:45 pm
- 3. **February 12:** McKeesport HS (200 seniors), 11:15 am 1:45 pm. Contact Amy Kleissas amy.kleissas@gmail.com to volunteer.
- 4. February 18: Elizabeth Forward (170 seniors), 9 am 2:30 pm. Contact Amy Kleissas to volunteer.
- 5. **February 21:** Chartiers Valley (125 seniors), 8 am 2:45 pm. Contact Amy Kleissas to be potential substitute.
- 6. **February 26:** My Place (Aged-out Foster Youth and Others) (24-80 Young Adults), , 6 8 pm. Contact Amy Kleissas to be potential substitute.
- 7. March 4: Clairton City (30 seniors) Contact Amy Kleissas to volunteer.
- 8. March 17: Plum Borough (changed from March 20) (200 seniors) Contact Amy Kleissas to volunteer.
- 9. March 25: Penn Hills (Presenting to juniors (258) and seniors (252) Contact Amy Kleissas to volunteer.
- 10. Propel Braddock: Being scheduled in March

Still possible and to be scheduled: Woodland Hills (civic education only) and Propel Andrew Street and Propel Montour



Duquesne University Social Justice students each created a VOTE banner to hang around campus. Then they attended an LWVGP civics education presentation led by Amy Kleissas and ending with voter registration.

# A New Project from the League of Women Voters of Greater Pittsburgh FRAMEWORK PLANNING GUIDE, February 2020 by Amy Kleissas

As a new or longtime member, have you ever asked yourself, "What in the world does our League really do?"

The **Framework Planning Guide** is a structured outline in the form of a table that will help to answer this question. This table is divided into three parts to be featured with the February, March and April editions of the VOTER. The first part, containing details of Objective #1, is the reached by clicking on the second link in the email from which you access the Voter.

Effective organizations employ management systems that allow for a review of past accomplishments in order to set new goals for the future. The management system used in the Framework Planning Guide is a system called "Objectives and Key Results" or "OKR's". Three broad Objectives help to define all that our League does:

- •Objective #1: Encourage all citizens to participate in their democracy
- •Objective #2: Provide opportunities for citizens to learn about their government and public policy issues and advocate on issues for which the League has studied and reached a consensus position
- Objective #3: Maintain and grow our organization, while increasing a more diverse membership

Organized under the appropriate Objective, *Key Results* include both what happened in the current year (the actions, events, programs and activities) and also the desired outcomes and priorities for the following year. In the table, Key Results for 2018-19 are noted under "data" and desired outcomes and priorities for 2020 are noted under "goals." "Responsible persons" for each item are listed under each "topic."

The usefulness of this management system goes beyond defining the goals and priorities of our League each year. It can also be used as a recruiting and welcoming tool for new members and a "getting to know you" tool for fundraising.

Our League has many avenues of communication, like social media, email, the Blast, the VOTER and a new website. As another means of communication, the Framework Planning Guide provides a "big picture" of the many amazing things in which our members are involved. One of our goals for 2020 is to increase the participation of *all members* in a *variety* of League events, activities, committees and programs.

This is your invitation! The Centennial Celebration and a Presidential Election will make 2020 a really exciting year. Now that you have been given even more information about League activities, perhaps you would like to try something new. Get even more involved this coming year and help our League fulfill its mission: *Empowering Voters, Defending Democracy*.



Terrie Griffin, Membership Chair, represented the League of Women Voters during a Juneteenth & Black Music Festival Press Conference on Jan. 17th. The League will be assisting B. Marshall Productions with their Black Women's Suffrage Forum, June 23rd at the Kelly-Strayhorn Theater.

# NEWS YOU CAN USE FROM PORT AUTHORITY TRANSIT by Preston Shimer

LWVGP has two people on the Allegheny County Transit Council, Barb Simpson and me (Preston Shimer). There is new blood in PAT management and it is showing. Here are some highlights.

•The **Port Authority website** is quite changed and deserves your attention: <a href="https://www.portauthority.org/">https://www.portauthority.org/</a> Click on TrueTime. For bus riders, this is really useful. First you click on your bus route and a window opens which shows you where the buses are on the route. It shows the buses moving along the route in real time (thanks to GPS responders) and if you click on the bus, you can see when it will arrive at your stop and how many people are on the bus from low to very high. You can see, for example, that the first



bus to get to you stop is very crowded, but the next bus has plenty of room. This application is the first in the USA to show the real time location and movement of a given bus as well as the number of passengers on the bus. Check it out!

• The Port Authority is holding **public meetings** all around the county to talk about Public Transit. The program is designed to promote communication between interested members of the public and PAT management covering everything from bus routes, current and future payment options, electric buses, bus rapid transit, public funding of transit, new signage, new software, new smart phone apps, etc. It's free. I'm definitely attending.

David L. Lawrence Convention Center 1000 Fort Duquesne Blvd Pittsburgh, PA 15222 \*East Lobby Entrance or Garage parking to 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor http://www.pittsburghcc.com/

January 29, 2020

•Session 1 9:00am-12:00pm •Session 2 1:00pm-4:00pm •Session 3 5:00pm-8:00pm

Kingsley Association 6435 Frankstown Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15206 https://www.kingsleyassociation.org/ February 5, 2020 5:00pm-8:00pm

Millvale Community Center
416 Lincoln Ave
Millvale, PA 15209
<a href="https://www.millvalepa.com/things-do/pages/community-center">https://www.millvalepa.com/things-do/pages/community-center</a>
February 12, 2020
5:00pm-8:00pm

The Monroeville Convention Center
Ballroom
209 Mall Plaza Blvd
Monroeville, PA 15146
\*Use South Hall Entrance
http://www.monroevilleconventioncenter.com/
February 19, 2020
5:00pm-8:00pm

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The McKeesport Palisades 100 5th Avenue McKeesport, PA 15132 https://www.themckeesportpalisades.com/ March 4, 2020 5:00pm-8:00pm

Pittsburgh Technical College 1111 McKee Road Oakdale, PA 15071 \*Entrance 4 https://ptcollege.edu/ March 11, 2020 5:00pm-8:00pm

Bethel Park Municipal Building 5100 W Library Ave Bethel Park, PA 15102 https://bethelpark.net/ March 18, 2020 5:00pm-8:00pm Springdale Veterans Association 1151 Pittsburgh Street Springdale, PA 15144 http://www.springdalesva.com/ April 1, 2020 5:00pm-8:00pm

University of Pittsburgh Alumni Hall Connolly Ballroom 4227 Fifth Ave Pittsburgh, PA 15260 https://www.tour.pitt.edu/tour/ alumni-hall April 23, 2020 5:00pm-8:00pm

Bus routes are changing in March: Six months ago, PAT hired Phillip St. Pierre to be the Director of Service Planning. He is a young, think out of the box, energetic leader. He looks at bus routes and bus utilization differently. The introduction of bus data collection technology via GPS transponders is providing real useful information about how each bus is performing on the route for each run. The result is that without increasing costs, he is analyzing existing routes and changing them based on ridership and trip analysis. His first changes will occur in March. These changes will be publicized by PAT, reflected on the bus stop signs at each stop and on the PAT website and Smart Phone Aps. Here are some examples of the new thinking. Bus route 0-12, known as the McKnight Road Flyer, has been coming into town loaded with passengers and going back along the same route with few passengers. The situation reverses at night. Phillip is changing the outbound morning trip and evening trips by a route change that enables a loop around CCAC – North Hills. The O-12 will now be a viable way to get to CCAC – North Hills by bus in the morning and to get back to the city at the end of the day. The operating costs for the bus will not change, but the passenger revenue will increase because it will have passengers in both directions. The March changes feature this kind of modification to routes.

**Fare collection options:** Don't worry! Cash is still accepted on PAT. The vast majority are now using Connect cards, which have significantly reduced the number of passengers who skipped the fare box. Beginning in February, PAT will be testing another way to pay using a Smart Phone App and QR Codes. When rolled out after significantly testing, this app will make the use of transit very attractive to visitors because it will be easy to show popular destinations like The Incline, Heinz Field, CMU, on the app and generate the appropriate QR code. Look for a public roll-out by the end of the year.

**PA** Legislature getting active in new transit funding initiatives: It appears that PAT and other transit agencies as well as greater interest from the transit riding public has gotten the attention of the PA legislature. Rep. Martina White (R) Philadelphia has created a bi-partisan task force to work on public transit funding. A preliminary report of new funding ideas has been developed and PAT management is optimistic about this task force developing new and better approaches. There seems to be a better understanding at the state level of the very positive economic benefits that derive from mass transit.

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