

Leading as the League

April 2025 Newsletter

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Ideas Needed *NonPartisan Protests*

Are you seeing invitational posts to various kinds of protests, demonstrations and vigils? While **LWVUS** takes an active role in some such gatherings (for example, the Light for Our Democracy Vigil during the President's speech to Congress; see link: [Light](#)), what about the others? Can we be non-partisan even if the event has a partisan flavor? How and where would we share information about events that we might like to support or participate in that LWV is not involved with?

We would like to have a conversation about these questions in order to make recommendations to the Board about what **LWVSCDE** policy could be in responding consistently to such events.

Please Join Us

Thursday, April 10 at Noon

Panera Bread, 18423 Bryan Dr., Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

Please sign up here: [Nonpartisan Protest conversation link](#)

Here is some background from LWVUS about protesting:

<https://www.lwv.org/leagueroysocietypublicjournaling.org-management/advocacy/how-be-good-allies-when-protesting-solidarity-black-community>

<https://www.lwv.org/newsroom/press-releases/lwvus-affirms-right-peaceful-protest>

Detail-Oriented Person Needed!



QUARTERMASTER

LWVSCDE has found a new location for our stuff—tablecloths, banners, paper supplies, AV equipment, voter registration materials, etc. will now be stored at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 301 King Charles Avenue, Rehoboth Beach. (Sue Claire Harper has stored our equipment for 10 years in her garage, is planning to move out of state and needs to clean out that space.)

Now we are in need of a *Quartermaster (mistress?)*, who would be the coordinator for these supplies. The **duties** of this position are as follows:

- Coordinate all supplies and materials at the storage location by documenting borrowers, borrowed materials, dates borrowed and returned
- Take periodic inventory and replenish supplies as needed
- Keep track of receipts and submit to Treasurer

Other **skills** needed include familiarity with the Google Platform, i.e. Gmail, Google Drive, Docs, and Sheets. **Training and support will be provided.*

Time commitment is based on League activities, so may vary.
The starting date is May 15, 2025.

Our current Quartermaster, Sue Claire, would be happy to discuss what this role entails. Please contact her at 302.260.9532 if this opportunity is for you or indicate your interest using this link: [Quartermaster job](#)

Social Policy Committee Chair to serve on the Board from 7/01/25 through 6/30/27

The Social Policy Committee has been composed of League members studying relevant social issues, and pending social policy legislation, to determine how to provide information to the public regarding these matters. As a result of member interest in exploring topics of concern related to the established positions of the League of Women Voters, committee members developed or sponsored public forums and League gatherings. In the past topics included the following:

- *Homelessness and Affordable Housing*
- *Health Care Access and Availability*
- *Early Childhood Education and the Child Care Crisis*

This committee was meeting 6-8 times a year until March, 2024. The Social Policy Chair has been an LWVSCDE Board Member position, required to submit monthly reports/updates to the Board and active Board participation. If you would like more information regarding the role of the Chair, and this committee's past work, please contact Nomination Chair, Sue Claire Harper (302.260.9532; secmate47@gmail.com) for more information.

Looking Ahead...



April 5th

The LWVUS is joining with other groups for “Hands Off!” events

Hands Off!
Apr. 5

Everyday people nationwide are coming together for a mass activation for the pro-democracy movement.

Together, we'll show that the people are taking action to defend our democracy.



While some groups who are participating are partisan, LWV participants will focus on non-partisan issues that we care about:

Voting rights...Abortion...Feeding the Hungry...Taking Care of Vets...National Security...The disenfranchised... Medicare...Medicaid...The Rule of Law...Social Security
(You get the idea!)

We will meet Saturday, April 5 at 10:30 at Lewes Park-n-Ride to organize ourselves into carpools to attend Hands-Off in Dover. (15 mins to organize ourselves, 45 mins to drive, 30 mins to park/walk to event running 12-2 PM. Lewes return after 3PM)

To sign up for going to Dover (driver or rider) go to [Carpool List](#)

ADDITIONAL INFO on HANDS OFF EVENTS

Here is the link for this event in Rehoboth Beach:

[Hands off Day - RB](#)

Check this on April 5th for the latest info (it's been changing...)

Here is the link for the event in Dover
<https://www.mobilize.us/indivisible/event/768615/>
Again, note that *our participation will be non-partisan.*

Legislative Day

You are invited to the...
League of Women Voters of Delaware Legislative Day in Dover

*Successful Delaware: Healthy, Housed, and Educated:
Delaware's interrelated shortages of healthcare workers, affordable housing,
and quality early care and education.*

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Location: Christ Church Parish Hall, South State and Water Streets,
Dover

Registration & Refreshments: 9 am

Program: 9:30 – Noon, with break mid-way

Lunch with legislators: 12:30 – 1:30 pm / Visit Legislative Hall in the
afternoon or stay for discussion of issues.

Opening Remarks:

- **Lt. Governor Kyle Evans Gay**

Panelists:

- **Senator Eric L. Buckson**
 - **Senator Russell Huxtable**
 - **Senator Marie Pinkney**
 - **Senator Bryan Townsend, Senate Majority Leader**
 - **Representative Kerri Evelyn Harris, Majority Leader**
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- Representative "Sherae'a "Rae" Moore

Event Sponsor: *League of Women Voters of Delaware, Inc.*

Co-sponsors: *ACLU of Delaware, Delaware State Education Association, Delaware Association for Home and Community Care, Delaware Coalition for Open Government (DelCOG), Rodel Foundation, Kathleen Baker, Southern Delaware Alliance for Racial Justice.*

\$45 registration fee (covers breakfast, lunch, and materials) Limited scholarships available. Call 302-571-8948.

Registration link: <https://my.lwv.org/delaware/league-day-2025-registration-form>

Join Us on Earth Day

League, Libations & Learning



Tuesday, April 22, 2025 ♦ 5:30 - 8 pm
Iron Hill Brewery, 19815 Coastal Hwy, Rehoboth Beach

Program

Welcome: Barb Hedges-Goettl, LWVSCDE President

Speaker

Mary Stewart Douglas

Environmental Attorney (Ret.) & Activist

Delaware's Environment:

The Good, the Bad & the Scary

-45 minute Presentation followed by Q&A-

Prior to the presentation, staff will provide individual checks.

Reserve your seat at Iron Hill Brewery: [LINK](#)



LWV of Delaware Biennial Convention

**“New Voices, New Generation –
Shaping the Future of the League!”**

Join us for fantastic speakers, food & door prizes

Saturday, May 10, 2025

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Christ Church, Parish Hall, 501 South State St., Dover

**Watch for an email from LWVDE
and in the LWVSDE April newsletter for more info.**



Defending Democracy & Caring for U.S.

*The League of Women Voters envisions a democracy
where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge,
and the confidence to participate.*

You are cordially invited to
The League of Women Voters-Sussex County, DE
Annual Membership Meeting

Saturday, May 17, 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Note: Times have been adjusted slightly
Check your calendar if you saved the date earlier!

Georgetown Public Library

123 W Pine St

Georgetown, DE 19947

Join with friends, members & fellow citizens for this open meeting to raise up and celebrate the ideals of **DEMOCRACY** and learn about the pivotal role the Sussex County League is playing in safeguarding those ideals right here in our county.

As part of this annual membership meeting, we will review our work from the Fiscal Year that began July 1, 2024, adopt a two-year budget, and elect officers and directors, as well as the chair and members of the next Nominating Committee. We will approve a few proposed changes to the bylaws, and plan our program for the Fiscal Year running July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026. (Look for preview materials for many of these business items to be shared in early May.)

In the process, we will also seek to care for U.S. - not the country, our democracy and the League, but also for one another and ourselves – to be inspired, to feel supported, and to have some fun. Inspiration will be provided by keynote speaker **LWVSCDE** member and President of Sussex Preservation Coalition, **Jill Hicks**. Artistic will further inspire us by sharing their gifts. We will eat nourishing snacks. We will get to know each other a bit better. We will share ways we keep ourselves going. We

will have goodie bags, a door prize, and \$5 raffle tickets in support of our local League. Use these links to help out and/or join us!

[Set up crew signup link](#)
[Nourishment Team signup link](#)
[Sign up to attend](#)



Looking Back Highlights...

Defending Democracy Film Night



Above: Event Co-chairs Lisa Welle Malone & Donna Davis.

Oh, what a night! On Monday, March 24th the *League of Women Voters of Sussex County Delaware* and friends enjoyed a sell out evening of festivities, raffles, films, and delicious food. The 2nd Annual Defending

Democracy Film Festival in honor of Women's History Month is an important fundraiser for the league and this year did not disappoint! Attendees enjoyed amazing food generously donated by DiFebo's while mingling and choosing their favorite raffle items to bid on. A new popular addition this year was a 50/50 raffle, and the winner almost took home \$287, but this generous winner decided to donate the winnings back to the League. Thank you!

The first film shown was *Hometown Heroes*, highlighting the work of many during WWII in Richmond, California, and the personal story of inspiration Betty Reid Soskin who shared her lived experience of that time as an African American woman supporting the WWII efforts during the 1940's. The second film, *Women's March*, was a documentary of the 2017 Women's March which highlighted the work that women continue to do to make their voices heard. Our work as women continues. Both films provided inspiration from the women who have come before us, and empowered attendees to continue the work moving forward.

Many thanks to our generous donors, supporters, and volunteers who made this event a smashing success, and to all who supported the event by attending. We hope you will join us at this fun and important fundraising event next year!

Here's a link to the TV interview with Pres. Barb Hedges-Goettl that ran on WBOC about the League's mission and the Film Fundraiser event: [Fundraiser interview](#)

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