



# VOTER

The League of Women Voters of New Castle County, Delaware

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### Empowering Voters, Defending Democracy

We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge and the confidence to participate.

**League of Women Voters of New Castle County**  
**HOT TOPIC LUNCH Monday, January 28, 2019**  
**11:30 A.M - 1 P.M.**

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

**TOPIC: Why Smart Justice for Delaware?**

The United States locks up more people than any other nation. With just 5 percent of the world's population the U.S. holds 25 percent of the world's prisoners. Delaware imprisons at a rate even higher than this extreme national average and at a rate that is 81 percent higher than New Jersey's. The culture of maximum punishment was created as a political tool and sustained in part because of the identity of its victims. African Americans are 22 percent of our state population, but account for 51 percent of prisoners held in Delaware. Ending the era of mass incarceration requires dismantling the approaches of the 1980s. Delaware chose mass incarceration and now is suffering the consequences. Each day a person spends in prison unnecessarily is a social, fiscal, and moral failing of our policies.



Guest speaker Kathleen MacRae joined the ACLU-DE as executive director in November of 2010. She relocated to Delaware from New Mexico where she had worked for the ACLU-NM as development director. Before settling in with the ACLU, Kathleen was the executive director of the New Mexico Coalition to Repeal the Death Penalty. There she led the campaign that won passage of repeal legislation in the N.M. House of Representatives for the first time in 2005. In March 2009, after a 10-year effort, New Mexico's death penalty was abolished.

Kathleen has a Master's degree in social work from Rhode Island College with concentrations in policy analysis, community organizing and social service administration and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Rhode Island. She is a member of the board of directors of Equality Delaware, Inc.

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

MICHAEL'S RESTAURANT, 1000 Churchman's Rd, Newark, Del, 19713. **Buffet lunch is \$15.00 paid at time of the buffet luncheon.** Please pay in cash if at all possible.

RSVP [lwvde@comcast.net](mailto:lwvde@comcast.net) or 302-571-8948 by Sunday, January 27, so we can let the restaurant know how many to expect. If you need a ride, leave a message on the League Office phone or e-mail when you RSVP 302-571-8948. If you have not made a reservation please come anyway.

**JOIN THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY**

**For a Happy Hour to celebrate 2018 successes**

**Thursday, January 17**

**5:30 - 9:00**

at

**McGlynns Pub**

**8 Polly Drummond Shopping Center in Newark**

[mcglynnspub.com](http://mcglynnspub.com)

**Cash bar, food can be ordered from the menu**



**Please RSVP to [lwncc@comcast.net](mailto:lwncc@comcast.net) telephone 302-571-8948**

**Discussion of Delaware limited liability companies (LLCs) at November's Hot Topics**

Nick Wasileski, President of DelCOG, gave an interesting and thought provoking presentation about Delaware's limited liability companies (LLCs). Please check out the video tape on our website. Thanks to Louise Rolleri who videotaped the entire presentation.

The Nick Wasileski video is here:

[www.lwvdelaware-newcastlecounty.org/notices.html](http://www.lwvdelaware-newcastlecounty.org/notices.html),

under the *November Hot Topic* heading.



*Join us for*

# A CONVERSATION ABOUT THE

## *Equal Rights Amendment*

### 47 YEARS IN THE MAKING: RECOGNIZING THE WOMEN OF THE 126TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SEN. LOUISE CONNER, SEN. MARGARET MANNING, REP. MARION SEIBEL, REP. HENRIETTA JOHNSON,  
REP. JOAN WRIGHT AND REP. CLARICE HECKERT



HOSTED BY HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER VALERIE LONGHURST WITH SPECIAL GUESTS GOV. JOHN CARNEY,  
DR. MARIE LABERGE, SEN. STEPHANIE HANSEN AND SEN. KAREN PETERSON

#### **WEAR PURPLE**

To show your ERA  
support.

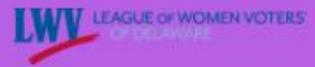
#### **JANUARY 10, 2019**

Delaware Public  
Archives

#### **12 PM**

Hear about the  
history and progress.

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**The League of Women Voters of New Castle County  
invites you to its monthly  
TED Talk Discussion  
*Your Privilege is Showing* by Lillian Medville  
at 204 Tessa Court, Newark, DE 19713**

Nationally the League of Women Voters is interested in broadening the membership to be more inclusive. League Leadership has suggested this TED X Talk as a means to prompt some new thinking. In this TED X Talk, ***Your Privilege is Showing***, Lillian Medville, discusses her view of the Systems of Oppression that can limit our conversations and relationships. Ms. Medville notes: "I had been raised to believe that the way to be a good, not racist white person, was to not see color. Which is unhelpful. If you can't see color, you can't talk about color, and if you can't talk about race gender class or ability you can't understand it. You can't understand the part you play in it and you can't understand the part it plays in you." She includes racism, sexism, classism, ableism, among others in her definition of the Systems of Oppression. Ms. Medville points out that: "Being good people does not make you immune to racism or sexism". Oppression is a personal experience that can reach into our lives and touch friendships. Ms. Medville continues on with ideas of how to change the conversation.



Join us to start a conversation! The TED Talk Discussion will be held on January 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00. The discussion will take place at 204 Tessa Court, Newark, DE 19713.

R.S.V.P to Kay Palmer at 302.369.8858 or [kaypalmer@42llc.com](mailto:kaypalmer@42llc.com)  
The format is to watch the TED X Talk and then discuss the 'Ideas Worth Sharing'. Limited beverages and snacks will be served.



Lillian Medville is a CEO of her own company; Your Privilege is Showing and a leader in facilitated discussions on Systems of Oppression. She has developed a unique social justice card game experience for groups and at home that: "allow for intimate and personal conversations about privilege and social justice".

Kay Palmer will lead an informal discussion among attendees afterward.  
*Kay W. Palmer, Coordinator 302.983.6946*



**Welcome New Members**

- Karen Barker** 302-757-5939 [kjbarker13@gmail.com](mailto:kjbarker13@gmail.com)
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- Dubravka Ujes Morgan** (rejoined) 302-738-4056 [dumorgan@udel.edu](mailto:dumorgan@udel.edu)
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**REMINDER:** We are in the home stretch for membership renewal for FY July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019. If you have received a first class letter recently please consider renewing your membership to the LWVNCC, thereby remaining a member of the state and national organization. This is an election year and your renewal and contribution keep the League financially able to do its work. Thank you in advance. We need you.

**President's Message** \_\_\_\_\_ **by Marj Johnson**



It's hard to believe another year has gone by, and what a busy year it was! We have continued to try and educate ourselves in our monthly Hot Topic Luncheons, the Great Decisions Group, and our TED talks.

But with the mid-term primary and election, we were extremely busy with voter registration and education. We held about 50 Voter Registration events, with our Indivisible partners and held a candidate forum in Newark. Thanks so much to Patti Christopher and the Indivisible group for all their hard work trying to coordinate and cover all these events. In addition, we gave close to 30 people rides to the polls on Election Day.

This fall the Board held a Strategic Planning Session with new and creative ideas, including ideas for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the League and the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment for 2020. We also set in place a new way to develop our budget and to let our needs drive our fundraising. There are several initiatives the Board will be putting forth, and we hope some of these items will be of interest to you to help fund. In Dec. we received a most generous donation from the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Newark and are very grateful for their support

We had a three- year audit review and are in compliance with bank statements and financial practices. We are in the process of reviewing our policies and procedures and the Bylaws and recommended changes will be distributed to the membership prior to the annual meeting in June. We are also redesigning our structure and flow chart so that new members and Board Members can better understand how the League functions.

Most importantly, we gained about 40 members and we continue to meet up with people who are interested in the League and its mission.

Going forward, we are looking forward to bringing greater emphasis to local school board elections and hope to create a Vote 411 system to educate and inform citizens regarding their local school boards. We will be working with the Dept. of Elections to educate the public regarding the new voting machines, which might be in place for the school board elections. We will be working on converting the LWVNCC to a 501c3 entity, which will enable us to have a single budget (instead of LWVNCC and LWVNCC Ed Fund budgets), and will make all donations tax deductible. This will cost some money and will probably take a year or longer to work through the process, but the Board felt it was worth the effort and the expense. And we will be planning several Meet and Greets for members to get to know each other and to also get together with some of our partnering groups. The first of these will be Jan. 17, 2019 at Mc Glynn's Pub. I look forward to meeting more of you at the upcoming events and wish you all a very Happy New Year. May 2019 bring you renewed determination, resolve, and political action!

*Thank you to our members and friends who have made a financial contribution to LWV of New Castle County, and thanks to all the volunteers who make the LWV vital and effective in this election year.*

*Contributions to LWVNCC: Patti & William Christopher, Paul & John Collins, Mitzi Law, Lisa Pertzoff, Robert Wood, Bea Webb*

*Education Fund (NCC): Unitarian Fellowship of Newark, Jenn Wells.*

## VOTER SERVICE - CANDIDATE FORUM

Tuesday, March 19, 2019, 6:30 PM Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive, Newark DE, 19713

**CANDIDATES FORUM for MAYOR of NEWARK and MEMBERS of CITY COUNCIL.**

Candidates for Mayor and Council Districts 1, 2 and 4 in all contested elections will be invited to participate in the Q & A event open to the public. Election is Tuesday April 9, 2019.

At the **NATURALIZATION CEREMONY**, held at Clayton Hall in December 2018, League members distributed welcome folders to **over 225** new citizens.



Left: New citizens waiting for ceremony to begin and to take the oath.



Left: League members waiting to pick up welcome folders for distribution.

L-R: Vicky Kleinman, Connie Georgov, Patty Huang, Kim Wells, Sue and Ken Case.

Not pictured are Cami Seward, Susan Mitchell, Carole Walsh.

Thanks go to Bob Hasse who collated the folders and DECRA? that provides funding for this project.

Thank you to Lorraine Botticelli and Connie Georgov, co-chairs, for coordinating volunteers and communication from the court system.



## DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

The Delaware Coalition for Open Government, Delaware Press Association, and the League of Women Voters of New Castle County were lead co-sponsors of the biennial **ELECTED OFFICIALS RECEPTION** held December 3, at Ed Oliver Golf Club. It was a huge success.

John Flaherty presented the **Distinguished Service Award to Rep. Kowalko** for the body of work he has done on open government.

Katharine Ward presented the **Distinguished Journalism Award to Margie Fishman** for her outstanding work reporting on open government issues.

Good conversations, networking with League members, getting acquainted again, and making new friends were made at the **LWV HOLIDAY LUNCHEON** held December 5, 2018, at Dover Downs Festival Buffet.

This was one of our best attended holiday lunches ever. Thanks go to the LWV of Kent County for organizing this event, especially Christine and Les Stillson.

Left: Les Stillson is welcoming the crowd and also hosted the lottery winners for the beautiful poinsettias.



## IN MEMORIAM

During the last several months the LWV of NCC has lost a number of wonderful members who have served the League in many capacities and made a lot of friends. In case you missed the obituaries and memorial services they are listed here.

**Roberta Ray** was active in getting the League to sign onto Easy Web, served on the state Board and local LWNCC Board for many years.

**Peg Cebula** was the state office manager of the League for many years before Letty Diswood came along. She also held many other positions in the local LWNCC.

**Christine Frazier** was one of the founding members of the LWVDE and a past LWNCC member.

**Joy Jones** held many positions with the state and local Leagues, helped set up the Education Fund and was a regular volunteer in the League office.

**Kit Kallal** was a former state president who helped create the Ed Fund, was former office manager and held many other positions.

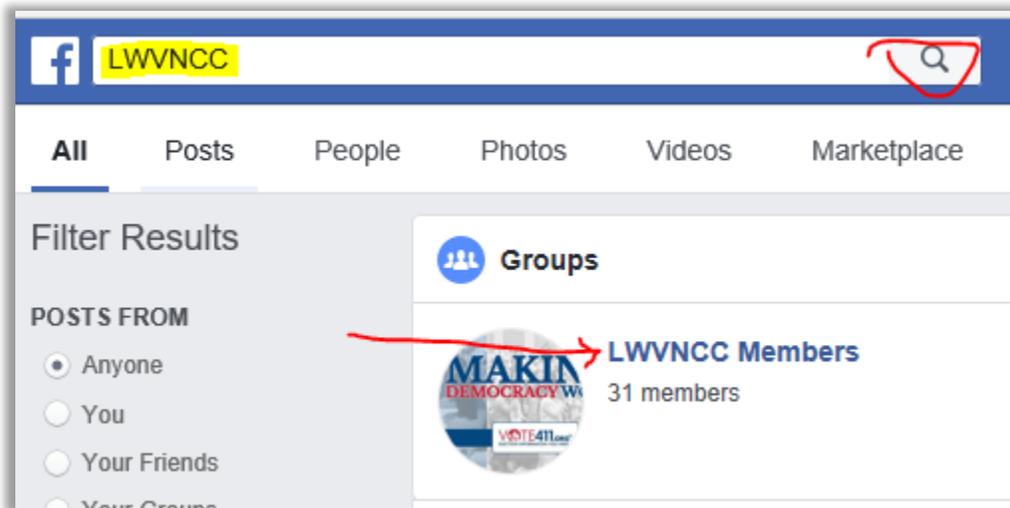
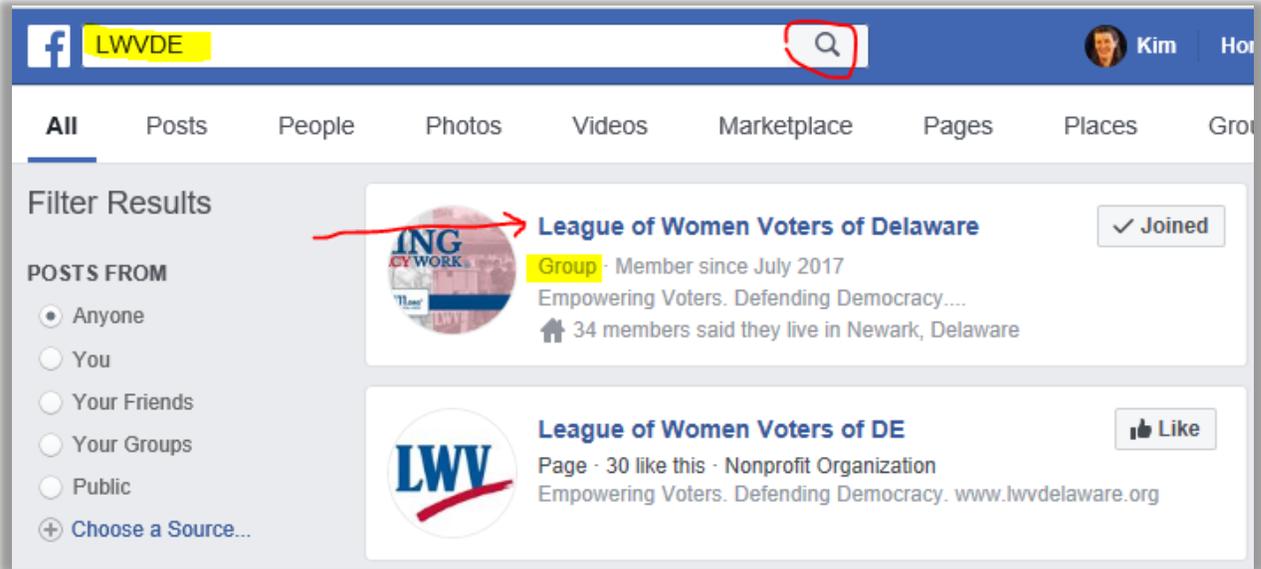
**Bob Klopfenstein**, husband of Moonyeen (Kloppy) who is an active member of the LWNCC and served on the NCC board for many years. She recently slowed down to take care of Bob.

**Jerry Schultz**, husband of Peggy Schultz.

## How to Join League Social Media

For League members who are active on Facebook, here are two groups you can participate in:

- **LWVDE (League of Women Voters of Delaware) - public group**, for information of general interest. *Follow* to view content, *Join* to post.
- **LWVNCC Members - private group**, for local League business and questions. Join the group to view or to post.



Click the "Join Group" button under LWVNCC Members. An administrator will approve your request, usually within 24 hours.

[+ Join Group](#)

You can also follow @LWV and @LWVDE on both Twitter and Instagram.

## LWVUS ADVOCATING AND LITIGATING

Today marks the beginning of the new Congress, and we are proud to support the first piece of legislation introduced in the House —HR1—a bill that stands to improve American elections by making them freer, fairer, and more accessible to all eligible Americans.

**HR1 includes comprehensive reforms**, like restoring the Voting Rights Act, improving Automatic Voter Registration, creating a public financing system through small donor matching funds, overturning Citizens United, ending partisan gerrymandering, and more! The League worked behind the scenes to influence the language of this legislation, including [a push to include Same Day Registration](#).

This bill will make our elections fairer, put the power back into the hands of the American people, and it deserves bipartisan support. We're asking all of our members and supporters [to click here to call their Representative](#) and ask them to vote Yes for HR1.

### Updated Census Action Kit!

Resources from the U.S. Census Bureau regarding the formation and function of Complete Count Committees have been added to the Census Action Kit. The time to get involved with planning for the 2020 Census is now! [Check out these resources](#) which include regional contacts for getting involved in the Complete Count Committees in your own state or community!

### 2019 Women's March

The 2019 Women's March is scheduled for January 19. As in 2017, the main march will occur in Washington, DC, with [more than 200 sister marches happening around the country](#). Since 2017, the League has partnered with the Women's March and, although we will not be mobilizing in DC this year, we encourage state and local Leagues to [find out more about sister marches in your area](#). There may be opportunities for state and local Leagues to contribute to developing the platform for local marches.

## CALENDAR

Monday, January 7, 2019 11:30am- 1:30pm	Ed Oliver Golf Club <a href="#">800 N. DuPont Rd Wilmington, DE 19807</a>	<b>NPV Panel and Organizing Meeting.</b> LWVDE and Common Cause Delaware (CCDE) are co-sponsoring this panel discussion on the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact. Organizations and individuals wishing to work on NPV legislation in Delaware this year are encouraged to attend! Expert panel includes Sen. Chris Pearson from Vermont, Pam Wilmot from Common Cause Massachusetts, and Delaware Senator Bryan Townsend, with Moderator Jennifer Hill of CCDE. No cost to attend; light lunch provided. <a href="#">Pre-registration</a> is required.
Monday, January 7, 2019 6:30-8:30pm	Immanuel Church, Highlands <a href="#">2400 W 17th Street Wilmington, DE 19806</a>	<b>LWVNCC BOARD MEETING.</b> Next meeting of the League of Women Voters of New Castle County Board of Directors. Community Room of Immanuel Highlands Church.
Tuesday, January 8, 2019 11am-1pm	Lemon Leaf Café <a href="#">2 North Main St Smyrna, DE 19977</a>	<b>LWVDE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE meeting.</b> Meeting of the LWV state advocacy sub-committee covering voting and elections in Delaware. If you are interested in voting/elections legislation and lobbying, contact <a href="#">Letty Diswood</a> for details.
Wednesday, January 9, 2019 9:30am-noon	location TBD (near Leg. Hall) Dover, DE	<b>LWVDE ADVOCACY CORPS Meeting.</b> For details or to attend, contact committee chair Sandy Spence or our <a href="#">Office Manager</a> . There also will be a hearing on HB 1, the second leg of a constitutional amendment on Delaware's

		ERA, in the House Admin Committee at 2:30 pm.
Thursday, January 10, 2019 (afternoon)	Legislative Hall Dover, DE	<b>House vote on Delaware ERA.</b> The Delaware House of Representatives is scheduled to vote on HB1 at its session that starts at 2 pm on Thursday, January 10. There will be a program at noon at the Delaware Public Archives building to mark the event... details on page 3.
Thursday, January 17, 2019 5:30-9pm	McGlynns Pub 8 Polly Drummond Shopping Center Newark, DE 1971	<b>MEET &amp; GREET - New Members and Friends.</b> New and old League members and friends are invited to a happy hour to celebrate 2018 successes. This is a perfect time to drop in and find out more about the League and meet our members. RSVP to the <a href="#">Office Manager</a> by Tues 1/15.
Saturday, January 19, 10 am to 1 pm	Washington DC and in Philadelphia, PA on BF Parkway	<b>Women's March</b>
Monday, January 28, 2019 11:30am-1pm	Michaels Restaurant <a href="#">1000 Churchman's Rd Newark, DE 19713</a>	<b>HOT TOPIC LUNCH - Smart Justice.</b> Our January "Hot Topic" is the ACLU Campaign for Smart Justice. \$15 buffet lunch; RSVP to the <a href="#">Office Manager</a> . The public is cordially invited to attend.
Wednesday, March 27, 2019 11 am - 3 pm	Legislative Hall <a href="#">411 Legislative Avenue Dover, DE 19901</a>	<b>Table Event.</b> The Advocacy Corps will have a table in the second floor lobby of Legislative Hall where we will provide information about our 2019 legislative priorities.
Thursday, March 28, 2019 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	The Outlook at Duncan Center <a href="#">500 W. Loockerman Street Dover, DE 19904</a>	<b>League Day in Dover.</b> 8:30 Registration, Program 9-11:30, Lunch with legislators Spend afternoon at Legislative Hall. Two General Session Focus Areas: <b>Voting and Elections</b> will focus on: 1) <b>Early Voting</b> and 2) <b>National Popular Vote Environment</b> will focus on: 1) <b>Clean Water</b> 2) <b>Renewable Energy</b>  Attendees are urged to go to Legislative Hall after a buffet lunch to meet with their own and/or other key legislators to advocate for any or all of the above issues. Appointments will be made for you. Position papers on each of the four topics will be provided to all attendees and packets will be available to distribute to legislators.
Tuesday, May 14, 2019, 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.	At any polling place in your school district.	<b>School Board Elections.</b> Any citizen age 18 or older who lives in the school district may vote. It is not necessary to be registered for other elections in Delaware, but you must show identification documenting your address in the school district, such as a drivers' license, other registration card, recent utility bill, etc.
Saturday, June 1, 2019	To be determined	<b>CONVENTION 2019.</b> Biennial convention of the League of Women Voters of Delaware.

**League of Women Votes of New Castle County**  
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