



# 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, May 20, 2019**

(Note date change because of Memorial Day)

**11:30 A.M. - 1 P.M.**

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

**TOPIC: Update on the action at Delaware's Legislature.  
What's Moving and What's Not.**

**Speaker: Sandy Spence, LWV of Delaware Advocacy Corps Chair  
Meet your League activists.**

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.

LUNCH HELD AT MICHAEL'S RESTAURANT, 1000 Churchman's Rd, Newark, Del., 19713. **The program is free. The Buffet lunch is \$18.00 paid at time of the buffet luncheon (Buffet's price has increased, includes a nonalcoholic drink).**

Speaker usually starts at 12:10 pm. Please pay in cash if at all possible.

RSVP [lwvde@comcast.net](mailto:lwvde@comcast.net) or 302-571-8948 by Sunday, May 19, 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. If you have not made a reservation please come anyway.

**Save this date: LWVNCC Annual Meeting and Pot Luck dinner, Monday, June 10, 2019, at 6:30 pm, Limestone Presbyterian Church, 3201 Limestone Rd, Wilmington Delaware 19808. Business: Elect officers & directors, adopt a budget and program, and share the progress we have made this year in membership, structure, and activities. Most important, we will be gathering feedback to develop a shared direction for our future.**

The League of Women Voters of New Castle County  
invites you to its monthly  
**TED X Talk Discussion**  
*The Great Migration and the Power of a Single Decision*  
May 18 at 1:00

Meet at St. Philip's Lutheran Church, 5320 Limestone Road, Wilmington Del. 19808.  
The format is to watch the TED X Talk and then discuss the Ideas Worth Sharing. Bring your own  
beverage and snack if desired.

At present, in Delaware and elsewhere, there is a lot of activity taking place to address the new Jim Crow issues. The TED Talk for May, *The Great Migration and the Power of a Single Decision*, by Isabel Wilkerson, speaks to the single decision that changed the course of American history. Ms. Wilkerson lays out the story of the Great Migration from the Jim Crow South to the North and West between World War I and the 1970s. This migration demonstrated how the lowest caste people in America made a decision to take a chance, to choose for themselves so that they could offer their innate talents to the greater good. These talents were not permitted to be used in public in the South. Wilkerson explains - "These people, by their actions, were able to do what the powers that be, North and South, could not or would not do," she says. "They freed themselves."



Join us for this TED Talk that unwinds the story of the Jim Crow South and the personal stories of the people making the decision to leave their families, in some cases never to see them again, to head to the North and West for a better life.

Ms. Wilkerson is a Pulitzer-winning journalist and the author of the heavily researched book, *The Warmth of Other Suns*, the story of the Great Migration. Ms. Wilkerson uses narrative history to bring to light our shared humanity.

The discussion will begin at 1:00 on May 18, 2019, at St. Philip's Lutheran Church, 5320 Limestone Road, Wilmington DE 19808. The format for the discussion will be to view the TED Talk presentation and then discuss the highlights of the presentation.

**TED** Ideas worth spreading\*

Kay W. Palmer, Coordinator 302.983.6946

**HOT OFF THE PRESS! Newark City contacts updated**  
*They Represent You: Listing of Elected Officials 2018-2020 (version V)*

Can be found at [my.lvv.org/delaware/new-castle-county](https://my.lvv.org/delaware/new-castle-county) at this link:  
<https://my.lvv.org/sites/default/files/leagues/new-castle-county/lwncctheyrepresentyou2019-20.pdf>

## Reminder - school board elections are on May 14, 2019

Mark May 14 on your calendar right now... school board election day! Then plan to visit either [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org) or [WhoRunsOurSchools.com](http://WhoRunsOurSchools.com) to find out who is running in your district, and their positions on the issues.

If you are able, attend a school board candidate forum! There are two upcoming forums in New Castle County: **Tuesday May 7**, 6 pm at the Community Education Building on French Street, hosted by the Youth Advocacy Council and **Monday May 13**, 6:30 pm at Stanton Middle School on Limestone Rd, hosted by the state PTA



Any district resident 18 years of age or older can vote in Delaware school board elections. You don't have to have a child enrolled in district schools, and you don't even have to pre-register to vote. Just bring proof of residence to any open polling place within the district. Check your school district website to find where the polling places are.

Children are our future, and we all have a stake in the quality of our schools.  
**Please plan to vote on May 14.**

### GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION GROUP

What: Great Decisions: ***Nuclear Negotiations: Back to the Future***

When: **Monday, May 20, 2019, 1:15 -3:30 p.m.**

Where: Newark Free Library

What else: Lunch, for those who wish it.

When: Before discussion, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Where: 11:30 at Skipjack Restaurant in the Shops at Louviers on Paper Mill Road.

How: Contact Flo Waibel [fmwaibel@udel.edu](mailto:fmwaibel@udel.edu) All welcome.

June 17: ***The rise of populism in Europe*** and July 15: ***Decoding US/China trade***.

### CALENDAR FOR 2019 NATURALIZATION CEREMONIES

Send an email or call Lorraine Botticelli if you would like to help out: [lsbotticelli@gmail.com](mailto:lsbotticelli@gmail.com) 302-354-2585

For the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Thursday June 6, 2019 - University of Delaware

\*Tuesday, September 17, 2019 (Constitution Day)

Thursday, October 3, 2019

Thursday, November 7, 2019

Thursday, December 5, 2019 - University of Delaware \*The only ceremony scheduled not on Thursday

## LWV of Delaware CONVENTION 2019

**Be a delegate! No experience required.**

**When: Saturday, June 1, 2019**

**Barclay Farms Clubhouse & meeting rooms, 1 Paynter's Way, Camden, DE 19934**

**Catered lunch and refreshments**

**We will car pool**

**Agenda:** The business of the convention this year will be the election of officers and directors, adoption of a two-year budget and a two-year program, and consideration of proposed bylaw changes.

**Theme: How to make our/your voice heard**

**A panel of Delaware state legislators will address the above with Q & A**

**(and how LWV Advocacy Corps does its job as well as advocacy techniques for all of us)**

LWVNCC is allocated 22 delegates. Get to know the Kent and Sussex County members.

Call or email your NCC president: Marj Johnson 302-765-2081, marjcj@comcast.net and copy to lwvde@comcast.net. Leave your name, telephone and email.

Registration fee \$25 is paid at time of registration at convention

8:30 a.m. Continental breakfast

9:00 a.m. - noon Business meeting and panel discussion in the morning

Break for lunch at noon

Lunch at 12:15 pm: socializing and networking

There will be a business meeting and possibly a workshop 1:15-3:00 PM

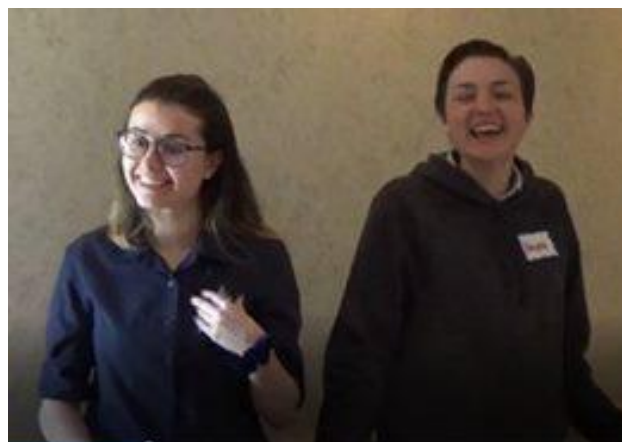
3:00-4:00 time built in to schedule above items just in case (planning in progress)

Scheduled breaks 15 minutes a.m. and p.m.

### HOT TOPIC HIGHLIGHTS MAY 29 at Michael's.

Photos from today's Hot Topic lunch on the **YMCA YIG (Youth in Government)** presentation. The video is available online as well: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=450641169037256>

Pictured below (right) is trainer Katherine Caudle and students Hannah McKee and Anya Verucci with the YMCA Youth in Government Program at Q & A after their presentation.



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Pictured Left: Carrie Klopfenstein made a short five-minute presentation to the LWV on April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Hot Topics Lunch on the subject of the Girls Leadership Worldwide camp that she will be attending this July.

If you want to donate to Carrie's Girls Leadership fundraiser, go to the link below by June 7, 2019 and...

- Checkmark the bottom box "Donation for GLW Participant"
- Fill in the desired donation amount (\$25 or more\*)
- For participant name, type "On behalf of Carrie Klopfenstein"
- Enter billing information and submit

A donation receipt will be sent by email.

\*Smaller donations can be given by cash or check through Kloppey.

<https://ervk.org/.../girls-leadership.../tuition-payment/>

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



At our recent Hot Topic on Youth in Government, it was gratifying to learn of so many young people who are finding their voice and learning about civic engagement. Our future depends on citizens who are aware, engaged, and working for a common good. Likewise, we need all of our League members to be active and engaged and informed.

At our next Hot Topic on May 20, Sandy Spence, our Advocacy Corps chairperson, and Joanne Hasse, our state president, will be presenting current activity in our state legislature—those bills that we support or oppose, and the flurry of activity as the legislative session in Delaware comes to an end for 2019. I hope you will join us if you can.

I want to extend an invitation to ALL of you to our State Convention coming up 6/1 in Dover. The New Castle County League can have as many as 22 delegates to this convention. While anyone can go to the convention, delegates are able to vote on issues. Please contact the office if you would like to be listed as a delegate. In addition, New Castle County's Annual Meeting is 6/10 at Limestone Presbyterian Church. Information about both of these events is elsewhere in this Voter as well. At the Annual Meeting for the New Castle County League, we will be voting for a new board and sharing the progress we have made this year in membership, structure, and activities, but more importantly, we will be gathering feedback to develop a shared direction for our future. We need your input. We will be looking for people to enhance membership involvement, to help plan our Hot Topics, and to coordinate public relations and outreach, and we will be looking to coordinate and partner with a variety of groups for added impact to our efforts. Our immediate future in 2020, of course, includes the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The League of Women Voters in February and also of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment in August, and a national election in November. There is lots of work and lots of excitement ahead. So get ready for the wild ride. Be onboard! You have gifts; you are needed; you can help!

## VOTER ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH



The LWNCC is starting with voter registration drives at high schools. For the past nine years, Padua Academy for Young Women, ALWAYS hosts us. These young women have discussed and want to be involved in the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment celebration next year.

The LWNCC participated in an event at the Delaware Children's Museum where information and activities are available for different age groups. A voting process was set up for the children to vote for their favorite pet, a dog or a cat. After they cast their votes they will be given a sticker saying **I Voted**. At the end of the event, the ballots are counted and the winner displayed.

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Pictured above: Two students registering to vote with Patti Christopher, Alice Davis and Letty Diswood (not in picture), at Padua High School.

The League will have a booth at the Bellefonte Farmers Market at the Bellefonte Community Gardens, 610 Duncan Road every second Friday starting in June from 5-8 pm.

### **A Meet and Greet was held at Catherine Rooney's in April.**

Many different organizations joined us to engage with one another, discuss common goals and new opportunities. It was great fun meeting new people and checking in with old friends. More will be held.

Pictured at right: Sen. Cathy Cloutier and Patti Christopher.



## **HOT TOPIC ROUND-UP**

**Did you miss the Hot Topic Luncheons?** - Here is the link to our videos on Facebook!

**YMCA YIG (Youth in Government)** presentation. The video is available online as well:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=450641169037256>

**Plastic Pollution! Zero Waste! In Delaware and Beyond?**

[my.lwv.org/delaware/new-castle-county/article/feb-2019-hot-topic-plastic-free-delaware](http://my.lwv.org/delaware/new-castle-county/article/feb-2019-hot-topic-plastic-free-delaware)

After you press the "Play" button - the right-triangle at the center of the video - you may also need to click the speaker icon in the lower right to enable the sound. The video may start by default with the speaker muted - this is indicated by a small "x" next to the speaker icon.

**Smart Justice** [www.facebook.com/lwvde/videos/1029539980586432](https://www.facebook.com/lwvde/videos/1029539980586432) and on our web page:

<https://my.lwv.org/delaware/new-castle-county/article/jan-2019-hot-topic-video-smart-justice>

**Limited Liability Companies?** Discussion of Delaware limited liability companies (LLCs) at:

<https://www.facebook.com/lwvde/videos/366347204131673/>

The videos are here: Part 1 of the City of Newark Mayor's Forum:

<https://www.facebook.com/lwvde/videos/581588525683987/>

Part 2 of the Mayor's Forum: <https://www.facebook.com/lwvde/videos/2147987081951655/>

City of Newark Council Forum for Districts 1 and 2: <https://www.facebook.com/lwvde/videos/2257872704530084/>

## LWVUS ADVOCACY HIGH LIGHTS

### MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK CAMPAIGN

#### League Launches Campaign Around *For The People Act*

On Sunday, newspaper ads began dropping in several states pushing for a hearing in the U.S. Senate. The Act was passed in the House on March 8 and introduced in the Senate on March 27 by Senator Udall. The in-state campaign is aimed at the members on the committee assigned the bill but we encourage states to get involved via the [action alert](#) or hosting a postcard party to send to your U.S. Senator. To view the postcard and print instructions, [click here](#).

#### League Urges Presidential Candidates to Disclose Their Big-Money Campaign Fundraisers

LWVUS joined a broad cross-partisan coalition [urging presidential candidates to disclose their big-money campaign fundraisers](#). These large-dollar donors, commonly referred to as bundlers, often raise thousands, even millions of dollars, to help raise funds necessary to wage competitive campaigns.

#### Blog: Census Litigation Before SCOTUS This Week

On Tuesday, the U.S. Supreme Court heard *Department of Commerce v. New York*, a case challenging the current Administration's decision to add a question about citizenship to the 2020 Census. The addition of this question has been controversial and is expected to have a chilling impact on Census participation, particularly in hard to count communities. The League of Women Voters of New York State (LWVNYS) is a plaintiff on the litigation, and LWVUS joined more than 175 civic organizations in filing an amicus brief in this case. [Read more](#).

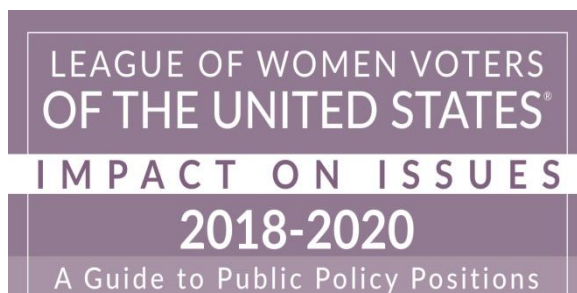
#### ICYMI: Get Prepared for Census with the LWVUS Toolkit!

April 1 marked [one year until Census Day](#), and many states have begun educating communities around the importance of 'getting out to count' and participating in the 2020 Census. LWVUS will be providing further guidance on the variety of ways Leagues can and should get involved. Check the [Census Action Toolkit](#) for helpful resources, including the comic strip we created to educate people on why the Census is important.

#### LWVUS Policy Briefing Resources

[Materials and a recording of the April 23 Webinar on HR4](#), the Voting Rights Advancement Act, are now available on the League Management Site. Please check them out and, while you are there, sign up for our future webinars in May and June!

***Impact on Issues***, which is [now available online](#).



## CALENDAR

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| Monday, May 6, 2019<br>6:30-8:30pm                      | Immanuel Church, Highlands<br><a href="#">2400 W 17th Street</a><br><a href="#">Wilmington, DE 19806</a>              | <b>LWVNCC BOARD MEETING.</b> Regular 1st Monday meeting of the League of Women Voters of New Castle County Board of Directors. Community Room of Immanuel Highlands Church.  |
| Monday, May 6, 2019, 10 am-12                           | Meeting at the home of<br><a href="#">Peggy Schultz</a>   | <b>LAND USE / TRANSPORTATION Committee Meeting.</b><br>(contact Peggy or <a href="#">Jane Dilley</a> )   |
| Tuesday, May 7 2019<br>11am-1pm                         | Lemon Leaf Café<br><a href="#">2 North Main St</a><br><a href="#">Smyrna, DE 19977</a>                                | <b>ELECTIONS COMMITTEE meeting.</b> Regular 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday 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, May 8 2019<br>9:30am-noon                    | Tatnall Building<br><a href="#">150 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd S</a><br><a href="#">Dover, DE 19901</a>               | <b>LWVDE ADVOCACY CORPS Meeting.</b> Regular 2nd Wednesday meeting of the LWVDE Advocacy Corps (legislative lobby group) in Dover. For details or to attend, contact Advocacy Chair <a href="#">Sandy Spence</a> .   |
| Tuesday, May 14, 2019, 7 a.m. until 8 pm                | 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.                             |
| Wednesday, May 15, 2019<br>9:30 am-12                   | Dover Public Library<br>35 Lookerman Plaza, Dover, DE 19901   | <b>STATE BOARD MEETING</b>   |
| Saturday, May 18, 2019<br>1-3pm                         | St. Philip's Lutheran Church<br><a href="#">5320 Limestone Rd</a><br><a href="#">Wilmington, DE 19808</a>             | <b>TED DISCUSSION - <i>The Great Migration and the Power of A Single Decision</i></b> Come join the conversation! Bring your own snacks and beverages. Contact <a href="#">Kay Palmer</a> with questions or to RSVP.   |
| Monday, May 20 2019<br>11:30am-1pm                      | Michaels Restaurant<br><a href="#">1000 Churchman's Rd</a><br><a href="#">Newark, DE 19713</a>                        | <b>HOT TOPIC LUNCH. Update on the action at Delaware's Legislature. What's Moving and What's not.</b><br><b>Speaker: Sandy Spence, LWV of Delaware Advocacy Corps Chair and meet your League activists.</b> \$18 buffet lunch; RSVP to <a href="mailto:thelwvncc@comcast.net">thelwvncc@comcast.net</a> or call 301-571-8948. The public is cordially invited to attend. |
| Monday, May 20, 2019<br>1:30-3:30pm                     | Newark Free Library<br><a href="#">750 Library Ave.</a><br><a href="#">Newark, DE 19711</a>                           | <b>GREAT DECISIONS.</b> The group will discuss the topic " <i>Nuclear negotiations: Back to the Future</i> ". Optional lunch beforehand at Skipjack, The Shoppes of Louviers, 401 Louviers Dr, Newark. Contact <a href="#">Flo Waibel</a> .  |
| Saturday, June 1, 2019, 8:30 am registration, 9 am-3 pm | Barclay Farms Club House & meeting rooms, 1 Paynter's Way, Camden, DE 19934   | <b>LWVDE CONVENTION.</b><br><b>Carpooling 302-571-8948 or <a href="mailto:LWVNCC@comcast.net">LWVNCC@comcast.net</a></b>   |
| Thursday, June 6, 2019 - 11:00am                        | Clayton Hall, UD, Newark DE   | <b>NEW CITIZEN CEREMONIES</b> LWVNCC volunteers distribute welcome packets to the new citizens   |
| Monday, June 10, 2019<br>6:30 pm                        | Limestone Presbyterian Church, 3201 Limestone Rd<br>Wilmington Delaware 19808<br>See map: <a href="#">Google Maps</a> | <b>LWVNCC ANNUAL MEETING pot luck</b> <b>RSVP 302-571-8948 or <a href="mailto:lwncc@comcast.net">lwncc@comcast.net</a></b>   |

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