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Empower Voters, Defend 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, September 24, 2018

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

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

Equal Representation for DC

Washington DC residents currently have no representation in the United States Senate. The DC League will send two members to make their case for equitable representation in Congress.

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 LWV, make new friends, invite your neighbors, and colleagues to experience the League in an informal setting.

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

RSVP at lwvde@comcast.net or 302-571-8948 by Sunday, September 23, 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.**

SEPTEMBER TED DISCUSSION - SEEKING TRUTH IN AN ERA OF FAKE NEWS

The LWVNCC TED viewings are free and open to the public; we'd love to see you there! The format is simple... we watch an inspiring, thought-provoking TED video, and then talk about it afterward. See meetup.com for more information or to RSVP. **Kay W. Palmer, Coordinator 302.983.6946**

The TED Talk discussion for September will be centered on "How to Seek Truth in the Era of Fake News". This talk is an interview with respected journalist Christiane Amanpour. This will be held at The Greene Turtle restaurant in Christiana on **Saturday, September 15**, at 1pm. Order from the regular menu as desired.

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Christiane Amanpour with TED Curator Chris Anderson

Known worldwide for her courage and clarity, Christiane Amanpour has spent the past three decades interviewing business, cultural and political leaders who have shaped history. In conversation with TED Curator Chris Anderson, Amanpour discusses fake news, objectivity in journalism, the leadership vacuum in global politics and more, sharing her wisdom along the way. "Be careful where you get information from," she says. "Unless we are all engaged as global citizens who appreciate the truth, who understand science, empirical evidence and facts, then we are going to be wandering around -- to a potential catastrophe."

Kay Palmer will lead an informal discussion among attendees afterward.



The foundation and purpose of the League of Women Voters is that since 1920, the league has been an activist, grassroots organization whose leaders believe that voters should play a critical role in democracy. That it is that informed individuals are important to the success of democracy. Even establishing the League of Women Voters Education in 1957 to encourage the active and informed participation in citizens in government and to increase their understanding of major public policy. In 2018 in this time of 'fake news' to stay factually informed. We are bombarded by inputs. But how do we discern what is fact and what is 'fake news'?

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CANDIDATE FORUMS

LWV sponsored or cosponsored candidate forums are planned:

October 14, 2018 for Attorney General and Dist. 4 candidates

Hosted by First Unitarian Church, LWNCC, Junior League and others, 730 Halstead Road, Wilmington, DE 19803

October 17, 2018 for Kent County candidates

Hosted by LWV Kent County, 7-9 p.m. at the Modern Maturity Center.

October 24, 2018 for statewide candidates Hosted by LWV of Delaware and LWVKC, 7-9 p.m. at Delaware State University, Dover DE

VOTER SERVICES

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR RIDES TO THE POLLS FOR GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 6, 2018

Thank you to all who volunteered for rides to the poll for the September Primaries.

The LWV of New Castle County is organizing volunteers to provide rides to the polls for the September 6, 2018 Primary.

We have not been overwhelmed in the past. Here is what is needed:

1. Volunteer name
2. Cell or home telephone
3. Your address, including development
4. What hours of the day you can volunteer 8 am – 8 pm
5. Which area you will provide rides (example: north Wilmington, Bear, Newark, New Castle, City of Wilmington, Prices Corner area, etc.).
6. Type of car you will use: (example: SUV, or a compact car- reason, some people will not be able to climb up...)

NEXT – how it work:

Letty will have a list in the office of volunteers.

A call comes in and she will request:

1. The name of the person who needs the ride.
2. Her/his address, with development
3. A contact number
4. Which polling place ride is need
5. Then Letty will call the closest volunteer who lives in the area the call came from and give all pertinent information to that volunteer.
6. Then the volunteer contacts the person who needs the ride and makes all the arrangements.
7. Letty will call the person who needs the ride with the name of the volunteer, but not the telephone or address etc.
8. Please call Letty once you are ready for the next ride.

Office Telephone: 302-571-8948

Letty Diswood cell: 302-438-6590



WDEL came to the League office and interviewed Sallie Reissman, Letty Diswood, Kim Wells and Dounya Ramadan, a student helping with the guide. . The story has been airing on WDEL newscasts, also is on the story up at wde.com.

https://www.wdel.com/news/video-the-on-vote---local-organization-looks-to/article_f2410818-a247-11e8-920a-176e56ec0e7d.html

VOTER REGISTRATION

The League and its partners are holding registration drives at county libraries throughout September and early October. We are still doing farmers markets and other venues. Contact **Patti Christopher**, Voter Registration Chairman if you would like to help out and are not on her email contact list. lwvpatti@gmail.com

Pictures below: August Meet & Greet at Catherine Rooney's, Trolley Square, Wilmington.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE _____ Marj Johnson



What a whirlwind we've been in leading up to the Primary in Delaware 9/6. Many thanks to Kim Wells and her team for the fantastic Vote411.org site (70 percent response from candidates!) and many thanks to Patti Christopher, the Indivisible groups, and all of you who volunteered to work tirelessly to register voters and inform them about Vote 411. There is a renewed energy around the upcoming elections which the League hopes will transfer into more active participation at the polls, especially for a midterm election. I have been reading The Woman's Hour by Elaine Weiss, whom we heard speak at Convention this year. It recounts the road to ratification of the 19th amendment and the struggles of the women on both sides of the issue. It is interesting to me to read the reasons why many women were opposed to the idea of getting the vote and women in politics, and I find it relevant to the issues today where forces are at work to make the exercising of the right to vote so difficult for certain groups. As we continue to defend democracy and empower voters, we still have much work to do on the road to equality. Your Board will be meeting Sept. 12 to look forward to the next few years, trying to strategize and plan for meaningful events, fundraising, and a celebration of our 100th anniversary in 2020. If you have ideas you would like us to include in the agenda, please let me know at marjci@comcast.net.

GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION GROUP

What: Great Decisions: ***U.S. global engagement and the military***
When: **Monday, September 17, 1:30 -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: At 11:30 at Skipjack Restaurant in the Shops at Louviers on Paper Mill Road.
How: Contact Flo Waibel fmwaibel@udel.edu All welcome.
Calendar: October 15, South Africa's Democracy, November 19, Global Health

Welcome New Members

Luke Reisman, husband of Sallie Reisman
Gloria and William Cooke, 302-383-1591, cell gcooke@comcast.net
Rose Passarella, 302-513-1709 cell, rosepass@comcast.net
Ann Bawa, 302-397-8446 H, 302-388-3166 cell, Ann.bawa@gmail.com

REMINDER: If you have received a membership renewal letter in July or August please don't cast that letter on a pile of to-do mail, and forget about it. 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.

CELEBRATE UNITED NATIONS DAY!

The public is cordially invited
Wednesday, October 24, 2018, at 6 p.m. Program 7:30 p.m.
Dinner \$30 per person, Cash Bar.

Guest Speaker PAMELA FALK, ESQ. CBS NEWS
Foreign affairs Analyst, based at UN Headquarters in New York.

Ed Oliver Golf club 800 N. DuPont Road, Wilmington DE 19807
Sponsors: People to People Delaware, Delaware Press Association and World Trade Center, Delaware.

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RSVP require: by Oct 6: Check to People to People, PO Box 25064, Wilmington DE 19899

LWVUS sent a letter to Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo and UN Ambassador Nikki Haley regarding the Administration's decision to withdraw from the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC).

LWVUS worked to support and build public understanding for the United Nations even before it was formally established. We were one of the original 42 nongovernmental organizations invited by President Truman to serve as consultants to the U.S. delegation. To this day, LWVUS enjoys ECOSOC special consultative status at the UN as a result of our work on its behalf. We support “a strong, effective and active participation of the United States in the UN system. According to our official position, “The United Nations should be an important component of U.S. foreign policy. The League supports U.S. policies that strengthen the UN’s capacity to solve global problems...The United States should work actively and constructively within the UN system, exercising diplomatic leadership in advance of decision-making.” See letter at link below.

<https://www.lwv.org/immigration/league-disappointed-us-decision-withdraw-un-human-rights-council>

JUSTICE ISSUES - Cami Seward, LWVNCC Chair
Peace Week Delaware 2018
Coalition to Dismantle the New Jim Crow

Peace Week Delaware is happening statewide from September 15th to the 23rd. Join this event during Peace Week to learn more about Restorative Justice with the Coalition to Dismantle the New Jim Crow and get involved in bringing more restorative practices to Delaware.

Monday, September 17, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Coalition to Dismantle the New Jim Crow – Newark monthly meeting

Newark United Methodist Church, 69 East Main Street, Newark, DE 19711 (Parking lots off Delaware Ave.)

Poverty, Race, and Public Education in Delaware

Presenter: Dr. Daniel Rich is University Professor of Public Policy at the University of Delaware and Director of the University’s Community Engagement Initiative. He also serves as Policy Director for the Wilmington Education Improvement Commission.

Education is often mentioned as a pathway out of poverty. The conditions of poverty can make that pathway inaccessible. The achievement gap is growing and must be narrowed. As the school year begins we'll focus on needs, resources and solutions to bridge that gap. Dr. Rich of the University of Delaware challenges us to learn from past failures, respond to present conditions, and plan for the success of Delaware public school students. His illustrated presentation will inform and challenge professional educators and the general public on how the system can serve the students, rather than the other way around.

Tuesday, September 18, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Evenings, September 18 - October 23

Dialogues for Change Across Racial Lines

Join the six-week multi-faith, multi-cultural “dialogue, learn, and act,” in small groups of eight to twelve diverse people, kicking off during *Peace Week Delaware*.

The Coalition to Dismantle the New Jim Crow and the YMCA of Delaware will co-sponsor.

Our hosting locations are: Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Newark (UUFN) 420 Willa Road, Newark DE 19711 and New Elizabeth AME Church, 250 Corporate Blvd, Newark, DE 19702.

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September 18, Tuesday – Session 1, Making Connections

Location: Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Newark (UUFN)

September 25, Tuesday – Session 2, Our Racial and Ethnic Backgrounds

Location: New Elizabeth AME Church

October 2, Tuesday – Session 3, Our Unequal Nation (UUFN)

October 9, Tuesday - Session 4, Why Do Inequalities Exist? (New Elizabeth AME)

October 16, Tuesday - Session 5, Looking at Our Community (UUFN)

October 23, Tuesday - Session 6, Moving to Action (New Elizabeth AME)

To Register for *Dialogues for Change Across Racial Lines* go to: www.endjimcrowde.org

Saturday, September 22

Newark United Methodist Church, 69 E Main St Newark, DE 19711

Parking lot off Delaware Ave.

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

You've heard the term, but what is Restorative Justice?

Presenter: Barbie Fischer is the Executive Director of Restorative Encounters of Philadelphia, a non-profit offering training and capacity-building in the field of restorative justice. Ms. Fischer holds an M.A. in Conflict Transformation with a focus in Restorative Justice and Trauma from the Center for Justice and Peace building at Eastern Mennonite University, where she was trained by internationally renowned Howard Zehr. She has a B.S. in Cross-cultural Communications from Great Lakes Christian College.

Ms. Fischer has over 15 years of experience in restorative justice, working in community and program development with various organizations around the world. She guest lectures, conducts workshops, and training on restorative justice and trauma healing in addition to her own restorative practices. Her work has included developing and implementing reentry programming for former child soldiers in Uganda, Africa and Sri Lanka; working with veterans and family members on the transition to civilian life; along with assisting in healing processes for crime victims, incarcerated people, and their families. Ms. Fischer also has assisted in restorative processes for those involved with child welfare and restorative disciplinary processes for schools. She and her team are sought after to implement restorative practices. In a wide variety of setting.

The *Office of Women's Advancement & Advocacy* and the *Delaware Women's Hall of Fame Committee* are pleased to announce that **four remarkable women** have been selected to be inducted into the Hall of Fame of Delaware Women in September.

THE INDUCTEES ARE:

*Former Second Lady and higher education access advocate, **DR. JILL BIDEN****

*The first woman and person of color from Delaware to serve in Congress, **CONGRESSWOMAN LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER***

*Retired educator, historian, and civic leader, **DR. REBA HOLLINGSWORTH***

*Former superintendent of the Smyrna School District, **DEBORAH WICKS***



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Each of these remarkable women has made significant and meaningful contributions to Delawareans through their personal and professional achievements.

**Ashley Biden will accept the award on behalf of Dr. Jill Biden.*

Inductees will be recognized at the **37th Annual Hall of Fame of Delaware Women awards reception on Thursday, September 27, at Dover Downs**. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with heavy hors d'oeuvres and stations, followed by the event program.

PURCHASE TICKETS!

Or call the *Office of Women's Advancement & Advocacy* 302-577-8970.

NOTICE: The updated **LOBBY HANDBOOK for Delaware** is available at

http://lwvdelaware.org/about_action.html .

Thanks to Joann Hasse and Sandy Spence for their work getting this frustrating project done.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, September 5, 2018 9:30am-noon	Legislative Hall 411 Legislative Ave Dover, DE 19901	LWVDE ADVOCACY CORPS Meeting. For details or to attend, contact committee chair Sandy Spence or our Office Manager .
Thursday, September 6, 2018 7am-8pm	(your polling place)	Primary Election. Only registered voters from participating parties may vote. Although elections are usually held on a Tuesday, the Delaware primary election is on a Thursday this year.
Wednesday, September 12, 2018 1-4pm	Immanuel Church, Highlands 2400 W 17th St Wilmington, DE 19806	STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION. The LWVNCC board will have an extended afternoon session for goal-setting and long-term planning items. Community Room of Immanuel Highlands Church.
Friday, September 14, 2018 5-8pm	Bellevue Community Center 510 Duncan Rd Wilmington, DE 19809	VOTER REGISTRATION. We will have a voter registration table at the Bellfonte Farmers Market on Fridays throughout the summer. September 14 is the "Fall Harvest" Market. Contact Patti Christopher if you'd like to help out.
Saturday, September 15, 2018 1-2:30pm	The Greene Turtle 425 Stanton Christiana Rd Newark, DE 19713	TED TALK - How to Seek Truth in the Era of Fake News. LWVNCC's TED Discussions are back! This talk is an interview with respected journalist Christiane Amanpour, covering fake news, and objectivity in journalism, the leadership vacuum in global politics and more. Kay Palmer will lead an informal discussion among attendees afterward. Saturday afternoon at The Greene Turtle in Christiana. Order off the regular menu as desired.
Monday, September 17, 2018	Federal Building Wilmington, DE	New Citizen Naturalization Ceremony. Naturalization Proceedings for the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware. Contact Lorraine Botticelli if you'd like to help distribute welcome packets at the ceremony.

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Monday, September 24, 2018 11:30am-1pm	Michaels Restaurant 1000 Churchman's Rd Newark, DE 19713	HOT TOPIC LUNCH - equal representation for DC. Washington DC residents currently have no representation in the United States Senate. DC League reps will visit to make their case for equitable representation in Congress. \$15 buffet lunch; RSVP to the Office Manager . The public is cordially invited to attend.
Thursday, October 4, 2018	Federal Building Wilmington, DE	New Citizen Naturalization Ceremony. Naturalization Proceedings for the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware. Contact Lorraine Botticelli if you'd like to help distribute welcome packets at the ceremony.
Saturday, October 13, 2018	For details go to https://ivote.de.gov	Register to Vote in the General Election. DEADLINE for unregistered citizens to register to vote before the November General Election.
Monday, October 15, 2018 1:30-3:30pm	Newark Free Library 750 Library Ave. Newark, DE 19711	GREAT DECISIONS - South Africa. The group will discuss the topic " <i>South Africa's fragile democracy.</i> " As usual, many of the group will meet beforehand for lunch at Skipjack, The Shoppes of Louviers, 401 Louviers Dr., Newark, DE 19711. Contact Flo Waibel for information.
Monday, October 22, 2018 11:30am-1pm	Michaels Restaurant 1000 Churchman's Rd Newark, DE 19713	HOT TOPIC LUNCH - DE off-shore wind project. Joy Weber, Skipjack Project Manager from Deepwater Wind, will tell us about this project off Delaware's coast. The turbines and platforms are scheduled to begin construction in 2023. \$15 buffet lunch; RSVP to the Office Manager . The public is cordially invited to attend.
Thursday, November 1, 2018	Federal Building Wilmington, DE	New Citizen Naturalization Ceremony. Naturalization Proceedings for the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware. Contact Lorraine Botticelli if you'd like to help distribute welcome packets at the ceremony.
Tuesday, November 6, 2018 7am-8pm	(your polling place)	General Election. Vote for one U.S. Senator, our Representative in Congress, State Attorney General, Treasurer and Auditor, half of our State Senators and all State Representatives.
Monday, November 19, 2018 1:30-3:30pm	Newark Free Library 750 Library Ave. Newark, DE 19711	GREAT DECISIONS - Global Health. The group will discuss the topic " <i>Global health: progress and challenges.</i> " As usual, many of the group will meet beforehand for lunch at Skipjack, The Shoppes of Louviers, 401 Louviers Dr., Newark, DE 19711. Contact Flo Waibel for information.
Thursday, December 6, 2018	Federal Building Wilmington, DE	New Citizen Naturalization Ceremony. Naturalization Proceedings for the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware. Contact Lorraine Botticelli if you'd like to help distribute welcome packets at the ceremony.

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