



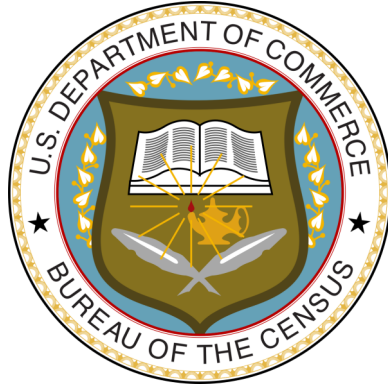
League of Women Voters-Central Delaware County

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March 2020

Census 2020 Hot Topic Lunch March 20

Please join LWV-CDC for a Hot Topic Luncheon with Michael Ranck and Regina Mauro from the Complete Count Committee in Delaware County and US Census Bureau. They will address the importance of the Census 2020 in securing federal funding for our county. Funding for resources such as roads, hospitals, and schools is distributed to local communities based on census data. LWV-CDC plays a key role in educating our members and developing partners to motivate people to participate in the 2020



Census. Please join us for this timely and important lecture. Click [here](#) for more about Delco Counts Census 2020. Also Click [here](#) to visit our Issues Page - U.S. Census.

The luncheon is at the Media Borough Hall Community Room, 301 N. Jackson St., Media. 12 Noon. Luncheon cost is \$20. To make a reservation online click [here](#) or contact Barbara Amstutz at 215-764-0468 or email her at swhmdi53bwa@outlook.com. Mail your check to LWV-CDC, P.O. Box 131, Wallingford Pa. 19086, or pay at the door.

Jeanette Ross Lecture: Sen. Kearney on Legislative Issues

Join us March 31 for the annual Jeanette Ross lecture to hear about election reform efforts and upcoming legislative issues from Pennsylvania State Senator Tim Kearney (D. 26th District). The presentation will be followed by a question and answer session.

The seminar is from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Swarthmore United Methodist Church in the Centennial Room, 129 Park Avenue, Swarthmore PA 19081. Parking is available near church.

The lecture is free but registration is requested: Register [here](#) or contact Barbara Amstutz at swhmdi53bwa@outlook.com or Jane Brennan brennanbjj@aol.com.

New Members Invited to learn about LWV at League 101

Olivia Thorne will conduct League 101, a workshop for new members, 10 a.m. Saturday, March 14 at the Helen Furness Library, Providence Rd. Wallingford, downstairs conference room. Come and learn about the structure of the League

from local to national, about how the League selects subjects for studies, conducts the studies and then reaches a consensus about the League's positions. Most importantly, learn about how you can contribute to the League's important work and activities to "make democracy work."

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President's Message

It is sweet justice that our 100-year anniversary is coinciding with renewed energy to pass the Equal Rights Amendment in Congress. LWVUS and LWV-CDC have supported and pushed for ratification of the Equal Right Amendment since 1972 but now with Virginia becoming the 38th state to ratify ERA, this long-awaited milestone looks promising for passage in the U.S. House. After passage in the House, the focus will shift to the Senate, which will be a more difficult hurdle, but we are lobbying hard to add more cosponsors and inform members of Congress.

Fair Districts PA reports that Senator Tom Killion (District 9, Chester and Delaware Counties) has introduced a Senate bill mirroring the House bill to create an independent citizens commission to draw both congressional and legislative districts in time for the 2021 redistricting process. Bills have also been introduced in both houses to establish such a commission by constitutional amendment.

New Voting Machines are on display for the public in the lobby of the Government Center in Media. Many League members are currently serving as "qualified trainers" to educate residents and train poll workers for the 2020 Primary. League members are demonstrating the new machines in libraries and other community venues throughout the County as well as explaining the election reforms adopted in Act 77.

We are hosting Regina Mauro from the Philadelphia Regional Census Center and Michael Ranck, CEO of the Delaware County Complete Count Committee at our Hot Topic discussion on March 20. They will discuss how a complete and accurate 2020 Census count ensures that that Delaware County receive proper funding from the Federal government.

We hope that you join many of the current suffrage themed events in Philadelphia. The Constitution Center is opening a new exhibit June 10, on the 19th Amendment: How Women Won the Vote. It will feature many familiar faces, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Alice Paul and Ida B. Wells and their role in the long fight for women's suffrage. Vision 2020 - Women 100, a national celebration of American Women is a series of programs and events presented by Drexel University that celebrates the path to gender equality. Please check out many fascinating and interesting programs throughout the year. <https://women100.org/>

Barbara Amstutz

LWV-CDC Program Planning Recommendations

By Barbara Amstutz and Lora Lavin

On Feb. 3, members of the LWV-CDC Board of Directors convened to conduct LWVUS program planning and obtain consensus on positions that we intend to use in education and lobbying activities. Over the last three years, LWV-CDC has advanced the priorities of the LWVUS' campaign for Making Democracy Work in the areas of redistricting, voting rights and improving elections. LWV-CDC played a leadership role by offering opportunities for civic engagement via candidate forums, civic education seminars, voter registration drives, a more robust Vote411, and speaker programs – to name a few examples.

In addition, we recommended a completely new position and an expanded position to LWVUS:

- We propose that the narrow LWVUS positions on the death penalty and sentencing policy be expanded based on the LWVPA's positions on criminal justice that addresses bail, effective counsel, alternatives to incarceration, restorative justice and appropriate sentencing. We also support LWVPA's positions on improving prison conditions, eliminating solitary confinement, supporting re-entry and reducing recidivism. We believe a new comprehensive LWVUS Criminal Justice position will reflect the complexity and broader issues of criminal justice.

- We also decided to resubmit our 2018 proposal to study alternative methods for electing members of Congress to include changing from the current federally mandated single member district to allow multi member districts where possible and appropriate. The current position on the election process does not cover this issue and therefore we are recommending a completely new position. We believe that multimember districts are essential to achieve proportional representation and will produce more balanced representation by encouraging the nomination of a diverse roster of candidates. There is good evidence to suggest that women are more likely to be elected from multiple member districts and that ethnic, religious and different language groups are better represented from multimember districts.



March –April-May Events

March 14 (Saturday) — League 101, for new members, Olivia Thorne, 10 a.m. Free. Helen Furness Library, Providence Rd. Wallingford, downstairs conference room.

March 20 (Friday) — Hot Topic Luncheon: Census 2020 in Delaware County, Noon, Community Room Media Borough Hall, 302 N. Jackson St., Media. \$20.

March 31 (Tuesday) — Jeanette Ross Lecture — Election Reform Update with Pa. Sens. Tim Kearney, 7 p.m., Centennial Room, Swarthmore United Methodist Church, 129 Park Ave., Swarthmore. Free.

April 16 (Thursday) — Debate between Democratic incumbent Greg Vitale and primary challenger Jennifer Leith for the 166th Pa. House District. 7:30 p.m., Haverford College Zubrow meeting Room. Free.

April 22 (Wednesday) — Votes for Women: a Visual History of Women's Suffrage, private tour and lunch. Brandywine River Museum, 10 a.m. \$35. League fund-raiser.

May 2 (Saturday) — Juvenile Justice Workshop, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., site to be announced.

May 15 (Friday) — Hot Topics Luncheon: Update on the establishment of a Delaware County health department with League Member Rosemarie Halt. Noon, Community Room Media Borough Hall, 302 N. Jackson St., Media. \$20.

May 27 (Wednesday) — Central Delaware County League of Women Voters Annual Meeting and potluck dinner. 6 p.m. Centennial Room, Swarthmore United Methodist Church, 129 Park Ave., Swarthmore. Free. Members Only.

Women's Suffrage Exhibit at Brandywine



Join us April 22, 10 a.m. at the Brandywine River Museum for a tour led by Amanda C. Burdan, Curator of the Votes for Women: A Visual History of Women's Suffrage. Explore a special collection of drawings, illustrations, banners, cartoons, magazines, posters and even fashion that illustrate the complex political messages conveyed by suffragists. The Exhibition tour is followed by a buffet lunch at the museum's Millstone Café overlooking the scenic Brandywine River during the height of spring.

The event cost is \$35. Parking is free. To make a reservation, click [here](#), contact Rose Marie Lord (610-544-7648) or email lwwcdc@gmail.com or visit the League Website www.lwwcdc.org. Mail your check to LWV-CDC, P.O. Box 131, Wallingford PA 19086. Reservation deadline April 6.

Spring Registration and Election Activities

The CDC-LWV is ramping up its Primary Election (April 28) activities. If you want to get involved, here's how:

1. [Demonstrating voting machines and presenting election law changes to clubs and organizations:](#) The League is fielding a full roster of trainers to demonstrate the machines at libraries, senior centers, Ys and other organizations that request it. Contact Olivia Thorne olivia.thorne@verizon.net or Anne Mosakowski at amosakoski@gmail.com.
2. [The League will be reaching out to colleges and universities in Delaware County this year.](#) Registering voters is easy and it's fun to get out on our college campuses. Contact Marilyn Gilroy at zzpixel@yahoo.com if you want to donate some time to this core League activity.
3. [Fair Districts PA is sponsoring a bus trip to Harrisburg March 23 to lobby legislators to vote for two bills to redistrict our congressional and state House and Assembly districts.](#)

Senate Bill 1023, introduced by Senator Tom Killion, (R, District 9, Chester and Delaware Counties) would create an independent citizens commission to draw congressional districts SB 1023 is not a constitutional amendment and can be passed in this session, making possible creation of a commission before 2021.

Senate Bill 1022, introduced by Senator Lisa Boscola (D, District 18, Lehigh and Northampton counties) would amend the PA Constitution to give that same commission authority to draw the state House and Senate districts. In effect, S.B. 1022 piggy-backs on 1023 while ensuring that the proposed changes for congressional and legislative redistricting become part of the PA constitution.

These bills mirror bills already introduced in the General Assembly.

To find out how to get on the bus, contact Marita Green at maritagreen6@gmail.com