



# VOTER

September 2019

## Free Hot Topic Evening Event Sept. 25: Locked in, Locked out — Prison Reform

Dr. Keith Reeves, Professor of Political Science at Swarthmore College, will discuss the collateral consequences of having 2.3 million of our fellow citizens incarcerated. Dr. Reeves is the founder of the college’s in-prison education program. He will focus on the implications of mass incarceration for racial equality, justice and democracy in America.

He is the department chair and director of the Urban Inequality and Incarceration Program at the college’s Lang Center for Civic

and Social Responsibility.

Previously, Dr. Reeves was an associate professor of public policy at Harvard University’s John. F. Kennedy School of Government. He is also a former Henry Luce Scholar and the author of “Voting Hopes or Fears?: White Voters, Black Candidates & Racial Politics in America.”

The program will be at the Media Borough Hall Community Room, 301 N. Jackson St., Media, at 7 p.m., Sept. 25. No need to make reservations.



Dr. Keith Reeves

## Two Candidates Forums Set for October

The Delaware County League of Women Voters has arranged two candidates forums in October, one for the six Delaware County Council candidates and one for the eight Delaware County Court of Common Pleas candidates.

The council candidates forum will be at Villanova University, Radnor township at 7 p.m. Thursday Oct. 10 in the cinema in Connolly Hall. Attendees will be able to park on campus and we will post a map on our new website before the event.

The candidates are Republicans Jim Raith, Kelly Colvin and Mike Morgan. The Democrats are Monica Taylor, Christine

Reuther and Elaine Paul Schaefer.

This is a very important election for county voters because the three council seats are open seats and the winners will determine whether the council is controlled by Democrats or Republicans for the next two years.

The county judge candidates forum will be at Cabrini University, Radnor Township at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 23.

The candidates are Democrats Nusrat Rashid, Stephanie Klein, Kelly Eckel and Rick Lowe . The Republicans are George Dawson, Wendy Roberts, Steve Gerber and Elizabeth Naughton Beck.

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## Fair Redistricting

Contact your state legislator and raise your voice to advance the bi-partisan redistricting legislation currently pending in the PA State Assembly.

**HB 22** would amend the PA Constitution to create an independent redistricting commission for both congressional and legislative redistricting.

**HB 23** would create an independent commission just for congressional redistricting.

Review the [redistricting](#) issue to learn more and visit [Fair Districts PA](#) to take action .



# President's Message

Despite the summer heat, the Central Delaware County League of Women Voters has been busy working on the fall event calendar, testifying at the July Delaware County Public Forum on new voting machines, organizing upcoming candidate forums for October and launching a newly designed LWV-CDC website. WHEW, it's been an active summer!

The Marketing and Communications Committee has launched a more accessible web design and platform to effectively educate voters, inform and involve members and reach out to new members. Please take a look <http://www.lwvcdc.org> and provide us your feedback. We are interested in what you think.

On Friday, Sept. 13, at noon, we will hold our first Hot Topics Luncheon addressing the Russian interference in the 2016 election. We are honored to host Robert Walker as our speaker. He recently completed his graduate work in cybersecurity and has had a long career in the Secret Service. Unfortunately we are "sold out" for that event.

Before there was digital media and television, suffragettes understood how to spread a visual message creatively and powerfully. Please save the date for **April 22, 2020**, for a special 100th Anniversary Celebration for the League of Women Voters and the 19th Amendment which granted women the right to vote. The 100th Birthday Party will be held at the Brandywine River Museum of Art and feature a personalized tour of the exhibition, Votes For Women: A Visual History. The exhibit provides drawings, illustrations, political cartoons, posters, plays, parades, magazines, costumes, sashes, and photographs of the realities of women's political struggle to win the vote. More information to follow.

We will be hosting the most anticipated candidates forum of this election season as the three Democrats and three Republicans running for County Council square off at 7 p.m., Oct. 10 at Villanova University.

On Nov. 2 we will hold our annual civics workshop, Examining Criminal Justice in Delaware County. The workshop will run from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Venue to be announced.

Mark your calendar for our Hot Topics Luncheon, Friday, Nov.15, at noon, Media Borough Hall Community Room, to hear Beth Koniers Brown, Director Delaware River Program for the Pennsylvania Audubon speak about water quality and stormwater management in Delaware County.

On a festive note, our Holiday Brunch is Dec. 7, 2019 at the Springhaven Club in Wallingford and we will have an opportunity to learn about fascinating story of the Pennsylvania Justice Bell.

This is going to be a terrific fall and we look forward to seeing you at all these events!

*Barbara Amstutz*

# We're Going All Out on Voter Registration

This fall, the League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County is doing what it does best — registering voters. This is your opportunity as League members to volunteer to help “make democracy work.”

## Voter Registration

Sept. 10 — Academy Park High School Back to School Night, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 14 and Sept. 21 — Swarthmore Farmer's Market, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Sept. 18, Sept. 19, Sept. 23, Sept. 24 — Delaware County Community College, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sept. 19 — Evans Elementary School Back to School Night, 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Sept. 24 — PathWays PA—Folsom, 1399 E. Mcdade Blvd., Folsom. 10 a.m. to Noon.

To volunteer for any of these events, contact [Kathleen Peterson](#).



## Action Alert: Tell Congress to ‘Do Something’

Earlier this year, the U.S. House passed legislation requiring universal background checks on every firearm sale and transfer, appropriating funds for gun violence research, and closing loopholes in laws that allow stalkers to obtain guns. And now it's time for us to ensure the U.S. Senate does the same.

Over a 48 hour period from August 3 to August 4, our we saw 22 people killed in El Paso, Texas, 10 in Dayton, Ohio,

and a third mass shooting in Odessa and Midland, TX on August 31, where seven people were killed.

Call or email your senators, [Bob Casey](#) and [Pat Toomey](#) to demand action on the House bills and to ban assault weapons. You can phone their Senate offices at 202-224-3121 and follow the prompts.

Check out [lwvcdc.org](#) for more action alerts and additional information on the issues.

## September-October Events

**September 25 (Wednesday)** —Hot Topics Evening program: Dr. Keith Reeves — Pa. Prison reform, 7 p.m., Media Borough Hall Community Room, 301 N. Jackson Street, Media. Free.

**October 10 (Thursday)** — 2019 Concord Senior Citizens Expo, 9 a.m.-Noon. Brandywine Youth Field House (gym). Volunteer to help staff table. Contact [Anne Mosakowski](#).

**October 10 (Thursday)** — County Council Candidates Forum, 7 p.m., Villanova University , Connolly Hall, Radnor, Pa.

**October 16 (Wednesday)** — LWV-CDC Fall Fund Raiser — Friends Helping Friends, all day, Boscov's Granite Run. We will be manning a table from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. See details, Page 4.

**October 23 (Wednesday)** — County Common Pleas judges Candidates forum, Cabrini University 7 p.m.

**November 2 (Saturday)** — Civics Workshop on criminal justice. 9 a.m.-Noon. More information to follow in the next issue of The Voter and on the website.

# LWV-CDC Fund Raiser Oct. 16: Friends Helping Friends

Help Boscov shoppers save money on Friends Helping Friends Day and also help raise money for LWV/CDC. With the purchase of a \$5 Friends Helping Friends pass, you will receive a 25% discount\* for purchases made only on Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2019 at all Boscov's locations (this offer is not valid online). You will also be eligible to win unexpectedly amazing register-to-win prizes including shopping sprees and more!

This is an all day store hours event (8 a.m. to 11 p.m.) but our League will be at an event table at the Granite Run



location during the hours of 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. so stop by and say hello and/or buy your 25% off shopping pass for \$5. You can also obtain this money-saving shopping pass ahead of the event by contacting a member of our fundraising committee: [Gloria Rabinowitz](#), [Rose Marie Lord](#), or [Anne Mosakowski](#) or at our upcoming Hot Topics and other fall events.

NOTE: The proceeds from the \$5 cost of the Friends Helping Friends shopping pass go directly to the League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County.

## New LWV-CDC Website — LWV/CDC.org — Check it out

It's the same old address, [lwvcdc.org](http://lwvcdc.org), but a team of website editors and writers has been working all summer to bring you a brand new website, mandated by the National LWV and designed for easy navigation on tablets and cellphones.

The new site features lots of important information about upcoming events, voter registration, the November municipal election, the Voter newsletter, community

directories and much more. Click on Events to see a full calendar of our upcoming programs. The Board of Directors and the website managers are working to make it your one-stop shop for elections, civics and League information.

Go to "Get Involved" to learn how you can volunteer for our voter registration drive and other upcoming events. "Voter Toolbox" tells you everything you need to know about voter registration, absentee ballots, and election dates.

## We Need a Few Good Women and Men

The League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County has a great many things planned for this fall and next year, and many of them need volunteers to be successful. Training will be provided as needed.

1. Voter Registration Drives – Kathleen Peterson – [kmpeterso@hotmail.com](mailto:kmpeterso@hotmail.com) (610) 566-3811. See Page 3.
2. Candidates Forums – Joanna Nealon – [joanna\\_nealon@yahoo.com](mailto:joanna_nealon@yahoo.com) (610) 888-6705. We will be holding several candidates forums this fall and we will need timers and people to collect questions from the audience.
3. Speakers Bureau – Olivia Thorne- [olivia.thorne@verizon.net](mailto:olivia.thorne@verizon.net) (610) 566-5474 – The League has offered to help the Delaware County Election Board show voters how the new voting machines will work. We are also recruiting speakers to speak to community groups and libraries about the election process.
4. Fundraising Committee – Gloria Rabinowitz – [Gloria\\_rabinowitz@verizon.net](mailto:Gloria_rabinowitz@verizon.net) – (610) 565-0146 and Rosemarie Lord – [aerml@verizon.net](mailto:aerml@verizon.net) (610) 544-7648. Volunteers needed to man tables.
5. Facebook/Social Media – Olivia Thorne- [olivia.thorne@verizon.net](mailto:olivia.thorne@verizon.net) (610) 566-5474. We are looking for someone to manage our Facebook page. Like us on [Facebook](#).
6. Videographer -Olivia Thorne- [olivia.thorne@verizon.net](mailto:olivia.thorne@verizon.net) (610) 566-5474. We need someone willing to video our meetings and edit them for viewing on YouTube.