



# VOTER

League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County

April 2020

## Get Ready for the Annual Meeting — May 27

Once again the League of Women Voters of central Delaware County, like most organizations, must hold its annual meeting by Zoom.

The meeting will be May 27 at 7 p.m. We need at least 20 members — and it is members only — to attend, to make a quorum, so please plan to come. Our speaker will be Jamie Mogil, a voters rights attorney and a member of the Lower Marion League.

In accordance with the bylaws, this issue of the Voter features the 2022 budget, the slate of nomi-

nees and proposed changes to the bylaws. You can also go to the LWV-CDC website to read the entire list of proposed 2021-2022 local programs, [here](#). This year we have added a diversity, equity and inclusion component as mandated by LWVUS and LWVPA.

Once you have registered for the meeting, you will receive a PDF of the Annual Meeting Booklet. It is recommended that you print out the PDF and the agenda beforehand. A hard copy will be available upon request in the fall. [Register](#) here.

## Natural Gas on the Move — April 15

Join us for Natural Gas on the Move — NGL or LNG: Pick Your Poison, Thursday, April 15, 2021, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Roberta Winters, President of the League of Women Voters of Radnor Township and an environmental advocate, is the featured presenter for the annual Jeanette Ross Environment Program for 2021.

“While fracking is not happening in our region, we are dealing with the impacts of natural gas extraction in our Commonwealth. The transport of natural gas liquids (NGL) through the Mariner East pipelines has degraded the land, air and water in southeastern Pennsylvania.

Liquefied natural gas (LNG) is slated to come into our area by trucks and trains, and go out via tankers. It brings its own, unique hazards,” Roberta said.

She will review the difference between LNG and NGL and share the associated risks and benefits of each. You can register [here](#) or on our website.



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## Five New Members!

LWV-CDC is proud to announce we have gained five new members since January: Lillian Mittleman, Deb Ciamacca, Stephen Wood, Deirdre Gibson, and Sarah Dorman. This brings our total membership to 188. Sadly we must report that we lost long-time member Roberta (Bobbi) Davis of Swarthmore March 12.

Our condolences to her husband, Bill Gove, also an LWV member, and their family.



## President's Message

The rules and procedures of American elections increasingly have become a central issue in the nation's politics. The Brennan Center for Justice, a liberal-leaning law and justice institute at New York University, counts 253 bills in 43 states that seek to tighten voting rules. At the same time, 704 bills have been introduced with provisions to improve access to voting (New York Times). As League members, we are working hard to improve access and expand voting rights. This issue will be central to our priorities and work during next year 2021-2022.

With the Spring's arrival, we are beginning work on the 2021-2022 programs, local issue priorities, budget and nominations for officers and board members. Please submit your ideas and recommendations for speakers, topics, and issue priorities to [swhmdi53bwa@outlook.com](mailto:swhmdi53bwa@outlook.com). Your input and suggestions are welcome and an essential part of the planning process.

Congratulations to **Joyce Ellis**, who was awarded the **Delaware County Women's Commission, Women's History Month 2020-21 - Women of Achievement - Current Visionary Leader**. She was presented this award by a special resolution at the County Council Meeting March 17, 2021. During Women's History Month in March, we reflect on the many contributions of women to the United States. All the greats from Alice Paul, Carrie Chapman Catt, Sojourner Truth and Rosa Parks to name just a few. Joyce has devoted her life to women's issues, voting rights and to League of Women Voters. There is no better time to honor and recognize Joyce for her many contributions to the Central Delaware County League. As soon as Covid restrictions are lifted, Joyce will be recognized at a special event by County Council, hopefully by September. More information on the celebration to come.

A new digital newsletter is available from the LWVPA for your free subscription as a League member. Meg Pierce, Executive Director of League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania, shares upcoming events from various local Leagues throughout Pennsylvania. Many of LWV-CDC's events are also publicized in the new newsletter. The events spans diverse topics from gerrymandering, ballot amendments, women's history, and the right to vote. League members are invited to attend the events of other leagues virtually. Please contact Meg [ed@palwv.org](mailto:ed@palwv.org) to subscribe.

I hope we can get a good turnout for our Annual Meeting, May 27, at 7 p.m. by Zoom. During our business meeting we will elect five officers: president, two vice presidents, treasurer and secretary. In addition, we will elect four board members. We will vote on our annual budget, changes to the bylaws and local program. All members are urged to attend to make a voting quorum. See Pages 3-6.

We will be holding the annual Jeanette Ross environmental program on April 15 at 7 pm with Roberta Winters, president of the League of Women Voters of Radnor Township, and an environmentalist. Roberta will review the difference between natural gas liquids and liquified natural gas and share their associated risks and benefits. Roberta will provide an update on a new Logistics Center for natural gas liquids storage and transport via the Delaware River. See P. 1.

The Spring Civics webinar by Zoom on May 13 at 1:30 pm addresses the financial aspects of incarceration, cash bail, fees, and fines. There will be a follow-up webinar Part 2 on June 16 to continue the theme on Criminal Justice moderated again by attorney Lee Awbrey. More to follow in the May Voter. Enjoy spring, and stay safe and healthy,

*Barbara Amstutz*

# The Question of the Questions

By Jodine Mayberry

Chair, Legislative Advocacy Committee

Three questions will be on the May 18 Primary Election ballot. Below is the exact wording of the questions as they will appear on the ballot:

## Ballot Question 1

“Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended to change existing law and increase the power of the General Assembly to unilaterally terminate or extend a disaster emergency declaration—and the powers of Commonwealth agencies to address the disaster regardless of its severity pursuant to that declaration—through passing a concurrent resolution by simple majority, thereby removing the existing check and balance of presenting a resolution to the Governor for approval or disapproval?”

**EXPLANATION:** The Legislature already has the power to terminate emergency declarations, however, its vote to do so is subject to the governor’s veto, thus requiring a two-thirds vote to override the veto. A yes vote on this question would be to eliminate the governor’s veto power with regard to emergency declarations.

## Ballot Question 2

“Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended to change existing law so that: a disaster emergency declaration will expire automatically after 21 days, regardless of the severity of the emergency, unless the General Assembly takes action to extend the disaster emergency; the Governor may not declare a new disaster emergency to respond to the dangers facing the Commonwealth unless the General Assembly passes a concurrent resolution; the General Assembly enacts new laws for disaster management?”

**EXPLANATION:** A yes vote means the Legislature would have to renew any long-term emergency declaration every 21 days or the emergency powers of the governor and state agencies would cease.

## Ballot Question 3

“Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended by adding a new section providing that equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged because of an individual’s race or ethnicity?”

**EXPLANATION:** This proposed constitutional amendment was introduced in the wake of police brutality cases and protests as an amendment to Ballot Question 1. The U.S. and Pennsylvania Constitution and federal laws provide broad protections against discrimination. However, this amendment focuses on prohibiting discrimination against the individual. This new law has a color-blind approach to discrimination that would include claims of “reverse discrimination” brought by White citizens.

## LWV Takes no Position

The LWVPA has taken no position on the questions. However LWVPA does take the position that referendums, such as these proposed constitutional amendments, should not be placed on primary election ballots where they will be decided by a very small percentage of the state’s voters, especially where there are few or no contests on the ballot. It’s important to note: Independent voters can vote on the ballot questions in the Primary Election, but few voters are aware of that.

LWV-CDC urges members to read the descriptions of the ballot questions on the League’s voter guide, Vote411, [here](#).

In addition, you may want to view this YouTube program featuring Radnor LWV President Roberta Winters and Lower Marion Member and election lawyer Jamie Mogil discussing the ballot questions [here](#).



## April-May-June Events Calendar

**April 15 (Thursday)** — Jeanette Ross Lecture: Roberta Winters — Natural Gas on the Move: NGL or LNG — Pick Your Poison. 7 p.m. on Zoom. See P. 1 to register.

**May 13 (Thursday)** — Civics Education: Criminal Justice — Financial Issues of Incarceration. Noon. Zoom. A panel discussion moderated by Lee Awbrey. This will be a two-part program with the second part on June 16. See May newsletter for details.

**May 27 (Thursday)** — Central Delaware County League of Women Voters Annual Meeting, 7 p.m. By Zoom. See Page 1. Members only. Registration information will be in May Voter.

**June 18-19 (Friday and Saturday)** — Virtual 54th Biennial LWVPA state convention. See Page 4.

# Local Program to be Adopted at 2021 Annual Meeting

The goal for the 2021-2022 Local Program is to develop committees to address and work on local program initiatives with the intent to become more active and involved in all the communities we serve.

I. GOVERNMENT: Engage members and community in all levels of government.

II. EDUCATION: Support excellence and equity in our public school systems.

III. NATURAL RESOURCES: Support management and protection of natural resources in the public interest.

IV. CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PRISON REFORM: Monitor and advocate for improving the criminal justice system in Delaware County.

V. DIVERSITY, EQUITY and INCLUSION: Support the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) positions and programs of the National and PA League of Women Voters.

## Nominations of Officers and Board Members 2021-2022

### **Officer candidates 2021-2023:**

President (2021-2022): Anne Mosakowski

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (2021-2023): Jane Brennan

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (2021-2022): Cathy Yungmann

Treasurer (2021-2023): Denyse McCurdy

Secretary (2021-2022): Rosemary Kesling

### **Elected Director candidates:**

Rose Marie Lord

Gloria Rabinowitz

Carol Smallwood

Nancy Sharts-Hopko

### **2022 Nominating Committee:**

Rose Grellis (Chair), Joan Hazbun and Gloria Rabinowitz

Submitted by 2021 Nominating Committee: Rose Grellis (Chair), Joan Hazbun and Gloria Rabinowitz

## Proposed Changes to CDC Bylaws to be approved at Meeting

### PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CENTRAL DELAWARE COUNTY BYLAWS

#### AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FEB. 26, 2021

Deletions are in [brackets].

Article VI. Meetings. Section 2. Annual Meeting. Delete "Absentee and proxy voting shall not be permitted."

REASON: In these days of Zoom meetings and conference calls this could be problematic and is unnecessary. Under Roberts Rules decisions should be made based on those members present and voting. The term "present" can be broadly interpreted.

Article VII. Nominations and Elections. Section 3. Election. "Election shall be by ballot OR VOICE VOTE [except that if there is only one nominee for an office it shall be by voice vote". A majority OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING shall constitute an election."

Article VIII. Principals and Program. Section 2c. "Issues that relate to a special jurisdiction(s) in the program as presented in the program recommended by the board shall require for adoption a majority vote of members PRESENT AND VOTING WHO ARE residents within the jurisdiction(s) [of the local government(s)] concerned, followed by a majority vote by all the members present AND VOTING."

Article VIII. Section 2d. "Suggestions for program submitted by members [resident within the jurisdiction(s)] but not included in the program recommended by the board provided that [(1)] they were submitted two months before the annual meeting [(2)] it was approved by the members resident within the jurisdiction(s) concerned, and (3)] [followed by] and they are APPROVED FOR CONSIDERATION by a majority vote of all the members present AND VOTING at the annual meeting."

Section 3. Changes in Program. Delete the word "succeeding".

REASON: As written the article was unworkable.

# CDC-LWV Proposed Budget Page 1

	July 15, 2020 Mar. 15, 2020	Budget 2020-21	Proposed Budget 20 21-22
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
2000 · Fundraising Events			
2030 · Spring Fundraiser	350	840.00	300.00
2040 · Fall Fundraiser	175.00	750.00	300.00
2000 · Fundraising Events - Other	82.76	400.00	200.00
<b>Total 2000 · Fundraising Events</b>	<b>607.76</b>	<b>1,990.00</b>	<b>800.00</b>
3300 · Meeting Income			
3320 · Program Meetings	200.00	0.00	0.00
3330 · Holiday Brunch	0.00	900.00	900.00
3340 · Luncheons	0.00	4,800.00	2,400.00
3350 · Movie Nights	0.00	100.00	100.00
<b>Total 3300 · Meeting Income</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>5,800.00</b>	<b>3,400.00</b>
3500 · Contributions			
3501 · In kind	0.00	300.00	300.00
3505 · Legacy Fund	40.00	200.00	100.00
3510 · Ed Fund	330.00	100.00	300.00
3560 · Alice Allen Memorial Fund	10.00	750.00	120.00
3570 · Jeanette Ross Memorial Fund	20.00	750.00	100.00
3580 · Unrestricted	1,287.04	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>Total 3500 · Contributions</b>	<b>1,647.04</b>	<b>2,900.00</b>	<b>1,920.00</b>
3600 · Asset Transfer			
3610 · From Ed Fund	0.00	123.87	
<b>Total 3600 · Asset Transfer</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>123.87</b>	<b>372.20</b>
4000 · Dues			
4010 · Primary Members Dues	4,710.00	8,640.00	9,600.00
4020 · Family Members Dues	450.00	840.00	840.00
<b>Total 4000 · Dues</b>	<b>5,160.00</b>	<b>9,480.00</b>	<b>10,440.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>7,614.80</b>	<b>20,293.87</b>	<b>16,932.20</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
5000 · Administrative			
5010 · Board & President	0.00	250.00	100.00
5020 · Conventions & Workshops	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
5030 · Liability Insurance	1,053.00	810.00	1,060.00
5050 · PO Box	90.00	90.00	90.00
5070 · Bank Charge	0.00	75.00	
5080 · Alice Allen Fund Scholarship	0.00	120.00	120.00
5090 · Jeannette Ross Fund	0.00	50.00	50.00
5101 · In kind	0.00	300.00	0.00
5000 · Administrative - Other	14.27	0.00	200.00
<b>Total 5000 · Administrative</b>	<b>1,157.27</b>	<b>3,695.00</b>	<b>3,620.00</b>

# Proposed Budget Page 2

	Jul 1, 2020-Mar 15, 2021	Budget 2020-21	Proposed Budget 2021-22
<b>5500 · Communications</b>			
5505 · Domain Name	167.36	75.00	0.00
5510 · Website	400.00	400.00	400.00
5520 · Constant Contact	0.00	378.00	378.00
5530 · Marketing	0.00	400.00	400.00
<b>Total 5500 · Communications</b>	<b>567.36</b>	<b>1,253.00</b>	<b>1,178.00</b>
<b>6000 · Fund Raising Expense</b>			
6030 · Spring Fundraiser	0.00	390.00	0.00
6040 · Fall Fundraiser	0.00	450.00	0.00
<b>Total 6000 · Fund Raising Expense</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>840.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>7000 · Membership</b>			
7030 · Voter - Printing	0.00	34.30	34.30
7041 · Voter - Mailing	0.00	53.90	53.90
7050 · Renew/Recruit	0.00	100.00	100.00
<b>Total 7000 · Membership</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>188.20</b>	<b>188.20</b>
<b>7500 · Meetings</b>			
7510 · Annual Meeting	0.00	75.00	25.00
7520 · Program expense	0.00	300.00	300.00
7525 · Equipment	0.00	700.00	700.00
7530 · Holiday Brunch	0.00	736.00	800.00
7540 · Luncheons	0.00	4,320.00	2,160.00
7545 · Movie Nights	0.00	100.00	100.00
<b>Total 7500 · Meetings</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>6,231.00</b>	<b>4,085.00</b>
<b>8000 · PMP</b>			
8010 · National	4,464.00	4,464.00	5,056.00
8020 · State	2,790.00	2,544.00	3,230.00
8030 · SEPR	0.00	0.00	0.00
8040 · County	253.03	248.67	253.00
<b>Total 8000 · PMP</b>	<b>7,507.03</b>	<b>7,256.67</b>	<b>8,539.00</b>
<b>9000 · Voter Service</b>			
9040 · Legislative Directory	0.00	250.00	0.00
9070 · Candidates Debate	0.00	250.00	100.00
9090 · Vote 411	0.00	200.00	200.00
9099 · Voter Service - Other	672.04	600.00	200.00
<b>Total 9000 · Voter Service</b>	<b>672.04</b>	<b>1,300.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>9,903.70</b>	<b>20,763.87</b>	<b>16,932.20</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>(2,288.90)</b>	<b>(470.00)</b>	<b>0.00</b>
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## LWVPA 54th Biennial Convention to be Held Virtually

The state convention will be held online June 18 (5 p.m. to 8 p.m.) and June 19 (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.). LWV-CDC can have up to nine voting delegates. Registration costs \$55 until April 18 and \$74 thereafter. If you wish to be a voting delegate or attend, contact Barbara Amstutz at [swhmdi53bwa@outlook.com](mailto:swhmdi53bwa@outlook.com). Registration fees for voting members will be reimbursed in full or in part depending on the level of participation. Voting delegates may vote on positions and resolutions in the plenary session.