

LWV VOTER

League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County

March 2024

Environment Lecture Spotlights Plastics

Join us for the Jeanette Ross Environment Program for 2024, **Plastic Pollution Crisis in Pennsylvania** on **Thursday, March 21, 2024, 7:30 PM via Zoom**. Kathy Cook will share information from Beyond Plastics, a national organization dedicated to educating the public about plastic pollution, and she will discuss the plastic pollution crisis in Pennsylvania.

She will tell us how we can reduce the amount of plastic in our environment. Kathy is a volunteer speaker for Beyond Plastics; an organizer for the Chester County Environmental Alliance Single-Use Bag Ban Coalition, and a board member of the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania (LWVPA). She is also a member of our league, LWV of Central Delaware County.

Through her environmental advocacy work, Kathy has learned that plastics and the fossil fuels from which they are derived are major drivers of climate change and environmental harm.

During the presentation, Kathy will share data and facts about the plastic pollution crisis but will also share solutions to this problem. Most of them are very simple, and most of them are within your power.

The presentation is free but you must register to receive the Zoom link. [Click Here to Register](#).

NOTE: Prior to the webinar the Zoom connection link will be emailed to those who register so email is required. The presentation will be recorded and all those that register will receive a link to the recording and related materials as a follow-up. For additional LWV-CDC Environmental Information, visit our Issues Page: [Environment and Natural Resources](#) and the [LWV Delaware County Clearinghouse](#) and specifically the section on [Plastics](#).

Jeanette Ross, a longtime member of the LWV, was a passionate conservationist who worked for years to protect the Delaware River. This annual program is named in her memory.

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The Great Pacific garbage island, said to be twice the size of Texas. A plastic recycling plant. Only a small percentage of plastic is recycled or recyclable.

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Check out the Blogs

Anne Mosakowski has been writing blogs for our website. Last month she wrote about the rich history of [Black suffrage](#) in honor of Black History Month (February) and this month she is writing about the history of [women's suffrage](#) in honor of Women's History Month (March). Check them out.



President's Message

The League of Women Voters has three levels of organizational structure consisting of national, state and local levels. Through my President's message in February, March and April I am sharing how the League of Women Voters advocates to influence public policy. This month, I am focusing on the state LWV:

Advocacy Statement from Maria Delgado-Santana, President of LWV of Pennsylvania

In the ever-evolving landscape of democratic governance, the League of Women Voters of PA remains poised to address pivotal challenges and opportunities in the year 2024. Committed to fostering a resilient and inclusive democracy, our focus revolves around critical pillars that shape the foundation of our democracy. As we navigate the complexities of this critical election year, LWVPA will direct its attention towards key policies, encompassed broadly by election administration and funding, voting integrity, representation, social policy, and environmental sustainability. By outlining the following core areas, we aim to contribute to the advancement of a vibrant and responsive democratic system that reflects the diverse voices and concerns of our citizens. This is intended to be a summary statement of the priorities we expect to focus on at this time. However, this list is not exhaustive, and does not disallow LWVPA from taking action on other issues.

LWVPA Advocacy Priorities Include:

- Election Administration and Funding
- Voting
- Representation
- Social Policy
- Environmental Policy

For the details under the advocacy priorities listed above [CLICK HERE](#)

For the LWVPA *Where We Stand (Issues)* [CLICK HERE](#) Homepage www.palwv.org

Anne Mosakowski

Moms Are Dying without Healthcare Access — April 5

Join us for the **Health Hot Topic - Moms Need Healthcare Access: They're Dying Without It** on **Friday, April 5, 2024 at Noon via Zoom**. This Health Hot Topic will focus on the need to ensure comprehensive women's healthcare access in the upcoming election cycle. Our speakers will discuss the burden of restrictive abortion laws on women and their families around the country and the legislative and judicial outcomes we can anticipate in Pennsylvania related to this issue.

Our presenters are:

- Amal Bass, JD, Director of Advocacy and Policy at the Women's Law Project
- Sara Jann, Senior Director of Policy and Advocacy at the Maternity Care Coalition

Amal Bass is with the Women's Law Project in Philadelphia. She provides legal representation and engages in public policy advocacy in such areas as pregnancy/care-taking, discrimination and accommodation, Title IX athletic equity and sexual harassment, and employment rights. She received her BA from Yale College and her JD from Harvard Law School.

Sara Jann advocates for maternal child health, early care and education, and economic security policies that are equitable and responsive to parents' and babies' lived experiences. She leads Thriving PA's Perinatal Health Advocacy Campaign. Thriving PA is a non-partisan, statewide campaign that seeks to improve the quality of and increase equitable access to health

care. She also represents MCC on the Childhood Begins at Home Campaign and the Family Care Act Campaign. She earned her master's degree in Political Science and International Relations from the University of Delaware.

Presentation is a free event but registration is required. Register [CLICK HERE](#)

NOTE: Prior to the webinar the Zoom connection link will be emailed to those that register so email is required. The event will be recorded and will be sent to all who register.

League of Women Voters PA: Public Policy on Reproductive Choice - [CLICK HERE](#)

League of Women Voters of Delaware County Public Health Issues page [CLICK HERE](#)

Contact: [Nancy Sharts-Hopko](#)

WOMEN'S HEALTH & REPRODUCTIVE CHOICE

Your Right.



Important Primary Election Dates

April 23 – The primary election.

This is the election in which Pennsylvania voters registered in the Democratic and Republican Parties choose their nominees for president, U.S. senator, state representatives and some state senators, to run against one another in November.

April 8 – Last day to register or change registration.

Pennsylvania is a one of nine closed primary states, meaning that to vote in either the Republican or Democratic Party primary, you must have registered in that party by April 8, 15 days before the election. Register or change your registration online [here](#).

Independent voters cannot vote in either primary except on ballot questions. There are no questions on this year's ballot.

April 16 – Last day to apply for a mail-in ballot.

To vote by mail-in or absentee ballot, voters must apply by 5 p.m. on April 16. Apply [here](#). All mail-in and absentee ballots must be received by the Delaware County Election Bureau by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

NOW – Apply to be a poll worker.

To be a poll worker, read LWVDC's [poll worker information page](#) and then fill out the poll worker form for the Delaware County Election Bureau [here](#).

All election information is on the home page of our website: lwvcdc.org

The New LWVDC Criminal Justice Committee

The League of Women Voters of Delaware County, consisting of the League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County (LWVDC) and the League of Women Voters of



County Councilwoman Christine Reuther talks about criminal justice issues at the LWVDC County Council Luncheon Feb. 21.

Radnor Township, has formed a new committee that concentrates on various aspects of our criminal justice system, the court system and the [George H. Hill County Jail](#).

The Committee makes suggestions and recommendations to Delaware County officials on ways to improve criminal justice that support the League of Women Voters criminal justice positions.

The new committee is monitoring Delaware County departments overseeing criminal justice, including the courts, the county jail, the District Attorney's Office, and the Public Defenders' Office. The committee attends the Jail Oversight Board Meetings and works with the warden to make sure eligible detainees can vote by mail if they are awaiting adjudication. It also partners with community organizations who focus on criminal justice reform.

Since 2020, LWVDC and LWVDC have presented five Hot Topic programs on criminal justice issues and two others on gun violence. You can view recordings of these programs and explore other resources on the [criminal justice issues](#) page of our website.

If you have any interest in serving on the criminal justice committee, contact Cochairs [Alicia Granor](#) and/or [Rosanne Bennett](#).

International Relations Study Group Dates for March, April, May

The International Relations Study Group will meet Tuesday, March 12, at 12:30 p.m. at Wesley Enhanced Living, 100 Halcyon Drive, Media, for a look at Climate Technology and Competition.

The group will meet Tuesday, April 9 at 12:30 pm at Wesley Enhanced Living to explore Pandemic Preparedness. The May meeting will be on Tuesday, May 14, at 12:30 p.m., Wesley Enhanced Living, to look at Understanding Indonesia.

The group meets in the Art Room. Attendees can bring a bag lunch or purchase food at the Bistro Cafe located at the facility. For additional information contact International Relations Committee Chair Joan Hazbun : jchazbun6@gmail.com.



What's Happening in March around the League

Our league is busy in March. The Voter Services Committee is making two presentations, March 2 and 11, on the theme of "Become an Expert Voter" at the Broomall Manor Nursing Home, for residents and staff. March 11-14 is Civic Learning Week.

Board Member Peggy Wilson has organized "Meet and Greets" with U.S. Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon, PA House Members Lisa A. Borowski and Jennifer O'Mara and State Sena-

tor Tim Kearney. These sessions, throughout March, are intended to introduce LWVDC to elected officials and provide them with information on our stands on various issues.

On March 13, LWVDC will attend a citizenship naturalization ceremony at the Delaware County Courthouse to provide voter registration materials to new citizens.

To find out more about these activities, visit the [Events](#) page on our website. To join any of our committees click [HERE](#).

Proposed 2024-2025 LWVCDC Budget

		Jul 1, '23 - Feb 20, '24	Budget	Pro- posed
Income				
2002 · Development				
	2041 · In Person Events	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
	2051 · Development Other	\$655.00	\$350.00	\$500.00
Total 2002 · Development		\$655.00	\$650.00	\$800.00
3300 · Meeting Income				
	3310 · Annual Meetings	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$300.00
	3320 · Other Meetings	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
			\$1,450.	\$1,700.
	3330 · Holiday Brunch	\$1,965.00	00	00
Total 3300 · Meeting Income		\$1,965.00	\$1,650.	\$2,100.
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3400 · Grants				
	3403 · Incarcerated Persons 2023	\$187.50	\$0.00	
	3404 · Youth Registration 2023	\$125.00	\$0.00	
	Youth Registration Grant 2024			
	Youth Registration Grant 2025			\$500.00
	Democracy Defenders Grant 2024			\$1,000.
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	3400 · Grants - Other	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Total 3400 · Grants		\$812.50	\$500.00	\$2,000.
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3500 · Contributions				
	3501 · In kind	\$24.45	\$200.00	\$150.00
	3505 · Legacy Fund	\$135.00	\$400.00	\$250.00
	3510 · Ed Fund	\$495.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	3560 · Alice Allen Memorial Fund	\$75.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
	3570 · Jeannette Ross Memorial Fund	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$100.00
			\$1,400.	\$1,500.
	3580 · Unrestricted	\$1,392.00	00	00
Total 3500 · Contributions		\$2,221.45	\$2,635.	\$2,560.
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3600 · Asset Transfer				
	3610 · From Ed Fund	\$2,680.00	\$1,500.	
			00	\$900.00
	3620 · From Savings	\$0.00	\$2,791.	\$3,782.
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Total 3600 · Asset Transfer		\$2,680.00	\$4,291.	\$4,682.
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4000 · Dues				
	4010 · Primary Members Dues	\$7,650.00	\$9,332.	\$8,415.
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	4020 · Family Members Dues	\$930.00	\$1,020.	\$1,023.
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Total 4000 · Dues		\$8,580.00	\$10,352.	\$9,438.
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4800 · Interest		\$26.85	\$6.00	\$45.00
Total Income		\$16,940.80	\$20,084.	\$21,625.
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Expense				
5000 · Administrative				
	5002 · In kind	\$0.00	\$200.00	
	5005 · ILO Support	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
	5010 · Board & President	\$77.50	\$400.00	\$400.00
	5020 · Conventions & Workshops	\$0.00	\$2,000.	\$2,000.
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	5030 · Liability Insurance	\$1,503.00	\$1,400.	\$1,500.
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	5050 · PO Box	\$120.00	\$108.00	\$120.00
	5075 · PayPal Fee	\$198.76	\$250.00	\$250.00
	5080 · Alice Allen Fund Scholarship	\$60.00	\$120.00	\$120.00

	5090 · Jeannette Ross Fund	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
	5095 · Administrative Other	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
Total 5000 · Administrative		\$1,959.26	\$4,928.00	\$4,840.00
5100 · Grant Expense				
	5125 · Local Demo Defender Grant 2023	\$617.35	\$0.00	
	5130 · Incarcerated Persons Exp 2023	\$175.60		
	Youth Registration Grant 2024			
	Youth Registration Grant 2025			\$500.00
	Democracy Defenders Grant 2024			\$1,000.00
	5100 · Grant Expense - Other	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
Total 5100 · Grant Expense		\$792.95	\$500.00	\$2,000.00
5500 · Communications				
	5505 · Domain Name	\$100.68	\$95.00	\$105.00
	5510 · Website	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
	5515 · CanvaPro	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$120.00
	5520 · Constant Contact	\$0.00	\$380.00	\$380.00
	5530 · Marketing	\$315.87	\$400.00	\$400.00
	5540 · Zoom	<u>\$284.31</u>	<u>\$203.00</u>	<u>\$166.00</u>
Total 5500 · Communications		\$700.86	\$1,598.00	\$1,571.00
6001 · Development Expense				
	6041 · In Person Events	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
	6051 · Development Other	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>
Total 6001 · Development Expense		\$0.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
7000 · Membership				
	7030 · Voter - Printing	\$33.07	\$310.00	\$165.00
	7041 · Voter - Mailing	\$0.00	\$45.00	\$30.00
	Member Engagement			\$400.00
	7050 · Renew/Recruit	<u>\$396.77</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>	<u>\$400.00</u>
Total 7000 · Membership		\$429.84	\$555.00	\$995.00
7500 · Meetings				
	7510 · Annual Meeting	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$500.00
	7520 · Other Meetings Expense	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
	7530 · Holiday Brunch	<u>\$1,486.70</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>\$1,360.00</u>
Total 7500 · Meetings		\$1,486.70	\$2,000.00	\$2,060.00
8000 · PMP				
	8010 · National	\$5,360.00	\$5,360.00	\$5,152.00
	8020 · State	\$3,350.00	\$3,350.00	\$3,220.00
	8040 · County	<u>\$300.29</u>	<u>\$293.00</u>	<u>\$287.17</u>
Total 8000 · PMP		\$9,010.29	\$9,003.00	\$8,659.17
9000 · Voter Service				
	9070 · Candidate Forums	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
	9090 · Vote 411	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	9099 · Legacy Fund - Voter Service	<u>\$135.25</u>	<u>\$400.00</u>	<u>\$400.00</u>
Total 9000 · Voter Service		<u>\$135.25</u>	<u>\$950.00</u>	<u>\$950.00</u>
Total Expenses		<u>\$14,515.15</u>	<u>\$20,084.00</u>	<u>\$21,625.17</u>
Net Income		<u>\$1,925.65</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>

The proposed budget will be explained, discussed and voted on at the LWV CDC annual meeting in early June. The bylaws require that it be published to the membership in the Voter at least 45 days beforehand. The date and time of the annual meeting will be announced in next month's Voter.