

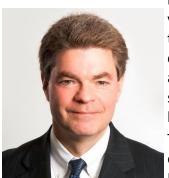
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League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County

May 2022

Criminal Justice in Delaware County — May 20

You are invited to our May Hot Topic gathering, a panel discussion on **Criminal Justice in Delaware County**, on Friday, May 20, at Noon via Zoom. Our distinguished panel of County leaders will discuss a variety of topics including development of a new central booking system, deprivatization and reform of the George Hill Prison, and a sig-



Jack Stollsteimer

nificant reduction in gun violence in Chester thanks to the work of community groups such as the Chester Partnership for Safe Neighborhoods.

This program is presented by LWV-CDC's Civics Education Committee and is intended to raise

know-ledge and awareness about the criminal

justice system in our county.

Our **moderator** is Laura McLaughlin, LWV-CDC Civic Education Committee Member and Professor, Neumann University

Panelists:

 Kevin Madden, Member, Delaware County Council and Chairman, Delaware County Jail Oversight Board.



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- Jack Stollsteimer, Delaware County District Attorney.
- Jean-Pierre Brice, CMP Radio, Chester Partner-

ship for Safe Neighborhoods.

 Michael Resnick, manager of the County
 Office of Community Justice and Rehabilitation and special advisor to
 County Council on criminal justice matters.



The Hot Topic presenta-

tion is free but to receive the Zoom link via mail. Register and Submit Questions here.

Event Contact - Ralf Graves, Civic Education Chair at ralfgraves@comcast.net.

Don't forget to sign up for the annual meeting. Because it is an in-person meeting, space is limited but we still need about 23 members to make up a quorum. See Page 3

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You can find us online at <u>LWV-CDC.org</u> or on Facebook. Go on Facebook and search League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County. Then click "like," post a comment, send us pictures.

By the way, our umbrella organization, the Delaware County League of Women Voters, has a new website too. Check it out here.



President's Message

I am very proud to announce that the League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County has received two small grant awards from the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania. They are the LWV PA Local Democracy Defenders grant in the amount of \$500.00 and the LWV PA DEI: Building Equity is Local grant in the amount of \$610.00.

The **LWV PA Local Democracy Defenders** grant supports locally based voter services and civic engagement work. The grant supports an acknowledges our League's commitment to empower voters and defend democracy. The monetary award will be used by our League to purchase lawn signs to promote Vote411, the LWV digital tool that provides personalized voter information.

By using <u>Vote411.org</u> you can enter your address and:

- See What and Who is on Your Ballot
- Compare Candidates' Positions Side-by-Side
- Check Your Voter Registration or Register to Vote
- Find Your Polling Place
- Print Out a Personalized Ballot with Your Choices to Take with you on Election Day or Use when Completing your Mail-in Ballot

If you would like to help our League with this project by suggesting a good spot for a Vote411.org lawn sign please contact Joanna Nealon, joanna nealon@yahoo.com.

The **LWVPA DEI Grant: Building Equity is Local** grant supports diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) our League's commitment to the LWV DEI Policy. The awarding of this grant will help our League build on the partnerships we established within the City of Chester to support voter registration, voter engagement and voter turnout. Through our commitment to DEI we have established the LWV- CDC Voter Engagement Coalition and are working with a variety of organizations and partners to implement voting initiatives throughout our communities.

Our League commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) includes:

- Embracing the LWV DEI Policy
- Adding the LWV DEI policy to our bylaws
- Serving on the LWV PA Equity Team
- Serving on the LWV PA DEI Learning Module Subcommittee
- Offering events that feature diversity, equity and inclusion topics
- Reaching out to community partners to become members of our League and to help build the LWV CDC Voter Engagement Coalition.

If you would like to help our League with the Voter Engagement Coalition please contact Barbara Amstutz, swhmdi53bwa@outlook.com.

Anne Mosakowski, President LWV Central Delaware County

LWV-CDC Annual Meeting June 4 In-Person

Members, please come to our annual meeting at the Springhaven Club, 600 S Providence Rd, Wallingford at 10 a.m., Saturday June 4 for a brunch and in-person annual meeting.

We are pleased to announce that our League will be giving a media award to Delaware County Daily Times Reporter, Kathleen Carey. Through her fact-based reporting Kathleen features stories that are important to the work of the League.

We will have a conversation with Kathleen about "real fact-based information" and tips on dealing with mis and dis information that are impacting our democracy.

Attendance is limited to 35 because the event space is small and the vendor does not require masks.

We will need a quorum to conduct the League's business: adopting the 2022 program, electing officers, making bylaw changes and adopting the 20202-2023 budget

This is also a rare chance to just eat and talk to your fellow League members.

To reserve your seat, make your meal choice, and share a comment or question click here. Cost of the brunch is \$25. Meal choice of mushroom crepe or asparagus quiche. Pay by check or cash at the door, mail check to PO Box 131, Wallingford, PA 19086 or pay online using the "Donate" button..

Contact Pat Cimino at patcimino@comcast.net 610-328-1375 for any additional information.

Nominations for 2022-2024 Board Members and Officers

The membership will vote to elect the 2022-2024 officers and members at the annual meeting.

The candidates for 2021-2023 and 2022-2024 Officers are:

Anne Mosakowski (2022-2024) President
Jane Brennan (2021-2023) 1st Vice President
Cathy Yungmann (2022-2024) 2nd Vice President
Rosemary Kesling (2022-2024) Secretary
Denyse McCurdy (2021-2023) Treasurer

The candidates for 2021-2023 and 2022-2024 Board Members (Alphabetical order by last name) are:
Marita Green (2022-2024)
Nancy Hopko (2021-2023)

Joe Lesniak (2022-2024) Rosemarie Lord (2021-2023) Rebecca Michael (2022-2023)*
Joanna Nealon (2022-2024)
Gloria Rabinowitz (2021-2023)
Judy Wertheimer (2022-2024)

Appointed Directors (Alphabetical order by last name) are:
Barbara Amstutz (2021-2023)
Jennifer Breen (2022-2024)
Olivia Thorne (2022-2024)
Marguerite Wilson (2022-2023)*

2022 Nominating Committee Joan Hazbun, Chair; Gloria Rabinowitz; and Rose Grelis

NOTE: * indicates that the elected or appointed position will be completing a term that has become open due to the death or resignation of a Board member.

May-June Events Calendar

Thursday, May 19 — Summer Screentime Strategies to keep children safe. 7-8 p.m. on Zoom. Sponsored by Southeastern Pennsylvania Leagues of Women Voters. Register <a href="https://example.com/here/bennsylvania-be

Friday May 20 — Criminal Justice in Delaware County. Speakers: District Attorney Jack Stollsteimer, County Councilman Kevin Madden and Jean-Pierre Brice and ichael Resnick. Noon, on Zoom. Register here. **Saturday June 4** — LWV-CDC Annual Meeting, honoring Delaware County Daily Times Report Kathleen Carey. 10 a.m. in-person at Springhaven Club, 60 S. Providence Rd., Wallingford. \$25. Register here.

Screentime Strategies to Keep Children Safe This Summer

Research shows that recreational technology use among youth increases during the summertime. Recent articles contend that the mental health of children may be affected by excess screen time. Still many parents and caregivers are confused about how to limit the amount of time children spend on digital devices and how to channel screen time to constructive, safe sites.

The League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County, along with other Leagues from southeastern Pennsylvania, is sponsoring a presentation by Jennifer Ehehalt of Common Sense Media and Dr. Scott Hand, Director of Technology Innovation & Instructional Design in the Radnor Township School District. They will provide concrete strategies that work, explore available re-

sources and take your questions about successfully limiting Summertime Screen Time.

Join us on **Thursday, May 19, 2022 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM via Zoom**. The session is free, but to get the link you must register here. You can submit questions for the presenters in advance with your registration.



LWV PA's Stand on Roe and Reproductive Rights

By Meghan Pierce LWV PA Executive Director

to an initial draft Supreme Court majority opinion obtained by <u>POLITICO</u>, the Supreme Court has voted to strike down *Roe v. Wade*. The court's decision will not be final until it is published, likely in the next two months.

The immediate consequence of this decision would be



May 3 Rally at the Delaware County Courthouse opposing draft Supreme Court decision overturning Roe v. Wade. LWV-CDC was there. About 200 people attended.

to end federal constitutional protection of abortion rights. Each state would then be allowed to decide whether to allow abortion and under what circumstances.

For those who experience pregnancy, our basic freedoms hinge on our ability to control our reproductive health. Our physical and psychological well being, financial resources, and ability to work are all dependent on our reproductive choices.

Most importantly, limits on reproductive health services disproportionately impact Black, brown, and low -income communities.

A majority of Pennsylvania voters do not support antiabortion laws. <u>A poll by Franklin & Marshall</u> in October 2020 showed that 83% of state residents believe abortion should be legal in all or certain cases.

The <u>Guttmacher Institute</u> has published an interactive map that demonstrates what would happen in each state if *Roe* were overturned. The Pennsylvania legislature has repeatedly demonstrated that it wants to <u>limit abortion access</u>. Currently, abortion is protected by Governor Wolf's veto power. However, a new Governor will be elected in November 2022, and the right to a legal abortion hangs in the balance.

See the LWV-CDC <u>website</u> for a fuller article and information on what you can do today.