

# LWW VOTER

League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County

May 2023

## Hot Topic - Legal Aspects of Senior Health Care May 12

The **Hot Topic - Legal Aspects of Health Care for Seniors** will be presented on **Friday, May 12 at Noon via Zoom**. This presentation by Jennifer Simons, an associate attorney from the law firm McAndrews, Mehalick, Connolly, Hulse and Ryan, P.C. will feature advance directives, financial arrange-



ments that people should consider (generally), estate planning, power of attorney, and POLST (Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment).

Learn about end-of-life decisions and how to put this in your own hands through healthcare directives. You choose the care you want to receive should you become incapacitated or terminally ill and in an end-stage medical condition. A power of attorney allows you to name someone you trust to make crucial decisions if you are no longer able to do so.

The presentation is FREE but you must register to receive the Zoom link. Register [HERE](#). Contact Jane Brennan at [Brennanbjj@aol.com](mailto:Brennanbjj@aol.com) for additional information.

## PA School Funding: What Now? — May 19

Join us on **Friday, May 19, at Noon on Zoom** for **Hot Topic - The Court has Spoken on Pennsylvania School Funding: Now What?** A panel of researchers and experts on the School Funding topic will discuss the consequences of the Court's decision that PA's school funding system is unconstitutional.

**Panel Moderator:** Joan Evelyn Duvall-Flynn Ed. D. Chair: Trauma Informed Education Coalition (TIEC)

The presenters will be:

- **Stephen Herzenberg**, executive director, [Keystone Research Center](#).

- **Susan Spicka**, Executive Director, [Education Voters of Pennsylvania](#).
- **Michael Churchill**, an attorney with the [Public Interest Law Center](#).
- **Heather Bickley**, Founder of [Basic Kindness](#).

The Hot Topic presentation is FREE but to receive the link to the Zoom Virtual Presentation via email you MUST Register. [CLICK HERE](#)

**Event Contact:** Ralf Graves [ralfgraves@comcast.net](mailto:ralfgraves@comcast.net)

## Come to the Annual Meeting — June 6

The League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County will hold its annual meeting **Tuesday, June 6, at 7 p.m.** via Zoom.

Please register and come so the League can achieve a quorum and vote on officers and board members, adopt the budget and local program, change the bylaws and conduct other business needed to run the League for 2023-2024.

After we receive your registration, a link to the Zoom video conference and a PDF of the annual meeting booklet will be sent to you electronically. The booklet will include the agenda, reports and everything you'll need to participate in the meeting.

To register, [CLICK HERE](#). If you have any questions please email: [Anne Mosakowski](mailto:Anne.Mosakowski@lwvdc.org)

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Welcome Spring!



# President's Message

## YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE!

### Q. WHY SHOULD I CARE ABOUT VOTING IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS?

A. Because local government affects you most directly. Local officials set property tax rates, make school board policies, make local laws and regulations for your city, borough, township and county, deal with issues of justice under the law.

### Q. WHAT ARE THE DATES OF THE 2023 PA MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS?

A. Primary - Tuesday, May 16 & General - Tuesday, Nov. 7

### Q. WHO DO YOU VOTE FOR IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS?

A. Candidates Include council members, mayors, district attorneys, sheriffs, school boards, commissioners, supervisors, magistrate judges.

### Q. WHAT TYPE OF SERVICES DOES LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROVIDE?

A. Municipalities generally take responsibility for parks and recreation services, police and fire departments, housing services, emergency medical services, municipal courts, transportation services (including public transportation), environmental issues, and public works (streets, sewers, snow removal, signage).

### Q. WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF SCHOOL BOARDS?

A. School boards are responsible to provide a free public education basically containing three major functions: planning, setting policy, and evaluating results. The board is required to engage in long-range planning by regulations of the State Board of Education.

### Q. WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY?

A. Under Pennsylvania state law, county district attorneys are responsible for representing the "Commonwealth" by charging and prosecuting people accused of crimes.

### Q. WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT?

A. Magisterial District Court is the first level of judicial authority in Pennsylvania and is the court where most people experience the judicial system for the first time.

### Q. ARE THERE OTHER TYPES OF JUDGES ON THE BALLOT?

A. Yes you can vote for: Justice of the Supreme Court; Judge of the Superior Court; Judge of the Commonwealth Court; and Judge of the Court of Common Pleas. Pennsylvania is the only state in the nation that holds its judicial elections solely in odd-numbered years and uses partisan elections to initially select judges and then uses retention elections to determine whether judges should remain on the bench.

### Q. WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CANDIDATES and VOTING?

A. For the Unofficial Candidate List - [CLICK HERE](#)

B. Interactive Sample Ballots - [CLICK HERE](#)

C. For Personalized Voting Information go to [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org)

D. Our Voter Toolkit - [CLICK HERE](#)

*Anne Mosakowski*

# Tell Your Friends and Family about Vote411

How will you learn about the candidates for school board, municipal office or magisterial judge this year when the local press no longer covers those races?

Vote411, the League of Women Voters online voters guide, is one of the very few places you can find information on local candidates.

A small, dedicated group of League members began to collect as many emails from nominating petitions that it could after the nominating period ended in March to invite the candidates to submit biographical information and political stands to Vote411.

This is a particularly difficult job during the Municipal Pri-

mary Election (May 16) because upwards of 400 people file to run for office in our 49 municipalities and 15 school districts. Not every candidate provides the Delaware county Election Bureau with an email address, making the task even harder.

If you know someone running for office, tell them to contact the League with their email address at [olivia.thorne@verizon.net](mailto:olivia.thorne@verizon.net) so the League can email them the link to Vote411. Voters can use [Vote411](#) to check their voter registration status, obtain a sample Democratic or Republican ballot and find their precinct or polling place.

The League thanks Olivia Thorne, Denny McCurdy and Joanna Nealon for their hard work making Vote411 a trusted resource.

## Hot Topic: The Cost of Health Care Fraud— June 2

The Hot Topic - Health Care Fraud Costs Us All, and Not Just Money will be presented on **Friday, June 2 at Noon via Zoom**.

Join us for a presentation by journalist and writer Jodine Mayberry on the real and hidden costs of healthcare fraud in the United States. Jodine will take you on a tour



Jodine Mayberry

of the largest, most costly and most harmful health care frauds in recent years and explain the real and hidden costs of defrauding Medicare, Medicaid, private insurers and the patients and beneficiaries themselves.

She will also tell you how you can protect yourself from health care fraud and share helpful resources related to the Hot Topic.

Jodine covered health care fraud prosecutions by federal and state law enforcement for eight years for Westlaw, the nation's largest legal publisher. Jodine is also a League of Women Voters (LWV) member and Chair of the LWV of Central Delaware County Legislative Advocacy Committee.

The presentation is FREE but you must register to receive the Zoom link.

Click [HERE](#) to register. Contact Nancy Sharts-Hopko for more information at: [nsharts@gmail.com](mailto:nsharts@gmail.com).

## May-June Events Calendar

**May 9 (Tuesday):** [International Relations Study Group](#) — Politics in Latin America, 12:30 p.m. Register [HERE](#). Call Joan Hazbun for information on in-person meeting. 610-353-2177 [jchazbun6@gmail.com](mailto:jchazbun6@gmail.com)

**May 12 (Friday):** Hot Topic — [Legal Aspects of Health Care for Seniors](#) Noon via Zoom. Register [HERE](#).

**May 19 (Friday):** Hot Topic — [The Court has Spoken on Pennsylvania School Funding: Now What?](#) Noon on Zoom. Register [HERE](#).

**June 2 (Friday):** Hot Topic — [Health Care Fraud Costs Us All, and Not Just Money](#). Noon on Zoom. Register [HERE](#).

**June 6 (Tuesday):** Annual Meeting — Budget, elections of officers and Board, program changes. Need a quorum. 7 p.m. on Zoom. Register [HERE](#).

# Annual Meeting Nominating Committee Report

**The Nominating Committee** works to identify potential candidates for current or upcoming vacancies and to work diligently to secure and attract top talent for leadership positions within the League. Report submitted by 2022-2023 Nominating Committee: Joan Hazbun (Chair), Gloria Rabinowitz and Viola Crawford

**The candidates for 2022-2024 and 2023-2025 are:**

**Officers:**

- President (2022-2024): Anne Mosakowski
- Vice President (2023-2025): Cathy Yungmann
- Treasurer (2023-2025): Denyse McCurdy
- Secretary (2022-2024): Rosemary Kesling

**Elected Directors:**

- Marita Green (2022-2024)
- Joe Lesniak (2022-2024)
- Joanna Nealon (2022-2024)
- Judy Wertheimer (2022-2024)
- RoseMarie Lord (2023-2025)
- Rebecca Michael (2023-2025)
- Gloria Rabinowitz (2023-2025)
- Marguerite (Peggy) Wilson (2023-2025)

**Appointed Directors:**

- Marilyn Berberich
- Olivia Thorne

## Member Survey Shows the Way Forward

The Board of Directors learned a lot from the member [survey](#) (click on the page to advance), and it is making good use of the survey in its strategic planning for the 2023-2025 program year.

We learned you joined the League because of your deep commitment to voter education, voter rights and election laws that expand voting opportunities. You feel (85%) that we need to do a better job of explaining our nonpartisan policy to foster trust in the League.

Our policy is this: We are nonpartisan, but we are political. We do not support any political party or candidate but we do work to advance many different political positions.

In addition to our core mission, voting rights and fair elections, we support affordable health care, reproductive rights, LGBTQ rights, gun safety, immigration reform, environmental protection and climate change amelioration. Click [here](#) for our national positions and [here](#) for our state-specific positions.

Our survey results tells us that you think LWVCDC is doing a good job of presenting programs and candidates forums virtually (90%) but you also hunger for

in-person events where we can meet and mingle, discuss hot topics and get to know one another (94%). You told us we need to recruit more minority members, involve new members more directly and ally with other community groups and organizations. We hear you and we're working on it.

Thanks to all of you who filled out the survey. Here is the strategic [plan](#). Check out the League's four goals for 2023-2025. If you want to work on one of the four working groups to help us enact these goals, please sign up [HERE](#).

### New Members

**We have nine new members since February.**

**Louis Rosenthal and a family member, Barbara Carfolite, Joan Kaminski, Harold Floyd, Linda Bucher, Jane Lucas, Sara McCullough, and Mae Caleb.**

**Welcome to the League. LWVCDC now counts 196 active members making it the third largest League in PA after Greater Pittsburgh and Bucks County.**

# Proposed 2023-2024 Budget

Ordinary Income/Expense	YTD		
	Income/	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	Expense	BUDGET	BUDGET
	Jul 1, '22 - Apr 18, '23	Jul 1, '22- Jun 30, '23	Jul 1, '23- Jun 30, '24
<b>Income</b>			
2002 · Development			
<del>2031 · Virtual Events</del>	\$0.00	\$300.00	
2041 · In Person Events	\$653.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
2051 · Development Other	\$405.00	\$300.00	\$350.00
Total 2002 · Development	\$1,058.00	\$900.00	\$650.00
3300 · Meeting Income			
3310 · Annual Meeting			\$100.00
3320 · Program Meetings RENAME: Other Meetings			\$100.00
<del>3321 · Virtual Program Meetings</del>	\$0.00	\$300.00	
<del>3322 · In Person Program Meetings</del>	\$0.00	\$2,400.00	
Total <del>3320 · Program Meetings</del>	\$0.00	\$2,700.00	
3330 · Holiday Brunch	\$1,470.00	\$1,225.00	\$1,450.00
Total 3300 · Meeting Income	\$1,470.00	\$3,925.00	\$1,650.00
3400 · Grants			
3403 · Incarcerated Persons 2023	\$562.50	\$0.00	
3404 · Youth Registration 2023	\$375.00	\$0.00	
3400 · Grants - Other	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Total 3400 · Grants	\$937.50	\$500.00	\$500.00
3500 · Contributions			
3501 · In kind	\$103.18	\$300.00	\$200.00
3505 · Legacy Fund	\$320.00	\$500.00	\$400.00
3510 · Ed Fund	\$340.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
3560 · Alice Allen Memorial Fund	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
3570 · Jeannette Ross Memorial Fund	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
3580 · Unrestricted	\$1,333.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,400.00
Total 3500 · Contributions	\$2,196.18	\$3,435.00	\$2,635.00
3600 · Asset Transfer			
3610 · From Ed Fund	\$2,021.20	\$2,153.00	\$1,500.00
3620 · From Savings			\$2,791.00
Total 3600 · Asset Transfer	\$2,021.20	\$2,153.00	\$4,291.00
4000 · Dues			
4010 · Primary Members Dues	\$8,690.00	\$9,600.00	\$9,332.00
4020 · Family Members Dues	\$990.00	\$960.00	\$1,020.00
Total 4000 · Dues	\$9,680.00	\$10,560.00	\$10,352.00
4800 · Interest	\$8.69	\$6.00	\$6.00
Total Income	\$17,967.57	\$21,479.00	\$20,084.00
<b>Expense</b>			
5000 · Administrative			
5002 · In kind	\$103.18	\$0.00	\$200.00
5005 · ILO Support	\$300.00	\$375.00	\$300.00
5010 · Board & President	\$426.42	\$100.00	\$400.00
5020 · Conventions & Workshops	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
5030 · Liability Insurance	\$1,389.58	\$1,225.00	\$1,400.00

5050 · PO Box	\$108.00	\$92.00	\$108.00
5075 · PayPal Fee	\$273.42	\$200.00	\$250.00
5080 · Alice Allen Fund Scholarship	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$120.00
5090 · Jeannette Ross Fund	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
5095 · Administrative Other	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$100.00
<b>Total 5000 · Administrative</b>	<b>\$2,600.59</b>	<b>\$4,362.00</b>	<b>\$4,928.00</b>
<b>5100 · Grant Expense</b>			
5110 · DEI Grant 2022 expense	\$812.86	\$0.00	
5120 · Local Demo Defender Grant 2022	\$530.00	\$0.00	
5130 · Incarcerated Persons Exp 2023	\$22.02	\$0.00	
<b>Total 5100 · Grant Expense</b>	<b>\$1,364.88</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
<b>5500 · Communications</b>			
5505 · Domain Name	\$92.68	\$175.00	\$95.00
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	\$259.17	\$400.00	\$400.00
5540 · Zoom	\$143.17	\$191.00	\$203.00
<b>Total 5500 · Communications</b>	<b>\$495.02</b>	<b>\$1,666.00</b>	<b>\$1,598.00</b>
<b>6001 · Development Expense</b>			
<del>6031 · Virtual Events</del>	\$0.00	\$300.00	
6041 · In Person Events	\$402.40	\$300.00	\$250.00
6051 · Development Other	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
<b>Total 6001 · Development Expense</b>	<b>\$402.40</b>	<b>\$900.00</b>	<b>\$550.00</b>
<b>7000 · Membership</b>			
7030 · Voter - Printing	\$130.18	\$300.00	\$310.00
7041 · Voter - Mailing	\$0.00	\$58.00	\$45.00
7050 · Renew/Recruit	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
<b>Total 7000 · Membership</b>	<b>\$130.18</b>	<b>\$458.00</b>	<b>\$555.00</b>
<b>7500 · Meetings</b>			
7510 · Annual Meeting	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$300.00
7520 · Program Expense RENAME Other Meetings Expense			\$200.00
<del>7521 · Virtual Program expense</del>	\$0.00	\$300.00	
<del>7525 · Videography</del>	\$0.00	\$600.00	
7530 · Holiday Brunch	\$1,417.50	\$970.00	\$1,500.00
<del>7541 · In Person Program expense</del>	\$119.02	\$2,400.00	
<b>Total 7500 · Meetings</b>	<b>\$1,536.52</b>	<b>\$4,370.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<b>8000 · PMP</b>			
8010 · National	\$5,248.00	\$5,248.00	\$5,360.00
8020 · State	\$3,280.00	\$3,280.00	\$3,350.00
8040 · County	\$297.65	\$295.00	\$293.00
<b>Total 8000 · PMP</b>	<b>\$8,825.65</b>	<b>\$8,823.00</b>	<b>\$9,003.00</b>
<b>9000 · Voter Service</b>			
9070 · Candidate Forums	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$50.00
9090 · Vote 411	\$496.46	\$500.00	\$500.00
9099 · Voter Service - Other RENAME: Legacy Fund - Voter Service	\$361.15	\$300.00	\$400.00
<b>Total 9000 · Voter Service</b>	<b>\$882.61</b>	<b>\$900.00</b>	<b>\$950.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$16,237.85</b>	<b>\$21,479.00</b>	<b>\$20,084.00</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$1,729.72</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>