



# VOTER

League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County

November-December 2021

## The untold Story of Women of Color in LWV

Join us for this special event on Friday, Nov. 12 at Noon via Zoom to hear Dr. Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins, former president of the National League of Women Voters, and a noted educator and author of the "The Untold Story of Women of Color in the League of Women Voters".

Dr. Jefferson-Jenkins will discuss the progression of the relationship between the League of Women Voters and its members of color as manifested in changes to its policies, practices, symbols, and messaging and highlight the importance of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) and as it



Dr. Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins

applies to the League past, present and future.

Dr. Jefferson-Jenkins has been deeply involved with the League of Women Voters for many years. She was elected as the 15th national president of the League of Women Voters in 1998; the first woman of color to hold the position. She also served as the chair of the League of Women Voters Education Fund, advocated for election reform, as well as campaign finance reform, and she worked towards putting focus on local elections, while also increasing the number of voters who participated in all elections.

The event is free on Zoom. Register [here](#).

## We're Back In Person for Our Holiday Lunch!!!

It's been a while, but LWV-CDC is going to hold its first in-person get-together, a holiday luncheon, Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Springhaven Club, 600 S. Providence Rd, Wallingford. We are celebrating the work and the mission of the League of Women Voters.

Our foremothers led the fight in 1920 for the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."

One hundred plus years later the League mission continues to Empower Voters and Defend Democracy.

The celebration begins at 11:30 AM with lunch served at Noon in the Large Dining Room, which allows for social distancing while enjoying our luncheon celebration. Please wear a mask.

**Presentation: "The Journey for Equal Rights for Women"** presented by Laurie J. Grant, Executive Director, Delaware County Historical Society.

**See Page 4 for details about how you can sign up.**

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You can find us online at <http://www.LWV-CDC.org/> 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

As I began to work on the President's message for the 2021 November/December edition of the Voter, the last Voter for 2021, I found myself reflecting on the work of our League during this busy and at times stress-filled year. It truly is a super team effort. Therefore I would like to extend a big thank you to our LWV-CDC Board of Directors, Committee Chairs and our members for supporting the work of our League.

## 2021 Highlights to Date Include:

- Four Candidates Forums
- Eleven Voter Registration Drives
- Five Hot Topic Presentations
- Three Civic Education Panel Programs
- Five Rallies/Gatherings on Voting, Women Rights and Good Governance
- Jeanette Ross Environmental Lecture
- Two Letters to the Editor and Several Action Alerts on our [website](#)
- Legislative Interview Training and Outreach to Local Legislators
- Special Events: Toss Your Hat in the Ring, Know Your Community: Nether Providence, and Discover Your Roots
- LWV PA Collaborations: State Convention, Fair Districts PA, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI) Team, and Voter Services Team, Legislative Advocacy and other areas.
- Collaboration with other organizations: Regional Adolescent Sleep Needs Coalition (RASNC), NAACP Media Branch, Fellowship of Urban Suburban Engagement (FUSE) of Delaware County, Media Fellowship House, Energy Justice Network, Chester Residents Concerned for Quality Living (CRCQL), Delaware Riverkeeper Network, Rotary Club of Swarthmore, Swarthmore Senior Citizens Association, Delaware County Public Defender, Bucks County Women's Advocacy Network, Indivisible Swarthmore, Haverford Area Community Action Network, and growing!

We have two more events in 2021 which are featured in this edition. We encourage you to get or stay involved in the work of the League - **Empowering Voters & Defending Democracy. Thank You!**

*Anne Mosakowski*

# LWVPA Intervenes in 2020 Election Audit Suit

The Commonwealth Court has granted the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania, Common Cause Pennsylvania, Make the Road Pennsylvania, and several individual voters, including the Radnor League's Roberta Winters, the right to join the Pennsylvania Attorney General's lawsuit against state Senate Republicans' attempt to obtain private information about the state's registered voters.

The interveners argued successfully that they have an interest in the case because voters' constitutional right to privacy will be compromised if the Senate Republicans are allowed to enforce their subpoena for voters' private personal data. The Court granted the petition Oct. 27.

The League is represented by the American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania, ACLU National, and the law firm Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP, the advocates and voters filed a motion to intervene in early October. They will now be a party to the case, meaning that their attorneys would participate in all court proceedings to help protect all voters' constitutional privacy rights.

The suit is in response to subpoenas issued by the Senate Intergovernmental Operations Committee to the Department of State on Sept. 15. The committee has demanded the names, addresses, dates of birth, driver's license numbers, and partial Social Security numbers of every registered voter in Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania has approximately 9

million registered voters.

"With this sham election review, Pennsylvania legislators are intentionally injecting discord into our election process and threatening the personal privacy of millions of voters," said Terrie Griffin, President of the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania. "Pennsylvania's 2020 Election was executed safely and securely. This election review is a blatant attempt to weaken voters' trust in our election system while exposing their sensitive data to possible exploitation and manipulation. Voters' private data must be protected."



LWVPA President Terrie Griffin

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## Candidates Forums, Voter Registration a Huge Success

Our three candidates forums in October were a phenomenal success. We hosted a forum for four Delaware County Council candidates that had been viewed by Oct. 28 by 380 people. Our Chester City Council candidates forum has been seen by 247 voters and our Media Borough Council candidates forum by 178 viewers. This is a much larger attendance/viewership than we were ever able to achieve with pre-pandemic in-person forums.

This is thanks to the hard work of our Voter Services Committee, led by our veteran negotiators and organizers, [Marita Green](#) and [Joanna Nealon](#), and to our excellent moderators Jamie Mogil and Tiffany Griffin. You can see the forums and other programs on our [website](#), or on LWV of Delaware County's [YouTube Channel](#). LWV-CDC posts its recorded Hot Topic programs on its own [YouTube Channel](#).

Our voter registration team registered 50 people at 11 sites (that is something that has to be done in person) under the tireless leadership of [Marilyn Gilroy](#), [Kathy Knight](#) and [Kathleen Peterson](#). Email them or check out our [committees](#) page on our website to join in upcoming projects. Thanks too to VP [Cathy Yungman](#) who helps us navigate the technical stuff so well.

## November-December Events Calendar

**November 12 (Friday)** — Hot Topics program via Zoom: "The Untold Story of Women of Color in the League of Women Voters," with author and former LWVUS President Dr Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins. Noon on Zoom. Register [here](#).

**December 11 (Saturday)** — Holiday Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. Springhaven Country Club, 600 S Providence Rd, Wallingford. \$35. See details Pages 1 and 4.

# What's Happening in Harrisburg?

*By Jodine Mayberry*

*Legislative Advocate*

A lot of things are in flux right now. The emphasis is on keeping our eyes on the Pa. Legislature's five-person reapportionment commission which has begun work on congressional redistricting for the next 10 years. This follows the court-determined redistricting



Ralf Graves, Anne Mosakowski and Jodine Mayberry were among the LWV-CDC members at the Oct. 2 Reproductive Rights Rally at the Delaware County Courthouse. LWV members have participated in five rallies and gatherings this year.

tricting three years ago that resulted in the state going from 13 Republican districts and five Democratic districts to an even split of 9-9. You may recall, LWV had a little something to do with that suit.

Our two local Leagues, LWV-CDC and Radnor LWV both submitted written testimony Oct. 13 urging the commission to keep Delaware County whole within our own Congressional District 5 as it had historically been before the 2011 redistricting into the infamous "Donald kicking Goofy" gerrymandered district.

Our sister organization, Fair Districts PA, continues to work tirelessly to monitor the commission and we have some chance of coming out of this with competitive districts because, unlike 2011, we have a Democratic governor ready to veto any map that gets too out of whack, which would send the issue back to the Court.

As noted on Page 2, LWVPA has joined the suit in the Commonwealth Court to prevent the Legislature from obtaining our personal information for its farcical 2020 election "review."

House Bill 1800, the latest version of the omnibus election reform bill remains in committee. The first version, HB 1300, was vetoed by Gov. Tom Wolf over its drop box and voter ID provisions.

The state Supreme Court has heard oral arguments on Marsy's Law, the state constitutional amendment on victim's rights that LWV sued to overturn. The ballot question did not adhere to the state standards for putting amendments before the voters one subject at a time, making it impossible for voters make an informed decision. The opinion should be coming soon.

## Sign up for Holiday Luncheon Here or Online

**Menu Options:** Chicken Piccata, Honey Glazed Salmon or Pasta Primavera (Vegetarian)

Cost: \$35.00 per meal

**Reservation Deadline:** Friday, Dec. 3

**Event Coordinator:** Pat Cimino - [patcimino@comcast.net](mailto:patcimino@comcast.net) or 610-328-1375

**Payment Options:** Check (Payable to LWV Central Delaware County & Mailed to PO Box 131, Wallingford, PA 19086 or brought on the day of the event)

Cash at the event venue registration table

Pay online via the LWV-CDC DONATE BUTTON - [CLICK HERE](#) (\$35.00 per meal)

You can register [HERE](#) or fill out and mail this form:

Names(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Meal Selection(s): Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Pasta \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method: Check (Enclose with form ) \_\_\_\_\_ Online \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

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