

LWV VOTER

League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County

November-December 2023

Gathering 2024: Celebrating Our League

Instead of celebrating in December, LWVDC is holding a luncheon, **Gathering 2024: Celebrating Our League**, on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024, at the Springhaven Club 600 S Providence Rd, Wallingford. Check-in begins at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at Noon in the large dining room.

Our plan is to ring in the New Year with a focus on getting right back to work in the 2024 election year. We will celebrate the work of our League and the LWV mission to **Empower Voters and Defend Democracy** all year. Our foremothers led the fight in 1920 for the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution which states - ***"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."*** These League of Women Voters (LWV) warriors knew the right to vote was the key that would unlock the door to other rights for women in America, and it has.

Our hardworking members will be out there again to register voters, conduct candidates' forums, and participate in get-out-the-vote and voter information activities. We will also hold issue-related events, support diversity, equity, and inclusion within or League and with partner

organizations, and promote [Vote411](#) throughout Delaware County.

You must register in advance to participate in the celebration: [click HERE](#)

Besides picking your entree when you register we would appreciate it if you answer the following question - *What does living in a democracy mean to you?*

Menu Options: Chicken Florentine or Vegetarian Risotto

Cost: \$40.00 per meal

Reservation Deadline: Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2024

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, or online via the LWVDC DONATE button - [click HERE](#).



Some of our members at last year's gathering

Don't forget to register for our Nov. 10 program, Life or Death: Standing up to Gun Violence, featuring Adam Garber, executive director of [CeaseFirePA](#). Adam will tell us about the vital work we can do to fight for gun safety. The program will be via Zoom at Noon. It is free but you must register to get the link: Register [HERE](#).

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President's Message

Time to Vote and GOTV (Get-out-the-Vote) for the municipal and judicial election – Tuesday, November 7, 2023

- Visit Vote411 for Candidate Information - [CLICK HERE](#)
- Return your mail ballot as soon as possible. It must be at the Election Bureau by 8 p.m. Election Night (and no, you cannot drop it off at a polling place).
- For Delco Dropbox Locations - [CLICK HERE](#)
- Vote in person 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. To find your polling place - [CLICK HERE](#)
- Check out our FAQ's - [CLICK HERE](#)
- Voter Hotlines - [CLICK HERE](#)

Encourage you family and friends to VOTE

V - Voting is vital for a strong democracy

O - One vote One voice

T - Take control of your future VOTE

E - Every vote matters for an Equitable America

As a member of our League of Women Voters, I Thank YOU for your support to advance the League Mission: **Empowering Voters and Defending Democracy.**

Anne Mosakowski

Congratulations to our own Cathy Yungmann!

The Broadcast Pioneers of Philadelphia has named LWV-CDC Vice President Cathy Yungmann to its 2023 Hall of Fame because she was one of the first women television directors and producers in the 1970s and 1980s

Cathy will receive an award at the organization's 2023 Hall of Fame Gala, Friday Nov. 17, at the Hilton, City Ave., Philadelphia. For more information, click [HERE](#).

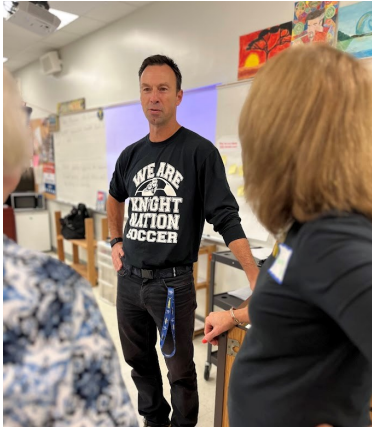
Cathy, an emeritus professor, taught and mentored students at Cabrini from 1983 until her retirement. She is a graduate of Kent State and earned her Master's degree at Ohio University.

LWV-CDC owes her a huge debt for bringing her skills to our League. Thanks to Cathy and President Anne Mosakowski, the League sailed through the pandemic by converting to Zoom gatherings. She serves as chair of our Communications Committee, handles our videos and social media and mentors our members as well. Thanks and congratulations, Cathy.



Cathy Yungmann

Voter Services Wraps up Another Election Season



Dan Schultz, American Government teacher at Academy Park High School

Our Voter Services team, led by [Marilyn Gilroy](#) and [Kathy Knight](#), held 29 voter information and registration events throughout Delaware County, including at community fairs, senior expos, colleges, the county jail, a naturalization ceremony and several local high schools. Thanks to the committee and all of the League members who signed up to serve at these events.

Unfortunately one party or the other backed out of the two candidates forums Joanna [Nealon](#) worked so hard to organize so we were unable to have candidates forums this fall. The cancelled events were the Upper Darby Mayoral Forum and the Delaware County District Attorney Forum. We do not hold "empty chair" debates so when one side won't cooperate, there's nothing we can do.

One of the committee's last events was at Academy Park High School in partnership with PA Youth Votes, where the students were asked what were their greatest concerns about voting. Their answers are helping us understand what we have to do to educate new voters. They fear their vote won't count, they'll vote for the wrong candidate, or they don't know how to find reliable information about candidates. They also know voting is integral to our democratic society and they have a right to participate.

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends a Big Success

Thanks to all of you who helped sell the sales passes and manned the tables at Boscov's, both before and during the Oct. 18 Friends Helping Friends fundraising event. The Development Committee — RoseMarie Lord and Gloria Rabinowitz — are elated to have raised more than \$540 for LWVDC last month.

You may ask, "Why do we need to raise money and go after grants when we pay dues?" Because we are a three-tier organization, most of our dues go to support the state and national LWV. We only get to keep a few dollars. That will change next year when LWVUS institutes a new dues system. We'll tell you about it when it happens. Stay tuned.

Friends Helping Friends allows us to raise money, \$5 at a time, while costing us nothing but the time of our generous volunteers. At right are Members Kathy Fitchek (left) and Jodine Mayberry, stationed in the children's clothing department at Boscov's on Oct. 18.



International Study Group Looks at War Crimes

Given the awful situations in Ukraine, Israel and Gaza, nothing could be more timely: Our International Study Group is examining war crimes at its next meeting, Tuesday, Nov.14 at 12:30 p.m.

This program is part of its 2023 discussion using the briefing book "Great Decisions" put out by the Foreign Policy Association. Each of the eight short but very informative chapters deals with a world issue and how America should handle it.

At its December meeting, Dec. 12, 12:30 p.m., the group will review the topics from the Great Decisions book — The topics for 2023 were Energy Geopolitics, War Crimes, China and the US, Economic Warfare, Politics in Latin America, Global Famine, Iran at a Crossroads.

To attend either of these meetings or to join the group, you can attend either in person at Joan Hazbrun's house or by Zoom. Contact Joan Hazbrun at 610-353-2177 or jchazbrun@gmail.com, or fill out this [form](#). You can always search for any of the League's events at LWVDC.org.



Tell LWVPA about Problems with Your Mail-in Ballot



LWVDC President Anne Mosakowski puts her ballot in the Concord dropbox

LWVPA, the state League, needs information about canceled mail-in ballots. The League is committed to ensuring that all eligible voters are able to make their voices heard every election, whether in person or via mail-in ballot.

For years, we have advocated for [no-excuse mail-in voting](#), engaging in litigation when necessary to prevent disenfranchisement due to errors such as undated, unsigned or naked (no secrecy envelope) ballots.

Our goal has always been to prevent the undue cancellation of mail-in ballots and to ensure that all who vote by mail have their voices heard on election day.

To that end, LWVPA needs your help this election season to identify voters whose ballots were canceled, regardless of whether you get the issue resolved. If you or someone you know has received notice that their mail-in ballot was canceled, please fill out this [form](#) notifying the state League. This information may help prevent future disenfranchisement of PA voters.

It is too late to trust your ballot to the mail. [Here](#) is a list of secure dropboxes in Delaware County. Use any dropbox. Ballots must be in by 8 p.m. Election Night.

Two Major Developments on Environmental Issues

By Jodine Mayberry

Philadelphia LNG Terminal Task Force report approved:

The task force, led by State Rep. Martina White, R.-Phila., voted nearly unanimously on Nov. 1 to recommend that the Legislature facilitate construction of an LNG terminal somewhere along the navigable part of the Delaware River.

"Our abundant natural gas resources not only fuel economic growth within the Commonwealth but also offer us a unique opportunity to meet growing energy demand across the globe, while creating tens of thousands of jobs and generating billions of dollars in yearly economic activity [here]," White said. The report does not identify any particular site, she said.

Based on LWVPA's long-standing positions on environmental justice, fracking and pipelines, we would be opposed to such a project. Task Force member State Rep. Joe Hohenstein, D-Phila., agrees. He was the only one to vote no and he released a minority report opposing the project. The majority report had not been made public at press time but you can read Hohenstein's minority report [here](#).

"It is my belief that this report accurately addresses the concerns with placing an LNG facility within the geographical area covered by the Philadelphia Port, resulting in the conclusion that there is no suitable location for an LNG facility in Philadelphia or Southeastern Pennsylvania, Hohenstein said.

He said an LNG terminal needs "a lot of elbow room" to operate safely and space is simply not available along the navigable riverfront. His report lists a number of other reasons it should not be built, including that LNG tankers are too large to come up the Delaware River, new pipelines

would need to be built throughout our region, and the environmentally overburdened people of Chester, the only site mentioned during the hearing process, do not want it.

"The commonwealth should be engaged in a transition away from fossil fuels because of the need to address climate change," Hohenstein said.

Court shoots down RGGI regulation: Also on Nov. 1, the Commonwealth Court ruled for the Legislature in its legal battle with the Administration on the issue of whether former Governor Tom Wolf had the authority to join the 11-state Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative without Legislative approval. The court said the cap-and-trade program is a tax and as such, requires legislative approval.

LWVPA is very much in favor of RGGI as another powerful tool for mitigating climate change. It will be up to Gov. Josh Shapiro to decide whether to appeal to the state Supreme Court and he has been lukewarm on the initiative. There are also bills pending, but not moving, in the Legislature to curb the executive's power to establish new regulations, aimed directly at RGGI. You can read the court decision [here](#).



Generic Photo of LNG Export Terminal