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League of Women Voters of Central Delaware

September 2022

Election Security in Delaware County — Sept. 16

The League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County and the Delaware County League present the Hot Topic **Delaware County Elections: Are They Free, Fair and Secure?** on Friday September 16, 2022 at Noon on Zoom.

This one-hour panel discussion will try to answer election-related questions and provide a behind-the-scenes look at the county's voter registration, mail-in ballot and election night procedures.

The LWV CDC panel moderator Jodine Mayberry, Legislative Advocacy Committee chair, will ask Delaware County election experts and officials to answer the following questions:

- How secure is our voting system in 2022?
- What safeguards are built into the mail-in and in-

person systems to prevent fraud and hacking?

- Can voters be confident that the upcoming Nov. 8 midterm election will be free, fair and Secure?

Plus additional questions submitted via the event registration process. Speakers are Delaware County Election Director Jim Allen, Chief Registrations Clerk Crystal Winterbottom and cybersecurity expert Kevin Skoglund of Citizens for Better Elections.

The Hot Topic presentation is FREE but to receive the link to the Zoom Virtual Meeting via email you MUST register.

PLEASE REGISTER & SUBMIT QUESTIONS - [CLICK HERE](#)

Contact Jodine Mayberry at jodinemayberry@comcast.net for additional information.

NOTE: This program is the first of four that LWV-CDC has scheduled for September and October focusing on the November Midterm elections and the division that is roiling our country. See Page 3 for the other upcoming programs, mark your calendars and don't forget to register for each program.

Let's Get Together for Wine and Conversation Sept. 14

You are cordially invited to Sip & Chat with The League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County (LWV CDC) on Wednesday, September 14, 3-5 PM at the [Village Vine Wine Bar & Bistro](#), 6 Park Ave, Swarthmore PA.

Please join us for relaxed conversation, cheese and wine (Cash bar for wine). The owners of the Village Vine Wine Bar & Bistro will tell us of their journey as women in business as well as their community endeavors.

Then Let's Talk-- our exciting year ahead will focus on getting out the vote for the 2022 elections.

Event Cost: \$20 per person plus CASH BAR.

To reserve your participation by online registration and to learn how to pay on line, by check or at the door, [CLICK HERE](#).

Registration Deadline – No registrations accepted after September 7

Additional Opportunity: Enjoy Dinner after Sip & Chat: To extend the conversation consider staying for dinner and as a member of LWV, get a complimentary glass of sparkling with your meal. Please call or email Village Vine Wine Bar & Bistro directly to reserve your table: (484) 471-3997 or reservations@villagevineswarthmore.com.

Event Contacts: RoseMarie Lord: RMLord1006@gmail.com or Gloria Rabinowitz: gloriarabinowitz@gmail.com

COVID NOTE: Because of COVID we plan on following the health safety regulations of the venue. If an in-person event is not recommended at the time of the event you will be contacted using your reservation information.

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President's Message

The League of Women Voters Suggests 10 Ways YOU can Help People Vote and YOU Can Make Sure Elections Matter

Check your voter registration and **ask at least five friends to do the same**. If you've moved or changed your name since the last time you voted, you most likely need to update your registration record. Don't wait until it's too late: check your status now [CLICK HERE](#).

Find out where the candidates stand on the issues that matter most to you by using our Webby award-winning site, VOTE411.org, and check to see who is on your ballot, what they stand for, and what options you have for voting. For the **Vote411 Pennsylvania page** [CLICK HERE](#).

Join the election workforce! Our elections depend on thousands of people working to staff and secure them every year. Help out our democracy plus it is a paid gig. For Delaware County poll worker information [CLICK HERE](#).

Volunteer to help get voters ready for Election Day by joining our voter registration team. To learn more [CLICK HERE](#).

Share our First-Time Voter Checklist to help make sure they're prepared [CLICK HERE](#).

Find out who's funding the candidates on your ballot. The nonpartisan, independent and nonprofit research site OpenSecrets to track the flow of money in American politics. To begin, [CLICK HERE](#).

Call the Delaware County Election Hotline at (610) 891-VOTE with a voting question or if you see or hear a problem with voting. The hotline is staffed Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on **Election Day from 5:30 a.m. until 12 midnight**.

Learn about our nation's historic – and persistent – struggle for voting rights, then get involved in a coalition of organizations whose mission you believe in [CLICK HERE](#).

Check out voting resources in Delaware County - LWV CDC Voter Toolkit [CLICK HERE](#) and LWV CDC Election Law and Election Security Issues Page [CLICK HERE](#) and Delco Votes [CLICK HERE](#)

Spread the word! About our calendar of events [CLICK HERE](#).

Anne Mosakowski

Polarization and Political Engagement — Sept. 30

Beyond Ambivalence: Rethinking Polarization and the Connection to Political Engagement:

Is our nation really as irretrievably polarized as we think it is? Is there room for nuanced differences of opinion on political issues? Are there ways we can promote political engagement without making our national divisions worse?

Widener Political Science Professor Dr. James Vike is going to try to answer these questions in a Hot Topics program Friday Sept. 30, noon, on Zoom.

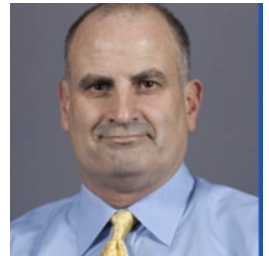
Dr. Vike will share his project and research findings concerning polarization and politics.

His project relies upon statistical analysis of cumulative data from the American National Election Studies (ANES) from 2008 through 2020 and takes a closer look

at the consistency of individual-level expressions of polarization across numerous candidate-related and party-related measures of polarization.

Through his research Dr. Vike proposes a new framework that allows for “nuanced differentiation between partial and full polarization and includes a more inclusive, representative and non-disparaging category for those individuals who happen to express balanced or mixed views across a range of circumstances and scenarios.”

Mark your calendar and register [here](#).



Dr. James E. Vike,

Campaign Finance and the Outlook for the 2022 Election

The other two programs on our fall schedule that you will not want to miss are:

Buying Elections: What You Should Know about Campaign Finance:

LWV-CDC is thrilled to announce it has arranged for Kelly Kauffman of OpenSecrets to moderate a panel discussion of expert investigative reporters from [OpenSecrets](#) and [Spotlight PA](#) to explore how political campaigns are paid for, how voters can find out who provides the oceans of money to fund campaigns and what the consequences of this system are. **Oct. 7 at noon on Zoom.** Register [here](#).

The 2022 Midterm Election:

The ever popular G. Terry Madonna, the League’s good friend and well-known pollster and election analyst, will return on **Oct. 14 at noon on Zoom** to give us his fearless, unbiased take on the general election nationally and here in Pennsylvania. Register [here](#). We’ll tell you more about these two programs in the October Voter and you can learn more on the events page of our [website](#). In the meantime, mark your calendars and register early.

September-October Events Calendar

Sept. 14 (Wednesday): Sip & Chat, an opportunity for League members to just come and talk to one another at the [Village Vine Wine Bar & Bistro](#), 6 Park Ave, Swarthmore PA. \$20. This is a small venue with limited seating so [register](#) by Sept. 7.

Sept. 16 (Friday): Delaware County Elections: Are They Free, Fair and Secure? at Noon on Zoom. Panel Discussion featuring Delaware County elections officials. Register [here](#).

Sept. 30 (Friday): Beyond Ambivalence: Rethinking Polarization and the Connection to Political Engagement. At noon on Zoom. Register [here](#).

Oct. 7 (Friday): Buying Elections: What You Should Know about Campaign Finance. Noon on Zoom. Register above.

Oct. 14 (Friday): G. Terry Madonna on the likely outcomes of the 2022 Midterm elections. Register above.

159th District Candidates Forum

LWV-CDC will hold a virtual candidates forum for the PA House 159th District (Chester City) will be held on Wednesday, September 28 at 7 p.m. and live streamed on YouTube. Candidates Carol Kazeem (Democrat) and



Ruth Moton (Republican) will answer questions from the public, submitted prior to the Forum. LWV member Tiffany Griffin will be the moderator.

You can register and submit questions [HERE](#) for the forum.

Ruth Moton

Both candidates are challengers. Kazeem defeated incumbent Brian Kirkland in the Democratic primary election.

The forum will be taped and can be viewed on our [YouTube channel](#) afterwards.



Carol Kazeem

New Members

The enrollment of new members since June has now put the League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County at more than 200 members (provided everyone pays their dues). Membership chair [Olivia Thorne](#) will be contacting new members for brief, Zoom conversations about how LWV works and its guiding principles.

We already have new members jumping in to help out at the voter registration and get out the vote events listed below. Feel free to join in by signing up with the voter service committee at any of the emails listed below.

New members since June: Malena Carey, Kristine Mulhorn and husband Ayumu Yokoyama, Samantha Twining, Barbara Kelley, Betty Levengood, Linda Cohen, Marion Yager Hamermesh, Alison Perch, Liz Farley, Karen Krogh, and Susan Westervelt.

Welcome aboard! Thank you for joining us in our important fight to make democracy work for everyone.

Voter Registration and Get out the Vote Schedule

Our hard-working Voter Services Committee has set the following schedule for staffing voter registration tables in September and October. They will be registering voters and encouraging voters to make a plan to vote this fall by mail, absentee ballot or in person. The Nov. 8 midterm election is one of the most important we have ever had in Pennsylvania. Voting rights, climate change and reproductive health are all on the ballot. If you want to volunteer for one or more of these dates, email Marilyn Gilroy at zzpixel@yahoo.com, Kathy Knight at kathyknight7@gmail.com or Kathleen Peterson at kmpeterso@hotmail.com.

These dates are also posted on our [events page](#). Additional dates will be posted there as they come up.

Sept. 10 — Swarthmore Farmers Market, 121 Park Ave., Swarthmore, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Sept. 18 — Swarthmore Rotary Fun Fair, 121 Park Ave., Swarthmore, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Sept. 20 — Delaware County Community College, Marple Campus, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Sept. 21 — Delaware County Community College, Marple Campus, 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.

Sept. 22 — Senior Expo, Drexelbrook Event Center, 4700 Drexelbrook Dr., Upper Darby, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Sept. 22 — Senior Expo, Brookhaven Municipal Building, Cambridge Dr., Brookhaven, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sept. 24 — Community Day at Ridley High School parking lot, 901 Morton Ave., Ridley, 11 a.m. 1:30 p.m.

Sept. 24 — East Lansdowne Community Day, East Lansdowne Municipal Center, 155 Lexington Ave., 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sept. 24 — Upper Darby International Festival, 100 block of Garrett Rd., 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.,

Sept. 29 — Senior Expo, Penn State University, Brandywine, Rte 352, Middletown, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Oct. 8 — Chester City Rocks — Voting Matters. Vittles Food Hall, 801 Sproul Street, Chester, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Oct. 13 — Senior Expo, Concord, PBYC Gymnasium 41 Thornton Road, Glen Mills 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Oct. 15 — Swarthmore Farmers Market, 121 Parke Ave., Swarthmore, 8:30 to 12 p.m.