



League of Women Voters ®  
of Central Delaware County

# September 2024 Voter

**Editor's Note:** This is our first edition of The Voter in a new online format that will allow us to build the newsletter each month as we go along, making it faster and easier to produce. It is printable, clickable and will be available at [LWVCDC.ORG](http://LWVCDC.ORG)



(left to right) Anne Mosakowski, Cathy Yungmann, Rosemary Kesling and Linda Carpenter pose with "Voter Girl," to support a new national partnership with the Girl Scouts USA to "Promote the Vote" at the national convention in June.

## What We Did This Summer: LWVUS Biennial Convention

Five CDC members and 861 of our other League sisters and brothers across the nation met at the Washington, D.C., Hilton in June to plan the national League's program for 2025-2026. The delegates approved three major program initiatives: Making Democracy Work (with a strong emphasis on the National Popular Vote Initiative and eliminating the Electoral College), a one-year study of the federal judiciary, and a concurrence in support of local news that was proposed by the LWV of Washington State. We also approved a resolution to support statehood for the District of Columbia.

To learn more about convention happenings, read a summary [HERE](#).

## We're Focused Like a Laser on the November Election

The LWVCDC Voter Services team has already organized 19 voter information events for September and October including four on Sept. 17, National Voter Registration day. There's sure to be one in your area. To sign up to give an hour or two to any of them, please see our calendar of events and sign

up for the ones you want to help table [HERE](#). We may have already filled up a lot of slots but there's always room for more LWV members.

## Sept. 17 Is National Voter Registration Day

LWV has a long history partnering with Civic Holidays and registering and engaging voters ahead of elections. Join LWV CDC for these events planned for National Voter Registration Day.

See the list of NVRD events and sign up [HERE](#).



Anne Mosakowski

## President's Message

As President of a local League of Women Voters I want to share the message from the newly elected president of the U.S. League of Women Voters, Dianna Wynn, about the state of our democracy ahead of the 2024 election:

“For more than a century, the League of Women Voters has stood as a trusted, nonpartisan source of election information for voters across this nation. The League will use our power and resources to combat any attempt to undercut the values of free and fair elections and our democracy of, by, and for the people.” [Read More](#)

## Video of the Month: The Peaceful Transfer of Power

We're starting a new feature, Video of the Month. Here is a video created by the LWV of Greater Pittsburgh about how "the miracle" of the peaceful transfer of power began with George Washington leading up to the present day. This is a foundational principle of our democratic republic without which we would no longer be a democracy. Open [HERE](#).



## Pennsylvania is Already Hip Deep in 2024 Election Litigation: Here Is Information to Share with Voters

*By Jodine Mayberry, legislative advocate*

Nearly four years after the 2020 election, voter suppression activists are still trying to litigate that election, while good governance organizations, like the League, the Committee of Seventy and Common Cause, and election officials in all 67 counties are gearing up for more of the same both before and after this November's presidential election.

**Dates on mail ballots**

### Warning: Text/Email Scams Victimize Voters

The Department of State has issued a warning telling voters to beware of scam emails and texts meant to confuse or disenfranchise them. The messages tell voters they are

On Aug. 29, the PA Commonwealth Court ruled 4-1 that county election officials cannot reject mail-in ballots for missing or incorrect dates.

“The refusal to count undated or incorrectly dated but timely mail ballots submitted by otherwise eligible voters because of meaningless and inconsequential paperwork errors violates the fundamental right to vote,” Judge Ellen Ceisler wrote in her opinion for the court majority. However, the Pennsylvania Republican Party and the Republican national Committee, which had brought the suit, immediately vowed to appeal to the state Supreme Court. That appeal is pending.

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**not registered to vote or that their voting information is incorrect. The scammers then urge voters to click on a phony link or call their board of elections, while providing a fake phone number. If League members encounter any victims, tell them to check their registration status on [Vote411](#) or the state election [site](#), or call the Delaware County Election Bureau at 610-891-4673.**



## LWV Webinar-The Economic Impacts of Immigration

Join LWVUS in a webinar Sept. 23 at 7 p.m. to hear a conversation between two immigration experts, Kristie de Peña, director of immigration for the Niskanen Center, and

Madeline Zavodny, professor of economics at the University of North Florida, about the economics of immigration to the United States. This makes a nice follow on our own program last May on the economics of immigration. You don't have to register, just click [HERE](#) and scroll down to the Zoom link when the program is scheduled to begin. To watch our own May 10 Hot Topic program, click [HERE](#).

## We Welcome New Citizens

Delaware County Naturalization Ceremony will take place at the Delaware County Courthouse in Media on Sept. 11, at 7:p.m.. LWVCDC has been invited by the presiding Judge to be present at the naturalization ceremony to give each new citizen a packet of information about voting.

NOTE: This is an invitation-only event but to learn more about the naturalization process and voting click [HERE](#).



## Boscov's Friends helping Friends Fundraiser



Our League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County again this year will be participating in Boscov's Friends Helping Friends event. This event helps shoppers save money on the Friends Helping Friends Day Oct. 22, 2024, from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. and also helps raise money for our League to support our programs plus it gives our members an opportunity to share voting information.

Here's how it works: You buy a shopping pass from the League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County for a \$5 donation that goes 100% to our League and you use the pass all day on Tuesday, Oct. 22, to buy items in Boscov's for 25% off each item in addition to the marked-down sale price. You can also register for a \$100 gift card.



We need volunteers to sell the shopping passes at tables at the Boscov's Granite Run Store 1067 Baltimore Pike, Media PA on two pre-sale days (Sunday, Oct. 13 and Saturday, Oct. 19) and on the Friends Helping Friends sale day, Oct. 22. If you can spare a couple hours on any of these days, please click [HERE](#).

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## Hello to New Members and a Sad Farewell to the Ones We've Lost in 2024

Since June we've welcomed 13 new members: William Moore and Kate Kauranen, Media; Nadyne Rosin, Upper Chichester; Lise and Michael Meloy, Swarthmore; Beth Lawn, Chester; Rosemary Hughes, Havertown; Tracy Sadowski, Media; Alexis Washington, Media; Amy Moulton, Media; Mary Grace Gontzes, Media; Renee Langmuir, Chadds Ford, Patricia Powell, Glen Mills, and Dr. Robert Dreyfus, Swarthmore. We're happy to have you. Please contact [LWVCDC](#) if you want to join a committee or help with any of the work we're doing.



Anna Everetts

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Sadly, we lost three amazing members this year: Anna M. Everetts, 74, of Norwood, Madelon Sheff of Swarthmore, and Lois Hodge, 92, of Media, formerly of Springfield. All three had long careers in education. Anna was an administrative assistant at William Penn School District and Swarthmore College and Lois worked a school nurse in Chester schools for many years. Lois was a life member and a leader of the Springfield LWV before it merged with CDC. Madelon was a teacher in the New York City school system for 27 years and then enjoyed a second career as an author. You can look up her books on [Amazon](#).



Madelon Sheff



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