
LEADING AS THE LEAGUE

July 2024

Our Newsletter Has a Name!

July is supposed to be a sleepy time -- especially with this weather -- but things are hopping for the Sussex LWV, between Get Out The Vote (GOTV) activities, planning for candidate forums, and special events. And our newsletter is anonymous no more! **Welcome to the Leading as the League newsletter**, where you'll find info and highlights on the activities of the Sussex LWV and our allies. Editor Barbara Hedges-Goettl is giving us a fresh look and exercising her journalistic muscle to go behind the scenes with our committee activities. Don't forget to check out our website and Facebook page, which we continue to update and refresh to bring you the latest news and opportunities to join in the work of empowering Sussex voters and defending democracy!

And now... **wondering what you can do in this very important election year?** Read on to hear about volunteer opportunities, but please consider donating. Remember that we retain only about \$12 of your annual dues -- the rest goes upstream to the State and National Leagues. Candidate Forums are expensive: we need to rent venues, pay for venue staff and technicians, and print programs. If you can do nothing else, please consider a donation to help support our forums. Click the button to the left to find out how.



DONATE



The new LWV membership year began July 1.

Now is the time to renew!

Your fee gets you membership in the Sussex County, Delaware, and national Leagues.

- \$60/individual
- \$30/additional household member
- \$5/student

Follow this [LINK](#) to renew & let us know how you want to be involved.



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Do you...

- Care about closing the digital divide?
- See the need for more home computers/internet access?
- Think more online skills would help you?

Share your ideas with the Delaware Broadband Office at a **Digital Equity Workshop** **Tuesday, July 23, Milford Library** **11 S.E. Front Street**
TWO SESSIONS – 3:30-4:30pm OR 5:30-6:30pm



Juneteenth Volunteers at Richard Allen School, Georgetown

L-R: Amystique Church, Jeff Rowe, Jasmine Patterson, Barb Hedges-Goettl.

Photo: Victoria Harris

Can you volunteer at upcoming voter info tables?

The Moorings – Lewes 7/23 10 AM-noon

IMPACT Festival - Bridgeville 8/3

To help with these & other upcoming opportunities, visit our [SignUp](#) page..



Delaware House Representative District 20 Candidate Forum November 2022

L-R: Judy Parkins, Lisa Welle Malone, Susan Cunningham, Mary Maki, Janet Ambrose, Martha Rothenberg, Pat Newcomb, Rain Tyler, Dianna Benankin

SPOTLIGHT ON:

LISA MALONE, CANDIDATE FORUM COORDINATOR AND 2024 VP!

Lisa likens her Forum coordinator role to that of a wedding coordinator. She's planning (several) big events in October, each one bringing together two parties, a venue, a LOT of logistics, and support personnel, including an American Sign Language interpreter and livestreaming support. So far, she's got forums going for District 20 House of Representatives, District 6 State Senator, and District 3 County Council. She's also working on a **Gubernatorial Forum** at DelTech, which is a real plum for the Sussex League!

A retired science teacher originally from College Park, MD, Lisa came from the Boston area to Milton in January 2020 to be closer to her folks. She joined the League because **she believes that everyone should vote—and that everyone should be an informed voter.**

Lisa also recently attended the LWVUS National Convention in DC. Watch for her article on the event!

Each Forum requires about 20 people to support it -- time keepers, door minders, question managers, etc.

Please use this [SignUp](#) link to let Lisa know you want to help.

And even if you can't help, come to show our commitment to making democracy work for everyone.

View the full 17-minute interview with Lisa by Barb Hedges-Goettl [here](#).

Next month: Observer Corps!



What else can LWV members do?

ATTEND a BOARD MEETING to learn more!

The next board meeting is **Monday, August 12th 7-8:30pm on Zoom.**
Contact website administrator Martha Rothenberg rothenbergm@outlook.com for link.



Sussex LWV is a 501(c)(3), all-volunteer, nonpartisan organization.

We receive only \$12 of your \$60 annual dues; the rest goes to LWVUS and LWV of Delaware.

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