

Leading as the League August 2024 Newsletter

Meet New LWVSCDE President Barb Hedges-Goettl



Please join the LWVSCDE in welcoming our new Board President Barb Hedges-Goettl! During the August 12th board meeting, Barb was nominated, and unanimously elected, to the Presidency. Barb became familiar with the League through her mother, a member in central Illinois in the 1960's. In the early 2000's, Barb joined the LWV of Abington-Cheltenham-Jenkintown, serving as VP and then President. Moving to Rehoboth in 2020, Barb joined LWVSCDE in 2022. Using her skills and experience in planning and writing, Barb joined the Communications Committee, then assumed the editor's role for the renamed newsletter: "Leading as the

League." Barb helped with the "DoMore24" campaign and volunteered with the Juneteenth Voter Services event at the Richard Allen School in Georgetown.

Prior to moving to Rehoboth, Barb taught special ed online for a charter middle school in Chester, PA. In 2021, she became the interim pastor at Makemie Presbyterian Church in Snow Hill, MD. Now that her Church has hired a new pastor, Barb looks forward to serving as League President through June 2025 when the current term ends. She notes, "I look forward to getting to know the people, priorities, and traditions of LWVSCDE. Hope to see/meet you at the September 18th LLL social and the upcoming candidate forums!"

When she is not using her seemingly boundless energy for the League, Barb is active in Snow Hill Rotary and in community theater, both at Second Street Players-Milford and Possum Point Players-Georgetown. She plays first violin in SODELO (Southern Delaware Orchestra), as well as writing the program notes for their last two-concert series. Barb enjoys traveling with her husband Len for fun and/or to visit their children and grandchildren, as well as her sister who lives in Armenia.

League, Libations and Learning

Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2024

5-7:30 pm

Iron Hill, 19815 Coastal Highway, Rehoboth
Community Legal Aid Society Voting Rights Advocate

Joann Kingsley

Advocating for the Rights of the Disabled in the Voting Process

Dinner and libations will precede the presentation, which will begin around 6:00,
followed by a Q&A session.

[Don't wait! Click here to register for this event - seating is limited.](#)



FIVE Candidate Forums

Starting 9/26, we have FIVE candidate forums scheduled!

**BUT –we only have about one-quarter of the volunteers
we will need for these events.**

**The forum dates are Thursday 9/26 and Tuesdays 10/15, 10/22, 10/29
– plus the BIG ONE:**

A GOVERNOR CANDIDATE FORUM ON SATURDAY 10/19 AT DELTECH!

**Volunteer to help with our forums;
it's one of the things the LWV does best!**

[Click this link for details.](#)

**Even if you can't volunteer, please come to show your support for this important
LWVSCDE work!**



**LWVSCDE's 2nd Annual
Women's History Month (March)
Film Festival**

in collaboration with
The Rehoboth Beach Film Society's Cinema
Arts Theater

**Committee Needed to Plan, Organize, & Implement Event,
building on the enormous success of our 3/18/24 event**

Skills Needed

- Creative & Collaborative Planning, with Timely Follow-Up
- Verbal & Written Communication Skills, with Monthly Board Reports
- Fundraising Experience a plus
- Enthusiasm for a meaningful & fun-filled evening!

Contact: Sue Claire Harper (302.260.9532; secmate47@gmail.com)

**Register Now for
LWVUS Election 2024
Online Sessions**

[Click here to register](#)



- **Election 2024: Media & Rapid Response Messaging** | Tuesday, Aug. 27, 1pm
- **Election 2024: Social Media & Branding** | Thursday, Sept. 5, 1pm
- **Election 2024: Issues with Debates & Candidate Forums** | Thursday, Sept. 12, 1pm
- **Election 2024: Direct Voter Contact** | Thursday, Sept. 19, 5pm
- **Election 2024: Preparing for Post-Election** | Thursday, Oct. 3, 1pm
- **Election 2024: Bystander Training & Voter Intimidation** | Thursday, Oct. 10, 1pm

VOTER SERVICES registered 18 voters at The Lodge Retirement Center!

Join Ida Rowe, Co-Chair of Voter Services to share information with the public about League membership, VOTE411, voter registrations and upcoming candidate forums.

Voter Services will also be present at:

- The Historic Lewes Farmers Market on Sat. 9/14
- The Milton Hispanic Festival on Sat. 9/28
- Delaware Adolescent program (DAPI) Fall Festival on Sat. 10/26

[Go to SignUp at this link](#) to sign up for these Voter Services events and other volunteer opportunities.



LWVUS updated its DEI Policy on 1/21/24
When the LWVUS updated its Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI) policy on 1/21/24, our LWVSCDE updated its Policy and Procedures as follows:

Chapter III. DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DEI)

B. Discrimination or harassment of any kind will not be accepted within the League, including but not limited to race, socio-economic status, age, ability status, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, gender identity, or marital status. The League is committed to fostering, cultivating, and preserving a culture of diversity, equity, inclusion, access, and belonging for all people. The League is an organization that respects and values the richness of our community and our members. The collective sum of our individual differences and life experiences represents not only our culture, but our reputation and the organization's mission and achievements as well.



LWVDE's VOTE411 for September Primary Is Now Live!! **Here's the link: [VOTE411](#)**

Do You Have Questions about VOTE411's Privacy?

LWVUS wants Leagues to be well versed in how to assure voters and the public at large that VOTE411 is here to serve them.

LWVUS is reviewing the language in [VOTE411's privacy policy](#) so that voters can be assured that we are transparent about what data is collected and how it is used. Leagues may share or refer to this privacy policy or LWV Education Fund's statement if there are questions in your state about VOTE411's data usage. Media inquiries should be referred to communications@lww.org. Using VOTE411 does not result in the selling or sharing of their personal data. If users opt in to receive communications, those individuals will receive additional communications from LWVEF. However, if users give financially on VOTE411, their data may be shared with other nonprofits but never sold. The specifics of this are outlined in the site's [privacy policy](#) as well.

LWV members should not share misinformation. We should treat questions about VOTE411 as internal business matters by sending misinformation to the team at vote411help@lww.org. Raising these questions publicly or externally (in newsletters, promo emails, social media, news media) contributes to the misinformation about our tool and weakens our ability to empower voters across the country. We appreciate your partnership in speaking with one voice about the [VOTE411.org](#) tool that serves millions each year. Thank you.

Spotlight On: Jack Young **LWVDE Lobbyist & Sussex LWV Observer Corps Chair**



Jack Young did a sit-down interview to talk about his experience as a LWVDE lobbyist in Dover and as Chair of the Observer Corps. Jack moved to Delaware from Virginia eleven years ago, following in his mother's footsteps with the LWV. She was LWV-Virginia State President and coordinator of a weekly Women's Caucus among female representatives in the state legislature.

Jack has a wealth of knowledge on local development and other issues affecting Sussex County. With regard to lobbying for LWVDE, Jack notes that legislators often listen to and value the League's input as a reasonable, respected voice regarding pending legislation. In fact, the district maps now in use are, with a few alterations, the ones recommended by the State League!

Government works better when the people are watching! The Observer Corps is about the business of attending local government meetings in person or via Zoom and making a brief report. Recent observations have focused on the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Sussex County Board. The P&Z Commission makes decisions about development that do not involve a change in zoning. Zoning changes require action by the County Board. Let Jack know if you'd like to be an observer!

** Our efforts to record our interview were not successful, but you can hear more from Jack by reading his address from the June 2023 LWVSCDE annual meeting at*

<https://my.lwv.org/delaware/sussex-county-delaware/article/keynote-speaker-jack-young-addresses-members-lwvsc-annual-meeting>

Next month: Spotlight on our local [Vote411.org](https://www.vote411.org) organizer



(L-R) Sue Claire Harper, LWVSCDE Board member, and member Diane Lambert at the event.

August 14th Joint Fundraiser at Iron Hill

All Iron Hill Brewery locations donated 20% of the food check total when requested! LWVDE arranged for the cross-county event, with a portion from Sussex County sales given to LWVSCDE.

Did you miss the fundraiser? Donations maximize the benefits we receive. [Contribute online at this link](#) or send a check to our LWVSCDE address (below).

Want to know more about LWVSCDE?

Board meetings, held on Zoom, are open to all members as well as to the public!

Next meeting is Monday, September 9 from 7- 8:30 PM

Get a link by emailing Website Administrator
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