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The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

**League of Women Voters of Delaware invites all members to its biennial CONVENTION, SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2015
Dover Downs Hotel, The Chesapeake Room, 1131 N. DuPont Highway
Dover, DE 19901**

No experience required to become a delegate! Join us for an informative and productive day.

Convention and Registration at 8:30 – 9 am with coffee/teas/decaf/water/snacks

Business meeting 9:00 am • panel 11:00 – 12:15 pm • Luncheon at 12:30 pm with Speaker
• Business meeting 2:00 pm • Adjourn 3 pm

THEME: *Civil Rights and Social Justice in Delaware.*

What are the major concerns and issues in each county or statewide in the area of Civil Rights and Social Justice? What progress has been made and what reforms are needed? Each presenter will be asked to respond to the above questions and also offer a perspective re cause and effect of CR/SJ concerns. The presenters recommendations for change/reform would be welcomed. What specific programs, legislation, targeted groups should reform be focused on? There will be time for Q & A as well.

Panelists & Keynote Speaker



Keynote speaker at lunch: **Kathleen McRae**, Executive Director of the ACLU will address Civil Rights and Social Justice in Delaware.

Kathleen joined the ACLU-DE as executive director in November of 2010. She relocated to Delaware from New Mexico where she had worked for the ACLU-NM as development director. Before settling in with the ACLU, Kathleen was the executive director of the New Mexico Coalition to Repeal the Death Penalty. There she led the campaign that won passage of repeal legislation in the NM House of Representatives for the first time in 2005. In March 2009, after a 10 year effort, New Mexico's death penalty was abolished. Kathleen has a Master's Degree in social work from Rhode Island College with concentrations in

policy analysis, community organizing and social service administration and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Rhode Island. She is a member of the board of directors of Equality Delaware, Inc.



Panelist: **Darlene Battle** is the Executive Director of Delaware Alliance for Community Advancement (DACA) where they champion issues such as Same Day Registration, global warming awareness, drivers' licenses for undocumented Delawareans, and minimum wage increases. She has recruited and trained volunteers to provide no-cost tax preparation services for low income working families and organizes and hosts volunteer jobs training sessions as well as training volunteers to engage in community outreach.

Throughout her career of helping others, Ms. Battle has unselfishly advocated for the needy, always pushing for the rights and laws that impact low and moderate income families. She has received numerous awards and

recognition for her work, including being inducted into 2015 Delaware Commission for Women, Hall Fame; Commendations from New Castle; Commendation from IRS; an award from La Paz Mexico for volunteerism; recognition for supporting Dr. Martin Luther King Day volunteer initiatives since 2001; Certificate of Recognition from United Union; Delaware Regional Award for Voter Registration (registered over 14,000 eligible voters); and recognition from Habitat for Humanity, Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) and many others.



Panelist: **Dr. Yasser Arafat Payne** is an Associate Professor in the Department of Black American Studies at the University of Delaware. Dr. Payne completed his doctoral work at the Graduate Center-City University of New York where he was trained as a social-personality psychologist. Also, Dr. Payne completed a postdoctoral fellowship funded by the National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIH-NIDA) whereby he worked on a re-entry and intervention based research project in New York City’s largest jail, Rikers Island—a project designed to reduce: (1) recidivism, (2) drug use, and (3) other risky behavior leading to HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Payne has organized a street ethnographic research program centered on exploring notions of resilience and resiliency with the streets of Black and Brown America using an unconventional methodological framework entitled: Street Participatory Action Research (Street PAR)—the process of involving street-identified persons or members of this population in the process of activist-based research. Street identified populations are typically framed in a monolithic way and Dr. Payne through his research has found great emotional, psychological and developmental variation. His work seeks to break through stereotypical barriers and images of Black and Brown people in the criminal justice system, so that transition back in the community and opportunities for upward mobility are successful.



Panelist: **Eugene Young** is the Delaware Center for Justice (DCJ) Advocacy Director. He coordinates the agency's Stand Up for what's Right and Just (SURJ) at DCJ policy programming and legislative advocacy, including work on such topics as juvenile justice, sentencing reform, pretrial reform, and death penalty repeal.

Prior to joining DCJ, Young served as Project Specialist & Aide to Senator Cory Booker and has also served as a Legislative Aide in the Delaware House of Representatives. Eugene has extensive experience working on state and federal policy, and is also the Co-Founder of Delaware Elite, a nonprofit that focused on youth leadership development in Wilmington. Young received his bachelor’s degree from University of Maryland Baltimore County and also holds a Masters of Public Administration from Wilmington University and a Certificate in Nonprofit Management from the University of Delaware.

The Business of Convention 2015 includes:

NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, PROPOSED PROGRAM 2015-2017, PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES, PROPOSED BUDGET(S) for 2015-16 AND 2016-17

Registration Information

\$35.00 Registration is paid at the registration table.

Call or email your local League president (listed below) and let her know that you will be a delegate or visitor. Send your name, contact information and the League you are representing to the office lwvde@comcast.net or call the office at 302- 571-8948. Payment for registration is taken on the day of the event at the registration table.

- Some local Leagues subsidize their delegates:
 LWV of Delaware Board members/delegates pay \$35.
 LWV of Kent County pay \$21.
 LWV of New Castle County delegates pay \$25.
 LWV of Sussex County pay \$35.

If you are a nominee not currently serving on a board, you are encouraged to represent your local League as a delegate. Visitors are welcome and pay \$35.

- LWVNCC – Emily White – mcculloughem5@aol.com
 LWVKC – Phyllis Edamatsu – pyedamatsu@earthlink.net
 LWVSC – Jane Lord - jtlord@1@yahoo.com
 State Board – Charlotte King - charlottefking@aol.com

You can also leave a message at 302-571-8948, the LWV Office.

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SLATE OF NOMINATED OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS 2015-17

JILL FUCHS: PRESIDENT (Kent County)

Jill has been a resident of Delaware for the past 11 years. Presently she holds the office of 1st VP of the Kent County League and 1st VP of the Delaware State League, as well as being a member of the Advocacy Corps with a portfolio on manufactured housing. She serves in leadership roles for her community, as well as for state issues regarding manufactured housing communities on leased land. Jill is a founding member and Vice Chair of the Leased Land Homeowners Coalition (LLHC). LLHC played a key role in the recent passage of SB33, Rent Justification -stabilizing rent increases for manufactured housing on leased land.

CAROL JONES: 1ST VICE PRESIDENT (Sussex County)

Carol was born in North Dakota, raised in Oregon, schooled at the University of Southern California and lived in New York and New Jersey before moving to Delaware in 1996. Active in the League for many years, she is a past president and voter service chair of the Sussex County League and a past president of the LWVDE. She also serves on the state board of the Delaware Humanities Forum.

MARIE MAYOR: 2ND VICE PRESIDENT (Sussex County)

Marie Mayor is a resident of Milton. After a career in education including serving as an administrator at the Maryland Department of Education and at Baltimore County Public Schools, she retired from the U.S. Department of Education in 2009. She is the former Chair of the Southern Delaware Tourism Board and has owned Lavender Fields at Warrington Manor since 2002.

Marie is a member of the LWV of Sussex League's Land Use Committee.

LISA PERTZOFF: SECRETARY (NCC County)

Elizabeth B. Pertzoff (Lisa) was born in Wilmington, Delaware, and has lived in New Castle County for most of her life. Professionally, she is a nationally certified addictions counselor in alcoholism, drug abuse and compulsive gambling. She recently retired after having worked as executive director of the Delaware Council on Gambling Problems for 30 years. During her long career in the addictions field, she has been on the Governor's Advisory Council for Substance Abuse and Mental Health, the board of directors of the Delaware Council on Alcoholism, the Delaware Council on Gambling Problems, The National Council on Problem Gambling, and the Addictions Coalition of Delaware, of which she was a co-founder. She has also served on the board of directors of the League of Women Voters.

Her passionate love of animals and interest in native plant gardening was the driving force behind her long-standing involvement in environmental issues. Throughout her childhood, her parents emphasized the importance of persistence in "leaving the place a little better than you found it." As a native Delawarean, she knows that its size can be an advantage, in that anyone willing to expend the time and energy required to become armed with accurate information can influence good public policy through public education, community involvement, and legislative action. Since she was also taught to "put your money where your mouth is," she strives to be a part of the solution rather than the problem through her service for two statewide agencies.

For the Delaware Nature Society, she serves on three committees: as a chair of their annual Native Plant Sale; a member of the Advocacy Committee; and a member of the Red Clay Valley Alliance Scenic Byway Committee.

For the League of Women Voters of Delaware, she currently serves on the state board of Directors; the Advocacy Corps; the Land Use Committee; and as co-chair of the Environmental Committee.

She lives in Yorklyn, Delaware with her husband, three dogs, and a cat.

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KATHARINE OLINCHAK: TREASURER: (NCC County)

Katharine Olinchak was born in Philadelphia Pa and raised in New Jersey. She has a bachelor's of science degree in mathematics from Muhlenberg College Allentown, PA. She spent 37 years in various positions in computer science and project management for electric utilities. After retiring, she went back to school and earned a Masters of Education from Wilmington University then taught math at Delaware Community Technical College. She likes getting to know others within the League of Women Voters and serving as the treasurer of the state board. She enjoys encouraging young women to reach for educational opportunities especially in the sciences. She also spends time involved with church activities, genealogy, and gardening.

DIRECTORS

BEVERLY JACKSON: DIRECTOR (Kent County)

Beverly Latimer Jackson joined the LWV in Mansfield, CT where she served as a member of the Board and later as Treasurer. Upon moving to Dover in 1992, she joined the LWV of Dover, now LWV of Kent County and served several terms as Treasurer and a member of the Board.

CHARLOTTE F. KING: DIRECTOR (Sussex County)

Charlotte King is a retired licensed clinical social worker who worked for more than 40 years in every aspect of the family and child welfare field from direct service and training to administration of statewide programs.

She has a BA from St. John's College in Annapolis and an MSW Degree from Fordham University School of Social Work in New York. Charlotte is the outgoing president of the LWVDE and has served on the Advocacy Corps of the State League. She currently resides in Lewes and is an active volunteer with several organizations such as St. Peter's Church and The Rehoboth Film Society. She also serves on the Delaware Commission for Women.

JANET PHILLIPS KRAMER: DIRECTOR (NCC County)

Janet is a retired physician who practiced internal medicine and adolescent medicine in Wilmington for twenty three years prior to serving as Director of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine at Christiana Care Health System from 1985 through 2000.

President of LWNCC from 2003-2007; Co-Chair of the Urban Health and Justice Committee of LWNCC from 2006 to 2009; served on the LWVDE Board from 2007 through the present with responsibility for the Justice portfolio.

In 2009, appointed by Governor Markel to the Adult Correction Healthcare Review Committee for two 3 year terms as the Medical Society of DE representative; on the Board of the Delaware Center for Justice (DCJ) since 2000, chair of the Board 2007-2009.

PEGGY SCHULTZ: DIRECTOR (NCC County)

Peggy was born in the Territory of Alaska where her dad was a section foreman on the Alaska Railroad. She moved down to Washington at six, when her dad became a commercial fisherman. She has a bachelor's degree from U.C., Berkeley, and a master's from Pitt.

She loves photography and shows her work now and again.

She also likes serving as Co-Chair of the Land Use/Transportation Committee with Jane Dille. When she's not doing Land Use or Energy or church or photography, you'll probably find her weeding her flower beds.

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SANDY SPENCE: DIRECTOR (Sussex County)

A retired association executive, Sandy immigrated to Delaware in 2003 from Washington, DC. Currently, she serves as LWVDE board member, assistant treasurer, and Advocacy Chair. She was president 2009-11 and treasurer 2007-09 and 2012-14. She served LWVSC as membership chair, Observer Corps member, and program chair/organizer of a public forum series on land use issues 2009-10.

Sandy also served on the Delaware Housing Coalition board, 2006-2014 and Sussex County Habitat for Humanity, 2003-2006. She earned a BA from Allegheny College and an MA from Rutgers, both in political science. When not working on League stuff, she's probably walking her rescued dog Dusty.

LES STILLSON: DIRECTOR (Kent County)

Les retired in 2010 from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in Delaware. He was responsible for managing and directing all NRCS field operational functions for Delaware. He has over 42 years of diverse professional experience working in eight states and three foreign countries. Retirement allowed Les to become more active in the LWVDE, serving on the Board of Directors and Finance Committee for two. He was raised on a small dairy farm in Vermont and is a graduate of the University of Maine with a degree in Forest Science.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Committee is still searching for the following positions to fill:
Chair of the Nominating Committee and two committee members.
Two additional committee members will be appointed from the board.

Local League Presidents or their designees serve on the state board

RECOMMENDED PROGRAM FOR ADOPTION AT CONVENTION 2015

The state board recommends the re-adoption of the current program and the addition of a new study and dropping one study as follows:

New Study: *Under NATURAL RESOURCES. A study of how Delaware could adopt a price on carbon emissions at the state level that will increase in stages, as part of an overall program to improve energy efficiency and to replace fossil fuels with renewable energy, fast enough to avoid more serious damage to the climate system.*

Drop Revenue Sources – Continuing Study: *A Study of State Government Revenue Sources*

PROPOSED BUDGETS

The state board recommends Proposed Budgets for 2015-16 and 2016-17 that include an increase in the per-member-payment (pmp).

The LWVDE PMP be raised to \$10.50. per member; \$5.25 for additional household member; \$5.25 for student member for Budget Year 2015-2016. And a PMP be raised to \$11.00 per member; \$5.50 for additional household member; \$5.50 for student member for Budget Year 2016-2017.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

The state board recommends three bylaws amendments which deal with the Treasurer's responsibilities, operation of the Finance Committee, and changing the percentage of delegate representation at LWVDE conventions. The latter increases representation from local Leagues. Submitted by LWVDE Finance Committee April, 2015

LWVDE Acting on Public Policy Issues



In a May 13 hearing almost three hours long, LWVDE President Charlotte King testified in favor of Repeal, calling the death penalty "barbaric." Unfortunately, the House Judiciary Committee failed to allow the bill out of committee on a vote of 6-5. Eight other League members of our Advocacy Corps were among those who filled the House Chamber and Gallery for the hearing. The bill passed the Senate on April 2 on a vote of 11-9 with one not voting.



That same day six League members attended a standing room only hearing on Senate Concurrent Resolution 6 calling on Congress to call a special Constitutional Convention specifically to address campaign finance issues raised by Citizens United. Following discussion with the Advocacy Corps that morning, Sandy Spence explained to the House Administration Committee that the LWVUS is undertaking a two year study on Constitutional Conventions, specifically addressing this issue, so LWVDE is not permitted to take a position on the Resolution. However, she said, she and many other League members personally support SCR 6.

Advocates expected the Resolution that had already passed in the Senate under the leadership of Sen. Bryan Townsend would fail to secure any votes in the Committee, which is comprised of the three leaders of the House Democrats and two Republican leaders. However, following a strong case made by House sponsor Bryon Short and advocates led by Judith Butler, who happens to be a new League member, including a compelling statement and answers to Members questions by renowned Constitutional scholar Lawrence Lessig from Harvard, the Republican leaders, Danny Short and Deborah Hudson, along with Democrat John Viola, voted the bill out of Committee.

It is unclear whether the House will pass SCR 6, strongly opposed by Speaker Pete Schwarzkopf. League members may contact their Representatives to express their personal opinion, but may not indicate they are doing so as League members.

LWVDE'S ADVOCACY CORPS BUSY ON NUMEROUS FRONTS - Sandy Spence



Two important bills are described in the captions to photos on this page. Besides action on those issues, the Advocacy Corps has been busy addressing other top priority legislation that the League supports.

Same Day Registration (SDR) has had a wild ride to date. At press time, it appeared that major issues had been resolved and that a strong bill that we can support will be introduced shortly by Sen. Margaret Rose Henry. That bill would allow people to register at the polls on Election Day, so that the long gap between the deadline for registering and Election Day would not prevent voters from exercising their right to vote.

A hang-up in earlier attempts to enact SDR was that felons who are eligible to vote were required to have paid all fines and certain other financial obligations prior to registering. It can take more than 24 hours to confirm. As she indicated at League Day in Dover, State Elections Commissioner Elaine Manlove has worked with sponsors to eliminate that requirement from the pending bill so it would not delay the registration process. Watch for an Action Alert urging you to contact your legislators in support of this bill after we see the bill, as introduced, and can confirm that it is consistent with League policy.

Farmland Preservation, strongly supported - along with Open Space preservation - by state League policy, is required
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by current law to be funded by \$10 million annually to be taken out of the state's share of the property transfer tax. In recent years, the Governor's budget has recommended only \$2 or 3 million. Peggy Schultz made a strong case in testimony presented before the House Agriculture Committee on May 13 supporting HB 124, sponsored by Rep. Dave Wilson and Sen. Brian Pettyjohn. That bill is the first leg of a constitutional amendment that would bind future Administrations and General Assemblies to comply with the current law. Constitutional amendments must be enacted by two separate General Assemblies to go into effect.

New Charter Schools would be subject to a moratorium until June 30, 2018, or until the State Board of Education develops a strategic plan for the number of charter, district, and vocational-technical schools; it also provides for review and comment from Wilmington's Mayor and City Council before a new charter school is approved in that city. Sandy Spence testified in favor of that legislation (HB 56) in the Senate Education Committee. The bill, cosponsored by Rep. Charles Potter and Sen. Margaret Rose Henry, had already passed the House.

DMOST, the Delaware Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment, (SB 64) that Joanne Hasse has been advocating for during both last Session and this year, passed both Houses and went to the Governor for signature in early May. It would allow patients with a disease that is expected to be terminal within a year to secure a doctor's medical order specifying the patient's desires regarding limitations on treatment during that time.

Clean Water legislation is expected to be introduced in June. The LWVDE Environmental Committee has been reviewing a draft and will be making recommendations for League action on it. Watch for an Action Alert on this legislation.

The Advocacy Corps (AC) is reviewing all legislation relevant to League concerns, taking positions pro and con and advocating appropriately. For information on other legislation or joining the AC, contact Sandy Spence at sandyspence325@gmail.com.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Charlotte King



I applaud you for your commitment to ongoing efforts that will help to implement good policy. As a proud member of the LWVSC and President of the LWVDE, it has been wonderful working with many of you who help to influence those who make critical decisions, improving the lives of Delaware citizens. The resolution awarded the League in a March session of the General Assembly recognized and honored the work that we have done. I know from my contact with various elected officials that we have the respect of many legislators in the General Assembly. These accomplishments merit our pride.

I know that as League members or as members of relevant coalitions, you will continue to advocate for good policy. Our Advocacy Corps has grown in membership but could still benefit by more involvement. Joining the Advocacy Corps will enable you to participate in the legislative process.

I recently told you that the League would start a discussion group on the *New Jim Crow, Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*, by Michelle Alexander. The 7 week study of this book was convened in April. The response is wonderful. At least 40-50 people from different organizations in Sussex County have been meeting bi-weekly to discuss this book. I hope that all of you will take the opportunity to read this book and to begin a similar study group that will lead to a proactive response to the serious issue of mass incarceration.

Our Delaware Leagues need members and resources. The strength of our educational/information programs, our advocacy and lobbying efforts, our collaborative work with many other groups depends on a sharp increase in League membership and financial resources. We cannot continue to be effective if our growth is not commensurate with the civic action demands of our communities.

Our State convention is planned for Saturday, June 6 at Dover Downs Conference Center. The program theme is Civil Rights and Social Justice in Delaware; a timely national and state issue. Please join us for a thoughtful presentation and discussion of this subject. Also, it's a great opportunity to get the most current information on the infrastructure that sustains us, including our budget for the next 2 years, amendments to our by-laws and policy and procedures and program priorities for 2015-2017. I look forward to seeing you on June 6.

HIGHLIGHTS OF LEAGUE DAY IN DOVER

League Day in Dover is held annually in late March. A record number of members and friends attended League Day 2015. Traditionally, we have focused in-depth on a single issue of priority interest. We took a different approach in 2015, addressing five priority issues with expert speakers covering each topic in half-hour segments, including questions and answers.

- Voting and Elections (Elaine Manlove, DE Commission of Elections)
- Campaign Finance (John Flaherty, President, DE Coalition for Open Government)
- Housing (Susan Starrett, Senior Program Manager, CSH)
- Justice (Joanna Champney, Chief of Planning, DE Department of Correction)
- Environment/Land Use - the Coastal Zone (Richard Fleming, Ph.D., Delaware Nature Society)

We met at Christ Episcopal Church, just three blocks from Legislative Hall for the informative morning session, enjoyed a catered lunch, and then visited Legislative Hall.



The afternoon was full of activity. Here, members gathered in the lobby waiting for the House of Representatives to go into session to adopt House Concurrent Resolution 14 commemorating the 95th Anniversary of the League's founding in 1920, the same year as adoption of the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution giving women the right to vote.

Later, the Senate unanimously concurred in HCR 14. Seen below is League member Senator Bethany Hall-Long, presiding as President Pro Tem Patricia Blevins introduced the House Concurrent Resolution and Senator David McBride, Chairman of the Senate Environment Committee, expressed special

appreciation of the LWVDE's years of work (primarily by Pat Todd) seeking enactment of the "bottle bill" that required a refundable deposit on certain recyclable beverage containers and our later support for replacing that law with universal recycling.

Governor Markell met with us in his office at Legislative Hall. Look for him in the back row. He commented on growing up under the influence of his mother who remains a member of the League in New Castle County. He engaged with us in a discussion of funding concerns and the League's work on several issues, and urged us to continue to "stand up to power." At the conclusion of our meeting, he presented a Proclamation honoring our 95th Anniversary. President Charlotte King is holding it in the front row.



In addition to observing the House and Senate Sessions, meeting with the Governor and attending some Committee hearings on important topics such as Repeal of the Death Penalty, members delivered folders with our new Position Papers to every legislator's office. See links to Position Papers at http://lwvdelaware.org/about_action.html. More of these will become available as we address additional important issues.

How to Make Your Gift to the League Grow.

How to Make Your Gift to the League Grow. By donating to the LWVDE Endowment Fund at the Delaware Community Foundation (DCF) you can make a gift that continues to give and grow. Our Endowment Fund, with a current balance of \$12,435, has achieved full status as a permanent fund by reaching DCF's \$10,000 minimum. This means that we can receive income each year to support our educational activities. Currently, DCF funds pay out 5% of the average fund balance over the previous twelve quarters. Endowment funds at DCF are professionally managed to ensure the funds remain strong over time.

The Board established our fund to ensure long-term financial stability and a permanent source of funding. It also enables members to donate, not only cash, but non-cash assets such as stock and real estate, insurance benefits, gifts through your will or trust, gifts that pay you income for life, or gifts of retirement plan assets.

Because our Fund is part of our 501(c)(3) Education Fund, all donations are tax deductible. In my own case, I donate stock that I inherited so long ago that the current value is so much higher than the original value that most proceeds, were I to sell the stock, would be taxed. Instead, I can take a charitable deduction for the current market value.

If you'd like to write a check, just make it out to the Delaware Community Foundation and write League of Women Voters Endowment Fund in the memo field. You could mail it directly to the League office where it will be recorded and forwarded to the DCF. For information on how to contribute stock or other kinds of assets, add the Fund to your will or trust, or donate other forms of gifts, contact David Fleming, Senior VP for Development, at 302.504.5224 or dfleming@delcf.org.

Give a gift that keeps on giving! Donate to the League's Endowment Fund.

UMBRELLAS FOR SALE!!



Be prepared for April showers! And consider how carrying them around will add visibility to the League of Women Voters. remind people to vote leading up The high quality umbrella features a nifty push button to both open *and* close and has the League *logo* and text reading "*Be informed & VOTE*" on a blue background. They are for sale for \$18.

Contact: Sandy Spence 302-841-2882 cell or sandyspence325@gmail.com to buy yours with funds going to the state League.

For Sale! LWV of Kent County has the perfect pen for \$2. Contact Crystal at cborangespider@gmail.com

*Thank you to our members and friends who are generous contributors to the LWV of Delaware. Listed below are contributors who have made a financial contribution since the Winter Voter was published.
Jennie Keith, Lindalee and Joseph Wald*

Also, thank YOU to all our VOLUNTEERS who spend their time and money advocating and educating for the issues we all care about. There are no reimbursements for mileage, gas or food. A HUGE THANK YOU.

Thank you to Delaware Community Action Council that is funding the New Citizen Welcome Folders for the next two years.

JOIN OUR SOCIAL MEDIA COMMUNITIES!

The League of Women Voters of Delaware has joined the League of Women Voters U.S. and other Leagues around the nation in social media conversations taking place on Facebook and Twitter. These online communities share news from across the state and country.

To join Facebook, simply click on [Facebook](#) or go to <http://www.facebook.com>, search for the League of Women Voters of Delaware, and send us a "friend" request. To follow us on Twitter, click on [Twitter](#) or go to <http://www.twitter.com>, follow the instructions for joining, and then search for @lwwde and "follow" us! Diane Maxwell and Mary Eggers, Public Relations Co-Chairs, LWVDE



Notice: The update listing of elected officials is now available at www.lwvdelaware.org for the Delaware Government. THEY REPRESENT YOU 2014-2016 revision #5
The listing that includes New Castle County, Cities of Wilmington and Newark councils is also available at www.lwvdelaware-newcastlecounty.org.

Delaware's Clean Water Rally - Sponsored by Delaware Nature Society



Join Us for Delaware's 1st Clean Water Rally! Register for a van ride or drive yourself

June 2, 2015, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM* at the Legislative Mall in Dover, DE

The Clean Water Rally will be a celebration of the work that's already been done in Delaware to improve water quality and illustrate the need for future projects. Supporters will have the opportunity to thank legislators that are supportive of clean water initiatives and ask other elected officials to join in our efforts.

The Clean Water Rally will include vendors, information on our Clean Water Campaign, music, food, and a short program featuring some of our state's strongest clean water leaders. We believe the best way for residents to show their support for dedicated funding of clean water is to share their personal story of how water is important to them-whether they be a parent, grandparent, business owner, pet owner, hunter, fisherman, etc.

All participants will receive a free Clean Water T-shirt and an opportunity to meet with their elected officials. **Registration is required!** Call us at 302.239.2334

Office hours: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM, Mon – Fri

*** The Clean Water Rally runs from 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM.**
Meeting with legislators (optional) will run from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

Van will leave Ashland Nature at 9:30am; Abbott's Mill Nature Center at 10:00am. Please indicate if you will be carpooling in the van or driving yourself. Parking is available for those that choose to drive themselves behind the Delaware Public Archives Building.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 13, 2015 9:30 am - noon	CenDel Building 101 W. Lookerman St, Dover, DE 19901	LWVDE Advocacy Corps meeting. Call Sandy Spence at 302-841-2882 for details.
Thursday, May 21, 2015 6-8:30 pm	Roma Restaurant 3 President's Drive, Dover, DE 19901	State Board Meeting. Monthly meeting of the LWVDE Board of Directors.
Saturday, June 6, 2015 8:30 am - 4 pm	Dover Downs Hotel 1131 N Dupont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901	LWVDE CONVENTION. The Biennial Convention will be held in the Chesapeake Room of the Dover Downs Hotel, with Civil Rights and Social Justice in Delaware as the program theme. The flyer contains program and registration information. (See details in this newsletter.)
Wednesday, June 10, 2015 9:30 am - noon	CenDel Building 101 W. Lookerman St, Dover, DE 19901	LWVDE Advocacy Corps Meeting. Call Sandy Spence at 302-841-2882 for details.
Thursday, June 18, 2015- Sunday, June 21, 2015	The National Conference Center 18980 Upper Belmont Place Leesburg, VA 20176	LWV National Council.

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