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December 5, 2018 ~ 11:30 to 2:00

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SAVE THESE DATES!!!

League Day in Dover - Annual Legislative Day

Thursday, March 28, 2019

The Outlook at the Duncan Center, Dover

8:30 Registration, Program 9-11:30, Lunch with legislators

Spend afternoon at Legislative Hall

Wednesday, March 27, 2019 the Advocacy Corps will have a table in the upper section of Legislative Hall in Dover.

Advocacy Corps members will disseminate LWV information, and provide information on specific issues current at that time. Please note this is the day before League Day - Annual Legislative Day. If anyone would like to be on the organizing committee for March 27, please contact Donna Reed at donnareed2009@comcast.net

ELECTION ROUNDUP

VOTE411 CELEBRATES A SUCCESSFUL 2018 ELECTION SEASON



The LWV online voters' guide website, VOTE411.org, had a record-setting year in 2018. Two days before the election, a million *more* voters had already used the site this year than in the entire 2016 Presidential Election season. On the morning of November 6, Megan Brown posted "*We're seeing huge traffic already this morning! We currently have 12,300 people looking at the candidate information on the site!*"

The excitement was aided by celebrity boosts – John Oliver urged his viewers to visit VOTE411 on his October 28 *Last Week Tonight* show, and Amy Schumer promoted the VOTE411 candidate guides on Instagram on November 5. Celebrity impact is HUGE. After the John Oliver show, [traffic for the site surged](#) roughly 20 times compared to an average Sunday following.

Delaware's VOTE411 online voters' guide for the 2018 party primary elections was live from July 16 to Sept 6, and our general election guide was live from Sept 7 to Nov 6. Thanks to the efforts of our fabulous volunteers, we finished with over 70% candidate participation for both guides, including ALL candidates for state-wide races (U.S. Senate, U.S. House, state AG, Auditor and Treasurer) in the general election. Candidates from all parties, in every race on the ballot from U.S. Senate down to NCC/Kent/Sussex county-level races, were invited to submit information for our Delaware VOTE411 guide.

Our county-level VOTE411 advertising teams netted some great publicity!

- We placed **posters** in libraries and other community venues, and handed out thousands of **information cards** at voter registration tables and community events.
- VOTE411 flyers were included in the Delaware **Student Mock Election** coordinator packets state-wide,

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- and some schools featured VOTE411 prominently in their mock election preparations.
- Jane Lord's press releases were picked up for multiple **newspaper articles** in the Cape Gazette and Dover State News. In the News Journal, we had a guest editorial, letters to the editor and a mention in their pre-election resource roundup.
- We had **television interviews** upstate on WHYH and downstate on WRDE, WMDT and WBOC. WHYH agreed to be a VOTE411 media partner, featuring our data on their own website.
- DSU LWV club members Erin Gordon and Ja'Carla Mitchell recorded **radio PSA's** that played on WDEL, WSTW and other stations, and we had **radio interviews** on WDEL, WJBR and WVUD.
- We had **movie preview ads** at Midway Moves in Sussex and Theatre N in Wilmington.
- Our **social media** gurus, Jenn Wells in NCC and Tara Smith in Sussex, worked tirelessly to promote VOTE411 on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram in the days and weeks leading up to the election. **Families, friends and local bloggers** helped us to promote online.
- League members talked with their **neighbors**. Even some **candidates** themselves directed people to our site for information. A few **community newsletters** jumped on board also.
- Many of us turned our personal cars into mobile signboards with **VOTE411 magnets** as well.

Community response has been fantastic! Over 5,000 Delawareans used the guide in the pre-primary period, and 12,000 more prior to the general election. But more touching to me than the statistics are the many people... even some who were initially skeptical... who expressed their personal thanks to the League for providing this valuable election education resource.

Please join me in thanking our VOTE411 donors... WSFS Bank, Delmarva Power, the Fund for Unitarian Universalist Social Responsibility, Gloria Cooke, Susan Mitchell, and the All Saint's Parish Thrift Shop of Rehoboth Beach (Sue Claire Harper)... as well as our community partners: RCI Printing, Jenn Wells Design, Delaware Division of Libraries, the Delaware Student Mock Election program, and the Latin American Community Center in Wilmington. There are more helpers than I can mention here; even if I missed listing your name, please be assured that your help was greatly appreciated! And finally, the biggest thank-you of all goes to county team leaders Pat Makos in Sussex, Anne Parker-Dockins in Kent, and all our League members who helped in so many ways, large and small, in this effort.

2018 was a great year for VOTE411, and I'm excited to build on all that we've learned this year to make our future Delaware VOTE411 projects even better.



Kim Wells, 2018 Delaware VOTE411



MEETING WITH OSCE/ODIHR ELECTION OBSERVERS



At a request from Zoran Ilievski and Ana Kebabze, OSCE/ODIHR (pictured at left) international long-term election observers to the state of Delaware, several League members met at the Dover Public Library ,

Wednesday, October 17, 2018. The purpose was to speak to various stakeholders to discuss different aspects of the electoral process for the upcoming mid-term congressional elections. The meeting was cordial and interesting. Discussion focused on our experiences and knowledge of Delaware's election system.



L-R: Connie Jones(SC) Ana Kebabze, OSCE/ODIHR, Marj Johnson (NCC) Letty Diswood [NCC] Sandy Spence (SC) Zoran Ilievski [OSCE/ODIHR] Julie Price [KC] is taking picture.

STUDENT MOCK ELECTIONS 2018



The mock election is conducted each election year by teachers in partnership with state agencies, the University of Delaware Democracy Project, and the League of Women Voters. Kim Wells, Patti Christopher and Letty Diswood participated.

Friday, November 2, 2018, students representing school districts and private schools met at Legislative Hall, Dover, for their Convention.

Delegates from participating schools cast their votes for all statewide offices on this year's ballot.

Results from the mock election are tallied, and awards given to schools with the highest voter turnout and the most spirited delegation.

Since 2010, the student mock elections have accurately predicted results of 13 out of 16 statewide races.

(Pictured at right is the Dover High School brass band)



CANDIDATE FORUM

The League of Women Voters of Delaware cosponsored a Candidates Night forum for federal and statewide offices on Wednesday, October 24, 2018, from 7:00-9:00 P.M. in the Bank of America Building at Delaware State University, Dover.

This event was hosted by the League of Women Voters of Delaware, the American Association of University Women (AAUW), Dover Chapter, and WDSU Radio, "the Hive," Delaware State University's closed-circuit, campus radio station.



The list of invited candidates included those running for U.S. Senate, U.S. Representative, State Attorney General, State Treasurer and State Auditor of Accounts. Thank you to Ellen Wasfi and the Kent County League volunteers and students for organizing this event.

A NEW ELECTION COMMITTEE HAS FORMED

A new Elections Committee has been formed that will focus on advocacy for new voting access bills, monitoring of current election procedures, and education of the public about issues related to voting. This committee works under the arm of the League of Women Voters Advocacy Corps. The committee has begun the process of researching four voting bills that we hope will be reintroduced in the next legislative session. These bills involve early voting, automatic voter registration, same-day voter registration and the fourth bill requires a constitutional amendment for no-excuse-needed absentee voting.

The committee is currently writing position papers for each of these four bills and will be submitting them for LWVDE approval. We would like to meet with each of the sponsors of the bills from the previous session to see if they are interested in re-introducing the bills, to share our positions on the issues and to offer our support and backing for these bills. If there is no interest from the previous sponsor, we will look for another legislator to sponsor the bill.

There is also interest in the group around the issue of the National Popular Vote and reviewing the new voting machines. Please join us at LWVDE Legislative League Day in Dover on March 28th where we will have a special interest strand dedicated to voting issues. Mark your calendars now.

The committee welcomes new members or visitors. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:00 am at the Lemon Leaf Café in Smyrna, 2 North Main Street, Smyrna, DE. If you have any questions please contact co-chairs Catriona Binder-Macleod at cbinder@udel.edu or Jill Itzkowitz at jillitzkowitz@gmail.com. Letty Diswood lwvde@comcast.net is our secretary as well as the League's administrative person (and the league's institutional memory bank) so she is always a great resource for any question you might have on any issue.

Co-chairs: Catriona Binder-Macleod & Jill Itzkowitz

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Congratulations to Us! By us, I mean League members and friends who registered voters, urged people to vote, helped to inform voters via Vote 411 and Candidate Forums and provided rides to the polls plus those who have supported these efforts with their dues and contribution. We worked hard at Empowering Voters and Making Democracy Work.

Special kudos must go to Kim Wells, state coordinator for VOTE 411, AND her dedicated team from all Leagues. Not only did their efforts assist many voters but they surely increased LWV visibility.

I'd like to give you a brief update on the status of the merger of the LWVDE into the Delaware League of Women Voters Education Fund, approved at Council in May, 2018. After a delay in getting our filing accepted by the DE Division of Corporations (I suspect the paperwork got lost in someone's to-do pile rather than any real problem), we have now submitted the next step in the paperwork to the IRS. We are currently awaiting a Letter of Determination attesting to our 501 (c)(3) status. The name of the merged/surviving entity is the League of Women Voters of Delaware, Inc. and all contributions to it will be tax deductible.

ALERT: Soon you will be receiving the annual letter asking for your financial support to continue the League's work. Please keep us in mind as you consider and plan for your end of the year donations. For those who itemize deductions, we have IRS and other documents that indicate deductions to LWVDE may be taken retroactively to the date IRS received our application (October 15, 2018) once IRS notifies us that our application for (c)(3) status is approved. I personally will be more comfortable in sending you a formal ask letter when we have the IRS Letter of Determination in hand!

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Now a short tutorial in what, to my mind, is the next step for Leaguers in Making Democracy Work—taking action on our Positions:

I HAVE BEEN A LEAGUE VOLUNTEER LOBBYIST SINCE 1988—ALMOST FOREVER! SOMETIMES THOSE OF US WHO HAVE BEEN MEMBERS FOR A LONG TIME FORGET HOW CONFUSING LEAGUE LINGO AND PROCEDURES CAN BE. THE TERM “LEAGUE POSITION” COMES TO MIND—WHAT DOES IT MEAN AND HOW DOES A POSITION COME INTO BEING.

Briefly (for most Positions):

- A subject is adopted at Convention (the procedure for doing this is in the Bylaws).
- A committee of interested members is formed, facts gathered, the information gathered (background, pro and con arguments) is presented to members via meetings and the VOTER.
- *Members throughout the state discuss the information and answer questions developed by the committee re what we might support or oppose on the subject under discussion.
- The committee meets to combine the results and develop the language of the Position. The proposed language is then reviewed by the State Board which votes to accept it, though sometimes with wording revisions. **We try to word Positions very broadly so they cover a variety of circumstances rather than tailor them to specific situations.**

So now we have a Position—what’s next? Now the Advocacy Corps (AC) can use it to determine whether to support or oppose (frequently after considerable discussion) specific legislation before the General Assembly. Without a Position—either state or national-- on which to base support or opposition we, as a League, cannot take action on a bill. Action may mean talking to legislators, testifying at committee hearings (frequent) or issuing an Action Alert in which we request all members to contact their own legislators about the bill (occasionally used).

As an illustration, part of our Criminal Justice position follows.

“Support for the adoption of consistent policies which, within budgetary constraints, will permit the disposition of offenders in the best interests of society, the victims, and the offenders and their families.

- We oppose mandatory sentencing.
- We support the expansion of drug courts and mental health courts for all nonviolent offenders and the appropriate science based health, mental health and addiction evaluation and treatment of all offenders. Support of uniformity in the operation of the Family Court system; automatic expungement of certain juvenile records; state provided diagnostic services, care, education and treatment to age 21 for youths and young adults who have mental or physical illness or who are developmentally delayed or are substance abusers or abused/neglected; strong educational programs on the rights of victims of family violence.”

The full wording of most of our state positions is available on the LWVDE website. The more recent ones are not included (but that is on our to-do list.)

In recent weeks much of the time of the Advocacy Committee has involved planning for next years’ League Day in Dover, March 28, 2019, but when the legislature reconvenes in January we will be back to reviewing bills and making the League’s voice heard.

The suffragettes didn’t just want the VOTE; they wanted a seat at the table and to make their voices count. Using our Positions to help shape policy is also part of Making Democracy Work.

I urge you to get involved as much as you are able. You have VOTED, helped others to VOTE, now use your VOICE.

Joann Hasse

LWV of Sussex County

The Sussex County League of Women Voters has been working diligently on our voter services activities. We have held 5 Candidate Forums for 6 contested races and it was standing room only at 3 of the 5 events. We held voter registration drives at Del Tech, Cape Henlopen High School as well as local community festivals and events. In addition we did neighborhood canvassing. Our efforts were rewarded with 192 new voters as well as 236 pledges to vote. We called 670 voters on election day to remind them to vote and answered any last minute questions they had. When we heard one voter was unable to vote as she had no transportation or daycare for her 3 kids we sent a member over to drive her and her kids to the polls.



Pat Makos chair of VOTE411.org and Martha Redmond President LWVSCDE were on local TV stations five times promoting VOTE411.org. Martha Redmond was also interviewed by the DE News Journal. "Influence of Latinos in Elections" was presented at the Latino Summit in Wilmington by Connie Jones and Paulette Rappa. The "Introduction to Delaware Politics" was presented to two Social Policy classes at Del Tech Community College.

Our Environmental and Natural Resources Committee chaired by Nancy Kassner held a forum entitled Clean Water Everyone's Concern, part 2 of a 3 part series. This forum focused on private well water. To wrap up the series they held an Environmental Expo. This was a gathering of many environmental groups as well as local candidates who discussed their environmental platform with the public.

Our Observer Corps chaired by BR Breen gave their Sunshine Report to County Council. Every year we congratulate County Council on a job well done as well as offer suggestions for improvement. County Council has at times implemented some of our recommendations.

In the future the Land Use Committee chaired by Sue Claire Harper and Marti Austin are working on forums entitled "What's Happening in Your Neighborhood". This will be regarding the 2018 Comprehensive Plan. Letters to the editor have been written in support of the new proposed Buffer Ordinance as well as workforce housing and public transportation.

We look forward in the coming year to continue to engage, inform and educate the public about local issues.

Martha Redmond, President LWVSCDE

LWV Kent County

National Voter Registration day pushes community members to register (Article from local Newspaper)

September 25, 2018

[Justina Coronel](#)



47 ABC – Tuesday marks National Voter Registration Day and events were held across the nation to motivate people to vote.

In places like Dover, the League of Women Voters set up shop at the Dover Public Library to give out information. We're told this is a big day not just in Delaware but across the nation to offer insight and bring that final push before deadline approaches.

The last day to register to vote is October 13, which will allow you to participate in the general election on November 6th.

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Donna Reed is one of the League of Women Voters who says, "On a very personal note my father fought in World War 2. He's been gone many, many years and I always feel that we can do for that generation is to vote. It's the absolute least we can do is protect our democracy and to honor who have fought very hard to come to this day."

In Delaware, you can sign up to vote through their online voter registration or in person. You can also register by printing the National Voter Registration Form and mailing it to your local election office.

CANDIDATE FORUMS

The League of Women Voters of Kent County cosponsored a Candidates Night forum for Kent County on Wednesday, October 17, 2018, from 7:00-9:00 P.M. in the Palmer Room of Modern Maturity Center in Dover. This event was hosted by the League of Women Voters of Kent County, the American Association of University Women (AAUW), Dover Chapter, and Modern Maturity Center. The list of invited candidates included those running for State Senate from Kent County (16th, 17th and 18th Districts) and State Representative from Kent County (11th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd and 34th Districts), Kent County Levy Court Commissioner (At-Large, 2nd, 4th and 6th Districts), Kent County Recorder of Deeds and Kent County Sheriff.

LWV of Women Voters of New Castle County

Voter registration, getting out the vote, and providing rides to the polls was the major focus throughout the summer and fall right up to Election Day. LWVNCC along with Indivisible volunteers set up booths or tables to register voters and provide information at more than 28 venues. The venues included public and private high schools, farmers markets, retirement communities, community events in different neighborhoods, and technical colleges and UD, and all New Castle County Libraries, multiple days at each venue.



Thanks go to all volunteers and especially Patti Christopher and Alan Evantash for coordinating and volunteering their precious time. We provided 28 rides to the polls and answered many questions about absentee voting, how to change one's political affiliation, and explanations of why only the major two parties hold primaries and independents can't vote in a primary. I was told that it took about 80 volunteers. Thank you to all.

Note that LWVNCC also held their Hot Topic Lunches each month and held a Meet and Greet for all who worked on any voter service related activity. Check out Kim Wells' article on VOTE411.ORG. Kim was LWVNCC's coordinator while also being the statewide Vote411 chair of this massive and successful voter education effort. Hats off to Kim!

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THANK YOU FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE DELAWARE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS EDUCATION FUND.

Businesses/Organizations which supported Vote411.org online voters guide: All Saints' Parish Thrift Shop- Wait Trela, Delaware Humanities Forum - Civic Education Project, Catherine and Robert Wojewodzki. **Go to page 3 for a listing of all [Vote411](http://Vote411.org) contributors.**

THANK YOU FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DELAWARE EDUCATION FUND:

Ronald Martin, Robert Hurka.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEER lobbyists, vote411.org committee members, voter registration teams statewide, local and state board members, land use and transportation, climate change and coastal zone advocates, and new citizen ceremony volunteers. You know that the League depends on you and recognizes your hard work and the in-kind financial contributions you make during the course of your volunteerism.

Delaware Coalition for Open Government, Delaware Press Association, League of Women Voters of New Castle invite you to attend the

2018 Elected Officials Reception

Ed Oliver Golf Club, 800 North Dupont Road, Wilmington, Delaware

Monday, December 3, 2018, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

**Open to the public Hors d'oeuvres ~ Cash bar
Nominal charge: \$3.00 at the door**

All State, County, and Municipal officials have been invited to attend this “meet and greet” with the public.

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**A SHORT HISTORY OF THE ROLES THE LWVDE AND LWVUS HAVE
PLAYED IN ENERGY & CLIMATE CHANGE SINCE 2006
by Chad Tolman LWVDE Climate Chair Nov 5, 2018**

Prior to Convention 2006, the LWVUS had not considered making climate change a top League priority. A resolution to do so was introduced by the Delaware League. During the discussion, many delegates said that climate change was very important, but the League didn't have the needed staff or resources to support a major new initiative. Though the resolution did not get enough votes to pass, the Board did allow what was called Guidance to the Board, which included a new electronic Bulletin Board to facilitate communications among state and local leagues. When the Board saw the enthusiasm for the new initiative, it formed the Climate Change Task Force (CCTF), with members from across the country – including Delaware.

By Convention 2010, the CCTF had begun putting together a website called a [Toolkit for Climate Action](#), with Eleanore Revelle (LWVIL) as Chair of the Task Force and webmaster.

[The Economists' Statement on Climate Change](#) had been signed in 1997 by more than 2,600 global economists, including 18 Nobel Prize laureates, and remains one of the most important public statements in the history of economics. With that encouragement, the LWVDE proposed and helped pass the following Price on Carbon (POC) resolution at Convention 2014:

The LWVUS should support a price on carbon emissions that will increase in stages, to improve energy efficiency and replace fossil fuels with renewable energy, fast enough to avoid serious damage to the climate system

With the passage of the POC resolution at state Convention 2014, Delaware turned its attention to what Delaware had done and can do to reduce its GHG (greenhouse gas) emissions. A study approved during our state 2015 convention was called the Delaware Price on Carbon (DEPOC) study. An effort was made to recruit study members from a variety of organizations with special skills and connections. Linda (Diz) Swift, a geologist from LWVCA, helped organize the virtual meetings.

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Gary Witt from Drexel University was a professor of environmental economics and a member of the Citizens' Climate Lobby ([CCL](#)) in PA. Dick Bingham was a member of the Advocacy Committee of the Delaware Nature Society.

Delaware's most effective way to reduce carbon emissions has been the 9-state Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative ([RGGI](#)), which has reduced carbon emissions from electricity generation about 50% over the region between 2009, when the program started, and now (2018). The cap-and-trade system, to which Delaware belongs, has a number of emission permits (called allowances – each for a ton of CO₂) that decrease at a predetermined rate. The money raised from the sale of the allowances puts a price on the carbon emitted in the region. In Delaware the money raised has been used to promote renewable energy, greater energy efficiency, and lower energy costs for low-income families.

The other major way to price carbon to be burned to form CO₂, is for a tax that increases with time. A description of the differences between the two systems, and their pros and cons, was written by Eleanor Revelle, and titled [Curbing Greenhouse Gas Emissions – Two Approaches](#).

Another tool that Delaware and many other states have used is the Renewable Portfolio Standard ([RPS](#)), which for Delaware requires that an increasing percentage of the electricity sold in the state come from renewable energy sources, with 25% coming from renewable energy sources by 2025. The leaders among the states, Hawaii and California, require that 100% of the electricity used come from renewables by 2045; New York requires 50% by 2030.

The state formed the Delaware Sea Level Rise Advisory Committee (DSLRAAC). It met between early 2011 and mid-2012, and represented a variety of public and private interests, with two members from the LWVDE. The Committee issued a number of [summary reports](#).

A major weakness of the reports was that their recommendations were only about adaptation; nothing was said about mitigation. Delaware, because of its long coastline and low average elevation, is especially vulnerable to climate change-caused sea level rise and more powerful coastal storms.

Two important types of policies dealing with climate change are called *adaptation* and *mitigation*. An example of adaptation to climate change would be to require home owners to raise the lowest part of their buildings a certain number of feet above the average high tide – with no effort to deal with the root cause of the problem – continuing to release CO₂ by burning fossil fuels (coal, oil and natural gas). An analogy to climate adaptation - dealing with cancer from smoking - would be to move nearer to a good oncologist. An analogy to mitigation would be to stop smoking.

When RGGI first got underway in 2009, electricity generation was the major source of CO₂ in Delaware and other RGGI states. By the end of 2014, transportation was a larger source than generation. Another regional initiative, called the Transportation and Climate Initiative ([TCI](#)) was formed along the lines of RGGI, and is beginning to discuss market-based (carbon - pricing) programs to reduce carbon emissions. The LWVDE supports efforts by DNREC (the state's Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control) to reduce transportation emissions through TCI.

Prior to the DEPOC study, Diz Swift, a member of the study group, developed a [Price on Carbon](#) website to keep Leagues across the country up to date on developments around the world on pricing carbon emissions to address climate change. The website was approved by the LWVUS, and Diz was joined by Eleanor Revelle (IL), Launa Zimmaro (MA), and Chad Tolman (DE) to form the Price on Carbon Steering Committee. So far it has sponsored five quarterly webinars featuring important aspects of carbon pricing. All have been recorded and stored. Information presented can be found [here](#).

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Leagues are often asked to support specific carbon pricing proposals. At the Convention 2018, delegates voted overwhelmingly to support a resolution from the POC Leadership Team clarifying the League's position on carbon pricing:

The League of Women Voters stands united with, and in support of, efforts to price carbon emissions, whether cap-and-trade, carbon tax/fee, or other viable pricing mechanisms. The League does not have a position on how the revenue generated is to be used. (Continued on page 10 *Energy and Climate Change*)

We do not espouse any single method of pricing carbon over another. We will evaluate all proposed methods based on their effectiveness to abate emissions and whether the method can be successfully implemented.

We encourage all those interested in avoiding the worst effects of climate change to join with us for the common good – regardless of party or organizational affiliation. For more details on how you can get involved, see the website, [Price on Carbon – Putting the Market to Work](#).

Chad Tolman, Climate Chair

NEWS FROM LWVUS

League Instrumental in Passing Redistricting Ballot Initiatives

Congratulations to the Leagues of Women Voters of Colorado, Michigan, Missouri, and Long Beach, CA for [successful passage of redistricting initiatives on the 2018 ballot](#). The Leagues work in these locations was instrumental in ensuring voters had the information they needed to make informed choices.

The LWV Utah was instrumental with education around their own ballot initiative. We hope that once all of the final votes have been counted that we can celebrate this success as well.

Litigation Update on LWVNC v. Rucho

In the coming weeks, the North Carolina League's case may be headed to the Supreme Court for review. Because this case has so much activity and ultimately may provide guidelines for assessing when partisan gerrymandering goes too far, the Mission Impact team drafted [a blog post to help explain the details of this case](#). We will provide similar updates on other cases the League is involved with in upcoming newsletters. Please be reminded, if your League is considering joining federal litigation, you must complete the [Federal Action Request Form](#).

VOTE411.org Post-Election Numbers

The VOTE411.org voter education website has had its most successful election cycle ever! This year, nearly 5.5 million voters turned to VOTE411 to find the election information they needed before casting their ballot—an increase of more than 1 million voters, as compared to the 2016 Presidential Election Cycle.

Thanks to the more than 300 state and local Leagues who participated in the VOTE411 voters' guide program this year, these voters were able to find the candidate information that appeared on their specific ballots. In the areas where no state or local League was providing the candidate information on the site, LWVEF was able to fill in the gaps and provide comprehensive candidate information for all Federal, Statewide, and State Legislative candidates as well. In the end, VOTE411 provided candidate information in all 50 states and DC, covering more than 24,000 candidates in over 14,000 races across the country.

IN MEMORIAM

JOY JONES died October 28, 2018 at the age of 93. Joy was a LWVNCC League member for more than 50 years and served in many capacities, including treasurer and raising funds for the state and local league. She was a regular volunteer in the league office and a generous contributor to the state and local league. She was a graduate of University of Rochester with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Optics in 1944. In 1970 she was granted a Masters Degree in Education. She retired from the Vo-Tech District as their first psychologist in 1987.

CATHERINE KALLAL (Kit) died November 4, 2018 at the age of 95. Kit spent many years collaborating with Rita Smith (deceased last year) to fund and keep the books of the DE LWV Education Fund. Kit also was a faithful volunteer in the office and also served in many capacities on the local and state boards. Kit received her Bachelor' degree from Xavier University in Chicago and her Masters Degree in Chemistry from the University of Illinois.

JEROLD MARVIN SCHULTZ died October 20, 2018 at the age of 83. League member and husband of Peggy Schultz, Jerry helped out with delicious cooking for annual meetings and all around league supporter. Peggy is currently Land Use Chair and state league lobbyist.

CALENDAR

Monday, November 26, 2018, 11:30 am-1pm	Michaels Restaurant 1000 Churchman's Rd Newark, DE 19713	HOT TOPIC LUNCH - Delaware LLC's. Nick Wasileski of DelCOG (Delaware Coalition for Open Government) will speak. \$15 buffet lunch; RSVP to the Office Manager . The public is cordially invited to attend.
Wednesday, November 28, 2018 5:30-7:45 pm	DSU MLK Student Center, RTE 13 Dover, DE.	LWVDE Board Meeting. Board meeting for the Delaware state-level combined League and Ed Fund. RSVP to Joann Hasse .
Wednesday, December 5, 2018 9:30 am-12	Legislative Hall 411 Legislative Ave Dover, DE 19901	LWVDE ADVOCACY CORPS Meeting. For details or to attend, contact committee chair Sandy Spence or our Office Manager .
Wednesday, December 5, 2018 9:30 am-noon	Dover Downs North DuPont Highway, Dover, DE Valet Parking Available	HOLIDAY FESTIVAL LUNCH A Statewide Fun Event For New Castle, Kent And Sussex Leagues. RSVP to Suzanne Campos by November 28 Contact her at: 410-491-6226 or scampos61249@gmail.com
Thursday, December 6, 2018	UD's Clayton Hall Newark, DE	New Citizen Naturalization Ceremony. Naturalization Proceedings for the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware. Contact Lorraine Botticelli if you'd like to help distribute welcome packets at the ceremony.
Thursday, March 28, 2019 8:30 am - 2:30 pm	The Outlook at Duncan Center 500 W. Loockerman Street Dover, DE 1990	League Day in Dover - Annual Legislative Day.

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