LEAGUELINE

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



LWVLA Board and Voters Services
Committee member Mary Zimmerman
demonstrated Union County's new voting
machines to Representative David Rowe
at the Joint Chamber Legislative Breakfast
on September 20th. LWVLA is conducting
citizen education and outreach at the
invitation of the Union County Elections
and Voter Registration Office. If you want to
get involved, please contact Linda Harris at
267-337-5986.

Teri MacBride, president

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

This autumn we move from research into the design phase of LWVLA Strategic Plan. In October, the Core Team will gather for a 4-hour workshop - an exercise known as "Cover Story." This creative exercise involves small groups each creating the cover story of a magazine describing the LWVLA of 2025. Groups may discuss ideas such as what the big headlines are, what the sidebars would be, etc. At the end of the workshop, the Core Team will consolidate their options to 2-3 alternate visions for LWVLA.

The 2-3 visions will be reviewed by the Board and shared in two separate member Town Halls, opportunities for all members to react to the visions and offer their feedback. Your voice matters! Save the date for the first of these Town Halls: 1:00pm on Tuesday, November 19th, at La Primavera restaurant. The second Town Hall opportunity will be in mid-December.

Questions? Interested in becoming more involved with our LWVLA future? Contact Becky Perez: rm86089@gmail.com.

Becky Perez, Strategic Planning coordinator

SEPTEMBER FORUM

Bob Garrett, President and CEO of the Greater Susquehanna Chamber of Commerce spoke at our first League Forum on September 17th. Bob highlighted local efforts to develop energy and broadband infrastructure in the Valley, build workforce skills for existing and prospective businesses, and efforts to address views and build respect for diverse perspectives and experiences.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Please place the following events on your personal calendar.

Monday, Oct. 7th, 3:00pm BOARD MEETING East Buffalo Township Building 589 Fairground Road, Lewisburg

Monday, Oct. 7th

Last day to register before Municipal Election, November 5th

Tuesday, Oct. 15th, 11:30am-1:00pm LUNCH FORUM Jay Alexander, General Manager Wayne Township Landfill

"Recycling in Today's World"
La Primavera (Lunch served at 11:30; \$13)

Monday, Oct. 29th

Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot before Municipal Election, November 5th

Saturday, Nov. 2nd

10:30am: Ribbon Cutting Voting Exhibit Program/Demonstration until 12:30 p.m. Lewisburg Children's Museum Corner of Market St. and Rt. 15, Lewisburg

Monday, Nov. 4th, 3:00pm BOARD MEETING Herr Memorial Library 500 Market St., Mifflinburg

Monday, Nov. 5th MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Tuesday, Nov. 19th, 11:30am-1:00pm

LUNCH FORUM Kendra Aucker, President/CEO Evangelical Hospital "Community, Collaboration, &

Connections: Fueling Growth at Evangelical"

La Primavera (Lunch served at 11:30; \$13)

Tuesday, Nov. 19th, 1:00pm MEMBER TOWN HALL

Visions and Feedback on Strategic Plan *La Primavera*

Friday, Dec. 13th

WINTER SOCIAL

The Village Common, Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village

Bob expressed support for partnerships like the recent League-Chamber collaboration for a "Coffee with the Candidates", which bring the business community and general citizenry together.

You can view the entire presentation by going to http://lwvlewisburgarea.org and follow the link there to a video of the presentation.

Teri MacBride for Forum Committee chair, Mary Zimmerman

OCTOBER FORUM

Please join us on Tuesday, October 15th when Jay B. Alexander, General Manager, Wayne Township Landfill will speak about "Recycling in Today's World". Jay's talk will include collection methods (dual stream vs single stream), contamination issues, cost (the reality of what can and should be recycled and what doesn't work) economically and/or environmentally, education, markets (foreign, i.e. China and domestic), and E-waste.

Union County waste is handled at the Wayne Township site, in addition to other stations. The waste industry is regional and even interstate in many cases.

Some members will recall LWVLA was an early, hands-on driving force in getting Union County recycling launched many years ago. This program promises to be a fascinating update on the many changes facing the viability of private and municipal waste management systems. Doors open at 11:30am and the program begins at noon. Lunch is \$13.00 at La Primavera, in Lewisburg.

The Committee has planned an excursion to visit the Wayne County operations to follow this talk, later in October. Details and the date will be announced at the Forum and by email in the coming weeks.

Teri MacBride for Forum Committee chair, Mary Zimmerman

MAUCH PROJECT REPORT



This picture is a rendering of what the new exhibit signage will look like. The voting booth has been in operation since May, but with temporary signage.

The Mauch Millennial Committee is pleased to announce our November 2nd ribbon cutting at 10:30am, with program to follow until 12:30, for the LWVLA sponsored voting exhibit in the Lewisburg Children's Museum. The special event will get families excited about the upcoming November 5th election and share timely, helpful information about voting, including the demonstration of the new voting machines for Union County. We also hope that our elected officials and the local press will join the event.

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We invite LWVLA members to bring their families to the Children's Museum, which is located in the old Lewisburg High School at Market Street and Route 15. Please enter the Children's Museum through Door #5 in the courtyard near Dale Alley.

Imanni Wilkes Burg, for the Mauch Project

VOTER SERVICES REPORT

The Voter Services Committee (VS) continues to meet every fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Voters Guide

The *Voters Guide* editorial staff has begun compiling candidates' information for the *Voters Guide*, which will then be uploaded to **www.VOTE411.org**, the LWVUS national website. VOTE411.org also allows voters to create a personalized ballot, which can be sent to them via email or texted to their cell phone.

Vote411 Yard Signs



The LWVLA Board approved purchasing 50 yard signs to promote VOTE411.org. These signs were created to make the public aware of the website, to educate the public who obtain information online, and as a public service to our community. If you would like one for your yard, contact me.

LEAGUE LINE OCT. 2019

League Line is published monthly by the League of Women Voters of the Lewisburg Area. Deadline for submission of articles is the 15th of each month.

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VS Transparency Committee

Kandy Duncan continues to facilitate the committee within VS that is addressing how VS can become more transparent. We are taking a look at our policies and procedures and how we communicate our procedures for Candidates Night.

Training for new voting machines

Voter Services, along with the Union County Elections and Voter Registration Office, has been very busy gearing up to train 39 volunteers on the new voting machines on September 16th and 19th. On September 24th, **National Voter Registration Day**, 23 volunteers demonstrated the new voting machines to the members of Union County at nine municipal township buildings and at the McCann Business School.

Demonstrations are further scheduled for the three Union county libraries as follows:

Herr Library, 500 Market Street Mifflinburg, PA 17844 **Oct. 2nd**, 10:00am-12:pm

West End Library, 45 Ball Park Road Laurelton, PA 17835

Oct. 4th, 12:30-3:00pm AND

Oct. 24th, 5:30-8:30pm

Union County Library, 255 Reitz Blvd., Lewisburg Oct. 30th, 10:00am-2:00pm

If you are interested in being part of any of these initiatives, contact me at **Lsharris323@gmail.com**, or cell phone 267-337-5986.

Linda Harris, Voter Services chair

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Thanks to everyone who has already sent in their membership renewal forms and payment. While we'll send out a reminder later in the fall, save us the postage and keep your membership current! This is a vibrant and growing group, and you won't want to miss a thing!

Save the date: The Winter Social will be on a Friday, December 13th, and will be a cocktail party at The Village Common at Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village as in the recent past. Stay tuned for more details.

League member Carol Thomas passed away on May 15th, 2019 after a brief illness. Several LWVLA members attended her memorial service on May 23th, and met her family of five children and 12 grandchildren. Carol is remembered as a warm person with many interests. In addition to League membership, she was a member of the DAR, Garden Club, Red Hat Society, and Bucknell Institute for Lifelong Learning, and was a volunteer for Evangelical Hospital. Carol was the author of four books and was an avid knitter. She will be missed.

Ruth Burnham, Membership Committee chair

LWVLA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & RENEWAL FORM September 1, 2019 — August 31, 2020

Yearly membership dues: Student \$10, Individual \$55, Household \$80; Dues include membership to the local, state, and national League, as well as information and notifications from all three levels (*League Line, Pennsylvania Voter* and *National Voter Online*).

League Line, Pennsylvania Voter and National Voter Online).
/We wish to join the League of Women Voters of the Lewisburg Area. Name/s
Address
Phone (cell, work or home)Email
/We have interest in participating in the following League activities:
Voter Services Study Groups Community Forums Special Events
Enclosed is my check for \$ (Please make your check payable to LWVLA)
Mail your check and form to: LWVLA Membership, P.O. Box 206, Lewisburg, PA 17837. For mornformation, phone <i>570-5232-8311</i> or email rburnham@bucknell.edu . Thank you!
Ruth Burnham, Membership Chair