

LEAGUE LINE

A Bulletin of The League of Women Voters of the Lewisburg Area

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I have recently taken up riding my bike an average of 6-7 miles every morning. Now, before you develop mental images of a 75-year-old in skin-tight lycra sporting an athletic helmet and riding gloves, let me be a bit clearer. I have a recumbent trike. There is no form-fitting lycra or helmet (although there are many who may argue that I need one for other activities such as mowing the lawn). There is no tedious balancing on a recumbent trike. If you wish to take a break, you just stop, thus the 3 wheels. You actually look a bit like you are pedaling your recliner about.

That leads me to what I really wanted to say. When I'm out riding each morning on the country roads around our house, I am repeatedly struck by the absence of noise. There is sound of course: birds, dogs, horses and other critters. There is also the occasional car, tractor or horse drawn buggy...but not real noise.

It is remarkable how much noise there is in our daily lives. It ranges from the chatter of news media, the cacophony of traffic, the babble of technology, and the ever present "tumult of party politics".

There can be very serious effects of noise and noise pollution on all of our lives and mental health. It is always advisable to eliminate, or at least minimize, the level of noise in our daily activities. We can replace some of it with music and long early morning rides in the country. But other noise needs to be replaced with the truth. In our current political environment, wouldn't it be nice if we could just reach for a knob and turn the volume down...or even just "mute" the noise?

Kandy Duncan, President

INTEGRITY OF THE BALLOT TASK FORCE

The "kick off" of the Integrity of the Ballot (IOB) project took place after the Tuesday, September 19th Educational Forum. The team presented an overview of the project and requested submission of relevant questions for the development of the program.

Immediately following next month's Educational Forum on Tuesday, October 17th, the first module of the election process will be presented for open discussion. The October module will be focused on the various methods of voting: in-person, mail-in, absentee, provisional, etc. Future modules will include topics like security of the voting machines, roles of the various voting personnel, who counts the ballots and other subjects. We welcome you all to attend.

Kandy Duncan

OCTOBER FORUM AND DISCUSSION

On Tuesday, October 17th, from noon to 1:00p.m., the LWVLA's Educational Forum will be held at La Primavera, 2593 Old Turnpike Road, Lewisburg. The speaker will be Christopher Baxter, Editor in Chief

WHAT'S HAPPENING

The following events are current as of publication date, October 1st. Please check our website, LWVLewisburgArea.org, frequently for the most current updates.

Monday, October 2nd, 4:00p.m.

BOARD MEETING
East Buffalo Township Municipal Building
589 Fairground Road, Lewisburg

Tuesday, October 17th, 12:00-1:00p.m.

FORUM
Christopher Baxter, Editor in Chief,
Spotlight PA
"Journalism, Democracy and Driving Change"

JOB OPEN DISCUSSION
Immediately following the Forum
Topic: "The Various Methods of Voting"
La Primavera, 2593 Old Turnpike Road, Lewisburg

Monday, October 23rd

Last Day to REGISTER to vote OR to CHANGE PARTY AFFILIATION before the November election

Tuesday, October 31st

Last Day to APPLY for a mail-in or civilian absentee BALLOT for the November election

Monday, November 6th, 4:00p.m.

BOARD MEETING
East Buffalo Township Municipal Building
589 Fairground Road, Lewisburg

Tuesday, November 7th, 7:00a.m.-8:00p.m.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 21st, 12:00-1:00p.m.

FORUM
Sarah Silky, Lycoming College Professor of History
"Ida B. Wells and the Struggle Against Racist Violence"
La Primavera, 2593 Old Turnpike Road, Lewisburg

for Spotlight PA. His presentation is titled, *Journalism, Democracy and Driving Change*. League members and the general public are invited to attend the presentation and enjoy an optional buffet lunch available for \$15.50 starting at 11:30, when the doors open. Following the presentation, members of the Integrity of the Ballot Task Force will lead a discussion on the different ways to cast a ballot.

Please mark your calendars. We hope to make recordings available after each forum via the League website:

LWVLewisburgArea.org

NOVEMBER FORUM

The LWVLA's Education Forum will continue on November 21st, 2023, with a talk by Dr. Sarah Silkey, Professor of History, Lycoming College. Her talk is, *Ida B. Wells and the Struggle Against Racist Violence*. League members and the general public are invited to attend the presentation and enjoy an optional lunch before the meeting.

Teri MacBride, Forum Committee Chair

BOOK CLUB

We invite you to explore the topic of Artificial Intelligence with us for our December discussion. There are two books we think may lead to an interesting conversation. The first is *The Coming Wave: Technology, Power and the 21st Century's Greatest Dilemma* by Mustafa Suleyman. And the second title is a mystery novella that was written using several AI tools entitled *Death of an Author* by Aiden Marchine. Stay tuned for the specific date and time in December!

Wanda Clark & Linda McGann, Co-chairs

VOTER SERVICES

Voters Guide Distribution

All *Voters Guide* distributors will need to pick up copies of the *Voters Guide* on October 13th and 14th to distribute them to assigned locations.

NOTE: We need a *Voters Guide* distributor for Bucknell University. Please contact me, Lsharris323@gmail.com, if you are willing to distribute copies of the *Voters Guide* to several locations on campus

Join Us!

New Members wanted! Join the Voter Services Committee!

The Voter Services Committee meets monthly at the Chairperson's home to discuss ways to engage our community in the election process, to increase voter registration, to disseminate candidate information through the *Voters Guide*, and *Facts for Voters*, and to keep our community informed via candidate events. Contact Linda Harris via email: Lsharris323@gmail.com.

Do you know someone who is interested in joining the

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS' OF THE LEWISBURG AREA ?

Please encourage them to join us!

We welcome new members to our League.

We need your ideas and support !

If you have any questions, please email:

lwvlewisburgarea@gmail.com

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Distribution List Manager

Here's another opportunity for you to get involved with your League. We are looking for someone to manage the distribution of our publications.

The Voter Services Committee needs a **Distribution List Manager.**

Qualifications: Since we already have an established list of volunteers, the main job is to maintain the distributors' lists which we use to distribute the semi-annual *Voters Guide* and the yearly *Facts for Voters*. The manager will contact volunteers through email and phone calls. S/he will also need to contact LWVLA members to fill vacancies. This position offers a chance to get to know and talk with members. The Distribution Manager will communicate with distributors three times per year at least eight weeks before the two election cycles and before the disbursement date of the *Facts for Voters* to determine their availability. Very basic knowledge of Excel would be helpful. Training is available.

Who's Running in the Upcoming Elections?

What you need to know!

Here are two ways to learn about who's running in the upcoming elections:

1. The Fall 2023 *Voters Guide*

In Print: LWVLA will be printing *Voters Guides* and distributing them to 124 sites. When you go to a store/library/post office that doesn't have any visible copies of the *Voters Guide*, ask if it is available. If not, and the proprietor is willing to provide them, contact me and I'll drop some off. We currently provide the *Voters Guide* to the Union County libraries and post offices.

Online: The *Voters Guide* will be available on our local League's website at:

LWVLewisburgArea.org/voter-resources/voters-guide

2. VOTE411.org



VOTE411.org is the LWVUS (National League's) innovative "one-stop-shop" for non-partisan election-related information, both general and state-specific. Compare candidates' information side-by-side, and create your own custom ballot based on your address. **VOTE411** tends to have the most up-to-date information, because candidates who don't answer the questions in time for the *Voters Guide* printing cut-off date can do so on the **VOTE411** website up to the day of the election. **VOTE411** also provides links to register to vote, check your voter registration, find your polling place, discover upcoming debates in your area, and much more!

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Races on the November Ballot

Who will you be voting for in the upcoming November 7th election?

These are the **contested races:**

- **PA APPELLATE COURTS:**
Justice of the Supreme Court
Judge of the Superior Court
Judge of the Commonwealth Court
- **UNION COUNTY:**
Commissioners
District Attorney
County Auditor: Voters may choose no more than two of the three candidates. However, this race is not actually contested because there are three open positions and three candidates.
- **TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS:**
East Buffalo
New Berlin
Union
- **SCHOOL DIRECTORS:**
Lewisburg
Mifflinburg Regions 1, 2, and 3
Warrior Run

Candidates Events

We have two confirmed virtual candidate events:

- **SCHOOL DIRECTORS:**
Lewisburg
Warrior Run
Wednesday, October 18th, 6 p.m., on Zoom
- **TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR:**
East Buffalo
Thursday, October 26th, 6 p.m., on Zoom
Check our **LWVLA website** for specific Zoom link information

Important Election Dates - Fall 2023

October 23rd – Last day to register to vote or to change party affiliation before the November election

October 31st – Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot for the November election

November 7th – Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted mail-in and civilian absentee ballots (must be received by 8:00p.m.)

November 7th – Municipal Election

November 8th – First day to register after the election

November 14th – Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots for the fall election (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59p.m. on November 6th)

Linda Harris, Voter Services Chair

MEMBERSHIP

Remember that we are in the middle of our annual membership renewal process. Please return your membership form (see below) along with your check. The League is *nothing* without its members.



**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
September 2023 — January 31, 2024**

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Individual (1 year) - \$55; Household - \$80 (+\$25 for additional member)
35 years of age or younger - \$35; Student (1 year) - \$10

I wish to renew my membership in the LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE LEWISBURG AREA.

NAME _____

2ND HOUSEHOLD MEMBER _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE #'s (home, work or cell) _____

SPECIAL INTEREST:

Voter Services _____ Forums _____ Studies _____ Special Events _____

PAYMENT: 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 17837-0206

For more information, phone 570-524-4439 or email lwvlewisburg@gmail.com.

Thank you!