

## LEAGUE LINE

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

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

It feels unbelievable that we are only weeks away from the most controversial, argumentative, controvertible, consequential, momentous, meaningful, frightening general election that most of us have ever witnessed.

The first concern, of course, is getting people out to vote. Equally important is informing voters about the various candidates and issues that they will be asked to vote on. It has become increasingly obvious that another need to be addressed with the voters is the process and security of the election itself. As we move toward the last phase of the campaign, and I believe the ugliest part of this election, the misinformation and disinformation being bantered about has become almost overwhelming and at the same time, dangerous.

As children, most of us started out believing some harmless untruths, myths, and stories. The first I can remember is Santa Claus. The falsehoods then continued on throughout childhood in the form of the Easter Bunny, big bad wolves that eat beloved family members, pigs that talk and build homes... the list goes on. Don't even get me started on whatever that Alice was doing in Wonderland! These mistruths (I hesitate to call them lies because that would assume my parents were liars) were for the most part, harmless stories, some that aimed to teach basic life lessons. The mistruths, misinformation, disinformation and yes, down-right lies that are being broadcast around leading up to this election are completely different. They are not harmless. They are causing actual harm to whole groups of people. As troubling as that is, the lack of honest information about the election bothers me the most.

For several months now, with increasing frequency, statements have been made that throw doubt on the validity of the election. The seeds that have been sown grow into beliefs about whether the election is fair, correct, and free of fraudulent activity. The only way to combat this campaign against the integrity of the ballot is to get the truth to the people. If you or your neighbors have questions regarding any part of the election process, help set the record straight. If you have questions about the election, there are any number of ways to verify the facts, among them: [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org), [votePA.com](http://votePA.com), or notify us at [lwvlewisburgarea@gmail.com](mailto:lwvlewisburgarea@gmail.com).

Getting the right information out to voters, correcting misinformation when you encounter it, and assuring people of the security of the ballot is the biggest way we, all of us, can help in "Defending Democracy".

Kandy Duncan, President

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

The following events are current as of publication date, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Please check our website, [LWVLewisburgArea.org](http://LWVLewisburgArea.org), frequently for the most current updates.

**Monday, October 7th, 4:30p.m.**

**\*BOARD MEETING**

The Library for Union County  
255 Reitz Boulevard, Lewisburg

**Tuesday, October 15th, 10:30-11:30a.m.**

**\*\*FORUM**

Claire Campbell, Professor of History,  
Bucknell University  
"Think Globally, Act Locally: Learning from  
Environmental History"  
The Library for Union County, Community  
Room  
255 Reitz Boulevard, Lewisburg

**Monday, October 21st**

**LAST day to REGISTER TO VOTE**

Last day to register to vote, change address,  
or party affiliation before the November  
election

**Tuesday, October 29th**

**LAST day to request a MAIL-IN or civilian  
ABSENTEE BALLOT**

**Monday, November 4th, 4:30p.m.**

**\*BOARD MEETING**

The Library for Union County  
255 Reitz Boulevard, Lewisburg

**Tuesday, November 5th**

**GENERAL ELECTION**

Polls open from 7a.m. – 8p.m.

**Tuesday, November 19th, 10:30-11:30a.m.**

**\*\*FORUM**

Kyle Kopko, Executive Director of the Center  
for Rural Pennsylvania  
"Pennsylvania's Changing Population: How  
Demographics Will Shape the Next 25  
Years"  
The Library for Union County, Community  
Room  
255 Reitz Boulevard, Lewisburg, PA

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## MAUCH MILLENNIAL PROJECT

The Mauch Millennial Project is back at work with our new crop of student interns and Fellows!

At Lewisburg Area High School, our two interns for this year, Mariah Drexler and Lucie Gosson-Roy, are visiting senior classes to educate their peers on the importance of voting, where to find information about candidates and issues, how to register, and how and where to cast a ballot in the November election and beyond.

At Bucknell University, our three Bucknell Mauch Fellows, Zane Hensal, Morgan Levy, and Victoria Romero, have also been very busy registering students and sharing information. They have been visiting classes and have plans to visit fraternities and sororities and other student organizations. They have an Instagram account and have posted a video Morgan created that shows students how to register online. On September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup> they will participate in a campus-wide voter registration drive organized by Student Life. They are also planning a program during which they will talk specifically about the issues in the upcoming election.

We are working with Mary Beth Harris, director of the Lewisburg Children's Museum, on a plan to let children select the next addition to the museum's collection. The staff will select three items from the LCM's wish list and kids will vote for the one they prefer. This will give them a chance to experience actual voting with real-world consequences. The voting will start in late September until election day, November 5<sup>th</sup>. We are holding a voter registration event at the LCM on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Elaine Hopkins

## INTEGRITY OF THE BALLOT

We are coming into the home stretch with the Integrity of the Ballot project. Within the next couple of weeks, be on the lookout for posters placed in various places about town such as the library, the CommUnity Zone, the Campus Theatre and the post office. The posters will be accompanied by a stack of trifold pamphlets that address information regarding the election process and the security of the ballot. Pamphlets will also be placed around Union County along with the upcoming *Voters Guides*. Links for these publications will also appear on the website and possibly Facebook.

**Editor's note:** To download the Integrity of the Ballot pamphlet from our LWVLA website, click [here](http://here) ([my.lwv.org/sites/default/files/integrity\\_of\\_the\\_ballot.pdf](http://my.lwv.org/sites/default/files/integrity_of_the_ballot.pdf)).

## OCTOBER FORUM

The League of Women of Women Voters of Lewisburg Area Forum series will continue on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, at its new time, from 10:30-11:30 a.m., and new location, the Public Library for Union County, 255 Reitz Boulevard, Lewisburg. The meeting is in the Community Room. Doors open at 10:00 a.m.

Dr. Claire Campbell, will present a talk titled, *Think Globally, Act Locally: Learning from Environmental History and Taking Action*. Dr. Campbell is Chair of the Bucknell Department of History, and affiliated faculty in the Department of Environmental Studies and Sciences. She will discuss the environmental history of Pennsylvania and the mid-Atlantic region and how it informs questions of sustainability facing us today. She will focus on

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environmental change along the Susquehanna River and its tributaries and our ability to respond. Her photo and full bio are [here](#) (www.bucknell.edu/fac-staff/claire-campbell). The presentation will not be recorded.

As always, the meeting is open to League members and the general public. All are welcome. There is no charge to attend this talk. For more information, email:

[LWVLAForum@gmail.com](mailto:LWVLAForum@gmail.com).

Teri MacBride, Forum Committee Co-Chair

### NOVEMBER FORUM

On November 19<sup>th</sup>, the LWVLA Educational Forum will feature Dr. Kyle Kopko, Executive Director of the Center for Rural Pennsylvania. His topic will be *Pennsylvania's Changing Population: How Demographics Will Shape the Next 25 Years*. Remember that the venue and time of the Forum has changed this year; it will be held in the Public Library for Union County Community Room, 255 Reitz Blvd., Lewisburg. The doors open at 10:00a.m., and the presentation is from 10:30 to 11:30.

This event is free and open to everyone.

For more information, email:

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### MEMBERSHIP

By the time you are reading this League Line, you should have received your letter to renew your membership for the coming year. Please return the renewal form and your check in the enclosed envelope.

### VOTER SERVICES

#### Fall Voters Guide & VOTE411

Sheri Stayton, with her amazing staff, Liz Clement, Carole Madle, Wayne Baker and designer Dawn Maneval, are working on the fall general election 2024 *Voters Guide*. We expect to send the Guide to print on October 7<sup>th</sup> and have the printed copies distributed on or around October 24<sup>th</sup>.

*Voters Guide* distributors will also deliver the Integrity of the Ballot pamphlets. You can download the pamphlets from our LWVLA website (see the link under "[Integrity of the Ballot](#)" on page 1).

#### VOTE411.org

[Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org), the National League's website with candidate information, is online and it's time for our members to display VOTE411 yard signs to announce this event. Contact me to secure a yard sign. I'll have them on my porch for easy pick up.

#### "Disagree Better"

You received an invitation to a program called "Disagree Better" from the National Governors Association and supported by the League of Women Voters. It is scheduled for October 14<sup>th</sup>. The announcement is to the right. Please use the QR code to register for the event. If you have difficulty registering, you can email [Lsharris323@gmail.com](mailto:Lsharris323@gmail.com).

#### Mail-In Ballots

Thanks to the Union County Elections Office, mail-in ballots will be mailed on or around October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

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### 2024 Election Calendar

Below is the Election Calendar from October until the General Election on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Linda Harris, Voter Services Chair

### 2024 Pennsylvania Elections: Important Dates to Remember

Source: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of State, Bureau of Elections and Notaries (NOTE: All dates in this calendar are subject to change without notice.)

2024 ELECTION MILESTONE	DEADLINE
Last day to REGISTER to vote or to change party affiliation before the April primary.	October 21
Last day to APPLY for a mail-in or civilian ABSENTEE ballot	October 29
Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted mail-in and civilian absentee ballots (must be received by 8:00pm)	November 5
<b>GENERAL ELECTION</b> <i>In-Person voting:</i> Polls open from 7:00am to 8:00pm	<b>November 5</b>
First day to register to vote after the election	November 6
Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59p.m. on November 4th)	November 12



## Disagree Better

An initiative of the National Governors Association promoted by the League of Women Voters

You are cordially invited to

**Disagree Better: Tools for Talking in Contentious Times: an interactive workshop designed to develop practical tools to help us communicate (or disagree better) with our friends, family, and neighbors, whether about politics or Thanksgiving dinner.**

700 Hepburn St., Milton, PA 17847

October 14th, 2024, 6:30-8 PM. Doors open at 6 PM.

Please Join the League of Women Voters of Northumberland County for this important workshop.

Space is limited. Please RSVP here:

<https://forms.gle/5DCMsfpB4Q8qX52AA>

Or scan the QR code to RSVP



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