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LEAGUE LINE

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LEADERSHIP TEAM MESSAGE

Volunteers Needed! - Please Read This!

Over the last year, the projects that our League has continued to provide only exist because they are overseen by a League committee, headed by its own chairperson. A chairperson not only directs a committee, but also provides the committee's monthly status to the Board. Our League is currently running with a bare minimum number of officers, directors, and committee chairs.

The Leadership Team is asking you, the membership, to please step up and help with the running of our League. We need:

- More Board members
- Committee chairs: Voter Services, Nominating Committee, Book Club
- More members in the Forum Committee

Descriptions of these position are provided in more detail in the sections below.

These positions all come with the guarantee from the Leadership Team that no one is expected to volunteer for a task new to them without receiving help about how to do it. For most of these positions, members exist that have held these positions in the past and can help you. After all, all of us have the same goal: to have our League continue well into the future, providing interesting events both to membership and to the community. Your current Leadership Team cannot do it all, and we really need your help to accomplish these goals.

If you would like to volunteer for any of these positions, or if you have any questions about them, please send the Board an email at:

LWVLewisburgArea@gmail.com

Board Members

We need more Board members on the LWVLA Board! With the existing Board, we are holding together the basic events and projects of our League. With our new Membership Committee, the ability to provide membership events is becoming a reality. With more Board members, we can support more events and projects for you, our membership. It doesn't matter if you are new to this League, or if you have never been a Board member. We will all work together to provide our League with interesting events while still completing the tasks required for the League to function. Please come join us!

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.

Thursday, October 1st, 4:00pm
BOARD MEETING
Mary Zimmerman's home
Lewisburg

Monday, October 19th
LAST DAY to REGISTER to VOTE in the GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, October 20th, 4:00pm
FORUM
Amy Widestrom LWVPA Executive Director:
"League Action on Election Integrity"
Public Library for Union County
255 Reitz Boulevard, Lewisburg

Tuesday, October 27th
LAST DAY to submit an APPLICATION for a mail-in or absentee BALLOT!

Tuesday, November 3rd
GENERAL ELECTION - Vote!

Thursday, November 12th, 4:00-6:00pm
LWVLA MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL
Dr. Kay Nottis, Bucknell University Professor of Education, Emeritus:
"To be a citizen is to be a voter"
Bull Run Tap House
605 Market Street, Lewisburg

Thursday, December 3rd, 4:00pm
FORUM
Scott R. Meinke, Professor of Political Science, Bucknell University:
"Looking Back and Looking Ahead: Understanding the 2026 Midterm Election and the New Congress"
Public Library for Union County
255 Reitz Boulevard, Lewisburg

Voter Services

A Voter Services Chairperson is needed to steer the voter education of our League. Current efforts include the **Vote411** database, and our semi-annual *Voters Guide*. We, as the Board, promise that you won't be dumped into the deep end with no lifevest. Both the current interum chair and the previous chair of Voter Services (VS) are willing to work with you to help you "learn the ropes". In addition, both of the current VS efforts listed above are currently run by experienced members who can provide help. We are hoping that someone out there is interested in expanding our League's work in voter education and the voting process!

Nominating Committee

The Board needs to find interested individuals to join the Nominating Committee, a group that helps find the officers and directors for our League. Each of these positions has a limited term and, at the end of the term, this committee is responsible for determining if the existing officeholder is willing to continue for another term or, if not, to find a new member to take over. Work on this committee starts in December, with the goal of presenting nominations for the officers and directors of our League offices to the Board early next year. If you are interested in talking to someone who has served on this important committee, send the Board an email at:

LWVLewisburgArea@gmail.com

LWVLA Facebook Page

Our LWVLA Facebook page (at **facebook.com/lwvla**) is waking up, thanks to Carole Madle, who has agreed to post material sent to her. Material sent to Carole needs to be "ready to go", with no additional formatting required. If you have something formatted for our Facebook page, send it to Carole at **carolemadle66@gmail.com**.

Sooooo, are you the creative type who likes to generate online content and/or graphics? We really need to add at least a member or two to help generate the content that Carole posts. It would be great if one person would be in charge of keeping this important source of information current, with the events of our local League, as well as the state, and national Leagues. Let us know if you want to unleash your creativity on the LWVLA Facebook page!

Book Club

Our wonderful Book Club chair, Mary Beth Clarke is no longer able to lead our League Book Club. Is there some member out there who is interested in finding books about government, democracy, voting, and other related topics to share with the avid readers in this club?

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Forum Committee

Our Forum Committee is that wonderful group of people who find those interesting topics for us to hear, regularly from September to April. This committee would very much like to find new folks who can help continue these well-attended League events.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

We are compiling an inventory of League property and archived materials currently held by League members. It includes items like scrapbooks, board orientation materials and notebooks, the podium, party supplies like tablecloths and glassware, **VOTE411** signs, etc.

If you are storing any League assets, we need to add them to our master list. So please email the details to

LWVLewisburgArea@gmail.com

To be clear, we're not seeking to collect them physically (unless you're actively downsizing). We're simply trying to determine what and where League property has gone through the years. Thank you!

The Leadership Team

LEAGUE LINE

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SEPTEMBER FORUM EVENT

Most people driving past the Lycoming County landfill see a mountain of waste, but a dozen members of the League of Women Voters of the Lewisburg Area spent more than two hours there on September 15th, and discovered something much more complicated. It is a 1,050-acre operation where engineering, recycling, environmental protection and even electricity generation all intersect.

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The county-owned Lycoming County Resource Management Services employs about 60 people and operates on an annual budget of roughly $18 million. It primarily serves a five-county region and is one of only two county-owned landfills known to operate in Pennsylvania.

During the tour, League members walked atop one of the landfill fields and saw firsthand how carefully waste is contained. Multiple protective layers separate the buried material from the underlying ground, while liquid called leachate is collected and treated to help protect groundwater.

Even the giant landfill fields are not static. As organic material decomposes, the mounds gradually settle and shrink, becoming shorter over time. That decomposition also creates methane, 85 percent of which is captured through a network of pipes. Instead of simply being burned off, much of that methane is put to work. It fuels a cogeneration plant that produces electricity for the regional power grid, turning one byproduct of buried waste into another form of recycling.

Recycling itself remains a financial challenge. The operation brings in about $1.7 million annually but costs approximately $2.7 million to run. Glass is still accepted, but management has removed it from single-stream processing because it is hard on equipment and costly to recycle. The change could save about $10,000 a month in repair costs. That willingness to adapt runs throughout the operation, from recycling decisions to plans that could add as much as 20 years of future landfill capacity.

Behind what looks from Route 15 like a series of grassy hills is a constantly changing system of science, technology, environmental responsibility and practical problem-solving. Perhaps that was the most surprising discovery of the tour: even a landfill is never really standing still.

MEMBERSHIP

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
of the LEWISBURG AREA

2026 Annual Membership Social

Thursday November 12, 2026
4:00 to 6:00 PM

Speaker, Katharyn Nottis, Ph.D.

"To be a citizen is to be a voter" (Susan B. Anthony, 1873):
The Final Push for Suffrage

Bull Run Tap House
605 Market Street, Lewisburg, PA

Please bring a friend and learn more about the vital work of LWV!
Light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. No host bar

RSVP with the number of guests attending:
griffma1993@gmail.com

Our guest speaker, Dr. Katharyn Nottis, has multiple years of teaching experience and a wealth of knowledge in her field of education. She received the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching at Bucknell University, and in 2011, she became the first woman in the Education Department at Bucknell to become a Full Professor.

MaryAnn Griffin, Membership Committee

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General Manager Jay Alexander offered a simple philosophy for what happens there — and for what each of us can do with the waste we create:

> "Be environmentally responsible, seek out the right way to get your recyclables to a responsible processor, keep ALL batteries out of the waste and recycling streams. Leave it better than you found it."

Mark Giesen for the Forum Committee

OCTOBER FORUM

On Tuesday, October 20th, the League of Women Voters of the Lewisburg Area Forum series continues at the Public Library for Union County, 255 Reitz Boulevard, Lewisburg.

Democracy organizations across Pennsylvania are on the frontlines of protecting voting rights during this consequential election season, and when our democratic institutions are under pressure. Amy Widestrom, Executive Director of the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania, will inform Forum attendees about what is happening on the ground, what is under threat, what is being done to prepare for November, and what all Pennsylvanians can do to support and strengthen democracy.

Doors will open at 3:30p.m., with the presentation beginning at 4:00. Come early or stay late for some social networking and time with Amy. As always, the meeting is open to league members and the public. All are welcome. There is no charge to attend this talk. For more information, email:

LWVLAForum@gmail.com

Teri MacBride for the Forum Committee

DECEMBER FORUM

On Thursday, December 3rd, LWVLA Forum will feature Bucknell University Professor of Political Science Scott Meinke presenting "Looking Back and Looking Ahead: Understanding the 2026 Midterm Election and the New Congress."

What do we know about the choices of campaigns and voters in this year's congressional campaigns, and how can we explain the results? With the new Congress set to begin, what issues can we expect to take center stage, and what are the prospects for new directions in the House and Senate? We'll look back at what happened in November and ahead at what to expect in January, and consider what this all means for the state of American politics.

This Forum begins at 4:00p.m., at the Public Library for Union County. All are welcome.

Teri MacBride for the Forum Committee

VOTER SERVICES

Upcoming Fall General Election

The Fall General election will be on November 3rd this year. The ballot for this election will contain:

- Offices at the state level:
  - Governor
  - Lt. Governor
  - State Representatives: Districts 76, 83, and 85
- Office at the federal level:
  - U.S. Congress: 15th District

Remember to check:

- Are you are registered to vote? Deadline is October 19th!
- Have you applied to receive your absentee or mail-in ballot (if you want one)? Deadline is October 27th!

Vote411

Sheri Stayton is heading up the work on **Vote411**. Candidates for offices in the upcoming primary have just about completed entering their information into the **Vote411** system. **Vote411** is already online with the candidate information received so far! This **YouTube video** describes **Vote411**.

Voters Guide

Work on the *Voters Guide* for the upcoming Fall General Election on November 3rd is underway. Our *Voters Guide* team continues with Liz Clement, Carole Madle, Linda Harris, Dawn Maneval, led by our Editor Sheri Stayton. Candidate invitations went out August 13th, with a response deadline of end-of-day on September 3rd. Write-in candidates have until September 4th to let us know about their race. Our goal is to have this *Voters Guide* available for distribution by October 13th!

Anyone interested in joining our mighty Distribution Team to help get the Spring issue to sites throughout Union County, please contact **lwvlewisburgarea@gmail.com**.

Dawn Maneval, interum chair for the Voter Services Committee

ACTIONS AND ADVOCACY

To sign up so you can receive timely information/actions about ongoing state and national initiatives of the League of Women Voters, please use **this link**.

League in Action

September 14th:

> "…the US Supreme Court delivered a major victory for voters — and for the League. The Court left in place through the November election the preliminary injunction secured by the League and our partners in League of Women Voters of Massachusetts v. Trump, blocking the US Postal Service from enforcing key parts of its new mail-ballot rule. The decision means voters in all 50 states can continue to use their states' existing processes for mail voting.
>
> The League stood up for voters — and we won."

Areas for Action

The League, at both National (LWVUS) and State (LWVPA) levels, provides suggested topics for study, and actions you can take to make a difference. Below are several issues with links for you to take action, read to understand, or print and distribute.

Election Observation Preparedness Training

October 8, 2:30pm ET:
This training, in collaboration with Freedom Trainers, will provide real-life scenarios on how to stay informed, abreast, and aware of being an effective observer of the full election process from start to finish. **LEARN MORE**!

Election Protection

Support Election Protection this election season. There are ways you can help keep elections fair, free, and accessible. You can sign up to be:

- a poll worker: work inside the polls to help elections run smoothly on Election day
- a poll monitor: work outside the polls, greeting voters and answering questions
- an Observer Corps member: sign up to observe Board of Election meetings, in-person or virtual depending on modality.

Please visit our **Election Volunteering site** for more information and to sign up.

Campaign Finance

Our state League is hosting a training with OpenSecrets on using their campaign finance data and tools on Wednesday, October 7th from 5:00-6:00p.m. This session will

> "start with a quick overview of the FEC and money-in-politics rules, then walk us through the updated OpenSecrets tools for exploring federal and Pennsylvania campaign finance data.
>
> If you've been wanting to get more comfortable following the money or using campaign finance data in your work, this should be a really useful session."

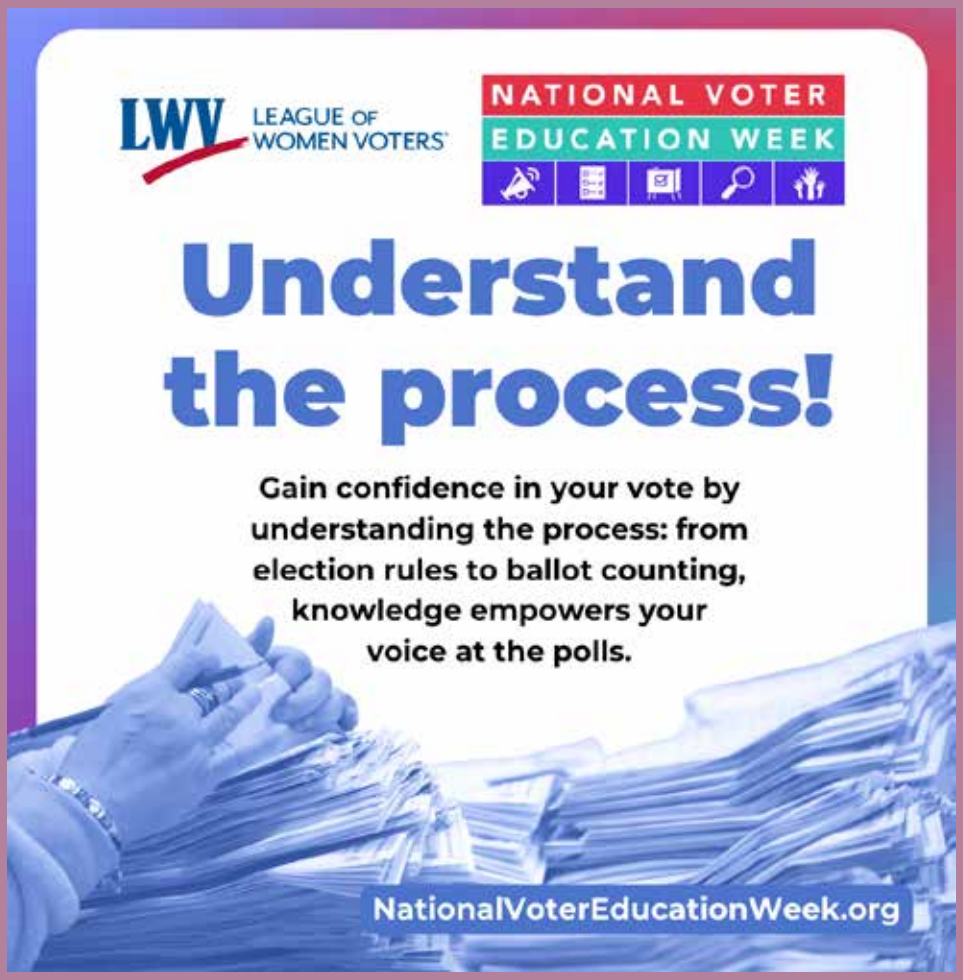
Click here to register.

Textbanking Opportunities

One of the most effective ways to engage voters is simply by reaching out. Our upcoming textbank opportunities allow you to connect directly with voters, share important election information, and encourage civic participation - all from your computer or phone.

No experience? No problem. We'll provide training, support, and everything you need to get started. Textbanks will take place on the following dates:

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NATIONAL VOTER EDUCATION WEEK (NVEW) *

October 5 – 9, 2026

National Voter Education Week is a week-long nonpartisan voter education campaign. During this week of interactive education, voters have the opportunity to find their polling location, understand their ballot, make a plan to vote, and inspire others to get involved. This is the perfect week to share **Vote411.org** with your community. **Vote411** has everything voters need to plan their vote, from election dates to ballot information to a polling place location and more.

Engaging in the Holiday

What can Leagues do to engage in this civic holiday? Here are some options:

- Share our social media graphics to celebrate.
- Add it to your website and League in Action with a link to **Vote411.org**.
- Write a letter to the editor about how your community can make their voting plan.

Events and Activities:

- Table at a community event.
- Host an educational event! You can educate your community on mis/disinformation, voting rights, or partnering with your local election officials to bring in voting machines.
- Host a candidate or ballot measure forum.
- Host a trivia night at your local community center or brewery with topics related to elections and civics. Hand out voting information to attendees.
- Partnering with a high school or community college on an event or table to reach student voters.
- Highlight community members and why they vote on your social media.
- Host a Civics 101 presentation.

Check out **these resources** from National Voter Education Week.

*This material sourced from **this link on the LWVUS website**.

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- October 1st at 06:00p.m. ET
- October 22nd at 06:00p.m. ET
- October 29th at 06:00p.m. ET

Sign up for an upcoming textbank **here**. Thank you for being part of this work. We look forward to seeing you online and in action with fellow League members soon. In League,

The LWV Team

Civic Action Toolkit During ICE Activity

With immigration enforcement activity increasing in our communities, it can create fear, confusion, and barriers to participation in civic life. Leagues can now review our **civic action toolkit** on the League Management Site to learn how to show up safely, lawfully, and in solidarity during ICE activity.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The Leadership Team would like to hear from more of you about how you think our local League can be revitalized! As cited in the national League of Women Voters's website, the purpose of a League is to provide its members and community with ways:

> "to protect and expand voting rights and ensure everyone is represented in our democracy. We empower voters and defend democracy through advocacy, education, and litigation, at the local, state, and national levels." (**lwv.org**)

What interests you about the League of Women Voters? To us on the Leadership Team, it is important to find projects and activities that are both interesting to the membership and feasible to get done (with the resources we have available). We would be very interested in hearing from you about what is important to you about your League. For example:

- What services or activities that this League has been providing do you feel are important to continue, or to discontinue?
- What services or activities do you think this League could provide that we currently do not?
- What in particular would you like to work on to support the role of our League in the community?

To send us your feedback, send us an email at:

LWVLewisburgArea@gmail.com

The Leadership Team