

LEAGUE LINE

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

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Another election, another set of candidates, another barrage of promises, and another chance for all of us to weigh in on the state of the nation. I should also add, another push to get people registered and opportunity for the League to do what it does best: arm voters with the information to make informed decisions. The next time I sit down to write the League Line President's message, the upcoming election will be in the rearview mirror. All the hype, misinformation, disinformation, the volumes of political mailers, and incessant political TV ads, which are wearing out my mute button, will pretty much be over. The looming question is "What then?"!

I have, as I'm sure most of you have, voted every year since I was old enough to vote. In my case, that is since I was 21 years old, or for the last 53 years. Never in all those years have I been as frightened about an election as I am this one. It isn't all that hard to figure out why and I'm very confident that I am not alone in these feelings.

I reflect on whether we, the League, have done enough. Our mission entails informing voters, helping people who are not registered, getting information out about the candidates. We accomplish this using various means such as through the publication of our *Voters Guide*, *Facts for Voters*, and our participation in **Vote411.org**. We have an active website. Our Facebook page is constantly updated with the most current information.

But will it be enough?

Will it be enough to provide the clear-thinking voters of Union County information to make voting decisions on the candidates who will support our principles of social equality, our freedoms, our very democracy? I hope so. Approximately three weeks from now we will all know.....

Kandy Duncan, President

NOVEMBER FORUM

PLEASE NOTE: All Forums can now be attended live or via Zoom. The Zoom option still requires registration.

On Tuesday, November 15th, from noon to 1p.m., the League of Women Voters of the Lewisburg Area's Educational Forum series will continue with a hybrid presentation by Greg Krohn, Emeritus Professor of Economics, Bucknell University. His talk will address how the pandemic, monetary policy, fiscal policies, and the war in Ukraine are affecting inflation. He will also discuss how inflation affects incomes, interest rates, and other parts of the economy. Please email LWVLAForum@gmail.com about your plans to participate in person or via Zoom.

The forums will be offered in two formats:

- **LIVE:** Participants may attend live at La Primavera, 2593 Old Turnpike Road, Lewisburg. Doors open at 11:30a.m., and an optional buffet lunch will be available for \$15.50. The presentation begins at noon. No preregistration is required.
- **VIRTUAL:** For people unable to attend in person, the forum will be available for viewing in live time, via Zoom with

WHAT'S HAPPENING

The following events are current as of publication date, November 1st. Coronavirus containment measures may cause delays or cancellations. Please check our website, LWVLewisburgArea.org, frequently for the most current updates.

Tuesday, November 1st

Last day to APPLY for a MAIL-IN or civilian ABSENTEE ballot for the November election.

Monday, November 7th, 4:00p.m.

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

Tuesday, November 8th

GENERAL ELECTION
Polls open 7a.m.-8p.m.
Mail-in or absentee ballots must be received by 8p.m.

Tuesday, November 15th, 12:00-1:00p.m.

FORUM
Greg Krohn, Emeritus Bucknell Professor of Economics
"Inflation: Causes, Consequences and Cures"
Live: La Primavera, 2593 Old Turnpike Road, of Lewisburg; Zoom simulcast: requires preregistration.

Monday, December 5th, 4:00p.m.

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

Tuesday, December 13th, 10a.m.

BOOK CLUB
via Zoom

questions in the chat. They will **not** be able to interact with other participants. Virtual attendees should log in by 11:45a.m. to assure connection.

As always, the LWVLA Educational Forums are open to everyone. You do not need to be a member of the League to participate.

Subsequent recordings will be posted on the League website LWVLewisburgArea.org
Teri MacBride, Forum Committee Chair

OCTOBER FORUM

On October 19th, Robin Stelly from the PA Health Advocacy Network, spoke on "Challenges of Affordable and Accessible Health Care in Pennsylvania." Ms. Stelly credited advocacy by many groups, including general consumers, as driving the 2010 passage of the Affordable Care Act and the 2015 expansion of Medicaid in PA. Similarly, the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 is a reflection of perseverance and advocacy at work. It created enhanced subsidies, negotiated drug prices, and lower prescription drug costs for some Medicare subscribers for a limited number of drugs. It also expanded eligibility for assistance, lowered premiums so there are fewer people uninsured, and capped insulin costs – for some. Continued advocacy is needed with lawmakers, PA's state-based marketplace (Pennie) and the next Governor's Administration, to lower out of pocket costs for consumers, and prescription drug prices. Ms. Stelly also encouraged continued advocacy around medical debt issues and network access; that is, meeting people's needs with a sufficient number of in-network providers within a reasonable distance.

A video recording of the talk is available at the "what you missed" section of the LWVLA website at:

LWVLewisburgArea.org/whats-happening/what-you-missed

If you'd like a copy of the slide deck or other details of the talk, please email LWVLAForum@gmail.com.

Teri MacBride, Forum Committee Member

BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, December 13th, 2022 @ 10a.m. via Zoom

Maus by Art Spiegelman

This non-fiction book is not our typical, as it is a graphic novel. It deals with the Holocaust and is the winner of the American Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize. This book will prepare us for our January Forum speaker on Banned Books as it has been banned by schools. Also, Bucknell Professor Chase Gregory, who spoke about *Maus* locally during Banned Book Week, has agreed to join our discussion. The public library has a copy and Pat Longley and I have copies we are happy to share.

Please come even if you have not read the book!

We always welcome anyone with an interest in the topic to our meetings. To obtain the Zoom meeting link please email me at: mbclark112@gmail.com

Mary Beth Clark

Have you RENEWED your membership to:

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE LEWISBURG AREA ?

We are in the middle of the annual membership renewal period.

If you have not renewed, please do !

We need your ideas and support !

If you have any questions OR you need another renewal form, please email:

lwvlewisburgarea@gmail.com

preregistration. To PREREGISTER, please email LWVLAForum@gmail.com no later than Sunday, November 13. Registrants will receive a unique link for the presentation. When attending virtually, participants will be viewing the presenters, and can post

MEMBERSHIP

New Member

Please welcome a new member:

Kathy Stayton

kathystayton415@gmail.com

Kathy has recently moved to Riverwoods from Northumberland.

Holiday Evening

There is a small group of members who are just starting to plan a holiday evening. As information becomes available, it will be sent to members. If anyone is interested in planning this event, just let Kandy Duncan know...there is still time.

Annual Membership Drive

A reminder that we are in the middle of annual membership renewal period. If you have not renewed, please do. If you have any questions or need another renewal form, please email lwvlewisburgarea@gmail.com.

VOTER SERVICES REPORT

Volunteer Wanted

DISTRIBUTION LIST MANAGER

Qualifications: Because we already have an established list of volunteers, the main job is to maintain the distributors' lists, which we use to distribute the bi-annual *Voters Guide* and the yearly *Facts for Voters*. The distribution manager will contact volunteers via email and phone calls to remind and coordinate distribution, and have a willingness to contact members to fill vacancies. This position offers a chance to get to know and talk with members. The distribution manager will communicate with all distributors to ascertain their availability 3 times per year: at least 8 weeks before the two election cycles, and before the disbursement of the *Facts for Voters*. Very basic knowledge of Excel would be helpful. Training is available.

Please Help GET OUT the VOTE!

VOTE in the November 8th election and encourage everyone you know to vote!

Put up a **VOTE411** yard sign. If you need one, contact Linda Harris, 267-337-5986.

Who's Running in the Upcoming Elections?

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

1. *Voters Guide*

In Print: The LWVLA printed the *Voters Guide* on October 14th and volunteers began distributing them to 124 sites in Union County. If you go to a store/library/post office that doesn't have one, ask if it is available. If not, but 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: Also on October 14th, the *Voters Guide* became available on our local League's website at:

LWVLewisburgArea.org/voter-resources/voters-guide

2. **VOTE411.org**



VOTE411.org is the website of the LWVUS (National League). It is an

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innovative "one-stop-shop" for non-partisan election related information, both general and state specific. Voting information for Pennsylvania can be found at:

Vote411.org/pennsylvania

With **VOTE411**, you can compare candidates' information side-by-side, and create your own custom ballot based on your address. One advantage to this website: candidates who don't answer the questions by the *Voters Guide* printing cut-off date can do so on the **VOTE411** website, right up to the election. For example: Mary Forzani, a write-in candidate for the 85th district PA House of Representatives, is not in the *Voters Guide* but is on **VOTE411**.

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!

Sheri Stayton manages the PA website with **Liz Clement's** assistance.

Thank You's

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Ballot Questions in November Election

There are no ballot questions for the November election. Local newspapers recently printed a full-page public notice titled: Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

You can read the notice here:

dos.pa.gov/VotingElections/Documents/DOS_JR2021-2_10x21.pdf

A careful reading of this notice is needed to understand there will be NO ballot questions about the proposed Constitutional amendments on the November 2022 ballot. A brief explanation follows.

— **Paragraph 2 of the notice**, beginning "The General Assembly...", explains what must happen before these proposed amendments can become questions that appear on the ballot or become law. These amendments have been approved once by a majority of the current Senators and Representatives of the 2021-2022 PA General Assembly in July 2022. If a majority of the Senators and Representatives in the PA General Assembly elected this November approves one or more of the proposed amendments for a second time by the end of the 2023-2024 session, they would appear on the next ballot. The earliest any questions could appear on the ballot would be May 16th, 2023. Each approved amendment would appear on the ballot as a separate question for voters to approve or reject.

— **Paragraph 4 of the notice** says, "Words that appear in bold print are changes to the words of the Constitution that are proposed by the General Assembly." If it is NOT in BOLD PRINT, it is NOT a proposed change. The notice contains parts of the PA Constitution that are no longer the law. Part 4 of Joint Resolution 2022-1 seems to indicate that the voting age is 21, instead of 18, and that residency requirements for voting are more than 30 days. However, this text does NOT propose changes to voting age and residency requirements because it is not in bold print. It is outdated information that hasn't been formally changed in the PA Constitution. The 26th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution made 18 the legal voting age in 1971. The PA Constitution states this elsewhere, but that statement does not appear in the notice. Also, residency requirements to vote in PA have been 30 days since 2002 (see Statutes of Pennsylvania, Title 25, Chapter 13).

Linda Harris, Voter Services Chair

2022 Pennsylvania Election Calendar: Important Dates to Remember

Source: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of State, Bureau of Elections and Notaries

2022 Election Milestone	Deadline
Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot for the November election Note: If you apply for a mail-in ballot by mail, the mail-in ballot application must be RECEIVED by your county election office by 5:00p.m. on this date.	Nov 1
Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted mail-in and civilian absentee ballots for the general election (must be RECEIVED by 8:00p.m.) Note: If you vote a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot, the ballot must be RECEIVED by your county election office by 8:00p.m. on this date (in person or by mail).	Nov 8
GENERAL ELECTION In-Person voting: Polls open from 7:00a.m. to 8:00p.m.	Nov 8
First day to REGISTER after the election	Nov 9
Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots for the November election (SUBMITTED for delivery no later than 11:59p.m. on November 7th)	Nov 15