

# LEAGUE LINE

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

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

We are living in a turbulent time for our country. Each and every citizen needs to exercise their right to vote. We all need to be vigilant in making decisions that will shape our lives.

One way to show your patriotism is to vote. That's right. As a citizen of this country you have a responsibility to have your vote counted. It is a basic, but precious right that we all share and should treasure. Remember that voting is not a right in many countries. Some people think voting is a waste of time or not all that important. As a citizen of this country, it is one's responsibility to exercise your right to vote.

But does your vote count? Absolutely! More times than you know. That was demonstrated in this past election cycle in another precinct. The results were tied until a different mode of determining the winner was presented to break the tie. One vote could have made all the difference.

**VOTE !!!!!!!**

*Pat Marolo for the Leadership Team*

## DECEMBER FORUM

Please join us for our next Educational Forum on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the Public Library for Union County Community Room, 255 Reitz Boulevard, Lewisburg. It will be our only meeting in December. Doors open at 3:30p.m.

Starting at 4:00p.m., LWVLA will host a talk, "Separating Fact from Fiction: The Immigration Crackdown," on Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, from 4:00–5:30 p.m. Drinks and snacks will be available after the talk.

This Forum program will explore who our immigrant neighbors are today and how federal actions are affecting households locally and across the nation. Presenters will discuss the consequences of U.S. Department of Homeland Security policies and Immigration and Customs Enforcement practices, not only for immigrants but also for U.S. citizens.

Our speakers are:

- Janice Butler: Lewisburg resident and League member, Janice retired from Bucknell University after 16 years as Director of Civic Engagement and Service-Learning, and 14 years as Director of the Women's Resource Center. She volunteers with the Bucknell Institute for Lifelong Learning and the new

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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

**Tuesday, December 2nd, 10:00-11:30a.m.**

**NEW-MEMBER WELCOME**  
LWVLA Membership Committee provides information about our League to our new members!  
*Jenni Stieler's home (40 S. 2nd St, Lewisburg)*

**Tuesday, December 9th, 3:30-5:30p.m.**

**\*FORUM**  
*Janice Butler and Nick Moffa, Esq.*  
"Separating Fact from Fiction: The Immigration Crackdown"  
Public Library for Union County Community Room  
255 Reitz Boulevard, Lewisburg

**Tuesday December 16th, 4:00p.m.**

**BOARD MEETING**  
*Mary Zimmerman's home, Lewisburg*

**Tuesday January 20th, 2026; 3:30-5:30p.m.**

**\*FORUM**  
*Dr. Bernadette Boerckel, Chief Outreach Officer, CSIU, and Vincent Hoover, Superintendent, Lewisburg Area School District*  
"Education without Borders: Virtual, Blended, and Innovative Teaching and Learning"  
Public Library for Union County Community Room  
255 Reitz Boulevard, Lewisburg

**Tuesday January 27th, 2026; 4:00p.m.**

**BOARD MEETING**  
*Mary Zimmerman's home, Lewisburg*

*\* Future FORUMs will begin at 4p.m. and conclude at 5:30p.m., with doors opening at 3:30. We encourage League members to invite friends, and welcome members of the public during the social time before and following the presentations.*

Snyder Union Northumberland Immigrant Support group.

- Nick Moffa, Esq.: An Immigration attorney who has practiced in Maryland and Virginia, Nick previously served with the Amica

Center for Immigrant Rights representing unaccompanied immigrant children in immigration and state court, including youth detained in federal custody. He earned his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center.

We hope to see you for this engaging, informative presentation. Please stay for some festivities and social time with League friends and the general public.

After the talk, we're planning a festive, social time. Because most of us have a January 1<sup>st</sup> membership anniversary, many have received notices from LWV National about renewing our League membership. If you have questions or want some hands-on help with the on-line membership renewal process, we will be doing that, too.

*Teri MacBride for the Forum Committee*

## JANUARY FORUM

On January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026, the LWVLA Forum will feature Dr. Bernadette Boerckel, CSIU Chief Outreach Officer, and Vincent Hoover, Superintendent, of the Lewisburg Area School District. They will speak on "Education Without Boundaries: Virtual, Blended, and Innovative Teaching and Learning".

In this interactive talk, Superintendent Hoover, and Dr. Boerckel will address current trends and best practices in teaching, curriculum, and technology that are impacting education today. Topics will include engaging in-classroom strategies; district-run virtual academies, cyber charter schools, and non-traditional blended learning approaches; and the current and future questions around AI in education.

This program will be held at the Public Library for Union County Community Room. Doors open at 3:30p.m. and the event will conclude at 5:30 to allow social time before and following the talk. The League Forums are open to the general public. Please spread the word and invite a friend.

*Teri MacBride for the Forum Committee*

## NEW-MEMBER WELCOME

To the newest members of the LWVLA, welcome to our League! Please join us on Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 10:00 to 11:30a.m., for a new-member welcome at the home of our Membership chair, Jenni Stieler (40 S. 2nd St, Lewisburg).

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This gathering is to provide information about what the League does and how you can get involved! Committee representatives will be on hand to explain their programs and answer questions.

New members should have already received an invitation. Existing members are invited to bring prospective members as well. Please RSVP to [griffina1993@gmail.com](mailto:griffina1993@gmail.com) to let the Membership Committee know you are coming.

We look forward to seeing you!

MaryAnn Griffina & Jenni Stieler  
Membership Committee

## BOOK CLUB IS BACK!!

The Lewisburg League Book Club is back!! We will hold our next book discussion on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 4p.m. at the Public Library for Union County in Lewisburg on Reitz Blvd.

The selection for this session is a book that is being read and discussed by many other League chapters nationally: *Attack From Within: How Disinformation is Attack From Within: How Disinformation is Sabotaging America*, by Barbara McQuade. The book is available at our local public library. I have a copy I am happy to lend out, so let me know if you want to borrow it or have any questions about the Book Club.

Disinformation is the deliberate spreading of lies disguised as truth. In her book, Barbara McQuade identifies how disinformation is seeping into all facets of our society, causing havoc in our voting systems, schools, hospitals, workplaces, and the Capitol. McQuade, an MSNBC legal analyst and former federal prosecutor, confronts the ways disinformation is being weaponized to polarize voters, degrade our legal structures, and leverage the political influence of manipulators and authoritarians.

As always, you do not have to have read the book to join in the discussion.

Please join us and bring a friend.

Mary Beth Clark, [moffa5@comcast.net](mailto:moffa5@comcast.net)

## VOTER SERVICES

### Vote411

The updating of the [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org) website with information on the Primary candidates will begin in early Spring 2026. Led by Sheri Stayton, [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org) is the source of the candidate information for our printed *Voters Guide*.

### Voters Guide

The *Voters Guide* team (Liz Clement, Carole Madle, Linda Harris, Dawn Maneval), led by Editor Sheri Stayton, has finished work on our Fall *Voters Guide*. And our mighty Distribution Team delivered the printed version throughout Union County. The online version is available

## LEAGUE LINE

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for download on our LWVLA website at:

<https://my.lwv.org/sites/default/files/votersguide-fall25.pdf>

### Facts for Voters

Really? After 20 Years, these must stop?



To produce the 2026 edition of LWVLA's *Facts for Voters* pamphlet, we need an Editor! This pamphlet is a nonpartisan publication that provides residents of Union County with information about voting and their elected officials at the local, state, and federal levels.

We have a great team of information checkers (thanks, Ann Longanbach, Mary Lotspeich, and Helen Nunn) and a designer (Dawn Maneval). However, without an Editor, the *Facts for Voters* cannot be published this coming year. The Editor oversees the process of creating this once-a-year pamphlet. Work usually starts in mid-December and is done by early spring. Our current team has prepared *Facts for Voters* for several years and would be more than willing to help someone learn the Editor job.

Won't anyone help to keep this useful pamphlet available to the public? If you are interested, or if you have questions, please contact us at:

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

## STUDY THE SAVE ACT

Two LWVLA members (Dawn Maneval & Betsy Noyce) have decided to study the SAVE Act to learn more about this proposed legislation. The state League provides the following information about this act:

- **SAVE Act:** "The Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act imposes new restrictions on voter eligibility and registration in an effort to address alleged voter fraud in American elections. However, these provisions create significant barriers for many eligible voters, making it harder for them to participate in the electoral process. While the Act's goal is to ensure voter eligibility, its provisions introduce severe barriers that will disproportionately affect women, marginalized groups, and under-resourced communities..." For more information, see [this LWVPA write-up](#).

This study will begin in mid-January. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Dawn Maneval ([dmaneval922@gmail.com](mailto:dmaneval922@gmail.com)) by January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026. We hope to see you!

## OTHER POSSIBLE FOCUS AREAS FOR STUDY

Would you be interested in forming other groups to study aspects of voting and elections? The League, at both National (LWVUS) and State (LWVPA) levels, provides suggested topics for study, as well as recommended materials to include as part of such a study.

### LWVUS

- **Unite and Rise 8.5:** "engage and mobilize 8.5 million voters to protect and preserve our democracy" - for more information, see the LWVUS write-up at:

[lwv.org/uniteandrise](http://lwv.org/uniteandrise)

### LWVPA

LWVPA is following several interesting issues and legislation ([palwv.org/issues-2](http://palwv.org/issues-2)):

- **SAVE Act:** For information about the study group started for this act, see the ["STUDY THE SAVE ACT"](#) article above.
- **PA Election Reform:** "Pennsylvania's election laws are in flux, with major legislative changes under consideration. Two bills, House Bill 771 and House Bill 1396, will shape how elections are conducted in the state. These bills have significant implications for voter access and election security."

**HB 771** proposes a voter ID requirement, which could restrict access to the polls for marginalized groups.

**HB 1396** offers comprehensive reforms that could expand voter access, including early voting, absentee ballot improvements, and the use of ballot drop boxes.

For more information, see [this LWVPA write-up](#).

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- **New!** “The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) was created to help defend the nation’s critical infrastructure from cyber and physical security threats. CISA is housed in the Department of Homeland Security. In 2016, elections were declared critical infrastructure.... CISA’s focus in protecting elections allowed them to support state and local governments with cybersecurity support... For years, it played a vital role in protecting democracy... But, in March 2025, CISA was dismantled... Without CISA, the nation’s election infrastructure is more vulnerable to cyberattacks, [and] disinformation campaigns...” For more information, see [this LWVPA write-up](#).
- **Response to Executive Order “Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of the American Elections”:** “On March 25th, President Trump issued a new Executive Order, targeting the heart of American elections and claiming a power the federal government does not have, according to constitutional law scholars. The provisions of this Executive Order seek to radically change the way elections are conducted in the United States, including the way we register to vote and the way our votes are cast and counted...” For more information, see [this LWVPA write-up](#).

### LWVLA

- What does it mean for our League to be nonpartisan? How can our League usefully incorporate the LWV definition of “nonpartisan” into our projects, to make the work we do more relevant to more members of these communities?

### Interested?

The only thing we need to start studying one or more of these topics is you! If you are interested in joining a group of folks to learn more about any of these, just let us know at [lwvlewisburgarea@gmail.com](mailto:lwvlewisburgarea@gmail.com).

*Dawn Maneval for the Leadership Team*

### **ACTIONS AND ADVOCACY**

To sign up so you can receive timely information and actions about ongoing state and national initiatives of the League of Women Voters, please click [here](#). Below are some of the other ways you can become active with League of Women Voters initiatives.

### Actions

Join [League in Action](#) and share these action alerts with your network:

- **Take Action:** [Tell Your Senators to Oppose the SAVE Act](#)
- **Take Action:** [Tell Your Representatives to Protect Equal Voting Rights](#)

**League in Action** is a digital platform where anyone who believes in our mission can directly connect and take action on issues impacting their communities.

### League in the News

WASHINGTON, DC November 18, 2025

Today, the League of Women Voters (LWV) and five state and local Leagues (the League) filed a lawsuit against the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and other federal officials for enacting—abruptly and without following required process—a new rule that bars nonpartisan civic engagement groups from providing voter registration and promoting civic engagement to new US citizens at administrative naturalization ceremonies. The League is represented by Campaign Legal Center (CLC).

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, grassroots, membership-based civic engagement group that has long exercised its constitutionally protected right to engage new Americans in registering to vote at administrative naturalization ceremonies. This joyful event is a core part of the League’s mission to empower voters and defend democracy. But a new USCIS rule announced in August reversed prior policy and now allows only government officials to provide voter registration to new citizens after certain naturalization ceremonies.

The League is suing USCIS, DHS and other federal officials for violating the First Amendment rights of the national League of Women Voters and state and local Leagues to engage in political speech and activities, and also for failing to adhere to provisions in the Administrative Procedure Act that require federal agencies to follow clearly defined and transparent procedures when adopting new policies, in order to avoid harming Americans.

“Purposely excluding groups like the League from administrative naturalization ceremonies is a deliberate move by this administration to deny new citizens access to the democratic process and attack the League’s very mission to register and support new voters,” said Celina Stewart, CEO of the League of Women Voters of the United States. “For decades, the League has been a fixture at naturalization ceremonies across the country, helping new Americans register to vote on the first day of their citizenship. Blocking our work with a sudden rule change is a direct attempt to prevent new voter registrations and block us from doing our critical work to provide new Americans the guidance and support they need to fully participate in civic life. The League will not be silenced.”

“Our democracy is strongest when every voter can participate easily and without barriers. Nonpartisan civic engagement groups like the League of Women Voters fill a critical

public need by helping newly naturalized citizens access and exercise their freedom to vote,” said Alexandra Copper, legal counsel for strategic litigation at Campaign Legal Center. “The federal government’s attempts to limit these groups’ efforts are a direct attack on the constitutionally guaranteed right to participate in our political process. Civic-minded organizations and their members and volunteers who help Americans register to vote should not be targeted and punished, but instead should be supported and celebrated.”

The League of Women Voters has, over the course of decades, registered hundreds of thousands of new US citizens to vote after naturalization ceremonies nationwide. As a result of USCIS’s rule change, however, state and local Leagues have already been forced to cancel at least 166 planned voter registration events, where League members and volunteers expected to register approximately 10,000 new voters.

Campaign Legal Center has litigated to protect the work of nonpartisan civic engagement groups in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Missouri, and Montana, and it is ready to defend the right of the League of Women Voters to assist new citizens in registering to vote.

Follow the latest updates on this lawsuit at the [League’s Legal Center](#).

### Information about LWV

Are you getting news, notices and updates from the Pennsylvania and National Leagues? Information comes electronically these days. Check out these sites to learn what’s happening at the state and local levels:

- State League website: [palwv.org](http://palwv.org)
- National League website: [lwv.org](http://lwv.org)

If you need help signing up for these notices, email: [LWVLewisburgArea@gmail.com](mailto:LWVLewisburgArea@gmail.com).

### **LWVLA FACEBOOK PAGE**



Our LWVLA Facebook page is static! Is anyone [interested in keeping our League’s Facebook account up to date?](#) After years (and years) of Janice Bigelow posting useful information and amazing graphics on the LWVLA Facebook page at [facebook.com/lwvla](https://facebook.com/lwvla) (Thank you so much, Janice!), Janice is ready to pass on the baton. We would love to have this [important source of information](#) kept current with the events of our local League, as well as the state, and national Leagues.

It would be great if some member would volunteer to [keep this useful resource going!](#) If you are that person, or if you have questions, please contact us at:

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