

# LEAGUE LINE

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

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

We have 10 cats. Before you do your eye roll, consider this...it used to be 21! It started innocently enough, with one stray female cat that we fed during a particularly bad cold snap 4 or 5 years ago. Before we knew it, we had 21 cats....no mice though! We finally figured out what was causing this and started scooping them up, one by one, and having them neutered. These cats are not indoor cats, but I would not call them feral. They show up each morning for breakfast and each evening for dinner. They have their own names and their own personalities.

I'm much more of a dog person but I will admit that these cats have been a great source of entertainment. I am particularly struck by how their personality traits mimic humans. You have the shy, weaker cats that you feel need protecting. A couple are very skittish and jump at their own shadows. They, of course, are fine if you have a plate of food in your hand. One of the cats is named "Squeaky". He is a bit hyperactive and talks (meows) constantly. There are others who are content to eat, lie in the sun, and soak up every bit of attention they can garner.

They all appear to be good "mousers" and have even left their conquests at our doorstep. For the most part, they are kind to each other except for a couple that get a bit aggressive when they are hungry. They also appear to look out for each other; if one is injured, the others seem to help the injured groom and keep their wounds clean.

There are times when I wish that humans could be as caring and kind. Wouldn't that be grand?

*Kandy Duncan, President*

## INTEGRITY OF THE BALLOT

*Reminder for Registrants!*

This project, centered around arming the voting public in order to combat misinformation, is moving forward. Kandy Duncan will be presenting *Questions left Unanswered, Integrity of the Ballot* at the February 29<sup>th</sup>, Lunch and Learn program of the Bucknell Institute of Lifelong Learning (BILL). The event takes place at the Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village Common, 6 Tressler Boulevard, Lewisburg, at 12:00 noon. It is open to all who register at least 5 days in advance by calling the BILL office at 570-522-0105.

*Kandy Duncan, Representative*

## BUCKNELL PROJECT

The team of students who are working on a strategic plan for the League has been very busy. This week they have been interviewing each of the Board members to get their perspective.

At the end of their term, likely April or May, they will present the Board with a comprehensive report. We will be sharing it with membership.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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

**Monday, March 4th, 4:00p.m.**

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

**Saturday, March 16th, 7:30p.m.**

**SUNDAY CONCERT**  
Amendment: Celebrating Women's Empowerment and Resilience  
Stretansky Hall, Susquehanna University,  
Selinsgrove

**Tuesday, March 19th, 12:00-1:00p.m.**

**FORUM**  
Dr. Abe Feuerstein, Department of Education,  
Bucknell University  
"The Imperiled Nature of Public Education"  
LaPrimavera  
2593 Old Turnpike Road, Lewisburg

**Monday, April 1st, 4:00p.m.**

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

**Monday, April 8th**

*Last day to REGISTER TO VOTE*

**Tuesday, April 16th**

*Last day to request a MAIL-IN or ABSENTEE BALLOT*

**Tuesday, April 16th, 12:00-1:00p.m.**

**FORUM**  
Union County Commissioners: Jeff Reber,  
Preston Boop, and Stacy Richards  
"Union County Government Update"  
LaPrimavera  
2593 Old Turnpike Road, Lewisburg

**Tuesday, April 23rd**

**PRIMARY ELECTION**  
Polls open from 7a.m. - 8p.m.

## MARCH FORUM

The League of Women of Women Voters of the Lewisburg Area Forum series will continue on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Abe Feuerstein, Department of Education, Bucknell University, will speak on *The Imperiled Nature of Public Education*. League members and the general public are invited to attend the presentation from noon to 1:00p.m. at La Primavera in Lewisburg.

An optional lunch is available beginning at 11:30a.m. for \$15.50. Reservations are requested, although not required, so we can provide the restaurant with an idea of the food needed for the in-person lunch. Kindly send an email if you intend to eat at the buffet to [LWVLAForum@gmail.com](mailto:LWVLAForum@gmail.com) before March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

The meeting will be recorded and promptly posted after the event on the League website under **What You Missed**.

Mark your calendars for the last spring Forum:

April 16: Union County Government Update,  
Jeff Reber, Preston Boop and Stacy Richards, Union County Commissioners

*Teri MacBride, Forum Committee Co-Chair*

## FEBRUARY FORUM

Kim Wheeler of SEDA-COG spoke to the League of Women Voters of the Lewisburg Area on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, on the topic of *What's Happening in the World of Economic Development*. She stated there had been little innovative thought in economic development until recently. Now, however, there is a new model which relies on an entrepreneurial approach. For the last twenty years Pennsylvania had no economic development plan. Currently, Governor Shapiro is creating one to align with the newly presented budget. Ms. Wheeler spoke at length about how our area is well positioned to gain from the new economic development approach, giving particular emphasis to the amount of help Bucknell has provided. For more information, visit the **LWVLA website** to view the complete presentation.

*Mary Zimmerman, Forum Committee Co-Chair*

## FINANCE DRIVE

The annual Members and Friends Finance Drive letters are being mailed at the beginning of March. Please read Kandy's letter and consider making a contribution. Since almost all of our dues go to the Pennsylvania and National Leagues, our Lewisburg League is dependent on donations from members, friends, and businesses to fund our many local efforts. Some supporters of the LWV Education Fund have chosen to make their contributions directly from IRA required minimum distributions because of tax advantages that may offer. Many thanks to those who have already contributed! If you do not receive a letter let me know by calling 570-551-6825.

*Carole Madle, Members & Friends Finance Drive Chair*

## BOOK CLUB

Our next book discussion will be on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00p.m., both at the Public Library for Union County and on Zoom. We will talk about *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Gran as well as *Yellow Bird: Oil, Murder, and a Woman's Search for Justice in Indian Country* by Sierra Crane Murdoch. Both books have either won or been nominated for numerous awards. The first title has been made into a film which is currently streaming on Apple+TV and the rights to the second title have been sold to Paramount+ to be produced by the same creators as *Reservation Dogs* (a series currently available on Hulu). We are investigating several titles on climate justice for July and/or August and welcome any suggestions you might have about that topic or other books you would like to read.

Wanda Clark & Linda McGann

## VOTER SERVICES

What you need to know for the upcoming Primary Election cycle...

### Our Publications

#### Facts for Voters

The editor, Lisa Tranquillo, and her research staff, Mary Lotspeich, Helen Nunn, and Ann Longanbach, have almost completed the 2024 *Facts for Voters*. Printed copies will be distributed into our community around March 9th.

#### Voters Guide

Sheri Stayton along with her amazing staff, Liz Clement and Carole Madle, join us in welcoming our newest member, Wayne Baker. They have started working on the Spring Primary *Voters Guide*.

Sheri has been managing the Pennsylvania State **VOTE411** website for several years, with Liz Clement assisting by obtaining contact information from candidates. Liz follows up with candidates to urge them to respond to the candidate questions. Candidates' answers are uploaded to **VOTE411** and also downloaded to create our 2024 Spring Primary *Voters Guide*. We expect to distribute the printed copies around March 29th. The online version will be uploaded to our website in early April. The date for the Pennsylvania General Primary has been moved up to April 23<sup>rd</sup> this year. So work on the Spring 2024 *Voters Guide* will be beginning soon. The Fall 2023 *Voters Guide* remains [online on our website](#) until the Spring edition is available.

## LEAGUE LINE

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*League Line* is published by the

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OF THE LEWISBURG AREA.**

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## Musical Partnership

The League has been asked to partner with the Susquehanna Valley Chorale to help celebrate the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. They are presenting a special piece called *Amendment, Righting Our Wrongs*. They have asked if any members would like to dress in "period dress" and help greet people and possibly usher. The details are:

**WHAT:** AMENDMENT

Righting Our Wrongs

Celebrating Women's Empowerment  
and Resilience

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 16, 2024, 7:30p.m.

Sunday, March 17, 2024, 3:00p.m.

**WHERE:** Stretansky Hall,

Susquehanna University,

Selinsgrove

If you would be interested, please send an email to [LWVLewisburgArea@gmail.com](mailto:LWVLewisburgArea@gmail.com).

## LWVLA Website Updates

Thanks go to Dawn Maneval, Designer, and Carole Madle, Editor, for all of the Voter Services updates they provide to the Website. We appreciate the efforts of Bev Zorn, Website Designer, to implement the changes that we submit.

To see these changes, visit our website, [LWVLewisburgArea.org](http://LWVLewisburgArea.org), where you will also find the most up-to-date information about our voter education efforts.

Linda Harris, *Voter Services chair*  
([Lsharris323@gmail.com](mailto:Lsharris323@gmail.com))

## MEMBERSHIP

### Winter Soiree

To those of you who attended the Winter Soiree, thank you so much. It appeared that everyone was having a nice time and what a turnout! Our next social event will be the Annual Dinner in May. The theme of the event will be celebrating our 70th anniversary. As soon as we have settled on a date, invitations will go out so be on the lookout!

### Membership Day

January 31<sup>st</sup> is what the National League refers to as membership day. On that day, all the Leagues in the country are required to submit an updated log of members who have renewed their dues for another year. This year our numbers dropped. We reported 119 members. We had many people who actually moved out of the area but there were others who simply did not renew. If you are one of these individuals, just let us know and send your check to:

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