

# LEAGUE LINE

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

What will normal look like?

Tomorrow I will be fully immunized against the COVID-19 virus! I will have had both my shots and waited the required 2 week period. I feel like I should celebrate in some fashion, but how? I've never been enamored with large gatherings. I'm still uneasy about dine-in eating. While I will be fully immunized, not all my friends and family are. Maybe I will choose a trip to the grocery store. I had a League member say to me that she went to the grocery store the other day for the first time in a year. She felt as excited as if she were going to Disneyland!

Believe it or not, some good things have come from this pandemic and its resultant quarantines. They include a greater appreciation for being with our family and friends, for shopping without fear of contamination, for participating in "in-person" events. How long will it take for these things to become normalized?

What will this "opening" look like? I don't think it will be like flipping a light switch. In some ways it will be exciting and in others a bit scary.

How will the League begin to "open up"? The League has adjusted and thrived during this difficult time. Due to a hard working team on Voter Services, we have come through a major, contentious election. We have done a complete switch to the virtual world. If there is one word that will describe how we adjust to this transitional "new normal" period that we are entering, it is "carefully"! We will continue in the virtual world at least until after the Annual Meeting June 17. Moving forward, the Zoom platform will not go away nor should it. The larger events that we sponsor, i.e. Forums, Candidates Nights, social events, we will try to have "in-person". The smaller committees and Board meetings could go either way or possibly a combination of both. Whatever we do, we will need to keep the following criteria in mind: Is it safe? Are most of the participants vaccinated? The comfort level of the participants will need to be considered.

Humans are by far the most social species known to exist with our use of language and our complex social systems. We are not meant to live like we have, out of necessity, for the last year. We need to return to what will be defined as normal when it is appropriate. That time is rapidly approaching. We will be ready but we will be careful and respectful of all of our members, our families, and our community.

*Kandy Duncan, President*

## BUCKNELL LECTURE

Bucknell's annual National Security Forum lecture will be held virtually this year. The speaker will be Sherri Goodman, a senior fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center and former Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Environmental Security. She will

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

*The following events are current as of publication date, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Coronavirus containment measures may cause delays or cancellations. Please check our website, [LWVLewisburgArea.org](http://LWVLewisburgArea.org), frequently for the most current updates.*

### **Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm**

Bucknell National Security Forum Lecture  
Sherri Goodman, Woodrow Wilson  
International Center  
"Climate and Security in the Age of Great  
Power Competition and Global Disruption"  
Via Zoom  
Please see Forum article about registering for  
the meeting.

### **Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 3:00pm**

BOARD MEETING  
Via Zoom, video conferencing tool

### **Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm**

ALL MEMBER LOCAL PROGRAM  
MEETING  
Via Zoom  
Please see Forum article about registering for  
the meeting.

### **Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 12:00-1:00pm**

FORUM  
County Commissioners  
Via Zoom, opening at 11:30am

### **Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

PRIMARY ELECTION

### **Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm**

**DATE CHANGE!!**  
ANNUAL MEETING  
Via Zoom

### **Friday-Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>**

STATE CONVENTION

speaking at 7p.m. on Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> on the topic "Climate and Security in the Age of Great Power Competition and Global Disruption." The talk is free and open to the community.

You can register for a link to the talk at: [bucknell.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_1MAJ-7eCONm214YuNS\\_AZg](http://bucknell.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1MAJ-7eCONm214YuNS_AZg)

## MARCH FORUM

Susan Mathias, the outgoing Chief Executive Officer of Transitions, and Mae-Ling Kranz, the new Chief Executive Officer, presented the March Forum for the LWVLA. Susan Mathias took an historical approach beginning in 1975 and concentrating on the period after 2010 when the Sandusky case focused attention on victims of abuse. She mentioned a number of changes which resulted from the increased attention such as funding for hot-lines and safe houses. Mae-Ling Kranz dealt with the changes in services that Transitions has had to manage as a result of the pandemic. On one hand, due to the moratorium on rent, Transitions had many fewer requests for rent assistance; on the other hand, since they could not place people

immediately in group shelters, the need for "hoteling" increased substantially. Both Susan and Mae-Ling discussed legal reforms which are necessary to improve the system. Please view the entire talk on the League website to better understand the complex and interesting picture they jointly presented.

To view the entire presentation, go to [WHAT'S HAPPENING/What You Missed](http://WHAT'S HAPPENING/What You Missed) on our website. The video is under **March 16, 2021**.

*Mary Zimmerman, Forum Committee*

## APRIL FORUM

**PLEASE NOTE:** All Forums until further notice will be held via Zoom, and will require registration.

On Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, Union County Commissioners Preston Boop, Jeff Reber, and Stacy Richards will speak on "Current Issues Facing Union County, PA" from 12:00 noon to 1 p.m. Participants may then join optional breakout room discussions, and a question-and-answer period from 1-1:30 p.m.

The Zoom room will open at 11:30am. All participants must register in advance by using the link:

[us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpf-ChpiwPHdyu4UbKBSk-94IsPFAz4SUN](http://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpf-ChpiwPHdyu4UbKBSk-94IsPFAz4SUN)

Instructions and unique links will be sent to registrants. The registration deadline is Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.

*Mary Zimmerman, Forum Committee*

## MAUCH MILLENNIAL PROJECT

The Mauch Millennial Project sponsored an excellent virtual tour of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment exhibit at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia that took place on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Kahla DeSmit, director of the Lewisburg Children's Museum (LCM), participated in that tour and was excited about the possibility of offering a virtual program for children. The result is that the Mauch Committee is sponsoring a program for the museum entitled "Using Your Vote" on Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 3:30 pm. The LCM's web site says,

"Participants will explore the importance of voting and who has had the right to vote over the course of American history. Anyone who wants to be president can take the oath of office."

We hope that there will be a healthy crop of potential presidents who are inspired by the program!

In the December/January issue, I reported on the activities of the excellent Bucknell Mauch Fellows who helped educate students about how to register to vote and about the positions of the candidates on issues of importance to them. As a follow-up, we asked one of the Fellows, Jerra Holdip, to carry out a campaign this spring to educate the students who are registered to vote in PA on the upcoming primary election, especially the proposed Constitutional amendments. Our goal is to encourage young people to

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become lifelong voters and to participate in our democracy every chance they get and not just in presidential election years.

*Elaine Hopkins for the Mauch Millennial Project*

### DEI INITIATIVE

This winter, LWVPA began an initiative to explore diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) and to consider their implications. As stated on various websites,

“LWV is an organization fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in principle and in practice. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are central to the organization’s current and future success in engaging all individuals, households, communities, and policy makers in creating a more perfect democracy.”

But what does that mean, particularly for rural leagues with more homogenous communities? LWVPA convenes three different monthly meetings:

- an educational session on DEI concepts
- a facilitated session for processing and discussion
- a working team looking for best practices and opportunities for sharing

If you are interested in being part of any of these, contact Becky Perez at [rm86089@gmail.com](mailto:rm86089@gmail.com).

### STATE PROGRAM REVIEW

Thanks to all the members who participated in the meeting to review the State Program. There was a lively and provocative discussion. Program topics were addressed and some important issues for ongoing discussion were raised concerning our national, state, and local program positions. If you would like a copy of the report on the State Program that we submitted to LWVPA, contact Mary Beth Clark at [moffa5@comcast.net](mailto:moffa5@comcast.net).

*Mary Beth Clark, VP for programs*

### ALL-MEMBER LOCAL PROGRAM MEETING

Program is the heart and soul of the League, and serves as the basis from which we as an organization educate and advocate.

Recently, at the request of the state League, we undertook a review of the state League’s program positions to determine what state programs we should retain, drop, and update. The program review process is used to introduce and reinforce what the League has done, as well as spark interest in new issues that may be ripe for League study.

Now is the perfect time to **review our local programs** and determine what positions to retain, and to discuss new issues that we propose to study locally. We invite all members to join in this process on **Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 5p.m.** via Zoom. You must register to attend.

This meeting will have two parts. The first part will review our **three current local programs** and determine their validity moving forward. Members are encouraged to prepare for the all-member local program meeting by re-reading those local LWVLA positions. During the second part we will discuss what issues currently impact our community and would benefit from LWVLA study, education, and/or advocacy. An important component of the second part is to learn about the League’s diversity, equity, and inclusion movement and discuss how that fits into our work moving forward.

## LEAGUE LINE

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Find LWVLA program positions here:

[my.lwv.org/sites/default/files/lwv\\_program\\_2020-21.pdf](https://my.lwv.org/sites/default/files/lwv_program_2020-21.pdf)

**Editor’s Note:** For those typing the path above, there is an underscore character (“\_”) after “lwv” and after “program” - “lwv\_program\_2020-21”.

Register using this link:

[us02web.zoom.us/j/64811200000?pwd=MT0oEtcvSN30rRd36ZbvTH2QCzpx](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/64811200000?pwd=MT0oEtcvSN30rRd36ZbvTH2QCzpx)

### MEMBERS AND FRIENDS FINANCE DRIVE

Thanks to those members and friends who have already donated to this year’s Finance Drive. If you haven’t yet done so, please consider making a contribution to support the important work done by our Lewisburg League! If you didn’t receive a letter about the drive, please contact me at 570- 551-6825.

*Carole Madle, Members & Friends Finance Drive chair*

### VOTER SERVICES REPORT

#### Educating Voters

Coordination with PA League

Sheri Stayton, Liz Clement, and Linda Harris continue to participate in PA state LWV Voter Services meetings in order to coordinate voter-education strategies and tools, including Vote411.

Voters Guide, the LWVLA Website, and Vote411

By March 31<sup>st</sup>, we hope to have available on our website, the first version of the Spring *Voters Guide*, which will contain a list of candidates, Board-approved candidate questions, and ballot questions. Our staff will continue to solicit information from local candidates running in the May 18<sup>th</sup> Primary Election. By the time mail-in ballots are available, candidate information should be available on [Vote411.org](https://Vote411.org) and in a second version of the Spring *Voters Guide*. We hope to include additional sponsors to **Vote411**.

#### Candidates Nights

Please check our League website for dates and candidates who have agreed to appear on Candidates Night to answer your questions. You can also submit questions in advance on the League website. Candidates Night will be held via Zoom, with the link publicized on our website which Carole Madle, Dawn Maneval, and Linda Harris continue to update.

To view the most up-to-date information about our voter education efforts, please visit our website at:

[LWVLewisburgArea.org](https://LWVLewisburgArea.org)

### Ballot Questions in the Municipal Primary

The Spring 2021 Municipal Primary on May 18<sup>th</sup> will contain several ballot questions:

- PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – ARTICLE III, SECTION 9 : Termination or Extension of Disaster Emergency Declarations  
JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-1 proposes to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to provide a new exception to traditional legislative procedure by allowing the General Assembly to terminate or extend a disaster emergency declaration or a portion of such declaration without needing the Governor’s approval.
- PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – ARTICLE IV : Disaster Emergency Declaration and Management  
*Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended to change existing law so that: a disaster emergency declaration will expire automatically after 21 days, regardless of the severity of the emergency, unless the General Assembly takes action to extend the disaster emergency; the Governor may not declare a new disaster emergency to respond to the dangers facing the Commonwealth unless the General Assembly passes a concurrent resolution; the General Assembly enacts new laws for disaster management?*
- PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – ARTICLE I : Prohibition Against Denial or Abridgement of Equality of Rights Because of Race or Ethnicity  
*Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended by adding a new section providing that equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged because of an individual’s race or ethnicity?*

To help you understand the potential effect these ballot questions could have, the League of Women Voters has created a detailed YouTube video which can be seen here:

[youtube.com/watch?v=n5PdpMbG1Vs](https://youtube.com/watch?v=n5PdpMbG1Vs)

It offers arguments in favor and against the ballot questions, so that you can make an informed decision. We encourage **all registered voters**, Democratic, Republican, Independent, and unaffiliated third-party voters, to vote in this Primary.

*Linda Harris, Voter Services chair*

### MEMBERSHIP

The League extends a warm welcome to new member, Jacquelyn Paul!

It is with sadness we note the passing of Mary Candland, a dedicated League member for 54 years. She served in capacities that ranged from Board member and Secretary to Observer Corps reporter, to Voter Services volunteer. She also formatted the *Facts for Voters* and the *Voters Guide* for many years. She received the first Jill Reynolds Service award for two decades of work in editorial service and graphic design. Her passion and contribution to the League and community will be greatly missed.

*Membership*