

# LEAGUE LINE

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

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

I've been grousing around for approximately 3-4 weeks with regard to a series of large poles making their appearance across the farm landscape near our home. They will eventually hold power lines. They are large, 100 feet tall, around 5 feet in diameter, and the footprint they are leaving on the fields is obtrusive. Anyway, as I have watched these monoliths rise, I have become more aware of how many other power lines exist that have been there for decades and are cluttering our skyline. I've begun thinking of them as "skyline pollution".

I am well aware of the positive contributions these power lines represent. We are a society extremely dependent on electricity. (God forbid I would have to do without my microwave!) Referring to them as "pollution" may be a misnomer. The term pollution is normally applied when referring to the environment. I could write for days on our climate pollution issues. The term itself, by definition, refers to the introduction of harmful substances or products into the environment.

As bad as our environment and climate change issues may be, there is another, far more dangerous type of pollution we are facing in society today....political pollution. Political pollution would include misinformation, untruths, radical social positions just to name a very few.

The League is in a constant battle to counteract such pollution. We do that with our *Facts for Voters*, *Voters Guide*, [vote411.com](http://vote411.com), and our educational forums, etc. We will continue to do this as long as we have the member support to provide them. The best we can do as individuals is to try and see beyond the hype and pollution that is so prevalent in our news and social media. The truth is there; we just have to be able to separate it out and get it to the voting public.

*Kandy Duncan, President*

## APRIL FORUM

**PLEASE NOTE:** *April Forum is in person and via Zoom and both require REGISTRATION.*

On Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, from noon to 1p.m., the League of Women Voters of the Lewisburg Area's Educational Forum series concludes the program year with a presentation by Bill Bowman, Managing Editor of the *The Daily Item* and *The Danville News*, and CNHI Deputy Regional Editor, New York and Massachusetts. Editor Bowman's talk, "Why Pennsylvania's Right to Know Laws Must Be Changed" will focus on understanding the background of these laws, current trends, and relevant local and regional experiences.

The Forum will be held at La Primavera Restaurant in Lewisburg. Doors open for an optional \$15.50 lunch, at 11:30a.m. The presentation will begin at noon. For planning purposes, those attending in person are asked to email their plans to the link that follows.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

*The following events are current as of publication date, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Coronavirus containment measures may cause delays or cancellations. Please check our website, [LWVLewisburgArea.org](http://LWVLewisburgArea.org), frequently for the most current updates.*

**Monday, April 3rd, 4:00p.m.**

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

**Tuesday, April 18th, 11:30-1:00p.m.**

**FORUM**  
Bill Bowman, Editor of *The Daily Item* and *The Danville News*:  
"Why Pennsylvania's Right to Know Laws Must Be Changed"  
*La Primavera, Lewisburg*  
Also via Zoom: please **PREREGISTER** by April 16th for a Zoom link or to indicate in person attendance.

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

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

**Saturday, May 6th, 1:00p.m.**

**HISTORIC CEMETERY TOUR - Free!!**  
South 7th and St. George St., Lewisburg, at the chapel

**Tuesday, May 16th**

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

**Thursday, June 1st**

**ANNUAL MEETING - Save the Date!!**  
Time and place TBA

Participants may also attend virtually. They are reminded that the registration deadline is the Sunday prior, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Please email to request a Zoom link or to confirm your in person plans here: [LWVLAForum@gmail.com](mailto:LWVLAForum@gmail.com).

As always, the LWVLA Educational Forums are open to everyone. You do not need to be a member of the League to participate.  
*Teri MacBride, Forum Committee Chair*

## MARCH FORUM

The March Forum of the League of Women Voters of the Lewisburg Area was held via zoom and in person at the Union County Public Library. Dana Purvis, Associate Dean of the Law School at Penn State University spoke on *Roe v. Wade*, the Dobbs decision, and the right to privacy.

Professor Purvis began by giving an extensive history of the right to privacy going back to the original decision in *Griswald v. Connecticut*. She discussed the basis of *Roe v. Wade* as a right to privacy which is not mentioned in the Constitution but was accepted as a traditional right. There was a great deal of interesting information about how the court came to that position. Professor Purvis presented a lengthy dissection of Justice Alito's opinion in the Dobbs decision, how that opinion removed the concept of the right to privacy as a constitutionally protected right, and what the implications of that decision were for areas such as the right to contraception and the right to same sex marriage.

This is a very cursory survey of an extremely informative presentation. Members are urged to go to the LWVLA website to view the presentation in its entirety at:

[LWVLewisburgArea.org/what-you-missed](http://LWVLewisburgArea.org/what-you-missed)

*Mary Zimmerman, Forum Committee*

## AWARDS

It is time again for recognizing a few of the individuals or organizations that have gone above and beyond what is necessary. We present the Jill Reynolds Service Award and the Judy Anderson Community Service Award at the Annual Meeting. The Jill Reynolds Service Award is given to any member (non-Board) that is felt to have worked tirelessly for the organization without public recognition. The Judy Anderson Community Service Award is presented to an individual or organization in Union County in recognition of noteworthy contribution to the community.

The nominations are due to the Board by April 15<sup>th</sup>. The nomination forms give additional information and can be found on our website at:

[LWVLewisburgArea.org/WhoWeAre](http://LWVLewisburgArea.org/WhoWeAre):  
[LWVLA: LWVLA Difference Makers](http://LWVLA:LWVLA-Difference-Makers)

The forms were also sent out in an all-member email on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Do you know someone who is interested in joining the**



**Please encourage them to join us!**

**We welcome new members to our League.**

**We need your ideas and support !**

**If you have any questions, please email:**

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

## HISTORIC CEMETERY WALKING TOUR

On Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00p.m., all are welcome to attend a free 1-hour walking tour of the historic Lewisburg Cemetery, celebrating the 175<sup>th</sup> year of its founding. The tour will highlight works of the founders and their contemporaries. Participants will gather at the cemetery chapel. For more information contact: [office@lewisburgcemetery.org](mailto:office@lewisburgcemetery.org) or call 570-524-9246.

## FINANCE DRIVE

With the help of Kathy Stayton and the Riverwoods Suffragettes, letters for our annual Members and Friends Finance Drive went out on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to those who have already contributed! If you have not yet made a donation, please consider doing so. Our Lewisburg League is dependent on contributions from members, friends, and businesses to fund our many local efforts. If you have not received a letter about the drive, please contact me at 570-551-6825.

*Carole Madle, Members & Friends Finance Drive Chair*

## BALLOT INTEGRITY

This task force's work on educating the voting public about all aspects of the election is progressing. The goal is to have completed parts of this project in place well in advance of the 2024 election. The group has met with the Director of Election and his staff and have their full support of the endeavor. There has also been a meeting with a journalist from the *Union County Times*. The task force is now working on a series of articles that will break down each of the pieces of the election to be explained in its entirety. Anyone who may have an interest in this topic, let us know at: [lwvlewisburgarea@gmail.com](mailto:lwvlewisburgarea@gmail.com).

## MEMBERSHIP

This year's Annual Meeting will be held on **Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**. The time and venue for the event have yet to be decided but you can mark the date. We are in need of volunteers to help with the planning of this event. We will need to decide on venue, invitations, decorations, set-up and take down. If you have any interest in planning parties, let us know!

Also, the Biennial LWV State Convention is now open for registration. It will be held in Harrisburg at the Crown Plaza Hotel on June 16, 17, and 18<sup>th</sup>. If anyone has any questions or interest in attending, please let Kandy know.

## LEAGUE LINE

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## VOTER SERVICES

### Upcoming Election

The Municipal Primary  
will occur on  
May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Women have been voting for over 100 years,  
Why Stop Now?

One Vote can make a Difference!

Can't Complain if you don't Vote!

One Vote can Rock the Vote!

The upcoming election includes municipal and all appeal courts races as listed:

- **UNION COUNTY:** Commissioners, District Attorney
- **LOCAL JUDICIARY:** Mifflinburg Magisterial District Judge, Union/Snyder County Court of Common Pleas Judge
- **TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS:** Buffalo, Gregg, Hartley, Kelly, Limestone, Union, West Buffalo, and White Deer
- **BOROUGH COUNCILS:** Hartleton, Lewisburg, Mifflinburg, and New Berlin
- **SCHOOL DIRECTORS:** Lewisburg and Mifflinburg
- **APPEAL COURTS:** \*Supreme Court, Superior Court, Appellate Courts

\* The Pennsylvania Supreme Court addresses election issues and heard the redistricting challenges.

These candidates will directly affect your day-to-day lives. If we have contested races (more than one candidate running in a race), the candidates will be invited to a Candidates Night. We hope they agree to attend, so they can answer your submitted questions. I urge you to encourage candidates to respond to our invitation to participate in Candidates Night.

### Advertise the Election!



It's time to start advertising the upcoming election! Using Vote411 signs drives traffic to the very helpful [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org) website, the National LWV's election information site. Contact me, [Lsharris323@gmail.com](mailto:Lsharris323@gmail.com), to get your free yard sign and put them up before each election.

### Spring Voters Guide

The *Voters Guide* will include all Union County races listed on National LWV website, [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org), which we download to create our *Voters Guide*. Look for the printed copies of the *Voters Guide* in our county by 4/30/2023.

### Facts for Voters

*Facts for Voters* is a non-partisan yearly publication that provides residents of Union County with information about voting and their elected officials. This free trifold publication has been distributed to our county at 104 sites.

The 2023 *Facts for Voters* is also available in an online form on our website:

[LWVLewisburgArea.org/facts-voters](http://LWVLewisburgArea.org/facts-voters)

### LWVLA Website updates

Please keep checking our website for election updates.

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*