

LEAGUE LINE

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

FROM THE PRESIDENT

This is the 32nd time I have written a “President’s Message” for the *League Line* over the past 5 years. When I took office, we were at the very beginning of the COVID pandemic. We quickly learned how to use Zoom, despite the work for those of us who were tech challenged. In our naivety, we believed that we would only need to use it for a couple months. Two years later we cautiously and fully masked “came out” into the public spaces to regain some semblance of normal. I conducted the League business via Zoom for my first full term.

Much as happened in these past 5 years. The political climate of our world has completely changed. While those changes were significant, they pale in comparison to the upheaval of the past 5 months. With the recent changes have come many struggles for the League, not only at the local level but also at state and national levels. There are many unanswered questions surrounding the very foundation of the non-partisan status of the League, and how we can best “Defend Democracy/Empower Voters” at this point in history.

At our local level, we have found an overall lack of active League participation, rooted in a variety of causes. As you know, we are struggling with alternative strategies to save the League. Happily, I can report, due to the efforts of a small group of people, 8 members have stepped forward to help take a close look at the organizational structure of the Lewisburg League.

It is unclear how this process will work or what the outcome will be. Change is not easy. It can bring exciting possibilities and great uncertainty. As this new group moves forward with their work, the most important thing they will need, and the one thing that is imperative to any change, is an open mind. They will need to side step the pitfalls of: “We tried that and it didn’t work”, “We’ve never done it that way”, and the biggest of them all, “We’ve always done it that way.”

I know I can speak for the entire membership of the League in offering any help and support that they may need. I, for one, am looking forward to seeing how this will look a year from now!

Kandy Duncan, President

WHAT’S HAPPENING

The following events are current as of publication date, April 15th. Please check our website, LWVLewisburgArea.org, frequently for the most current updates.

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

BOARD MEETING
Location to be determined

Monday, May 5th

LAST DAY to REGISTER to VOTE!

Tuesday, May 13

LAST DAY to APPLY for MAIL-IN ballot

Tuesday, May 20

MUNICIPAL PRIMARY

Tuesday, June 10

ANNUAL MEETING
La Primavera
2593 Old Turnpike Rd
Lewisburg, PA

BOARD UPDATE

The Board approved a Nominating Committee to find interested individuals for a group to help decide what direction the League may be taking in the future. The Nominating Committee consists of:

Linda Harris
Teri MacBride
Betsy Noyce
Nancy Neuman
Mary Zimmerman

The group has done a wonderful job in nominating 8 people to serve on the LWVLA Board for the next two years. If approved, the Board will explore shared leadership models over the next year and work toward a new team management approach as the Lewisburg League moves forward. Members of the proposed Board for 2025-2027 are:

MaryAnn Griffin
Hood Johnston
Teri MacBride
Dawn Maneval
Pat Marolo
Jeff Scheckter
Jenni Stieler
Mary Zimmerman

Three or four members of this group have expressed an interest in attending the State Convention in June. The Board has approved the expenses.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Dinner Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 10th** at La Primavera in Lewisburg. Mark your calendars!

More details will follow!

MEMBERSHIP

We extend a warm welcome to new member:
Stephanie Smith Cooney!
email: smithcooney@gmail.com

MARCH FORUM

Dr. Allen Stolberg of the Rand Corporation spoke at the March 18th Forum of the League of Women Voters of the Lewisburg Area on the topic *NATO, Ukraine and the USA: What’s in it for US?* Dr. Stolberg was a senior member of the NATO mission to the Ukraine in the week of March 23, 2025.

Dr. Stolberg gave a history of the NATO alliance explaining that it represented a common democratic outlook and served a valuable military purpose as a multiplier of forces. He explained the financial contributions of NATO in comparison to the financial contributions of the United States. He discussed the three situations in which NATO assisted the United States in substantive ways.

Dr. Stolberg also presented a brief history of the relations between Russia and the Ukraine emphasizing the period after 1954 when the Ukraine became an independent state. He discussed the history of Putin’s relationship with NATO starting with the early period of his reign when Putin wanted to join NATO. He concluded with a discussion of the amount of money we have spent defending Ukraine.

It was an extremely dense talk. This summary gives only a slight sense of the amount of material covered.

Mary Zimmerman, Forum Committee Co-chair

VOTER SERVICES

May Spring Primary

Who will you be voting for in the Primary on May 20th, 2025? Here's a list of the races that will be on the spring primary ballot, listed by all county and then by individual townships. The final list of candidates for those races will be available **after April 4th** on Vote411.org.

All of the Union County voters will vote for:

PA Appellate Courts

Pennsylvania Judge of the
Superior Court
Pennsylvania Judge of the
Commonwealth Court

Union County

Sheriff
Prothonotary and Clerk of the Courts
Coroner

Voters in:

- Lewisburg borough and East Buffalo 1-4, Kelly 1-2, and Union townships:
Magisterial District Judge
- All boroughs in Union County:
Mayor and Borough Council
- All townships in Union County:
Supervisors
- All boroughs and townships in Union County:
Tax Collector and Auditor
- All precincts in Union County:
Judge of Elections
Inspector of Elections

For School Directors, voters in:

- Lewisburg Borough, Townships of East Buffalo, Kelly, Precinct of Union:
Lewisburg Area School District
School Directors (Vote for 4)
- New Berlin Borough, Townships of Buffalo, Limestone, Precinct of Union-Independent:
Mifflinburg Area School District, Region 1
(Vote for 1)
- Mifflinburg Borough, West Buffalo Township:
Mifflinburg Area School District, Region 2
(Vote for 1)
- Harleton Borough, Hartley and Lewis Townships:
Mifflinburg Area School District, Region 3
(Vote for 1)
- White Deer Township:
Milton Area School District, Region 3
(Vote for 1)
- Gregg Township:
Warrior Run Area School District, Region 1
(Vote for 2)

Change of Polling Place

Attention voters in East Buffalo 4:

According to the Union County Election Office, there will be a poll-site change, in effect only for the Primary on May 20th.

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Last election, voters in East Buffalo 4 cast their votes at Bucknell's Weis Center. In the upcoming Primary, you will cast your vote at Bucknell's Langone Center, One Dent Drive, Lewisburg.

Our League's Publications

Facts for Voters

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our *Facts for Voters* distributors and they are:

Janice Bigelow, Diane Gottlieb, Kathy Martin, Mary Zimmerman, Betsy Noyce, Pat Marolo, Ann Longanbach, Elaine Hopkins, Judy Ellis, Priscilla Waggoner, Patty Johnston, Mary Lotspiech, Kathy Stayton,

And our coordinator and pick-up point person extraordinaire, Phyllis Dyer.

Voters Guide and VOTE411

Sheri Stayton along with her amazing staff Liz Clement, Carole Madle, Wayne Baker and designer, Dawn Maneval have started working on the upcoming Municipal Primary *Voters Guide*.

Sheri continues to manage the PA State Vote411.org website. Liz Clement has been assisting with obtaining contact information for candidates and will follow up to urge them to respond to the questions. The answers that are uploaded to **VOTE411** comprise the information that we download to create our 2025 *Voters Guide* for the Municipal Primary. We expect to distribute the printed copy three weeks before the election. The online version will be uploaded to our website soon thereafter.

Candidate Questions for Voters Guide

In last month's *League Line*, I asked for volunteers to join a committee to create candidate questions. Their responses are published in the upcoming *Voters Guide*. For their research and creative energy to develop the *Voters Guide* questions, I want to thank:

Sheri Stayton, Liz Clement, Wayne Baker, Phyllis Dyer, Dawn Maneval, and Mary Zimmerman

Linda Harris, Voter Services Chair

2025 Pennsylvania Elections: Important Dates to Remember

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

2025 ELECTION MILESTONE	DEADLINE
Last day to REGISTER to vote or to change party affiliation before the May primary	May 5
Last day to APPLY for a mail-in or civilian ABSENTEE ballot	May 13
Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted mail-in and civilian absentee ballots (must be received by 8:00pm)	May 20
MUNICIPAL PRIMARY <i>In-Person voting:</i> Polls open from 7:00am to 8:00pm	May 20
First day to register to vote after the election	May 21
Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59p.m. on May 19th)	May 27
Last day to REGISTER to vote or to change party affiliation before the November election	October 20
Last day to APPLY for a MAIL-IN or civilian ABSENTEE ballot	October 28
Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted mail-in and civilian absentee ballots (must be received by 8:00pm)	November 4
MUNICIPAL ELECTION <i>In-Person voting:</i> Polls open from 7:00am to 8:00pm	November 4
First day to register to vote after the election	November 5
Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59p.m. on Nov. 3rd)	November 12