

LEAGUE LINE

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

LWVLA ANNUAL MEETING

The 2026 Annual Meeting of LWVLA will be held on Tuesday, May 12th, from 5 to 7:30 pm. The schedule of the meeting is as follows:

5:00 to 6:00pm: Cocktail/social hour

6:00 to 6:30pm: Guest speaker Nancy Neuman, former President National League of Women Voters

6:30 to 7:30pm: Annual Business Meeting

Our meeting will be held at Brasserie Louis Restaurant, 101 Market Street, Lewisburg, PA. The cost is \$25 per person*, which includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, dessert, beverages (Cash bar). Please RSVP by Friday, May 1st, 2026.

Our guest speaker will be Nancy Newman who marks her 60th anniversary as a member of LWVLA, and 40 years since she became the National President of LWV (and we have our very own award named for her)! What a great time to hear her thoughts and perspective on the League's history and relevance in today's world!

Please RSVP by Friday May 1st, 2026. Send send your check (made out to **League of Women Voters of the Lewisburg Area**) to:

LWVLA Annual Meeting
PO Box 206
Lewisburg, PA 17837

The 2026 Annual Meeting booklet will be emailed to each member around May 1st.

*If money is an issue, please pay what you are able. A limited number of complimentary tickets will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

*Jennie Steiler and MaryAnn Griffin,
Membership Committee*

LWVLA AWARDS

The deadline for nominations for our LWVLA awards is April 15th! Who do you think should be nominated?

At our Annual Meeting, we present two member-nominated awards:

- The **Jill Reynolds Service Award**, given to any member (non-Board) that is felt to have worked tirelessly for the organization without public recognition. For this nomination form, click [here](#).
- The **Judy Anderson Community Service Award** at the Annual Meeting, presented to an individual or organization in Union County in recognition of noteworthy

WHAT'S HAPPENING

The following events are current as of publication date, April 1st. Please check our website, LWVLewisburgArea.org, frequently for the most current updates.

Monday, May 4th

Last day to register to vote!

Thursday, May 7th, 4:00p.m.

BOARD MEETING (for April)
Mary Zimmerman's home, Lewisburg

Tuesday, May 12th

Last day to apply for a mail-in ballot!

Tuesday, May 12th, 5-7:30pm

LWVLA ANNUAL MEETING!
Brasserie Louis Restaurant, Lewisburg

Tuesday, May 19th

General Primary - **VOTE!**

Thursday, May 28th

TRANSITION BOARD MEETING
Time and Location TBD

contribution to the community. For this nomination form, click [here](#).

The nomination forms give additional information and can also be found on our website at:

LWVLewisburgArea.org: **Who We Are: LWVLA: LWVLA Difference Makers**

A third award, the **Nancy Neuman Citizenship Award**, recognizes a high school student with leadership potential. Students are asked to submit an essay and these essays are evaluated by our Nancy Neuman Award Committee.

OBSERVER CORPS REPORT

The League of Women Voters of the Lewisburg Area has started an Observer Corps who will be attending the meetings of the Union County Election Office. Members of the Observer Corps are Teri MacBride, Susan Mathias, Phyllis Dyer, Linda Harris and Mary Zimmerman. If you are interested in further information, contact Mary Zimmerman at nvzimm@gmail.com.

Meeting Report

Meeting: Union County Election Board

Date: March 3rd, 2026

Observer Corps members in attendance:
Teri MacBride and Mary Zimmerman

Important Election Dates in Union County

The next election in Union County will be the Municipal Primary on May 19th, 2026. Key dates include:

May 4th, 2026: Last day to register to vote in the Primary

May 12th, 2026: Last day to apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot

May 19th, 2026: General Primary Election

Status of Mail-In Ballot Applications

So far, 5,433 mail-in ballot applications were sent to those voters who requested to receive the application annually. As of March 3, 1,622 completed applications were received.

Voting Machine Maintenance

Election office staff met with Unisyn, the election equipment vendor, to ensure the equipment is in proper working order. A Unisyn proposal for handling mail-in ballots for Union County was presented at an earlier work

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Have you renewed your membership in the



If you need information on how to do it, check out "MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL" on page 3

OR

Contact us by email:
lwvlewisburgarea@gmail.com

Please encourage others to join us as well!

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session of the County Commissioners. It will be reviewed and, if adopted on March 24th, Fort Orange Press will produce the ballots.

Update

On March 24th, the Union County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved a contract with Fort Orange Press for Vote by Mail Services and Election Printing Services through December 31st, 2026. In response to questions from the reporter from the Standard-Journal, Commissioner Stacy Richards explained that this was a contract for the mail in ballot packages, and for additional paper ballots to be provided at the polling places in case of equipment failure or electrical outages.

Respectfully submitted,

LWVLA Observer Corps

MARCH FORUM

On Tuesday, March 24th, 2026, the League welcomed Mr. Shawn McLaughlin, AICP, Union County's Planning and Economic Development Director as its final Forum speaker of the year. The topic, Shaping Union County's Future, focused on Union County's recently adopted 10-year comprehensive plan. Mr. McLaughlin stressed the plan is a guideline, not law.

Director McGlaughlin described how the plan was created, emphasizing that it was informed by data and citizen input. He explained the vision the plan created and discussed implementation moving forward. The process began in 2022 with household surveys, focus groups and public meetings, virtual open houses, stakeholder interviews, and a review of current trends. From there, a vision was established and principles for sustainable growth in the county were set, which recommend that the county focus new development in and around established communities; preserve rural resources; conserve energy and fiscal resources. The framework of the plan is set on 7 elements: natural and agricultural resources, land use, housing, economic development, transportation, community facilities/utilities, and lastly, cultural, historic and recreational resources. Mr. McGlaughlin spoke on each of these issues, touching upon important topics such as the development of Great Stream Commons and the impaired nature of our local waterways.

Audience questions raised important issues about why there was not an independent category on social services, what progress is being made on transportation and homelessness and the possibility of data centers in the county. The full plan can be viewed [here](#).

Mary Beth Clark for the Forum Committee

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BOOK CLUB

The LWVLA Book Club will hold its second meeting of 2026 on Tuesday, April 21st at 4pm at the Public Library for Union County Community Room (on Reitz Boulevard in Lewisburg). The book is *On Tyranny: 20 Lessons from the 20th Century* by Timothy Snyder. It is a quick read at 126 pages; copies are available at the library. You do not need to have read the book to attend. Hope to see you there.

Mary Beth Clark

VOTER SERVICES

Upcoming Spring Primary

The Spring Primary election will be on May 19th this year. The ballot for this election will contain offices at the state-level: Governor, Lt. Governor, U.S. Congress: 17th District, State Representatives: Districts 76, 83, and 85.

Remember to check that you are registered to vote and to receive a mail-in ballot (if you want one). For these key dates, see [“What’s Happening” on page 1](#).

VOTE411

Sheri Stayton is heading up the work on **VOTE411**. Candidates for offices in the upcoming primary are beginning to enter their information into the **VOTE411** system. **VOTE411** is expected to be online with this candidate information by April 8th!

Voters Guide

Work on the *Voters Guide* for the upcoming Spring Primary election on May 19th is underway. Our *Voters Guide* team includes Liz Clement, Carole Madle, Linda Harris, Dawn Maneval, led by Editor Sheri Stayton. Our goal is to have this *Voters Guide* available for distribution by May 1st!

Anyone interested in joining our mighty Distribution Team to help get the Spring issue to sites throughout Union County, please contact lwwlewisburgarea@gmail.com.

Until the Spring issue is complete, the online version of the *Voters Guide* for the Fall 2025 election is still be available for download [on our LWVLA website](#).

STUDY GROUP: The SAVE Act

Our SAVE Act study group met on March 17th, at the home of Betsy Noyce. We continue to follow the never-ending succession of the suite of bills that are all called “The Save Act”:

- **[S 1383](#) - Veterans Advisory Committee Act, Amendment (Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act or SAVE America Act):**
 - **Senate:** Passed on Dec. 18th, 2025, but passed back to House
 - **House:** Amended with “SAVE Act” requirements (Amendments [S.Amdt 4420](#), **Save American Voters**; [S.Amdt 4732](#)) and passed on Feb. 11th, 2026. Sent back to the Senate for (re)approval.
 - **Senate:** Came before the Senate on Mar. 17th, 2026 and was voted on 2 days later. The Save amendment was defeated by a 52-47 vote (60 votes required to overcome the filibuster). However, efforts by Republicans to overcome this defeat through other legislative and executive paths are still expected. The Senate has adjourned for 2 weeks.
- **[HR 7300](#) - Make Elections Great Again (MEGA) Act.** In addition to the many SAVE bills listed in last month's *League Line*, the House created yet another one in February: the **Make Elections Great Again (MEGA) Act**
 - **House:** Introduced in Jan. 30th, 2026. Not yet voted on there.

We are certainly seeing the complexity of the legislative process in action! If you too are trying to understand what these different pieces of legislation do and do not propose, check out the Issue One website, which has a good [Explainer piece](#), and also provides a great [checklist](#) of the features of these different bills.

Our study group is also considering how the League's nonpartisanship impacts what we as a local League can do and cannot do with respect to providing information about these SAVE Acts.

Our next meeting has not yet been scheduled. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Dawn Maneval (dmaneval922@gmail.com) for more information.

UPDATE: On March 31st, the President signed an [Executive Order](#) to create federal voter lists.

*Dawn Maneval for the
Voter Services Committee*

AREAS FOR ACTION

The League, at both National (LWVUS) and State (LWVPA) levels, provides suggested topics for study, and actions you can take to make a difference. Below are several issues that are in the news right now, with links for you to read to understand, as well as action suggestions and links. *(continued on next page)*

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

LWVPA

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

- **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](#) and see the **“STUDY GROUP: The SAVE Act”** sections 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 explanations of these bills and how to take action with your state representatives 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](#).

The LWVPA website also provides a [PA General Assembly bill tracker](#) spreadsheet.

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.

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](#).

League in Action

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

Take Action on the SAVE Act

[Tell Your Senators to Oppose the SAVE Act!](#)

Civic Action Toolkit During ICE Activity

With immigration enforcement activity increasing in our communities, it can create fear, confusion, and barriers to participation in civic life. Leagues can now review our civic action toolkit on the League Management Site to learn how to show up safely, lawfully, and in solidarity during ICE activity.

LWVLA FACEBOOK PAGE



Our LWVLA Facebook page (at [facebook.com/lwvla](https://www.facebook.com/lwvla)) is beginning to wake up!

Carole Madle has agreed to post material sent to her. This material needs to be “ready to go”, with no additional formatting required. Thank you so much, Carole, for doing this! If you have something for the Facebook page, send it to Carole at carolemadle66@gmail.com.

In the meantime, we still need to find someone interested in [creating content for our League’s Facebook account](#). It would be great if one person would be in charge of keeping this [important source of information](#) current with the events of our local League, as well as the state, and national Leagues.

If you are interested, or if you have questions, please contact us at:

LWVLewisburgArea@gmail.com

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The Leadership Team would like to hear from more of you about how you think our local League can be revitalized! As cited in the national League of Women Voters’s website, the purpose of a League is to provide its members and community with ways:

“to protect and expand voting rights and ensure everyone is represented in our democracy. We empower voters and defend democracy through advocacy, education, and litigation, at the local, state, and national levels.” (lwv.org)

What interests you about the League of Women Voters? To us on the Leadership Team, it is important to find projects and activities that are both interesting to the membership and feasible to get done (with the resources we have available). We would be very interested in hearing from you about what is important to you about your League. For example:

- Are there services or activities that this League has been providing that you feel are important to continue, or to discontinue?
- Are there services or activities that you think this League could provide that we currently do not?
- Is there something in particular that you would like to work on to support the role of our League in the community?

To send us your feedback, send us an email at:

LWVLewisburgArea@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The renewal date for many LWVLA members was January 1st! A number of these members have not yet renewed. So [please check your membership status!](#) You can now check your membership status and renew your membership through the LWV Member Portal.

Logging In

Go to the LWV Member Portal:

<https://portal.lwv.org/>

At the **Log in or Sign up** field, enter your email address. Once you press RETURN, LWV (League of Women Voters) will send to your email address an email with a 6-digit code. There is no password required!

From this email, you can either:

- Click the blue **Sign into LWV Member Portal** button.
- Copy this code, return to the LWV Member Portal window, enter the code in the **Code** field, and click the blue **Verify** button.

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Checking Membership Status

Once logged into the LWV Member Portal, you will see a box titled **My LWV Membership**, which lists your **Status** and **Expiration** date. If your **Status** does NOT list **Active**, your LWV and LWVLA memberships have expired.

Renewing Membership Online

You are encouraged to renew online through the LWV Member Portal. Once logged in (see [“Logging In”](#) above), click the **Renew** button in the upper right corner of the **My LWV Membership** box. You can use a credit card or an ACH payment directly from your bank account (the credit card option is much easier).

For those members with a January 1st renewal, you should have received an email message detailing how to log into the membership portal and renew your membership.

Renewing Membership By Check

If you do not wish to renew using one of the online methods, you can simply write a check, payable either to **LWVUS** or **LWVLA**, with a note on the memo line saying “renewal”. Mail it to our post office box at:

LWVLA
PO Box 206
Lewisburg, PA 17837

Our Treasurer will update the portal with your renewal date and send in the check to national.

Renewal Fee

As you’ve probably have heard, the suggested fee for renewal is \$75, and that amount has been chosen by most renewing members, to date. Please be aware that you can choose to renew for any amount over \$20, according to your circumstances. The portion of the renewal fee that our Lewisburg Area League receives is 20%.

Making Donations

At the same time you renew your membership, you can also make donations:

- To our local league (LWVLA): We do not share any part of that online donation with the national or state league. Your donations have provided the vast majority of the operating expenses we incur each year and will continue to do so. When you renew your membership online, you will be given the opportunity to donate to your local League. You can also send your donations to our post office box (listed under [“Renewing Membership By Check”](#)).



TO CHECK OUT THE NATIONAL LEAGUE'S UNITE AND RISE 8.5 MOVEMENT, CLICK [HERE](#) !

As in past years, please make your check payable to **LWVLA** and on the memo line write “**donation**”. These donations are not tax deductible.

- To make a tax-deductible donation, please make it payable to **LWVUS Education Fund** and note “**donation**” on the memo line. Mail it to our post office box (listed earlier).

Thank you for your membership renewal! If you have questions, LWVLewisburgArea@gmail.com.

LWVLA Leadership Team