

Empowering Voters, Defending Democracy

We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge and the confidence to participate.



The League of Women Voters was founded on February 14, 1920.

Happy 100th Birthday, LWV!

Join us on Sunday, February 16, 2020 to celebrate. We'll have informational displays about the League, its founding and its current work, along with a wine & bourbon tasting and light refreshments including a birthday cake.

- Sunday, February 16, 2020
- 2:00 – 4:00 pm
- Deerfield Wines & spirits
- 205 Louviers Drive - Newark
- \$10.00 Donation suggested but not required

RSVP to lwvncc@comcast.net or Tickets are available on Eventbrite.

[Register for this event »](#)

Contact Kay Palmer if you would like to help with the arrangements at 302.369.8858 or kaypalmer@42llc.com.

League of Women Voters of New Castle County
HOT TOPIC LUNCH Monday, February 24, 2020
11:30 A.M - 1 P.M.

Michael's Restaurant, 1000 Churchman's Rd, Newark, DE 19713

SPEAKER: Rmanda D. Chapman, Partnership Specialist

U.S. Census Bureau
Philadelphia Regional Census Center

TOPIC: The Census 2020: All you want to know and your chance to ask.

More details will be sent to you closer to the luncheon.

LWVNCC Hot Topic lunches are held at Michael's Restaurant in Christiana. \$18.00 paid at time of the event covers buffet lunch, soft beverage and tip. Please pay in cash if at all possible. If you don't wish to buy lunch, you may come around noon for the program only (the presentation usually starts around 12:10 pm). The public is cordially invited to attend.

Please RSVP to lwvde@comcast.net or 302-571-8948 by Sunday, February 23, so we can let the restaurant know how many to expect. If you need a ride, leave a message on the League Office phone or e-mail when you RSVP. If you have not made a reservation, please come anyway.



Did you miss the January Hot Topic presentation on Criminal Justice Reform? Here is the link to it video: <https://www.facebook.com/LWVNCC/videos/182217019820962>

The League of Women Voters of New Castle County
invites you to its' monthly

TED X Talk Discussion

The first animation, *The Historic Women's Suffrage March on Washington*,
focuses on the March 3, 1913 Women's Suffrage Parade

February 15, at 1:00 p.m.

Place: St. Philip's Church, 5320 Limestone Road, Wilmington, DE 19808

The format is to watch the TED X Talk and then discuss the Ideas Worth Sharing.

The February TED Talk is another opportunity to Celebrate the 100th Birthday of the League of Women Voters. This month's discussion will be centered around two beautifully crafted animations that depict important elements of the Women's Movement that led to the founding of the League. The first animation, *The Historic Women's Suffrage March on Washington*, focuses on the March 3, 1913 Women's Suffrage Parade. This parade was the first mass protest for the women's right to vote. The animation was written by Michelle Mehrtens and narrated by Christina Greer, with music by Bamm Bamm Wolfgang.

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The second animation is; ***The Breathtaking Courage of Harriet Tubman***, written by Janell Hobson and narrated by Christina Greer. This animation illustrates the bold life of Harriet Tubman. Born Araminta Ross, or Minty, in Dorchester County, Maryland, in the early 1820s. She was the fifth of nine children born to her parents coming into this world as chattel slaves. The animation continues through her life as she navigated people through the underground railroad, worked as a Union army nurse, scout, and spy during the Civil War, as well as other contributions to improve the social justice of the time.



The intent of this TED Talk discussion is to consider the past and the work of our forefathers in light of the current day initiatives to further equality and rights. Join us on:

R.S.V.P to Kay Palmer at 302.369.8858 or kaypalmer@42llc.com

GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION GROUP

What: Great Decisions: ***"Climate Change and the Global Order."***

When: Monday, February 17, 2020

Where: Alternate site: Judy Taggart's home **717 Fiske Lane, Newark, DE 19711**

What else: Lunch, for those who wish it.

When: Before discussion, 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Where: 11:30 at Skipjack Restaurant in the Shops at Louviers on Paper Mill Road.

How: Contact Flo Waibel, fmwaibel@udel.edu 302-737-7848. All are welcome.

VOTING AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The next LWV Voting and Elections Committee meeting will be held **Tuesday, February 4** at **Sheridan's Irish Pub**, 44 W. Commerce St., Smyrna, Delaware 19977. See map: [Google Maps](#). Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month. This committee is a subcommittee of the LWVDE Advocacy Corps. New members welcome! If you are interested in voting/elections legislation and lobbying, contact Letty Diswood or Jill Itzkowitz for details. This subcommittee has members from all three counties.

Jill Itzkowitz Co-chair

jillitzkowitz@gmail.com

Welcome New Members

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SAVE THE DATE!

LEAGUE DAY IN DOVER- ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE DAY

Thursday, March 26, 2020. Dover Downs Hotel, Dover, Registration 8:30 a.m. Program 9 – 11:45, Buffet lunch 11:45 – 1:15 p.m. Topic: Focus is on financing Delaware's state government – looking ahead to what is needed to ensure fiscal stability as we move forward.

VOTER OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

LWVNCC is planning a **CANDIDATES' FORUM FOR NEWARK CITY COUNCIL**

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, March 24, 2020. Evening, exact time TBD

LOCATION: Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive, Newark DE 19713

EVENT: Forum for candidates for Newark City Council Districts 3,5, and 6. All qualified candidates who have an opponent will be invited to participate. Free and open to the public.

Contact: Judy Taggart: judithtaggart1@verizon.net



The VOTE411 team is getting organized for a busy 2020 election year! If you want to help out or learn more, plan to come to one of our NCC Organizing Meetings at the Eatery Cafe at Route 9 Library & Innovation Center - Friday 2/21 at 11 am or Saturday 2/22 at 3 pm. Kim will talk you into joining the team, or at least sell you a \$2 car magnet over soup and panini.

--Kim Wells, kimwells19702@gmail.com

- **The LWVNCC has received a grant from the LWVUS for its nationwide 2020 YOUTH VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT.**

January has been busy organizing the voter registration events and registration requests from the community. Our request for a grant from LWV Education Fund for the Youth Empowerment Project was approved for \$700. Through this grant we have purchased "sign up genius", which is a huge help with coordinating the many locations and signing up volunteers to shifts and then confirming the events and sign up with each person. We are working in collaboration with IHB, and have many volunteers assisting with the following schools and Libraries registration and information table events. There are four administrators for the Sign up Genius: Alan Evantash, Patti Christopher, Dini Silber and Letty Diswood.

LWV volunteers are scheduled at the following Schools:

Cab Calloway Wilmington Charter, McKean High School, A I. Dupont High School, Delcastle Technical High School, Concord High School, Glasgow High School, Howard High School of Technology, Salesianum High School, and other Schools are signing up.

Our focus in February is primarily on 12 different Libraries in New Castle. March our focus is primarily High Schools in NCC and Delaware Technical Community Colleges in NCC. We also have different organizations and events scheduled in New Castle County in March, April and May. A press release has been created by Catriona Binder-McLeod and sent by email to the media about the Library dates, and a flyer was created for each library to display. LWV and IHB volunteers are scheduled at the following **Libraries:** Newark Free Library, Brandywine Hundred Library, Woodlawn Library, Bear Library, Hockessin Library, Appoquinimink Community Library, Claymont Library, Kirkwood Public Library, Elsmere Library, New Castle Library.

This year we have had 2 training classes and will have two a month as time allows and they will be held at the League office.

Again, please remember we are using the Universal registration form. You do not need to be re-certified because we are using the Universal forms. If you have questions, please call me. If you are sending someone for a training session to Patti by email/or telephone, please have them identify themselves and if affiliated with another organization. I appreciate the various members that email me with contacts, and their connection and their emails so that I can ascertain the needs. This has worked well. The LWVNCC board and the League thank you all for stepping forward and helping-out this election year. **Patti Christopher, Voter Registration Chairman,** lwv.patti@gmail.com

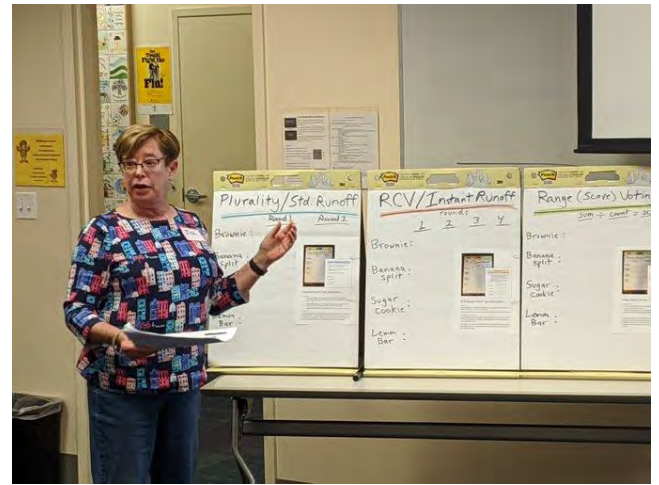


Carole Walsh at the voter information table at the Women's March on a very cold day.

LWVDE Alternative Voting Study

The study team held two alternative voting information sessions in New Castle County in January, with lively discussion and illustrative ballot demonstration exercises. We also gathered feedback for the [proposed 2020 Concurrence Position on Electoral Systems](#). There is one more live session, Feb 12th 11a.m.2p.m. at the Greene Turtle in Dover. Tickets are available on [Eventbrite](#). Video of the January 14th session is available on the LWVDE Facebook page.

If you'd like to participate in the remaining aspects of the study... primarily determining if alternate voting methods are feasible here in Delaware, through interviews with external stakeholders like state & city election officials and political party leaders... please contact study Co-Chairs Kim Wells (kimwells19702@gmail.com) or Jill Itzkowitz (jillitzkowitz@gmail.com).



Jill Itzkowitz explaining results of practice voting done during the presentation January 25, 2020.

League of Women Voters Celebrates 100th Birthday

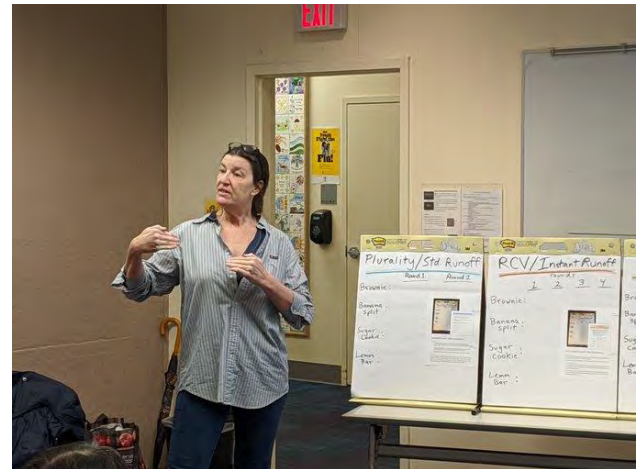
The League of Women Voters of Delaware will host a celebration of the League's 100th birthday on Friday, February 14, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Rehoboth Beach Historical Society Museum, 511 Rehoboth Ave in Rehoboth Beach.

Featured speaker **Dr. Cynthia Newton**, Chair of the Political Science Department at Wesley College, will present "**From Civil Disobedience to the Ballot**

Box," setting the stage for the League's centennial theme "Women Power the Vote."

A Q&A will follow

The League was founded by suffrage leaders in 1920, the same year that the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified. During the past decade, Leagues have registered voters, informed their communities on the issues, advocated in their legislatures, and helped shape their communities as well as the country.



Kim Wells discussing the various Alternative Election Methodologies at January 25, 2020 presentations.

CALENDAR

Monday, February 3, 2020 6:30 -8:30 p.m.	Immanuel Highlands Church, 2400 W 17 th street, Wilmington, DE 19806	LWVNCC BOARD MEETING. Regular meeting of the League of Women Voters of New Castle County Board of Directors.
Tuesday, February 4, 2020 11 a.m. - noon	Sheridan's Irish Pub 44 W. Commerce Street, Smyrna, DE19977	ELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING. Contact Jill Itzkowitz for details (302-650-6862) jillitzkowitz@gmail.com
Wednesday, February 10, 2020 2 – 4 p.m.	Home of Peggy Schultz schultz_peggy@yahoo.com	LWVNCC LANDUSE/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING Newcomers all welcome.
Wednesday, February 12, 2020 9:30 - noon	150 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd S, Dover, DE 19901.	LWVDE ADVOCACY CORPS Meeting. Regular 2nd Wednesday meeting of the LWVDE Advocacy Corps (legislative lobby group) in Dover. For details or to attend, contact Advocacy Chair Linda Barnett
Wednesday, February 12, 2020 11a.m. – 2 p.m.	Green Turtle Sports Bar 391 N. Dupont Hwy, Dover DE 19901	ALTERNATIVE VOTING/ELECTION SYSTEMS PRESENTATION Session 4. Is there a better way to vote? Learn about alternatives to <i>The Lesser of Two Evils</i> Elections. Background to LWVDE future possible consensus.
Saturday, February 15, 2019 at 1:00pm	St. Philips Church at 5320 Limestone Road, Wilmington, DE 19808	Watch TED X Talk then Discussion: Two animation shorts: <i>The Historic Women's Suffrage March on Washington</i> , and <i>The Breathtaking Courage of Harriet Tubman</i> . Contact Kay W. Palmer, 302.983.6946.
Sunday February 16, 2020 2 – 5 p.m.	Deerfield Fine Wines in the Shoppes at Louviers, 205 Louviers Drive. (Paper Mill Road) Newark, DE. 19711	CELEBRATE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS 100 BIRTHDAY WITH US. Informational displays, wine and bourbon tasting and light refreshments including birthday cake. All friends and members welcome.
Monday, February 17, 2019, 1 -3:30 pm	Alternate site: Judy Taggart's home, 717 Fiske Lane, Newark, DE 19711 What else: Lunch, for those who wish it.	GREAT DECISIONS: The group will discuss the topic: " <i>Climate Change and the Global Order.</i> " Optional lunch beforehand at Skipjack, The Shoppes of Louviers, 401 Louviers Dr, Newark. Contact Flo Waibel, fmwaibel@udel.edu 302-737-7848
Wednesday, February 19, 2020 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Green Turtle Sports Bar 391 N. Dupont Hwy, Dover DE 19901	LWVDE BOARD MEETING. Note: Board meeting for the Delaware state-level. RSVP to Carol Jones sundiallee@aol.com . Notice location change and early time for board training.
Monday, February 24, 2020 11:30 a.m.-1p.m.	Michael's Restaurant <u>1000 Churchman's Rd.</u> <u>Newark, DE19713</u>	HOT TOPIC LUNCH: THE 2020 CENSUS \$18 buffet lunch; RSVP to lwncc@comcast.net or call 301-571-8948. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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