

Gun Safety as a Public Health Issue – February 2025  
Speaker Bios

**Nancy Naragon** is a Jersey girl (we don't pump gas), but graduated from Westtown Friends School in Westtown PA. I graduated from Oberlin College as a political science major and got my MSLS (Library Science) from Case Western Reserve University. I worked in public libraries in Cleveland and Martinsville VA, and semi-retired when we had children. Moving back to Westfield NJ, I joined the Westfield Area LWV and have been active ever since—50+ years—holding most jobs, except treasurer and secretary. I was on the state board in NJ at the time we were transferred to Pittsburgh, and continue to serve on the board of the LWVPGH. For a time I represented the LWVPA on a state committee seeking to locate a low-level radioactive waste site within PA.



Nancy Naragon  
Gun Safety Director

**Preston Shimer** was born in New York City, raised in Scotch Plains, NJ and has degrees from Cornell University and Penn State University. His professional career was in records and information management. He served as a School Director and Commissioner in Upper St. Clair Township. He is a graduate of the Local Government Academy's Newly Elected Officials Course and served on the LGA Board of Directors and as the Interim Executive Director. His wife, Annette, joined the League in NJ in 1973 and he became a League Spouse. In 2013, while traveling, Annette phoned to say he needed to join the Pittsburgh League and take over as Treasurer - no options. He has been active ever since. Currently, he is the Co-President - Administration and acting Treasurer. A few years ago, he served as the Administrative VP of the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania.



Preston Shimer  
Co-President, Administration

