



**Upcoming Events**

- Nov. 2 Election day
- Nov. 2, 8PM Deadline for all Mail in Ballots to arrive at Chester County Voter Services
- Nov. 12 Delco presentation
- Nov. 18 Hot Topics
- Nov. 20, LWVCC Board Meeting on Zoom

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# From the President

Dear Members and Supporters,

The time for THANKS is always with us. We have had quite a League year with many new members and supporters to be thankful for! Our diversity continues to develop and expand. For this, we are very proud as well as honored.

Along with our expansion has come a deeper understanding of our community, its' issues and its' ever-expanding strengths. We continue to be educated by our own

members through their experiences as well as their insights.

Most recently we were pleased to sponsor a very well-attended forum for the West Chester Mayoral candidates! Great audience with equally great questions! There is nothing like meeting candidates in person, hearing their ideas and expectations as well as providing them the opportunity to interact with their voters.

With the ongoing presence of the Covid-19 virus, we anticipate another election with an unusually

high rate of mail-in ballots. Your vote is valuable, and your health is too.

And as always, we need everyone to pay close attention to new and developing legislative efforts designed to impact our right to vote; how we vote, where we vote, when we vote and who can vote!

**Our democracy needs continual protection and defense!**

Be safe and healthy!

Susan Carty, President LWVCC

# Opportunities to Volunteer

The League of Women Voters in Chester County has several opportunities for members to pitch in. There is a definite need for a new membership chair. The idea of a membership committee has been proposed but someone to run it is

still needed. It has also been proposed that we create positions which will cover engagement and outreach. Engagement would help get our members more aware and involved, and outreach would help us create connections with

other organizations that have similar objectives. Anyone interested should contact Susan Carty.



LWVCC board at the annual dinner. From L to R front row: Kay Sharp, Carole Mackrell, Val Thomas, Susan Carty, back row: Ellen Richardson, Sandy Schaal, Lisa Forsyth, Debra Maynard, and Loraine Deisinger

## Hot Topics: Mark Davis on Social Equity

Save the Date! November 18! LWV CC member, Mark Davis will speak for our Hot Topic series at 7:00pm via Zoom. Mark Davis, who teaches in the Department of Public Policy and Administration at West Chester University will discuss Social Equity providing thoughtful insight into how social equity differs from

equality, why it is both a social buzz word, a rallying cry and a political lightning rod today. From there he will reflect on race relations and social justice, particularly in the wake of the 2020 protests following the killing of George Floyd. There will be time for questions following his presentation. Please join us for a timely and interesting discus-

sion. Watch your email for a zoom link to Mark's talk.

# LWV Central Delco Event: The Untold Story of Women of Color in the League of Women Voters

Join us for this special event on **Friday, November 12 at Noon via Zoom** to hear **Dr. Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins**, former president of the National League of Women Voters, and a noted educator and author of the *“The Untold Story of Women of Color in the League of Women Voters”*.

Dr. Jefferson-Jenkins will discuss the progression of the relationship

between the League of Women Voters and its members of color as manifested in changes to its policies, practices, symbols, and messaging and highlight the importance of **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)** and as it applies to the League past, present and future.

The webinar presentation is **FREE** but **to receive the Zoom link** via email you **MUST** register.

You can submit questions for the presenter in advance with your registration.

Go to the LWV Central Delaware County web-site to register: <https://my.lwv.org/pennsylvania/central-delaware-county/event/special-author-presentation-%E2%80%9C-untold-story-women-color-league-women-voters%E2%80%9D>

## Voter Services

### Section Coordinators:

Committee members met in West Chester to assemble voter information packages containing bookmarks, post cards, Legislative Directories, and English and Spanish applications. Special thank you to Mary Lou Dondero who contacted numerous Township Offices and Senior Citizen Facilities, and to Cornerstone Christian Fellowship Church for allowing us to use the Justice Rain INC Library.

Members delivered the materials to each of the Township Of-

fices and Senior Citizen Facilities in their section with the exception of a few that were closed and had no boxes to leave information. All 18 Chester County Libraries also received LWV materials.

#### Events:

- 8/28 - Woodbine Park, Paoli – “West Paoli Neighborhood Reunion”
- 9/2 - Wilson Farm Park, Tredyffrin – Greet concert goers
- 9/9 - Wilson Farm Park, Tredyffrin – Greet concert goers

- 9/18 - Wilson Farm Park, Tredyffrin – “Party in the Park”
- 9/19 - Everhart Park, WC – “Turks Head Music Festival”
- 10/2 - Unionville Comm Fairgrounds, Kennett – “Unionville Comm Fair”
- 10/11 - Hankin Library, Chester Springs - “Voter Registration Assistance Day”
- Distribution of English and Spanish versions of the 2021 General Election Voters Guide to Libraries and County run Senior Centers

## From the Editor

It has been a pleasure to serve in the League the last few years. I have especially enjoyed volunteering for Voter Services manning a table to register new voters. All of that changed with COVID-19. Since I felt I needed to do something new

and my teaching schedule makes that difficult I decided to take over The Voter. It is my first time doing a newsletter and the learning curve has been steep. My request to all League members, and especially those in charge of committees, is to

please make sure I receive any information you wish to be in the Voter in a timely fashion. Send it in Word with 10 or 11 point font.

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## Membership

We are so proud of our large (179), diverse and committed Chester County membership. Because of you, we are helping to educate and empower our voters. Thank you if you have renewed your membership for 2021/2022. We hope to have all of the renewals in by the end of 2021. Expect a call from Mary Lou Dondero for another reminder about your dues. And just in case you need to double check your membership, please email or call me. I can tell you when you last renewed.

Our chapter's success is measured by the positive impact that we make in our community. Thank you for helping to keep us informative, relevant, visible, encouraging and connected to our voters. We need each and everyone of you, new members and supporters to continue to make a difference.

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