



**Upcoming Events**

- Feb. 26 Planning meeting at Chester County Government Services Building and on Zoom
- March 19, LWVCC Board Meeting

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# From the President

Dear League Members and Supporters, Thank you for your commitment, your support, and your belief in the ideals of the League of Women Voters! There can be no doubt we all are needed to support and encourage our communities of voters.

We are experiencing a world where the meaning of "truth" continues to evolve into new forms of exaggeration, irrelevance, and extreme untruths. Facts are

ignored and discarded. We are watching democratically elected officials use their office to undermine our right to vote!

How did this situation come about? What can we do about it?

Americans saw a **riot** ensue around as well as inside our seat of government! You can rewatch that nightmare through the wonders of today's technology! History will review that visual for generations to

come.

There is so much that we didn't and currently don't understand about our neighbors, our friends and at times, even our own family.

We, League members and supporters are needed in vast numbers in partnership with like-minded citizens who recognize that our form of government along with our **Right to Vote** is in danger.

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# Opportunities to Volunteer

The League of Women Voters in Chester County has several opportunities for members to pitch in. Right now the most important position is membership chair. The most important part of the position is maintain the membership list. The chair also has to

work with the treasurer to help record membership payments of dues. A committee to help with outreach needs to be established. The chair and committee help with membership outreach and reten-

tion. Contact Susan Cary if you are interested: cartysusan@gmail.com.

You can also contact Susan if there is another position for which you would like to volunteer.

## President's message cont.

We must act with urgency and understanding that our form of government is vulnerable and needs dedicated protection by its citizens as well as **all** its elected officials.

I wonder if the new women voters from 100+ years ago ever anticipated the future political world to be as it is today. What would they

have thought about our re-invention of the definition of "truth"? And what would they do now?

We need you...the League needs you and most importantly, HISTORY will need you.

Stay safe. Stay Healthy. Communicate with your elected officials. Remind them of their Oath. Demand that they too Protect our

Right to Vote!

In League,

Susan Carty, President  
LWV Chester County

## Planning Meeting!

### Planning Meeting

Each year the members of the League of Women Voters review our positions on topics that we have studied and on which we have reached consensus. We use these positions to lobby for or against pending legislation.

In our fast moving political world we sometimes need to update our positions to make them more relevant and we also need to present new issues that should be studied for consensus at both the state and/or national level. We gather these new suggestions each year during a Planning Meeting

and pass them on to the state or national level during their conventions in hopes of gaining larger support for action from all our members.

It's time for you to tell us what issues are important to you. We have scheduled our local Planning Meeting for Saturday, February 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We would like to have as many members as feel comfortable join us in person and there will also be Zoom access for those joining us from home. Our in person meeting will be held at the Chester Co. Government Services Building, 601 Westtown Road, West Ches-

ter, PA 19382. There will be no board meeting on February 19. The board will meet at the planning meeting.

The review does take a good deal of time and in the past we have met from about 10 a.m.– 2 p.m. with a catered lunch break. Because of the uncertainty of large gatherings now we will try to accomplish this review of positions in a shorter timeframe which means some homework ahead of the meeting. Please review our positions in your Directory or on our website before the meeting so you can comment on where we need an update, a new study or just where to

## Planning cont.

place our efforts for the coming year.

We can modify some of the meeting arrangements if you can respond as soon as possible as to whether you will participate in person or on Zoom by calling our League number at 610-644-5960 and leaving a message.

## Social Media Presence

The League's Facebook page is alive and well! Its purpose is to broaden the reach of the League to the 3/4 of Americans who use this social media network regularly. Take advantage of this resource: whenever you host or attend a League event, send the details and pictures as soon as possible to [Gretchen.Cole@gmail.com](mailto:Gretchen.Cole@gmail.com). Be sure to name everyone in your photos! Follow, like and share at <https://www.facebook.com/LWVofChesterCounty>. When you

comment and like the posts, they become visible to more people!

## 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 in-

formation 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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