



**Upcoming Events**

- April 23 LWVCC board meeting,
- Last Day to register before primary, May 2
- Last day to apply for mail-in ballot, May 10
- Mail in ballots must be received by 8PM May 17
- General Primary May 17
- May 21 LWVCC board meeting
- June 23 Annual meeting

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## From the President

Dear League Members and Supporters, Finally, Spring has arrived with all the feel, look, hope and anticipation for the future.

Sadly, we only need about one minute of world news on our TV sets to tell us all is not well in our world. For many the future is not only bleak but a heart-breaking, clear and certain tragedy.

What a terrible reminder of the fragility of a system and the vulnerability of

those living within that system.

This international crisis makes me think of the absolute seriousness of our own hard fought for

**Right to Vote** here in this country. The Vote by women, for women and thus the vast Power of women cannot be denied.

Here in the USA, women voters continue to hold what we can call "the supermajority". Women voters have

enormous power! The degree and strength of that power must be demonstrated, repeatedly and without confusion or hesitation. "In every election since 1964, women have decided the direction of the country."

Yet, it appears that despite that knowledge, our "legislators continue to act in ways providing us with **clear and distinct evidence that they are not listening.**"

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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.

deafness is the strongest indicator we need to meet the challenge, the imperative to ACT and to VOTE. But.....

The **qualifier** to **ACTING** is to **ACT WITH KNOWLEDGE**. Know as much as possible about your chosen candidates. **No assumptions. No blind adherence to party line.** Knowledge gives you and all voters the information needed to make their best

choice.

We follow the footsteps of generations of grandmothers, mothers, aunts, and sisters. Yes, progress has been made. But there is a notable distance to go!

ACT and VOTE as the Supermajority that we are!

Be well, Be Strong, Be Persistent

Susan Carty

President, LWVCC

### Annual Meeting!

Save the date: June 23. The annual meeting will be located at the Hilton Garden Inn in Exton. More information will be available soon.

### Webinar available from PALWV

#### Ballot Box Basics: Information Every Voter Needs

A new free webinar series open to the public. These monthly webinars will discuss important topics like registering to vote, voting integrity, your polling place, voter ID requirements, election

security, constitutional amendments, Pennsylvania government, and more. The May webinar will cover voting access and integrity.

Go to [palwv.org/upcoming-events](http://palwv.org/upcoming-events) to register. Registration must be done in advance.

# Back to Action!

After 2 years of limited activities, except for Voters Service, the League of Women Voters of Chester County is looking forward to reviving our education and activism in the areas of Criminal Justice, Immigration and Environmental Protection. Because we have not been seeing each other face to face and not meeting many of our new members our committees have not been functioning as usual. We would like to invite our members to **reactivate** by letting us know what issues they are interested in learning more about and help us do some

Listed below is a point person for the four committees we would like to revive. Call to let us know what interests you and, perhaps, volunteer to come to a planning meeting which would be arranged by the point person.

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## 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

An attempt was made to force duly elected school board members to step down. Most of them were Democrats but all were elected by the voters of the West Chester Area School District. They have been reinstated. The morning of the hearing to have them reinstated there was a crowd outside the

courtroom and many members of the League of Women Voters of Chester County were present to support the board members. As school boards across the nation are facing threats over mask mandates or banning books, we in Chester County stood firm in supporting our legally elected members who have our public safety in mind.

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## Membership

Thank you for your support and commitment to the League and our mission of education and empowering our voters. We could not do what we do without members like you. Keep up your great work and pass on information about elections, candidates, resources and events to family, friends and neighbors. League membership is open to all (a gift membership is a great idea) and students are FREE.

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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