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## A Message from the President

We certainly are "in the thick" of things aren't we! Our daily lives have become ensnared by waves of newsworthy revelations, volumes of untruths accompanied by childish accusations and disheartening revelations. Election season is here!

All done in an effort to sway and influence our votes. All done to add confusion to the arena of our upcoming election.

You see, the element of confusion absolutely impacts your clarity, your interest and your willingness to act upon your right to vote. Confusion supports inaction. It interferes with one's pursuit of information.

In essence, no action equals complacency. It is the ultimate submission.

Take some time to consider the following questions.

WHO was to be eliminated? WHO ended up with the identity of a bargaining chip?

No wonder there are those who close the doors, slam the windows and turn off the TVs.! But those actions are the complete opposite of what one should do.

Keep in mind our long history as LWV has prepared us to recognize threats and to respond accordingly.

The threats are REAL. Threats are here in Pennsylvania as well as across the country.

Please be aware and pay close attention. Help us all to protect our Right to Vote!

In League

Susan Carty

## Notices

### Boscov's Community Support Day

On October 19 anyone with a special ticket can shop at the Boscov's store in Exton and receive 25% off on most merchandise. There are usually discounts of much of the merchandise in the store already that day so you get even more off. Tickets can be purchased for \$5.00 each from the League by sending a check made out to LWVCC to: LWVCC, P.O. Box 62, Exton, PA 19341. Or you can pick some up at the board meeting September 17. The League gets to keep the \$5.00 and you get great discounts at Boscov's.

### West Chester Restaurant Festival

Volunteers are still needed for the West Chester Restaurant Festival being held Sunday September 18 from noon to 5:00. If you can help out for a couple of hours that day, please contact Mary Lou Dondero (610) 692-3299.

### Membership

Thank you if your dues are up to date. You are welcome to send in your \$75 annual dues today for fiscal year 2022/2023. PayPal on our website [www.lwvccpa.org](http://www.lwvccpa.org) or mail your check to LWVCC, PO box 62, Exton, PA 19341

#### Upcoming Dates:

September 17 **LWVCC Board Meeting**, in person, at the E. Goshen Twp. Building, 1580 Paoli Pike, West Chester, PA 19380-6199, 10:00 and on Zoom. If you do not receive the Zoom number and password, contact Susan Carty

September 18 West Chester Restaurant Festival

**Voter Registration Deadlines:** Online must be done by October 24, 2022; by mail must be received by October 24, 2022; In person by October 24, 2022

November 1 last day to request mail-in or absentee ballot

**General Election:** Tuesday November 8, 2022

## LWVCC at Uwchlan Day

On a beautiful day at Lionville Park in Exton, enjoying sunshine and fresh air, League of Women Voters of Chester County members Carole Mackrell, Janice Shreffler and Shirley Warren, participated in Uwchlan Day by handing out election information and collecting signatures for Fair Districts. They shared their table with Chester County Marching Forward and Fair Districts at Fix Harrisburg



## FACEBOOK NEEDS YOU!

Our Facebook page is a way to keep members and the general public informed about our offerings and activities and to deliver voter education. I need all the help I can get to stay on track with nonpartisan voter information, photos of recent activity, and information about upcoming events! Email everything to [gretchen.cole@gmail.com](mailto:gretchen.cole@gmail.com), and if you are a Facebook user, find us, like us, comment, like and share posts! Thanks for your help!

## DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion)

The PA League of Women Voters Equity Initiative is offering several opportunities for involvement and education on Diversity Equity and Inclusions.

On September 19, at 6:00pm, the monthly **Equity Initiative Webinar** via Zoom, will focus on **Microaggressions**. “A microaggression is a subtle behavior, conscious or unconscious, generally directed at members of marginalized groups with hostile and harmful effects. Bias towards others is at the root of microaggressions. These careless daily assaults target and cause harm to a person's identity, wellbeing and sense of belonging in society.” The webinar will help us to understand, identify, and interrupt microaggressions, and learn to communicate in a more inclusive way. [Register here](#) to attend.

For the past year, the Chester County League of Women Voters has been represented on the **PA LWV Equity Team** by Sandy Schaal and Susan Carty. If you would like to join us on the Equity Team, please come to our next monthly meeting on **Thursday, October 6 at 7:00pm**. Register [here](#) for the October meeting.

Finally, in November, a series of **DEI Learning Modules** that will provide local Leagues with basic training in DEI will be available. Watch for more information about these modules and how we will implement them as a Chester County LWV as we come closer to the release date.