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A Message from the President

“The Best Way to Predict Your Future is to Create it!” - Abraham Lincoln

Happy Holidays to all! Tis the season! No matter what we celebrate or how we celebrate, this time of year reminds us of those we care deeply about today as well as yesterday. It is also the time of year for reflection, anticipation and eternal hope for a better future. A better future for expressing our voice as well as protecting our voice. We understand that election protection must never cease, never waver.

Believe it or not, there continue to be legislative efforts and proposals out of Harrisburg designed to manage and micromanage our right to vote.

Democracy is under attack across our country as well as the world. Some efforts are more open and transparent than others. Autocracy appears to be spreading and taking hold in new and unprecedented places. It survives on the demise of Democracy through the expression of bizarre untruths and fearmongering. We are needed.

Our role in election protection is to guide, to continue to be educated, to respond to as well as stand up to problematic legislation and problematic legislators. We too will be creating a “New Future” for our League going forward. We offer the gifts of truth, history and reason.

We care deeply about our futures and our voices in that future. One most significant way to continue the protection of our election future is to support and to vote for candidates who also have the security of and protection of Democracy in their hearts and minds. Listen to them carefully and you will hear.



In the meantime,

Cheers! And Jingle Bells!!

And remember, you are always welcome to meetings and gatherings!

Susan Carty

President, LWVCC

Notices

LWV CHESTER COUNTY Cordially Invites you to Attend the



LWVCC ANNUAL HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE



WHEN: Saturday, December 17th 1:00 - 4:00

WHERE: 1020 Kennett Way, West Chester, Hershey's Mill

!!! LOTS OF GOOD CHEER AND GREAT NIBBLES!!!!



RSVP: Susan Carty cartysusan@gmail.com or call at 484-356-5568

Upcoming Dates:

LWVCC Board Meeting, Saturday December 17, 12:30, before the holiday gathering at Susan's home.

Holiday Gathering Saturday December 17, 1:00, home of Susan Carty

January 21, 2023, **Planning Meeting**, 10:00AM-Noon, East Goshen Township Bldg. 1580 Paoli Pike, West Chester

SAVE THE DATE!



LWVCC ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING

League members,

You are welcome and you are needed.

Soon it will be that time of year when we look to our future with ideas, creativity, thoughts and open minds.

Our world is changing rapidly, and we need to step up to the opportunities with clarity of purpose as well as willingness to learn new approaches to our work.

Please join the Board on **January 21st** at the

East Goshen Township Building

1580 Paoli Pike, West Chester

10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

(This will be a hybrid meeting. Please contact Susan for the Zoom numbes.)

Reclaiming Our Democracy Conference: A Worthwhile Event

The conference took place on Saturday December 3 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Harrisburg. The event was organized by Fair Districts PA. Since redistricting is on the back burner currently, the organization is focusing on making the state legislature more functional and effective. No matter what your particular interest, nothing will happen until our Pennsylvania legislature is able to function fully and pass the laws needed to support the welfare of all residents.

Kudos to Carol Kuniholm for organizing a well-planned and smooth-running event. The morning was spent with short presentations by those giving breakout sessions in the afternoon and others who produced supportive organizations or information. Lunch was provided after which we had two sets of three breakout sessions covering a variety of topics including: Business Outreach, Lessons from Redistricting in Michigan, organizing outside your usual group, learning about the “rules” our legislature uses to keep bills from discussion, and Learning to work in Coalitions with other organizations.

The PA legislature meets again in January. The first item on the agenda is setting up the rules for the next two years. Write to your representative and senator and tell them to insist the rules be set up to allow bipartisan bills to be discussed on the floor rather than being shelved by 6 people (3 in the house and 3 in the senate) who use their power to keep anything they do not like from being discussed. Not all bills are worthwhile, but many practical regulations have been ignored for years.

Submitted by Elaine Friedlander

AAUW website has voter information concerning candidate platforms. Go to https://wccc-pa.aauw.net/files/2022/10/AAUW_Newsletter_2022_October_final.pdf and scroll down.

Membership

Happy Holidays and thank you for another great year. We are extremely proud of the 68% Chester County voter turnout in the November 8th election. This is the best turnout (on record) in a mid-term election. Thank you for your GOTV efforts. We continue to need your support to educate, encourage and empower our voters. You are welcome to send in your \$75 annual dues for fiscal year 2022/2023 by using PayPal on our website www.lwvccpa.org or mail your check to LWVCC, PO Box 62, Exton PA 19341. Thank you if your dues are up to date.

BTW - Holiday Season is here and a donation and League membership make great gifts. Think about someone that you know who you would like to honor.

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, and if you are a Facebook user, find us, like us, comment, like and share posts! Thanks for your help!



At the registration table for the **Naturalization Ceremony** are (l. to r.) Patrice Peterson, Janice Schreffler, Elaine Friedlander and Marie Jones. If you have not registered new voters after the ceremony, consider doing the next one. It is a most rewarding day.