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A Message from the President

“Do it now! There may be a law against it tomorrow.”

Dear Members and Supporters,

When you read the title quote what does it cause you to think of first? Did you find multiple items popping into your mind? Could you prioritize a list of those items? I certainly did! The more thought given to that quote, the longer my list became.

It might be a productive quote to present to declared candidates running for office in our communities. What concerns and issues do they anticipate being addressed in future pieces of legislation? How might future laws or amendments impact our school boards, our educational programs, student learning guidelines, student reading materials, environmental concerns, clean air and water, healthcare opportunities, town councils, judiciary candidates and more. The list is long! But that list is of critical importance to the long-term future viability of our communities.

Our current and future elected officials hold our quality of life in their hands. Will they do the right thing? Will they fall prey to political pressure and short-term thinking? Or.... Are they in a hurry to prevent you from doing what is right?

Make your list before it is too late!

In League,

Susan Carty, President

LWVCC

Notices

Upcoming Dates:

LWVCC Board Meeting, Saturday May 20, 10:00AM East Goshen Twp. Building, 1580 Paoli Pike, West Chester, PA 19380. For the near future we will have in-person meetings only.

LWVCC annual dinner, evening June 22,

COME ONE! COME ALL!

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CHESTER COUNTY

Annual Meeting

June 22, 2023

Registration at 5:30 p.m. Buffet Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Celeste Trusty, Speaker

PA State Director, Families Against Mandatory Minimums (FAMM)

\$35.00 plus cash Bar

Hilton Garden Inn

720 East Eagleview Blvd.

Exton, PA 19341

Send check to LWVCC; P.O. Box 62; Exton, PA 19341

OR by visiting PayPal on our <https://lwvccpa.org/annual-meeting-dinner/>

Environmental Policy News

Information on Various Areas

Statewide Coalition lays Out Strong Case for Pennsylvania's ommitment to Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI)

Dozens of groups call for state to implement successful, bipartisan program that will mean cleaner air, better health, affordable energy, and more jobs. More than two dozen conservation, business, clean energy, faith-based, and health organizations submitted a letter to Governor Josh Shapiro setting forth how Pennsylvania's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) will cut dangerous pollution from power plants, create thousands of quality jobs, and invest in efforts to reduce consumer energy costs and bolster energy independence. See letter to the governor: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NBkHdOcC9gosM4viYEU_V8qZH9c37-L/view

REPORT: The Perils of PVC Plastic Pipes Read it here: <https://www.beyondplastics.org/publications/perils-of-pvc-pipes?>

Video on Support for ban of plastic production Watch it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xoHCkniPt9w>

The Voter Needs You !

I have been putting the Voter together for a few months now. Most of what you see is sent to me by members or is information I have picked up from trusted sites that are connected with the League. If you are on a committee, please send me a report of your activities. Or, if you happen to find information that is pertinent to our mission, send it along. Also, everyone can attend board meetings. It has been decided to discontinue the hybrid option for the time being since COVID numbers are down. You can still attend in person. Your input and energy would be greatly appreciated.

Elaine Friedlander, euterpe89@gmail.com

Chester County Adding Color to Mail-in Ballots

The Chester County Voter Services office has added some color to the envelopes of mail-in ballots for the upcoming primary elections. If you vote by mail, you will see that the envelope in which the actual ballot is placed is now orange. The outer envelope has an orange stripe on the side. This makes it easier to place the ballot and the ballot envelope in the correct locations. Anyone voting by mail needs to be sure to sign the outside of the outer envelope and date it or your vote will not be counted. If you plan to vote at the poll, the primaries are coming up right now! May 16.

About Braver Angels

"We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory will swell when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature." -Abraham Lincoln

Braver Angels is a nonpartisan movement that rejects the normalizing of extreme polarization as well as the breakdown of political and social life that it brings. Braver Angels' mission is to build civic trust in the USA, heal the wounds between left and right, and bring Americans together to bridge the partisan divide. It is about challenging institutions to be better, building community together, and discovering what it means to be American in our time. To learn more about Braver Angels, please visit their website at:

www.braverangels.org

I attended the Braver Angles introductory session at the Malvern Public Library last month. It is an organization definitely worth looking into. The website has dates and locations of their events so it is easy to see when one is in your area. They offer several different types of events. You do not have to be a member to receive emails with announcements but the annual membership fee is quite reasonable.

Elaine Friedlander

Fair Districts PA

[Sign up for a shift as a Polling Place Outreach volunteer](#)

On Primary Day (May 16th, 2023), we will once again be collecting signatures for our Fix Harrisburg Petition. Shifts are 3-4 hours long, in a polling place near you - or if you're willing to drive, in a targeted area where we need to grow. Volunteering with Fair Districts PA means you'll be working in a totally nonpartisan capacity. All training and materials are provided.

Help us recruit 2023 Fix Harrisburg interns

Last summer we had three interns: one in Philadelphia, one in Huntingdon County and another in Somerset County. We're hoping to at least double that this summer. Interns join volunteers at fairs, festivals and community days to explain the Fix Harrisburg message, collect petition signatures and distribute materials about PA's legislative process. It's a paid, part-time, totally non-partisan opportunity. [Find information here.](#)

Next steps in redistricting

Since the 2022 redistricting process ended we've been focusing heavily on the legislative process and the Fix Harrisburg message but are also quietly working on next steps in redistricting. We'll be holding a Zoom forum on May 31, along with some statewide partners, to take a preliminary look at what we've been learning and what comes next for redistricting reform. Watch for more information on that soon, including sign-up instructions.

We still have much work to do. Thank you for all you do to help strengthen democracy here in Pennsylvania.

Carol Kunniholm

Fair Districts PA Chair



ARE YOU ARE **FED UP** WITH **CORRUPT** POLITICIANS & PARTIES THAT PASS LAWS TO HELP THEMSELVES AND HURT EVERYONE ELSE?

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HOSTED BY: **MARCH ON HARRISBURG** [WWW.MOHPA.ORG/
DISRUPT-THE-CORRUPT](http://WWW.MOHPA.ORG/DISRUPT-THE-CORRUPT)

MAY 18TH

7:00 PM

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30
Refreshments will be available



SPEAKER: RABBI MICHAEL POLLACK
Executive Director of March on Harrisburg

Unitarian Universalist Church of Delaware County

145 West Rose Tree Road, Media, PA, 19063

Are you outraged by the fact that there are no limits on what a lobbyist can give to a public official in PA? So is Rabbi Pollack, and members of March on Harrisburg- a nonpartisan grassroots organization pushing for ethical reforms like the Gift Ban Bill, HR 484. Learn how to get involved and participate in a group action. No matter the social issues you care about, corruption obstructs progress!

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