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A Message from the President

The voters have voted, and the results are in..... Now what?

Yes, we can say that our school districts in numerous counties have been saved!

At least for now. The threat to their well-being as well as to the short-term future of the districts bodes well for the continued success and integrity of our education systems. But, although the threats were real and were thwarted, those threat still linger, only to return for another day.

Regardless of the all the various political campaigns waged during this election season, we saw and heard clear evidence of candidates with ill intent. Candidates vowing to take actions that they are not authorized to do. Was that an example of deliberate manipulation or did they not know the facts?

On the other hand, we can look with pride at the political campaigns that were waged with a strong basis of truth, goodwill and enthusiasm for the job. Yes, that platform still exists!

We, the voters, need to understand even more about the candidates' future duties that would be performed when they win their sought-after role. That knowledge becomes the "truth" detector. We all need the truth detector. Most phone inquiries to our League phone line this election season were about detecting the truth. Voters really want to know. However, that deeper level of understanding takes time and work, of which so many just don't know not how to pursue.

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Notices

Upcoming Dates:

LWVCC Board Meeting, Saturday November 18, 10:00AM, East Goshen Twp. Building, 1580 Paoli Pike, West Chester, PA 19380.
For the near future we will have in-person meetings only.



Save the Date

The Holiday Party is coming up!

Saturday December 16,

at Susan Carty's home,

1020 Kennett Way, West Chester, 19380.

More to come...



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In contrast, not all candidates proposed actions of goodwill to be their purpose for campaigning. Many did reveal openly their true intent. Were you listening? Did you hear? Or were you like so many others living normal, busy, productive lives allowing for very little extra time to jump into your own research project?

Even if you were listening, recognizing and identifying disingenuous statements or promises can be quite difficult to detect. Yet, we can be assured that the circumstance just described will continue to be present in future elections. More likely than not, the political scene will continue to become worse before it reaches a better level. Just google 2025. Let's all buckle up, prepare and learn rather than simply relying upon others to tell us what to do. Loyalty belongs to you! Unto thyself be true....

Be well, be aware and stay safe,

Susan Carty, President



Fair Districts volunteers continue to make progress on redistricting reform! Want to learn the latest? Join our Fair Districts PA speakers at of this-person presentations hosted by Chester County libraries. All events are free and open to the public.

- **Monday, November 21 at 6:30 pm – Downingtown Public Library**
- ***Redistricting Reform: What Happens Now?***(In-person presentation)**Presenter: Mark Pavlovich**For more information:<https://fairdistrictspa.com/events/2023/11/21/redistricting-reform-what-happens-now>

It's that time again!

2023 DUES REMINDER

League of Women Voters of Chester County

**WE ARE ACCEPTING DUES AND DONATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR
2023/2024**

We hope you will renew your LWVCC membership. You are welcome to email me to double check on your dues status, mgrothman@verizon.net. Thank you if you are up to date.

CONTINUE TO STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY

(so we can see you in person again at League events and meetings.)

Our new League year (2023-2024) began on July 1, 2023. You are welcome to pay your dues using PayPal or mail a check, made out to LWVCC, to PO Box 62, Exton, PA 19341. As always, your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you. We could not do what we do without



We need you!

Please take photos of any League related events you attend or volunteer for. You can send them to the Voter editor to share with the membership. Make sure you identify all members in the photos and put a short description of the event.

Think about volunteering your time and energy for the Chester County League. Two necessary positions that could use some help are membership and gathering information for the League's 411 site. Or, perhaps you could help with PR. If we want to keep our Facebook page, someone needs to be the point person for that or perhaps help put notices in the Daily Local News of our activities.

Many hands make light work.

Criminal Justice

The Criminal Justice Committee is excited that House Bill 587 (medical and geriatric parole) is out of the Judiciary Committee. We urge all LWV members across the state to call the office of their state representative and urge them to support the bill.

Summary of HB 587

HB587 offers a chance to apply for at Parole to incarcerated people with a:

Substantially Diminished Ability to Function in a Corrections Facility due to:

- a. Terminal illness
 - b. Chronic and debilitating physical or mental condition
 - c. Serious functional or cognitive impairment
 - d. Deteriorating physical or mental health due to the aging process
- Must be At least 55 years of age
 - And served the lesser of 25 years or half their minimum sentence

It must be determined that individual is no threat to public safety and victim notification is required

Environment Committee

Here is the link to a video on *recycling* made right here in Chester County.

“Let’s Recycle Right”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xhF3IyDp76c>