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## A Message from the President

Happy Holidays to all!

Tis surely the season for celebration, anticipation and definitely preparation no matter what our celebrations entail.

Shopping, cleaning, decorating and yes.... don't forget the eating.



“These are a few of our favorite things” .

And... remember we are all so fortunate when we are free and able to do just that!

Embrace our freedoms with the care, love and devout protection their survival requires. Our freedoms are hard fought for gifts. They are delicate gifts. Keep those gifts on stable, steady grounds. Don't lose sight of their impact on our lives. Today, tomorrow and far into the distant future!

Celebrate now and join us in the New Year. You are all valuable and needed.

Be well, healthy and safe!

Susan Carty

LWVCC

## Notice



### Happy Holiday Brunch

Saturday December 16, , 11:00-2:00

Welcome LWVCC members and guests

at Susan Carty's home,

1020 Kennett Way, West Chester, 19380.

Please RSVP to Susan, feel free to bring favorite treat or snack.



Marie Jones, Carol Lorah Bland, Kate Campbell and Joanne Hill assisted in registering new voters at the Naturalization Ceremony in the Chester County Justice Center in West Chester on November 17.

It's that time again!

**2023 DUES REMINDER**

**League of Women Voters of Chester County**

**WOW !!!! It's the holiday season again. We hope that you will consider making a year end donation to help our efforts going forward. League memberships and donations are great gift ideas. Happy Holidays to you and your family. Stay safe and healthy.**

**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.

***(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 members like you.

**Annual Membership Dues: \$75.00. For additional household member \$37.50 each.**



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.

## Voter Services

### State Redesigns mail Ballot Materials

From the *Reading Eagle*

Mail ballots in PA will look a little different next year in an attempt to make it easier for voters to properly complete them.

The Department of State said in a news release that mail ballots for next year's election will be redesigned with different envelopes, instruction sheets and language to better inform voters on properly filling and returning the ballots.

The goal is to decrease voter confusion that can lead to ballots being rejected, and to assist election workers in efficiently processing the ballots.

Among the changes:

1. New and more easily identifiable secrecy envelopes on a yellow background.
2. Coloring to more easily distinguish inner and outer envelopes,
3. Standardized full-page instructions with helpful graphics to depict the order of the envelope placement.
4. A pre-filled "20" at the beginning of the year on the outside envelope to alert voters to write the current date instead of their birthdate.
5. Coloring on the return envelope to highlight fields the voter must complete in the voter declaration.
6. Colorized outer return envelopes to help post office employees identify and deliver ballots mailed close to Election Day.
7. Uniform blue ink on outgoing mail ballots.

Counties will also decide whether to implement a hole punch in the return envelope to help county election workers identify when an inner secrecy envelope is missing,.