

LWW LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF LANCASTER COUNTY

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June 2023

Dear Members,

What is more fun than taking a concept and turning it into art? Our team participated in PCAD's annual Designathon and we were delighted with the Your Vote Counts artwork students created. We proudly displayed the Your Vote Counts artwork on tee-shirts worn at the League's 2023 kickoff celebrity bartending community outreach event that took place on March 8th; also known as International Women's Day. Zoetropolis, in beautiful downtown Lancaster, hosted our event that drew a crowd of supporters!

In longtime League tradition, throughout the spring, our League took initiatives to meet with our local legislatures. In teams we interviewed Representative Bryan Cutler from the 100th, freshman Representative Tom Jones from the 98th, Representative Brett Miller from the 41st, and longtime Representative Mike Sturla from the new 96th. During this same time, our Vice Chair, Carolyn, became an expert in all-things-VOTE411! The Municipal Primary Elections in Lancaster County boasted almost 400 candidates! It was essential to decompress so we met in the park for some community yogahhhh.

League members visited with the Sisterhood Club at Hempfield High School to discuss the history of the League, explain the structure of our local government, and emphasize why municipal elections matter.

Our Voter Services Chair, Sarah, has secured grant money for educational initiatives. She also coordinated many opportunities for Voter Education and Registration events including Open Streets Lancaster. With events planned all summer, we hope our members will consider an hour or two of volunteer work so that we can keep the momentum going.

Our League is becoming more visible in the community. Engagement creates energy, networking expands our reach, and we look forward to partnering with like-minded nonpartisan organizations as we concentrate on building our own membership.

This June I will join new LWVLC members, Mary Grill, Mary Miller and Tressa Monkman, at the 2023 LWVPA Biennial Convention in Harrisburg. You can look forward to our report on our experience at the annual picnic!

In League,

Amy Fasano

LWVLC Chair



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MATTERS OF FINANCE by Tori Shank

This year one of our main goals was to get a budget into place and we are proud to say that we've finally been able work through that process. We've effectively brought in more revenue through donations and grants. This has allowed us to increase our presence at community events and to drive membership initiatives.

Membership Report by Tori Shank

We are so excited to say that over the past year we've added 35 new members to our chapter! We've made a strong effort to focus on recruiting during our events while providing various opportunities for people to get involved in the community.



Zoetropolis Celebrity Bartending

by Carolyn Hernandez

On March 8, 2023, the LWVLC held an International Women's Day celebration at Zoetropolis in downtown Lancaster.

Roughly 75 League and community members attended the event to network and learn more about the League.

Carolyn Hernandez, League Vice Chairperson, offered brief remarks about what the League has done in the last year and its' plans for future civic action. Attendees enjoyed signature cocktails and had the opportunity to donate to help fund the League's efforts.

The event raised \$500. We are excited to host a similar event on August 23, 2023. Stay tuned for details.



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2023 LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEWS

(more to come...)

Every year, the League of Women Voters takes time to interview their state legislators or staff. Legislative interviews are a powerful tool - increasing League visibility, gathering information, and raising awareness among Lancaster County state representatives about our interest in policies they are considering. Legislative interviews are an opportunity for legislators to share their priorities with local Leagues and develop an understanding of League positions and priorities. Leagues discover plans for state legislation that may impact their communities. Furthermore, the state League learns more about legislators and the interests of local Leagues, gaining information useful in planning statewide advocacy and education. Here is a recap of recent sessions:



On March 4th, LWV of Lancaster County members Paula Koda and Jeri Stelson Weaver had a great “Meet & Greet” with Rep Bryan Cutler yesterday to discuss the League and Rep Cutler’s plans for the current legislative session. We appreciate Rep Cutler’s willingness to meet with us and enjoyed the productive discussion.

On March 31st, LWVLC representatives Lauren Shaw and Carolyn Hernandez met with Representative Brett Miller of the 41st district. While Rep Miller was not inclined to pose for a photo, he provided a great deal of time and information to the League about this over all priorities to “serve the people” and the bills he is working on.



On April 10th, LWVLC representatives Sarah Zeiders and Carolyn Hernandez had the opportunity to “Meet & Greet” freshman Representative Tom Jones of the 98th District today. It was a productive and enjoyable discussion about his priorities for the upcoming legislative session. We appreciated his time and candidness!

And, on April 28th, League members Amy Fasano and Shannon Taggart met with Representative Mike Sturla from the 96th District as well as his office director, Francis Milano. We learned about Rep. Sturla's work as Majority Chair of the Housing and Community Development Committee, his work on the Education Funding (Fair Funding) Committee and his sponsorship of HB20 that aims to improve water quality here in Lancaster and ultimately, in the Chesapeake Bay. Rep. Sturla mentioned concerns from his newer constituents in Manheim Township include traffic issues.



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Pennsylvania College of Art & Design ~ by Shannon Taggert



In March, the League participated in the Designathon event at Pennsylvania College of Art and Design. The students had 12 hours to complete work requested by a non-profit. The League requested that designers create a graphic to encourage college-aged students to participate in the voting process. We received some impressive designs. One of which we have used to design shirts for volunteers to wear at registration events. Check out some of the designs.



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Voter Services in Action

by Sarah Zeiders



On May 21st, LWV team members enjoyed meeting folks during the Open Streets community festival held May 6th in downtown Lancaster, which was sponsored by the Lancaster Rec. We engaged with a number of community members, providing information on voter education/registration, Vote411, and encouraging participation in the local League. The tabling included coloring pages and giant Jenga games to engage youth. It was a festive event and the League plans to participate again in 2024!



We have many opportunities to volunteer and connect with the community to include PRIDE on June 17th at the Lancaster Convention Center; Summer Music Series at Longs Park on July 30th, The Lancaster Barnstormers Game on August 13th, and the African American Fair and Parade on September 9th. We would love to have some seasoned members and new faces join us in spreading the word about the LWV of Lancaster County and defending democracy!

The League received another Voter Services specific grant, which will hopefully fund an exciting project to educate folks about the voting process and combat misinformation related to the process and future elections. Stay tuned for more on this in the future!

Yogahhhhhh ~ by Amy Fasano

May the Fourth turned out to be a gorgeous evening for some yoga under the trees at Buchanan Park. Yoga is a great community building tool so our chapter leader, Amy Fasano, led us through a lunar slow flow class that left us all feeling calm and connected. It was great to talk with prospective members and share our mission of defending democracy.

Be on the lookout for other fun events like this.

Hi! I am Lauren Shaw
~ the new LWVLC
Secretary!



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Hempfield High School Sisterhood Club

On March 28th, Sarah and Carolyn attended the Hempfield High School Sisterhood Club to speak with the students about local government, the importance of local elections, and provided some history regarding the League of Women Voters. We discussed the impact that young voters have today. We were thrilled that eligible voters were registered and had a plan to vote! Great discussion and questions with the Sisterhood Club!



In April 2023, the LWVLC invited nearly 400 candidates across over 200 races to complete their profile on



Vote411.org. Candidates were asked to share basic profile information as well as answer questions that related to the specific public office that they are seeking.

The address-based system allowed voters are then able to enter their address to view their individual ballot, learn more about candidates and become more informed with their vote.

The LWVLC saw a 25% response rate from candidates and we are hopeful that we can engage more candidates ahead of the general election in November.

Saturday, June 17th: LWV will be at LANCASTER [PRIDE](#) to promote readiness for November General Election with voter education and registration information and assistance.

Sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DAAA728A6F4C61-lancaster>

Sunday, July 30th: LWV will host a voter education and registration table at the [Long's Park Summer Music Series](#)

Sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DAAA728A6F4C61-summer>

Sunday, August 13th: LWV will host a voter education and registration table At Clipper Stadium, on the concourse during the August 13th [Barnstormers](#) game against Frederick.

Sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DAAA728A6F4C61-barnstormers>



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~ Upcoming ~

Our League will host our Annual Membership Picnic on July 16, 2023!

Who: Current LWVLC Members and their families

What: Annual Membership Meeting and Family Potluck Picnic

Where: Destination Pavilion at Overlook Park, 2040 Lititz Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601

When: July 16, 2023 starting at 3:30pm

Agenda: Annual members meeting will begin at 4pm. A recap of the last years' events will be provided along with details on future events. We will vote on programs for the next 2 years and approve the proposed budget.

The Destination Pavilion at Overlook Park is adjacent to the Destination Playground. There is ample parking and it is wheelchair accessible. The site has charcoal grills (no outside grills allowed) and electricity is available. Please visit the signup genius link below to RSVP and sign up to bring something for the potluck picnic. This event will be Bring Your Own Beverage (no alcohol is allowed).

SIGN UP HERE: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B45A5AA2EAA8-lwvlc>

Questions: Call/email Carolyn Hernandez (310) 283-5223 ckochan@hotmail.com

Your contribution of time is very meaningful. Participating in planning meetings sub-committee or volunteer level work is important and helpful.

All members are welcome to attend the monthly meetings to observe and see where your talents might meet the needs of our organization.

Remember to find us on our social media sites and encourage your friends to do so!

2023 Regular Meetings:

Friends Meeting House

110 Tulane Terrance

Lancaster, PA

3rd Wednesdays

6 PM 😊

