



## MEMBER UPDATE AUGUST 2022

We are approaching the conclusion of the summer as we prepare for this fall's election. With Federal and Commonwealth offices up for election, there has never been a more important time for the League. Voter education and voter registration continue to be our key priorities.

This month's meeting is being held on **Tuesday, August 23rd** at noon via Zoom. Every member is welcome to attend. Please reply to this email to receive the Zoom information. We hope to see you there!

We are proud to announce that LWVCC is honored to be this year's recipient of

the **2022 Madison Award for Civility in the Community**, presented by the [Constitution Day Centre](#) Celebration. We will be receiving the award at the Constitution Day Events planned for September 17. Attached is a copy of the award notice. Join us on September 17th as we receive this honor! Details to follow.

It's been a very active year for Sue Sargo and our Voter Registration team! You may have seen us at several community events, including Arts Fest and Juneteenth. We have partnered our tabling with [Fair Districts'](#) Fix Harrisburg effort and we encourage you to sign their petition to [reform the rules](#) that govern our legislature. We have also partnered in voter registration efforts with the local NAACP chapter, conducting voter registration training for some of their members. We'll be conducting voter registration training on campus in September, in coordination with our LWV at Penn State affiliate. If you're interested in helping with any of these efforts, [let us know!](#)

Sue Werner and her team are working on **Candidates' Night**, scheduled for October 13. The **Voter's Guide** is being shepherded and prepared in coordination with the LWVPA by Sara Bresler. You can expect to see it published in the CDT and Centre County Gazette in October. As always, the guide will also be available on [Vote411](#). We expect it to be populated with the candidates' responses by mid-September.

You'll be seeing some new add-on **banners** on the lampposts in downtown State College this year before the elections and we have just received approval from Bellefonte to place a cross-street banner in the downtown area in advance of future elections. Thank you, Laura Brown, for your persistence in seeing this

through! And thank you to all the members and friends of the LWVCC who contribute to make these efforts possible!

**NEED TO KNOW:** The state legislature has proposed **five constitutional amendments (SB106)** which under PA rules may be on the ballot as early as Spring 2023.

These include:

- **declaring that the state constitution does not grant any right to abortion, including public funding of the procedure;**
- **give the legislature more power, including the right to disregard the Governor's veto;**
- **create additional voter ID requirements;**
- **impose stricter residency requirements on new voters;**
- **require elections be audited by the Auditor General; and**
- **change the structure and powers of the Lieutenant Governor.**

We encourage you to read through [the bill](#) and become familiar with the pros and cons of these amendments. We will try to keep you and all Centre County voters abreast of these proposed changes to the constitution. In PA history it is rare that voters reject proposed constitutional amendments at the ballot box. The last time a proposed amendment was rejected by the voters was 1989. From 1995 to 2019 voters approved 18 of 18 proposed amendments to the PA constitution.

### **Voter Education Events - Free and Open to the Public (please share!)**

Learn how our State Government works: [A Tour of State Government](#) featuring Pat Christmas, policy director of the Committee of Seventy on August 25. Find out about the rules that need reforming in Harrisburg.

On September 13, the LWVPA will address [Election Security, Ballot Safeguards and Election Audits.](#) Have your questions answered by Department of State representative, Jonathan Marks.

Have you heard about the proposed amendments to the state constitution? How does PA amend its constitution? Learn more on October 3, when LWVPA addresses [Constitution Amendments in PA.](#)

Thank you for your membership and support of the LWVCC. Encourage your friends and family to support the work of the League. Every member makes a difference!

Jan Koch  
Presiding Officer

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