

# **LWVCC November Member Update**

The holidays are upon us and it's time for us to take a moment and give "Thanks" for each and every one of you that maintains membership in LWVCC. If you haven't yet renewed your membership, please do so via our website and join us in welcoming our newest members: Peg Dobrinska, Peter Kambeseles, and Kathleen O'Connell.

Giving Tuesday will be here on November 30th. If you and your friends and family have found value in our Voter's Guide and Candidates' Nights, we encourage you to send a donation. Thank you to those who have given already. We received a very generous donation from Ruth E. Hollander via Ameritrade. We don't have a record of Ruth as a member and have been unable to obtain information from Ameritrade with which to send her an acknowledgement. If anyone knows Ruth, please email us with her contact information. We are thankful for all of the gifts that keep us up and running!

## **Centre County:**

As is our tradition, our December meeting will feature a speaker. This year we will be hearing from Beth Lechman, the new Centre County Elections Director. We are all aware of the difficult jobs of election officials, particularly in this political climate. We look forward to welcoming Beth and hearing from her on what changes she foresees down the road. The December meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 14th via Zoom at noon. RSVP via email to lwvcentrecounty@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link.

If you missed it, we highly recommend that you take time to view McCourtney Institute's program featuring Andrew Yang and Charlie Dent, "The Future of America's Two-Party System". You can still watch it online here: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rsdek6n27XY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rsdek6n27XY</a>

### Pennsylvania:

The League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania opposes House Bill 1800. We further oppose several proposed amendments, including amendment A02957, which imposes an unnecessarily tight timetable for tabulating mail in or absentee votes, and imposes severe financial consequences for counties. This places an undue burden on larger counties or counties with fewer staff each election.

Sign this petition to urge members of the PA House of Representatives to oppose HB1800 today.

#### **National:**

Voting rights legislation continues to remain stagnant in the Senate as we engage in the critical work of redistricting and begin the countdown to the midterm elections. Many voices, particularly the voices of

color, youth, and those with financial constraints will be silenced or further disenfranchised if our President doesn't act now. It is up to President Biden to step up and step in. Our democracy depends on this action. We will not give up until voting rights are restored and expanded.

Please continue to contact your elected officials, particularly senators, and encourage them to pass the Freedom to Vote Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. Make the effort to sit down with them or their staff during the upcoming holiday break and deliver the League's message of empowering voters.

Action Alert: Tell President Biden to Champion Federal Voting Reforms

Action Alert: Tell the US Senate to Support the Freedom to Vote Act

Action Alert: Tell Your Senators to Support the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act

#### **Important Dates:**

30 November – Giving Tuesday

14 December – December LWVCC Meeting at noon via Zoom

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League of Women Voters of Centre County (LWVCC)

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