

# The Centre County LWV September Member Update

It's been a busy month as we prepare for the election on November 2. There's still time to research the candidates for the upcoming election. Information on our **Voter's Guide, Candidate's Nights** and other resources are available on our website. .

Our numbers continue to grow as we welcome new members, Rachel Avila, Terri Angeletti and Sean Seymour. Know someone who may be interested in joining? Feel free to share our Member Update or the attached Membership flyer.

### **Centre County:**

Our **Voter's Guide** is scheduled to be published in the Centre Daily Times (CDT) on Sunday, October 10. It will also be available on our website. Candidate info and sample ballots are also available on Vote411.org.

**Candidates' Nights** on October 5th and 6th at 7 PM will feature local contested races. The forums will be broadcast live on C-Net (Channel 7) and will be rebroadcast several times before the election. The forums will be live streamed on <a href="mailto:cnet1.org">cnet1.org</a> and the program will remain available online through election day. Rebroadcast time information is available on our website.

We are still accepting <u>questions</u> for the <u>candidates</u>. They may be submitted to <u>lwvcentrecounty@gmail.com</u> through 5 P.M. September 29th. Please note to which of the following races the submitted question should be addressed:

Candidates' Nights will include candidates in the following races:

### October 5th

State College Area Board of School Directors College Township Council Ferguson Township Supervisors Halfmoon Township Supervisors Harris Township Supervisors State College Borough Council

October 6th

Bellefonte Area Board of School Directors Bellefonte Borough Council

Remember you are all welcome to attend the monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at noon. **The next meeting will be on October 19 via Zoom.** RSVP to <a href="mailto:lwvcentrecounty@gmail.com">lwvcentrecounty@gmail.com</a> if you plan on attending.

If you missed Carol Anderson's lecture on Voting Rights and Voter Suppression, it's now available to view on our website. She did an excellent job of providing a historical view of this important issue.

Shout out and thank you to our Jeopardy Constitution Day team: Sue Sargo, Terri Angeletti and Sean Seymour! It was a fun event and they held their own against some stiff competition.

Our last scheduled voter registration event will be September 28 outside Schlow Library from 11:00 A.M.- 5:00 P.M. (2 shifts of 2-3 people each), on *National Voter Registration Day*. Contact Laura Brown (laurabrown76@gmail.com) if you're interested in participating. If you're in downtown State College that day, stop by and say "hi".

Also in downtown State College you can view our banners which will be up in October! Email us your pictures!

Know your candidates! Our website now includes a link to the forum of the candidates for Pennsylvania Appellate Courts.

## Pennsylvania:

From the LWVPA:

State Senate President Pro-Tempore Jake Corman took charge of his chamber's election review last week. Instead of shutting down an inefficient and expensive effort to re-visit and "investigate" the election results, the chamber is full steam ahead on reviewing the 2020 election. As part of the controversial inquiry, the chamber is pushing to issue subpoenas for a wide

range of personal information on every voter in the Commonwealth.

Pennsylvania currently has \$7.5 billion in federal funds to help at-risk citizens recover from the pandemic. However, this costly election review has pulled time and attention from issues that matter to Pennsylvanians.

When it comes to voting, our legislature should be making sure that every qualified elector (the official term!) can cast a ballot in a safe and convenient way.

<u>Please sign this petition</u> to urge Senator Corman and the PA Senate leadership to stop spending time on this partisan election review today.

Want to keep up to date on legislative actions in PA? Join the <u>League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania Outreach Circle</u>, a new form of peer-to-peer organizing that we'll be using for fast alerts about hearings, votes and important election-related updates.

Kathy Cook, LWVPA Environmental Director has been drafting editorials for the CDT on specific League stands on environmental issues. Expect to see soon her letter to the editor re the proposed pipeline impacting Sproul State Forest.

#### **National:**

Action alerts from National LWV:

- Action Alert: Tell the President to Move Voting Rights Legislation
  Forward
- Action Alert: Tell the US Senate to Support the Freedom to Vote Act

Your support of free, fair, and informed elections and your involvement in the League have never been more important! Thank you!

### **Important Dates:**

September 28 - National Voter Registration Day - Voter Registration at Schlow Library

October - Voter Education Month

October 5 and 6 - Candidates' Nights on C-Net

October 10 - Voter's Guide published

October 18 - LAST day to register for the November Election

October 19 - Steering Committee Meeting (noon) via Zoom

October 26 - LAST day to apply for an absentee or mail-in ballot

Nov 2 - MUNICIPAL ELECTION

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