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November Update

Thank You! We send a huge heartfelt THANK YOU to all of the many volunteers who assisted with phone calls, postcards, door hangers, Candidates Night, the Voter's Guide and made financial contributions to cover those costs as well as the beautiful reusable banners that hung downtown. Thanks to those who wrote nonpartisan Letters to the Editor stressing the importance of free and fair elections, every election. Thanks to those who helped at the Office of Elections, the Bryce Jordan Center, and in the Vote-by-Mail Room at the Penn Stater. All of your work helped to ensure a record-breaking voter turnout in Centre County. We could not have done it without you!

Approximately 70% of registered voters (with a record number of ballots – 78,091) in Centre County made their voices heard through voting in the 2020 Presidential and PA state offices election! The new mail-in ballot, the increased availability of ballot drop-boxes, and the early in-person voting opportunity at the Bryce Jordan Center were extremely popular with voters. We thank the Pennsylvania Department of State, the Centre County Commissioners and the Board of Elections for their tremendous efforts in making this election, during a pandemic, safe and secure.

Work to be done: As we celebrate our success in getting out the vote, we also recognize that our work is not finished and must continue with every election. Voters continue to need education on candidate positions, how, when and where to correctly register to vote, how to check that they are correctly registered, how and when to apply for a mail-in ballot, how to properly complete and return their application, and how to properly complete and return their ballot to make sure their vote counts. The terrific professional staff of the Elections Office and the new-this-year centrecountyvotes.com website are very helpful resources for all of us in educating our family, friends and the public. Please make yourselves

familiar with that new website. It provides the newest information available, especially important as we prepare for the 2021 election cycle.

Next LWVCC Meeting: Mark your calendars for the December meeting of the LWVCC! We encourage all members to attend (via Zoom) on **December 15, 2020 at noon**. To RSVP and receive the Zoom link, email lwvcentrecounty@gmail.com

Important Dates:

Dates by which these states must certify election results:

AZ- Nov 30; GA - Nov 20; MI- Nov 23; NC - Nov 24; **PA - Nov 23**; WI - Dec 1

December 8: Safe Harbor Day

A federal law ([3 U.S. Code § 5](#)) known as the “safe harbor provision” guarantees that Congress will accept a state's election results if the state meets this deadline to decide any intrastate election disputes.

December 14: Electoral College Meets

January 6, 2021: Joint session of Congress to count and affirm Electoral College results

January 20, 2021: Inauguration Day

Campus Update: PSU Challenges and Rewards

In the worst of times it was the best of times for the LWVCC to do energetic and creative work to engage the student electorate and facilitate voting.

We partnered with Penn State, the LWV PSU (the new student chapter) and the Board of Elections in Centre County to overcome the challenges of Covid and meet the needs of voters in a record-breaking election year. Here's a sampling of some of the endeavors that have the potential to shape our future actions:

- A distinct precinct, #24, was established for PSU residence halls.
- Vote411.org, the League's site for voter information, was embedded in the University's info about voting.

- PSU Votes (Penn State's umbrella organization for voting initiatives at all University locations) has garnered sustainable support.
- PSU LWV (our student chapter) and PSU Votes have developed a strong connection.
- <https://studentaffairs.psu.edu/psu-votes> was enhanced to provide students with election resources.
- Communications about the importance of voting was sent to students from the highest levels of University administration.
- A Drop Box in front of the HUB encouraged student mail-in voting.
- A satellite elections office in the BJC was established.
- Banners were hung throughout town to promote using online voter resources: Vote 411.org, VotesPA.com, and LWVCentreCounty.org.
- Some students living off campus received LWVCC door hangers and postcards.

Because several League members assisted in the county Office of Elections by answering the phones and responding to voter's concerns, we now have a better understanding of the information county residents and students need to vote and are in a better position to work on addressing their needs.

THANK YOU to the members of the League for supporting these efforts to help our newest voters cast their ballots.

Looking for a new place to channel your energy? Here are some other events that may be of interest to you:

1. For those of you who are fans of Krista Tippet and her On Being radio show, you are invited to listen into a conversation she's recording for an upcoming On Being show. On **Friday, November 20, 2020, 11 AM (Eastern)** she is moderating a conversation Between Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry and Dr. Russell Moore. They are two national faith leaders representing denominations with largely different theological and cultural perspectives and will explore how we can engage differences with dignity and respect, heal the divides in our country and find ways to move forward together. If you are interested, please register at: <https://goldenrule2020.org/faith-compassion-healing-national-divides/>

2. Our friends at Fair Districts PA will hold a **Fair Districts Town Hall**, on **December 2, 4 to 5:30 pm**. Fair Districts PA will be refocusing

its next effort on *rules reform*. On January 5, 2021, our legislators will vote on the rules that will shape their work for the next two years. From now until that date, Fair Districts will be calling attention to the need for better rules and for redistricting reform. Good bills with strong public support rarely move out of committee. This legislative session is closing without action on redistricting reform bills or many other important bills addressing issues of pressing concern. If you're interested, plan to attend virtual ***Reform the Rules Town Hall on December 2, at 4 p.m.*** Fair Districts will explain more about why rules matter and hear from legislators about their own experience of this.

[RSVP here.](#)

3. **“Between Voting and Winning: The What and Why of the Electoral College, December 3, 2020.** A lecture by Dr. Sharon Ann Holt, Associate

Teaching Professor of History at Penn State, Abington. Sponsored by the Chester County League of Women Voters. No reservation necessary

Join on ZOOM from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android by clicking <https://psu.zoom.us/j/95257677907>

Best wishes to all! Have a safe, happy, and blessed Thanksgiving!