

Report on the 2023 Biennial Convention of the League of Women Voters of PA

Our League had a full contingent of delegates and an observer. It was a tiring but inspiring weekend and much was accomplished. We are proud of our award winners! More about the order of business can be found at https://www.palwv.org/convention

Sherry R. and Darlene K. were presented with the Anna Estes Strawbridge award in recognition of the ideals and principles of the League.

Rae N. was recognized for Excellence in League Leadership.

The Defending Democracy Award, a result of a state pass-through grant, was received on behalf of our League by League member Michele Emerson.

The Building Equity Award, a result of a state passthrough grant, was received on behalf of our League by League member Mary Ellen B., who authored the book "Voting is Your Superpower."



We are also delighted to report that our own Guerline L. was re-elected as VP of Administration of the State League.



Mary Ellen B., Rae N., Michele E., Darlene K., Sherry R.

Our new website is up and running!
Take a look at

<u>League of Women Voters of the Pennsylvania</u>
Capital Region (lwvpacapreg.org)

Membership renewals will be going out online soon. Watch for yours in your mailbox. Thank you for your continued support!

TEAM UPDATES & OPPORTUNITIES

If interested in joining or contacting a team, please email the team lead at President@lwvpacapreg.org

<u>Communications Team</u> Check out our Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook social media platforms! If interested in joining this team, please contact Krysta P.

Events & Programs Team This team is seeking member input on topics of interest to plan programs and events throughout the year. If you have suggestions or are interested in joining this team, please contact Jess M..

Membership Team This team aims to grow membership and engagement. We are currently at about 108 members. If interested in joining this team, please contact Rae N..

Nominations Team This team seeks nominees for the Steering Committee and board of officers. If interested in joining this team, please contact Deb E..

<u>Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Team</u> Save the date! LWVPACAPREG members have been invited to attend the NAACP of Greater Harrisburg Annual Freedom Fund Dinner taking place 10/14/23 at the AFSCME Conference Center, 150 S. 43rd Street, Harrisburg, PA 17111. The reception starts at 5 PM. The program starts at 6 PM. The theme this year is "Power in Community", partnering with the NAACP and joining together to help in environmental justice, prison reform, voter rights, and strengthening our communities. The fee for this event is \$70 per person. Please email Lillian G. if you plan to attend. Checks should be made out to the Greater Harrisburg Area NAACP and mailed to LWV PA Cap Reg at 2003 Green St, Harrisburg, PA 17102. (A fee is charged if paid by credit or debit card.) If interested in joining the DEI team, please contact Lillian G. or Patty L..

<u>Voter Services & Registration Team</u> We are looking for volunteers to work the Pride event in Harrisburg on July 29. We will be assisting with voter registration, answering voter questions and discussing LWVPACAPREG. If interested, contact Deb E. or Iris I.







Photos from
Carlisle Pridefest
2023 and a voter
information table at
the Downtown
Hershey Saturday
Market.





Photos from
Naturalization
Ceremony in
Cumberland
County. 48 new
citizens were
naturalized. Voting
registration packets
were given out.

UPCOMING EVENTS

To register for LWVPACAPREG events and/or for more information, visit

Upcoming Events — League of Women Voters of the Pennsylvania Capital Region (lwvpacapreg.org)

Community Field Call: Mobilizing Young Voters June 27 from 5:30-6:30pm. Webinar.

Get the latest updates on the League's young voter mobilization and upcoming resources to help you in the field. Visit above Upcoming Events link to register.

Amplifying Democracy: The 26th Amendment and the Power of Young Voters July 6 from 5:00-6:00pm. Webinar.

Join LWV and partners for a virtual panel discussion on the 26th Amendment and the game-changing influence of young voters in America. Hear from on-the-ground organizers as we explore how youth empowerment has reshaped the political landscape and how we can bring more diverse young voices into our work. Visit above Upcoming Events link to register.

Partner Event: Power to the Hill (P2H) Voter Engagement Day July 15 from 9:45am-1:30pm. Allison Hill, Harrisburg.

Join P2H for their monthly Voter Engagement Day activities in the Allison Hill neighborhood of Harrisburg. Join experienced canvassers to check in with neighbors, continuing to educate why voting is important, what it means to participate, how to register, upcoming important dates, how and where to cast a ballot, etc. For meeting location and more information, visit above Upcoming Events link.

IN OTHER NEWS



The children's book, "Voting is Your Superpower," authored by our own award-winning Mary Ellen B., is based on the true story of taking her daughter to the polls, even the part where the character's dog peeks out from the voting booth. To purchase a copy, email Mary Ellen B. through lwvhbg@gmail.com.

Patty L. is stepping down as editor of our newsletter. This June edition is her last one. Taking her place are Janette M. and Joanne B., who contributed to the creation of this newsletter and will be working as a team going forward to continue providing members will news, opportunities, and photos of our work in action.



Welcome Janette and Joanne!

In League,
Sherry R, President, LWVPACAPREG, President@lwvpacapreg.org
Visit our website at League of Women Voters of the Pennsylvania Capital Region
(Iwvpacapreg.org)

Patty L, Secretary & (outgoing) Newsletter Editor