

LWW LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS[®] OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CAPITAL REGION Newsletter

Save the date! Upcoming events!

October 1: Climate Convergence at Soldiers & Sailors Park in Harrisburg. Contact Deb (debendres6@gmail.com) or Iris (iozzia@comcast.net) if interested.

October 3: Webinar: Censorship in Schools: What Can You Do? See page 4 of this newsletter for info.

On **October 4**, Pat Christmas from the **Committee of Seventy** (<https://seventy.org>) will speak about the BallotPA/Open Primary initiative. This is very timely considering some bills moving through the state legislature. Here is the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86062295642?pwd=aWRXNTM3dDRWa0Y4QktjNDZ0QjZnQ09>

Meeting ID: 860 6229 5642

Passcode: 740484

Disability Pride: October 7. Contact Deb or Iris if interested in registering voters.

October 23: forum for Carlisle school board candidates at Carlisle high school. See **p. 5 of this newsletter.**

December 9 get-together: To celebrate 2023 for all the good work accomplished and to plan for 2024 for all the good work to come, please join your fellow members on December 9, 2023 from **2:00pm to 3:30pm** for cookies and beverages at the Giant Food stores on Linglestown Road in the Blue Mountain Commons. Please plan to attend and share your thoughts. RSVP by November 28, 2023 to liliangrieco@verizon.net.

Membership Reminder

Our membership year runs from **July 1st to June 30th.**

If you have received a dues reminder in the mail, please pay your dues as soon as you can.

The easiest way to do so is by using this link at our website: <https://www.lwvpacapreg.org/membership>

You may not be aware that by paying dues to our local League, you support the work of the League of Women Voters at all levels--national, state, and local.

A portion of the dues you pay to LWV of the PA Capital Region is sent to LWVUS, and a portion is sent to LWV of Pennsylvania.

The \$55 payment from an individual member is distributed as follows:

\$ 30 to LWV of the United States

\$ 20 to LWV of Pennsylvania

\$ 5 to LWV of the PA Capital Region

Note: If you joined the League on or after February 1, 2023, your payment covered dues through June 30, 2024. If you have already renewed your membership for 2023-2024, thank you!



The Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Team News

The team discussed ideas for implementing DEI initiatives within our League. As a starting point, we look forward to sharing the LWVPA DEI Learning Modules with our members. Dates and times pending.

National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated annually, **September 15 - October 15**. This month recognizes and promotes awareness of the struggles, triumphs, and countless contributions of Hispanic people throughout our nation's history. Some recommended movies relevant to Hispanic Heritage Month are "**Frida**," which is about the famous Mexican painter, Frida Kahlo, who was ahead of her time for women artists. A second choice would be "**West Side Story**," either the 2021 version or the original 1961 film.



Friends Helping Friend at Boscov's!



It is not too late to get your FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS passes for the Boscov's special October 18 sale!

Passes cost \$5.00 each and the money all stays with LWVPACAPREG! And there are still opportunities to help at east and west shore Boscov's locations to encourage voting while selling passes on **October 7, 9 or 18!** Call or email Darlene, 717 343 9426 or darlenekvat@gmail.com to have tickets sent for you and your friends and support our only fundraiser! Thanks!



Kipona update

Several of our members and young volunteers manned a table at Kipona and spoke to many voters and would-be voters. Kipona draws visitors from a wide area and it's a great outreach event.



National Voter Registration Day was on September 19

Posters were distributed to all the Dauphin County libraries and several Cumberland County libraries. Voter drives took place at HACC and the Bosler Library in Carlisle. Ever wonder what that spinning wheel is for? Come with us to a voter drive and find out!



Team Updates and Opportunities

Communications Team Check out our Instagram account. It can be accessed through our website at www.lwvpacapreg.org. Krysta P. is the lead person (PavascoK@gmail.com).

Events & Programs Team The Program committee will begin regular, monthly meetings on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. We will discuss areas of interest that we should focus on this year and welcome any and all ideas. Right now, we are thinking through presentations on: the role of school directors, sustainability, storm water management, observation corps, and BallotPA report. If you have other ideas or recommendations, please contact Jess Myers at jessica.myers@palwv.org or join our next program meeting on Wednesday October 4 (instead of Thursday).

Membership Team This team aims to grow membership and engagement. Our League currently has more than 100 members. If interested in joining this team, please contact Rae N at Raeneubaum@aol.com.

Nominations Team This team seeks nominees for the Steering Committee and board of officers. If interested in joining this team, please contact Deb E. at Debendres6@gmail.com.

Voter Services & Registration Team This team coordinates and staffs voter registration drives in various local settings. If interested in joining this team, please contact Deb E. at Debendres6@gmail.com or Iris I. at iozzia@comcast.net.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Team If interested in joining this team, please contact Patty L. at President@lwvpacapreg.org.
October is **National Disability Employment Awareness Month**. If anyone has a recommended listen, watch, or experience (such as a museum or community event) please submit to either Patty L or Lillian G at Liliangrieco@verizon.net

News from Fair Districts PA

HYVE (HEY YOUNG VOTERS, ENGAGE!)

PA ranked #1 in the nation for young voter impact in the 2022 elections, according to CIRCLE, the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning & Engagement. But voting is just the start. [Fair Districts PA](#) has done good work focusing attention on the importance of legislative districts and a responsive legislative process, but young voters are still a long way from being heard in the halls of Harrisburg. FDPA is promoting a new initiative called [HYVE: \(Hey Young Voters, Engage!\)](#) The goal: attract PA citizens under 35 years of age to participate in conversation, connection and civic engagement and to work together to achieve redistricting reform and real representation. Interested? Contact Fair Districts PA.

Your League at work - Guide to Voting

Through a grant from the Patricia L. Murray Fund, a charitable fund of the Greater Harrisburg Community Foundation, a regional foundation of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities, we are having our **Guide to Voting** translated into six languages. We met with several groups and identified the first three languages to be translated: **Arabic, Spanish, and Nepalese**. Michele E. has researched the various immigrant groups so we can be assured our target audience is reached. Moving forward, we may have one of our videos which was created by Gabe Pinsker, our former intern, translated into those languages.

What's happening in the State Legislature?

[Legis.state.pa.us](https://legis.state.pa.us) is a website where the public can see and track bills going through the Senate or House. Current bills include changing voting electronic systems or software, and automatic voter registration when obtaining or updating drivers' licenses. You may sign up to get daily updates. The reports by the State Government Committee, currently chaired by Senator Chris Dush, are especially relevant to our mission.

Join AAUW, LWVPA, [Education Voters PA](#), the [Education Law Center](#), [LWV Bucks County](#) for a discussion on censorship in PA schools and actions you can take in your community. The panel will be moderated by Susan Boser, Social Policy Director at LWVPA. Date: **Oct. 3, 7 p.m.** [Register here to attend.](#)

In League,

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Visit our website at www.lwvpacapreg.org.

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YOU'RE INVITED



**AAUW CARLISLE & THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN
VOTERS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CAPITAL REGION**

INVITE YOU TO ATTEND

A CASD SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE FORUM

7:00 PM

AT CARLISLE HIGH SCHOOL



REGISTRATION HIGHLY
RECOMMENDED

10/23

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