

**LWW** LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®  
OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CAPITAL REGION  
**Newsletter**



***All Hands on Deck!***

We are fast approaching the 2024 elections and we'll need more help than usual this year. Positions that assist in the operations of our League are open, along with those that present an opportunity to disseminate honest information about voter systems, operations at polling places, and candidate forums.

If you can volunteer for even an hour a week or more, we have work for your hands to do in assisting registering voters, serving on committees such as communications, events and programs, social media, attending Naturalization ceremonies, or voter services. To volunteer, please contact [President@lwvpacapreg.org](mailto:President@lwvpacapreg.org) or the chairs of the program committees on page 3.

**What's happening in Harrisburg?**

State representatives and senators on both sides of the aisle have proposed bills relating to voting. Longtime member Joe M. follows the state legislature closely. Take a look at page 2 to see what's going on! If you want to read up about the bills, go to [Legis.state.pa.us](https://legis.state.pa.us) and follow the **search for legislation** link.

**Guide to Voting project**

We have now completed the translation of our Guide to Voting in six languages--Arabic, Nepali, Somali, Spanish, Urdu, and Vietnamese. They will be distributed to the following YMCAs in Camp Hill, East Shore, Camp Curtin, Friendship and Northern Dauphin County. These distribution sites will enable us to reach a larger demographic base such as teenagers who may be eligible to register to vote, young parents, and persons with English as a second language.

### Existing Bills which would amend Title 25 ( Election Code).

Election related bills are handled by the Senate or House Committees on State Government. The chairs of these committees have the power to advance bills for a vote. Most bills never make it out of committee.

Senate Bill 40 (Hughes)	Automatic voter registration
Senate Bill 125 (Dush)	Reinstating voter roll autonomy
Senate Bill 193 (Mastriano)	Timely removal of deceased voters from the SURE system
Senate Bill 471 (Boscola)	Voter Registration Eligibility Notification for Younger Pennsylvanians
Senate Bill 904 (Collett)	Young Voters Preregistration
House Bill 128 (Bizzarro)	Same Day Voter Registration
House Bill 970 (Gaydos)	Interconnecting State Agency and Information Collection and Services (Voter Motor)
House Bill 1263 (Keefer)	Post Election Audit and Reconciliation Procedures
House Bill 1264 (Keefer)	Performance Audit of the SURE System or Replacement General Registry Every Four Years
House Bill 1703 (Daley)	Online Voter Registration
House Bill 1757 (Krajewski)	Absentee Ballots and Voter Access for Incarcerated Individuals
House Bill 1771 (Pielli)	Automatic Voter Registration
House Bill 1827 (Rabb)	Improving Youth Voting and Civic Engagement
House Bill 1937 (Brennan)	Expanding the Voting Rights of U.S. Citizens Born Abroad

### The Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Team News

In January, we celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day. January also includes Poverty in America Awareness and World Braille Day. The Coptic Church and Byzantine Orthodox Church celebrate Christmas and New Year's Day, Buddhists celebrate Mahayana New Year, and we honor International Holocaust Remembrance Day

January watch/read recommendations: Poverty, By America by Matthew Desmond is a highly recommended non-fiction book that supports the theme of poverty awareness in America. The book and a movie All The Light You Cannot See by Anthony Doerr is recommended as well for historical fiction. It is the story of a blind girl who is part of the French resistance during WWII and who broadcasts coded messages for the Allies. If you are interested in being part of this team, please email Patty at [President@lwvpacapreg.org](mailto:President@lwvpacapreg.org) or Lillian at [Lilliangrieco@verizon.net](mailto:Lilliangrieco@verizon.net).

## Team Updates and Opportunities

**Communications Team** Check out our Instagram and Facebook accounts. They can be accessed through our website at [www.lwvpacapreg.org](http://www.lwvpacapreg.org). Krysta P. is the lead person ([PavascoK@gmail.com](mailto:PavascoK@gmail.com)).

**Events & Programs Team** The Program committee holds 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 [President@lwvpacapreg.org](mailto:President@lwvpacapreg.org).

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Debendres6@gmail.com) or Iris I. at [iozzia@comcast.net](mailto:iozzia@comcast.net).

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Team** If interested in joining this team, please contact Patty L. at [President@lwvpacapreg.org](mailto:President@lwvpacapreg.org).

### Naturalization Ceremonies

We will continue attending naturalization ceremonies in Cumberland, Dauphin, and York counties with opportunities as follows:

Dauphin County: Spring, Summer, Fall

Cumberland County: Spring

Federal Courthouse: Spring, Summer, Fall

York County: Fall

Contact [emersonmichele52@gmail.com](mailto:emersonmichele52@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping with this rewarding outreach project.

**In League,**  
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