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The Communicator: April Updates from the State League

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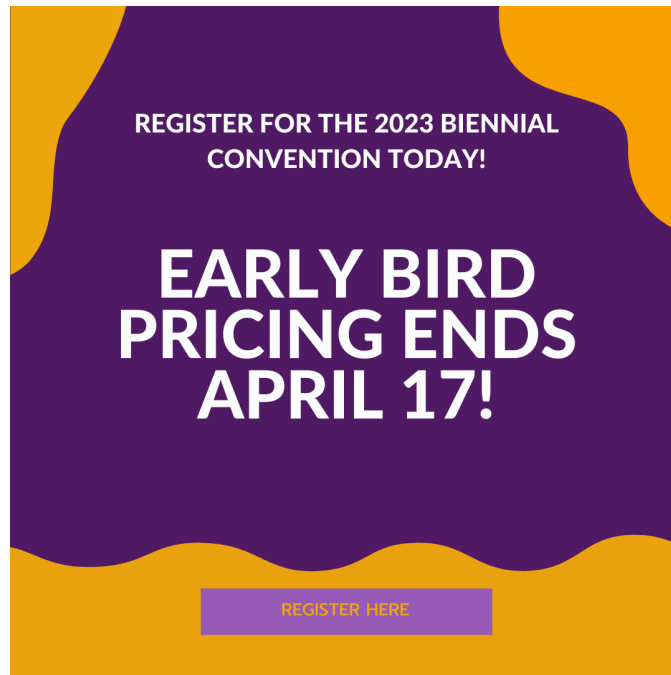
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April Updates from the State League

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Join LWVPA for a textbank this May! See [our website](#) for more information.



Updates from the State League

- LWVPA is excited to announce our 2023 Capitol Lobby Day from 10 AM-3 PM on Wednesday, April 26. Join us at the [Capitol in Harrisburg](#) to collaborate with League members, meet with your legislators, and advocate for League priorities like improving

- LWVPA is extending the deadline for Board of Director nominations to April 22nd. [Click here for more information.](#) Email samantha.anthony@palwv.org with any questions.
 - LWVPA will host two virtual Textbanks this May! This community outreach event will help PA voters make a plan for Election Day. During these busy and challenging times, the best messenger for opportunities to strengthen our democracy is **US!** Each outreach event will start with training on using LWV outreach technology. Join us on [May 2nd](#) or [May 8th](#) at 5:30 PM.
 - Interested in supporting free and fair elections in your community? [Sign up to be a poll worker](#) this election season!
 - LWVPA's [Ballot Box Basics](#) series held it's second event of 2023 last week! [Click here](#) to see Susan Spicka of Education Voters PA discuss school board elections. [Click here](#) to register for our May webinar on closed primaries with panelist Diana Dakey.
 - LWVPA's Environmental Policy Team held a webinar on passing the Green Amendment last month. The talk featured Maya van Rossum of Delaware River Keepers. [Click here to watch.](#)
 - In response to the recent departure of several states from Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC), LWVPA states its strong support for ERIC, and encourages state officials to remain a part of this important multi-state election partnership. [Read our full statement here.](#)
 - Have you moved since you last voted? It's time to update your voter registration! Voters must register or update their registration by May 1st in order to vote in the May 16th PA primaries. [Vote411](#) has all the information you need to make your voting plan!
 - [Vote411](#) updates for the primary election are well underway. Statewide judicial candidates have all responded to the invitation to participate in Vote 411 and their information is live on the site. Since this is a municipal election year, local Leagues are responsible for administering their Vote 411 candidate information. Two training sessions were held by Sheri Stayton, Manager of Vote 411, for local League vote 411 administrators. Thanks to our local Leagues for their great work!
 - LWVPA is hiring Summer 2023 Fellows! [Click here for more information.](#) Students should apply by Monday, April 17.
 - Need help understanding League tools? Contact staff member Sam! She'll be available on Thursdays between 9 and 5. If you need technical assistance or have a question, please email samantha.anthony@palwv.org to schedule a meeting.
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Updates on the 2023 LWVPA Biennial Convention

June 16-18, 2023

[Registration is OPEN for the 2023 Biennial Convention!](#) Register soon - Early Bird Pricing ends on Monday, April 17. Please note that lodging is a separate cost and is NOT included in this registration. The League has reserved a block of hotel rooms at the Crowne Plaza at a rate of \$119 per night. To reserve a room, [click this link](#), or call 717-234-502 and mention the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania Convention. [See our website](#) for more information.

If you are interested in or planning to attend as a delegate, contact your local League president to confirm your attendance. If you're a member-at-large and are interested in acting as a delegate, contact samantha.anthony@palwv.org. *Delegates must be confirmed by local League presidents to LWVPA staff by May 1.*

Pre-Convention Zoom Calls:

LWVPA is pleased to announce a series of [pre-Convention Zoom calls](#) on topics to be discussed during plenary sessions. All League members are welcome to attend regardless of registration - we want to make this important information accessible to all.

While no voting, debate, or business will take place during the Zoom calls, we encourage delegates to attend, as this will be an introduction to the topics covered at Convention, including bylaws amendments, program, and Board of Director nominations. [See our website](#) for a full schedule and to register.

Local League Highlight: LWV Indiana Featured for their Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Work



Representing the library and the league are, from left, Kate Geiger, Lillian Clemons and Ellen Chinn. Photo taken from Indiana Gazette article.

LWV Indiana County was recently [featured in the Indiana Gazette](#) for their "Community Conversations" series. The League has partnered with the Indiana Free Library to host conversations about Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) by discussing the books *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism and You*, and *Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America* by authors Ibram X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds. Congratulations to the League on this great project!



Partner Highlight: Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts Appellate Courts Candidate Forum

On May 9, from 6-7:30 PM, LWVPA and Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts will co-host a virtual forum with the candidates for Pennsylvania's appellate courts, the Supreme Court, Superior Court, and Commonwealth Court. All of the candidates have been invited to participate, and attendees will have the opportunity to submit questions for the candidates. [Register here](#) to attend.



Upcoming Events

April 18, 7:00 PM: Training Call for LWVPA Lobby Day

If you've registered for LWVPA Lobby Day, please also [register and attend](#) our training call on April 18th. The meeting will be recorded, so register even if you can't attend.

April 24, 6:00 PM: Equity Initiative Webinar: Environmental Justice - Why it Matters for Everyone

This month we invite the LWVPA Environmental Policy Committee and Director Kathy Cook to join a discussion about Environmental Justice. Access to a breathable, livable and safe environment is a fundamental right of every Pennsylvanian. This is a privilege enjoyed by some yet inaccessible to others. Inequities today are based on long standing policies of intentional racial segregation, the legacy of slavery, Colonialism, and existing economic and political barriers. Consequences are far reaching for disenfranchised communities, severely impacting health, food access, safety, quality of life and life span.

Environmental justice advocacy is urgent today and it matters to everyone. Every local League should be aware of the needs within their communities and how to engage effectively with others to affect positive change. Learn what programs are in place and being developed and how your League can get involved. [Register here to attend](#).

April 27, 6:30 PM: Film Screening - The Story of Plastics

Join LWVPA for a screening of "The Story of Plastics." The film provides "a detailed look into the

environmental damage and human rights abuses that occur throughout the lifecycle of plastic," and asks "what can companies, countries and people do to fix the issues?"

The film will be followed by a panel discussion on single use plastic bag bans and current plastic legislation in PA.

Location:

Ursinus College

[Pfahler Musser Auditorium](#)

[601 E Main Street](#)

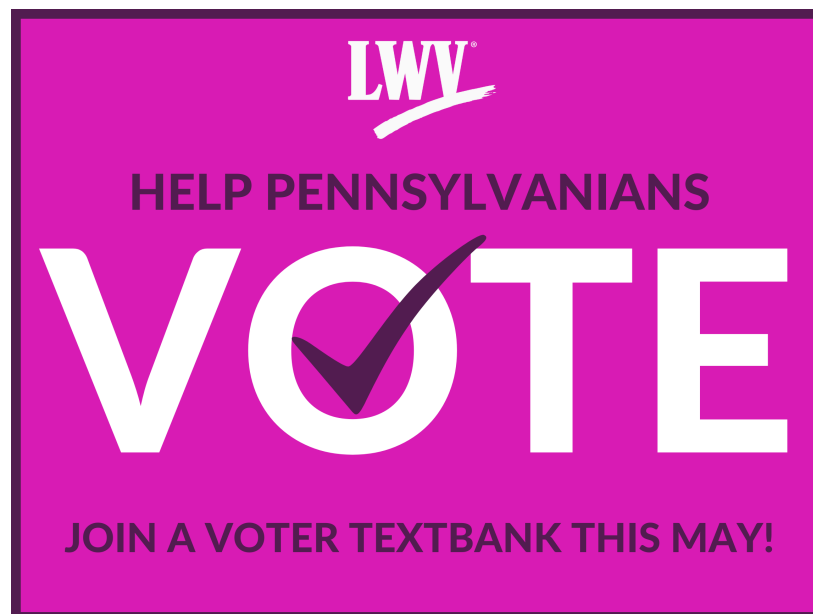
[Collegeville, PA 19426](#)

[Register here to attend.](#) Community members are welcome to [park in the lot off of 9th Avenue.](#)

May 1, 5:30 PM: Ballot Box Basics: What Closed Primaries Mean to PA Voters

Our May series will cover open primaries in Pennsylvania. Panel will be led by Diana Dakey, LWV Lackawanna County. [Register here to attend.](#)

Don't forget to check the [LWVPA](#) and [FDPA](#) Events pages for more upcoming events!



LWVPA in the News

[PA Group Pushes to Educate Voters Ahead of Municipal Primary](#)

[Wolf v. General Assembly of the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania](#)

[LWVCC: Democracy is Not a Spectator Sport: Choose to Vote!](#)

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You can find our platforms here:

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