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Fair Districts PA and League of Women Voters volunteers gathered on the Capitol steps to rally for better procedural rules at the start of the legislative session

Updates from the State League

- LWVPA published our [2022 Impact Report](#), which highlights our achievements in empowering voters and defending democracy in 2022. We hope you'll take a moment to

- [read about our victories and challenges](#) during a critical election year.
- On the first day of the 2023-2024 legislative session, Fair Districts PA and League of Women Voters volunteers [went to Harrisburg](#) to rally for better procedural rules. [Click here](#) to get involved with the Fix Harrisburg campaign!
 - Representative Mark Rozzi was appointed Speaker of the Pennsylvania House last week. [Click here](#) to read more about Rep. Rozzi's background and priorities.
 - The League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania is deeply concerned by the Pennsylvania Senate's efforts to force through constitutional amendments during a special session of the legislature this week. [Click here for the League's full statement](#).
 - Mark your calendars! The 55th Biennial LWVPA Convention will take place June 16th-18th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Harrisburg, PA. Keep an eye out for the upcoming first call communication, which will have important information and updates.
 - Last week marked the 2 year anniversary of the January 6th Insurrection. Read the League's statement [here](#).
 - All League roster updates are due in the [Roster Manager Portal](#) by January 31st. To ensure your roster is up to date, any members who will be considered an active member on January 31st must have a membership status of "Active." Any members not active as of January 31st should have a membership status of "Inactive." This count will also be used to determine the number of delegates each League is entitled to at the 2023 Convention. Email info@palwv.org with any questions!
 - Staff member Sam will be changing her tech support office hours! 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 and set up a zoom.
 - We are pleased to announce the appointment of James Barnhart of Hershey, PA as the League's representative to the [DEP Low-Level Radioactive Waste Advisory Committee](#). James worked for the [DEP Bureau of Radiation](#) program from 1994 to 2016.
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Partner Highlight:

Pennsylvania Center for Women & Politics

Want to run for office but not sure where to start? Join *Ready to Run* in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia for 2 campaign training sessions for women interested in running for office. These sessions provide non-partisan political training to encourage women to run for government leadership positions. The day-long programs target women considering or recently deciding to run for political office, providing training and mentoring by campaign professionals, political women, and officeholders.

League members are eligible for a discount code to offset the registration fee. Please email samantha.anthony@palwv.org for more details.

Saturday, January 21st, 8:30 AM-5:30 PM: Ready to Run Pittsburgh Conference
[Register here to attend.](#)

Friday, February 3rd, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM: Ready to Run Philadelphia Conference
[Register here to attend.](#)

Hot Topic: Open PA Primaries

LWV Lackawanna County member Diana Dakey has been hard at work advocating for open primaries this past year. Get caught up on the debate by reading her article "[Let's Open Pennsylvania Primaries: A Year of Progress and Disappointments.](#)" The League is a member of the Ballot PA coalition to repeal closed primaries because we believe in the right to vote for all citizens regardless of political affiliation. Sign the petition to repeal closed primaries [here](#).

Reminder for Local Leagues

If your League undertook a Democracy Defenders project last year, please be sure to submit your report as soon as possible! Email samantha.anthony@palwv.org with any questions.



LWV of Westmoreland County members registered voters at Scottsdale Pride as part of their Democracy Defenders project.

Upcoming Events

January 23rd, 6:00 PM: Equity Initiative Webinar: Places, Titles, Names: Belonging means Respecting our Differences.”

Join us for a deep dive to discover the value names, titles, and places really have to us and to our identities. A sense of belonging is established by many things. The very first way we generally greet each other is to exchange names, titles, and connections. The first greeting matters! This webinar will introduce sharable resources by Anpu, a UK based content creator. It is not difficult to take the time to pronounce and spell unfamiliar ethnic names and to learn how a new acquaintance wants to be addressed. What is learned in this discussion and the resources provided can be readily incorporated and used by local Leagues. [Register here to attend.](#)

January 24th, 5:30 PM: Local League Capacity Building Series: Building an Internship Program

This monthly virtual workshop series provides tools for local League growth and capacity building. Come learn about technology, communications, internships, fundraising, and more. Our January workshop will discuss best practices for building and running an internship

program. [Register here](#) to attend.

January 31st, 5:30 PM: 2023 Policy Kickoff Call

LWVPA Policy Directors and staff invite all League leaders to our [2023 Policy Kickoff](#) call. This will be a chance to discuss our legislative priorities, share best practices for meeting with legislators, and provide guidance and information about program planning for the 2023 State Convention. [Please register here to attend](#). Email samantha.anthony@palwv.org with any questions.

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

LWVPA in the News

[Reform the Rules Rally at State Capitol Ahead of House of Representatives Swearing-in Ceremony](#)

[Advocates "Fix Harrisburg" by Ensuring Bipartisan Bills Get Full Consideration](#)

[The Way they See it: Significant Citizen Concerns with Changes to PA Constitution](#)

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