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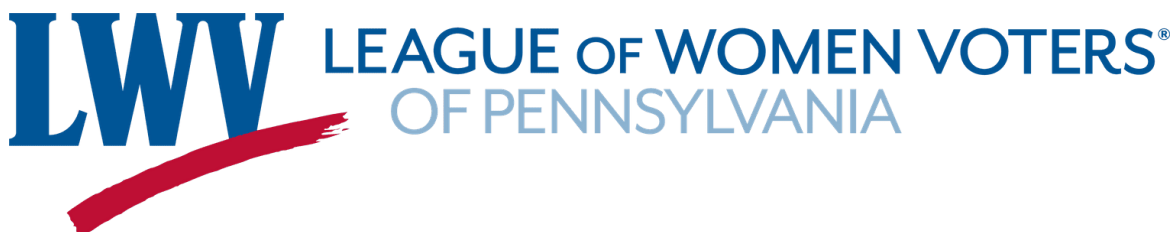
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## Updates from the State League

- Happy LGBTQIA+ Pride Month! Queer Americans are an integral part of this country's promise to be by the people and for the people. Democracy includes everyone, and that's exactly what Pride is all about. Let's celebrate this June!
- PA has more than 8.7 million registered voters, but it is estimated the voter turnout during the 2023 primary was only 27.5%. LWVPA and our local chapters are already getting the word out about the importance of voting ahead of November. [Click here to read how.](#)
- This month is the final month of service for the 2021-2023 LWVPA Board of Directors. The LWVPA staff thanks the outgoing Board for their incredible commitment to empowering voters and defending democracy!
- LWVUS 2023 Council is coming up this month. State leaders will gather together in Las Vegas, Nevada to discuss framing the future through our ongoing transformation work and our moonshot goal: abolishing the Electoral College. Keep an eye out for updates from

LWVPA leadership!

- LWVPA Environmental Policy director Kathy Cook has written an article on recent solar power initiatives in the PA Legislature. [Click here to read.](#)
  - Last month, we were pleased to see the PA House's first meaningful legislative debate over firearms in years. The League is excited by this legislative effort to curb gun violence and congratulates our gun safety coalition partners on this historic progress. [Click here to read more.](#)
  - FDPAs forum "Pennsylvania Redistricting: Lessons Learned and Next Steps for Reform" was attended by around 250 Pennsylvanians eager for change and marked the launch of a new Pennsylvania Redistricting Table. [Click here for a summary update.](#)
  - 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](mailto:samantha.anthony@palwv.org) to schedule a meeting.
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## Convention is Almost Here!

The 2023 Convention is less than 2 weeks away! [The 2023 Convention workbook can be found here.](#) This book is intended for delegates and observers attending Convention in Harrisburg, but can be reviewed by any interested League members. In addition, [our website](#) now contains all Convention business, including logistics and voting materials. Delegates and observers will receive a hard copy of the workbook in Harrisburg, but should review all the information before attending. ***Delegates are required to bring a smartphone or laptop into plenary sessions for voting. If you are a delegate and do not have a smartphone or laptop, please contact [samantha.anthony@palwv.org](mailto:samantha.anthony@palwv.org) ASAP.***

### 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 full schedule and registration info below.

**Tuesday, June 6 - 5:30 PM: Kickoff - Convention Rules and Procedures Explained**

[View the recording here.](#)

**Wednesday, June 7 - 4:30 PM: Caucus - Proposed Bylaws Amendments**

[View the recording here.](#)

**Thursday, June 8 - 9:00 AM: Caucus - Proposed LWVPA Budget**

[View the recording here.](#)

**Monday, June 12 - 12:00 PM: Caucus - Proposed Program Studies**

[Register here](#)

**Tuesday, June 13 - 5:30 PM: Caucus - Recommended Program Items**

[Register here](#)

**Wednesday, June 14 - 5:30 PM: Caucus - Meet the BOD Nominees**

[Register here](#)

**Thursday, June 15 - 9:00 AM: Caucus - Proposed Concurrences**

[Register here](#)

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## Local League Highlight: LWV of Greater Pittsburgh Works to Combat Mis- and Disinformation

Mis- and disinformation about elections harms voters. The League of Women Voters of Greater Pittsburgh has developed [social media](#) and [video toolkits](#) to promote accurate election info when PA needs it most. Protect elections - share in your communities!

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**BUSINESS FOR AMERICA**  
PENNSYLVANIA

**WEBINAR**  
Tue, June 13  
11am ET

**Jim Gerlach**  
Former U.S. Congressman  
PA - District 6  
CEO, Greater Reading  
Chamber Assoc.

**Angelique Hinton**  
Executive Director  
PA Youth Vote

**Arielle Jennings**  
Chief Partnerships Officer  
Generation Citizen

Co-hosts:

## Partner Highlight: Upcoming Business for America Panel

On Tuesday, June 13th at 11am ET, Business for America will be hosting a webinar regarding ways you can become involved in civic efforts in PA. They'll be joined by a panel of partner organizations who are working directly with schools and companies to develop programming to address the dearth of civic education in our schools and communities. We will cover ways the business community can prioritize civic literacy in Pennsylvania that could reap benefits for decades to come! [Register here to attend.](#)

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## LWVPA in the News

[Judicial Watch, Inc. v. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania](#)

[Voting Rights Advocates Prevail in Pennsylvania Voter Purge Lawsuit](#)

[Federal Suit Over PA Voter Rolls Settled](#)

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